THE CIRCUIT WRITER





Sunday Service

Service times

8 am Worship on the 4th Sunday of the month
9 am Adult Sunday School
10 am Worship (Children's Church will return in the fall)

A Thought from the Pastor:

October 15, 2026. Once again, the headlines are of another mass shooting, this time at Silver Rail Elementary School in Bend, Oregon. Once again, innocent lives have been taken. Once again, lives are broken and forever altered. Once again, we are left with mixed feelings, many questions, and searching for answers. And once again, I remember this story.

A man owned a sporting goods store in a college town. Among the items sold in the store were guns. Shortly after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, a professor of psychology from the college came into the store. The professor knew the store owner and asked him, "What's your industry going to do about this?" The store owner replied, "What's your industry going to do about it?"

My first thought when I heard that story was the sporting goods owner gave a good answer. These mass shootings are about more than gun control. The individuals who do these shootings must have some sort of mental problems or warped ways of thinking. And then a second thought came to me. What's my industry going to do about it?

I am an ordained minister. My "industry" is the church. What is the church going to do about these mass killings? What can the church do about them?

One thing we can do is pray. Pray for the families who lost innocent loved ones. Pray for the shooters and their families as well. Pray that there will be a resurgence in people seeing the value and sanctity of human life. Pray that people would love one another and treat others as they would like to be treated. (see John 13:34-35; 15:12-17; Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31). Pray for a deliverance from evil. (see Matthew 6:13).

May God give us the Spirit to work for that which we pray for.

Just a thought,
~ Pastor Mick

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	2 Boy Scouts	3	4 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	5 3:30 pm Prayer Shawl	6	7
8 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	9 Boy Scouts	10 3:30 United Women of Faith	11 ZUMBA 3 pm GFWC Cub Scouts	12 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Voices of Praise	13	14
15 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	16 Boy Scouts	17	18 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	19 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Voices of Praise	20	21
22 8 am Service 9 am Sunday School 10 am Contemporary Worship	23 Boy Scouts	24	25 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	30 Boy Scouts					

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CHURCH VOLUNTEERS 4th QUARTER					
Nov 1 2026	Communion & Daylight Savings Time Ends	Sharon & Dave Lentzner	Davis & Carter	Dave & Laura	Barb Herman
Nov 8 2026		Penny & Rob Segessenman	Segessenman & Bennett		Penny Segessenman
Nov 15 2026		Joanne & John Bennett	Davis & Carter		Dave Wolf
Nov 22 2026	Voices of Praise Baskets of Love	Lynn & Taffy Crosley	Updyke & Carter		Voices of Praise
Nov 29 2026		Barb Herman & Gwen Updyke	?????		Ted Debnam
Dec 6 2026	Communion	Joanne & John Bennett	Davis & Carter	Anne & Amy	Barb Dawes
Dec 13 2026		Penny & Rob Segessenman	Segessenman & Bennett		Gloria Gouker
Dec 20 2026		Lynn & Taffy Crosley	Davis & Carter		Penny Segessenmen
Dec 24 2026	Christmas Eve		NA		
Dec 27 2026	Voices of Praise	Barb Herman & Gwen Updyke	Updyke & Carter		Voices of Praise



7	Shawn Frey
8	Nicole Happel
16	Megan Clabaugh
18	Jackson Thomas
19	Michelle Johnson
21	Ross Fair
21	Sharon Lentzner
25	Brenda Warehime
27	Shannon Hughes
27	Amanda Braham
29	Judy Young

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The Deadline for the December newsletter is Wednesday, November 18th

RUTH'S HARVEST SCHEDULE FOR 2026/2027 school year.

Bart's Centenary helps the Ruth's Harvest group pack meals for weekends and holidays off from school from September to June every school year. We meet at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Littlestown the 2nd week of each month at 1:15 p.m. With enough volunteers we can be done in about 1/2 hour. This is an easy way to help the children in our community. Please help us out.

November 12, 2026
December 10, 2026
January 14, 2027
February 11, 2027
March 11, 2027
April 8, 2027
May 13, 2027

United Women in Faith

COOKIE DECORATING



We are looking for some creative women who are available on Thursday, December 3rd at 9 a.m. to join Patty Hughes and Sharon Lentzner to decorate some cookies for the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 5th. Let Sharon Lentzner, Patty Hughes or Beverly know if you will be coming.

It is time to prepare to bake, bake, bake for our Annual Cookie Walk. We are having our COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 5, 8:00 a.m. until we run out or 1:00 p.m.

We will be receiving cookies on Friday evening December 4th 5 to 7 p.m. We will be plating the cookies at that time.



Littlestown Area Historical Society Programs for the fall of 2026:

- No program in November or December.

PIANIST NEEDED! We are still trying to find Jill's replacement and we are not having any luck. If you know of anyone who wants a Sunday morning pianist job or just someone that would be able to substitute for Sharon when she can't be here, please contact Sharon with any prospects at 717-805-2957 or steinwaypiano22@gmail.com

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This Month Events



Arrow Tool Group, a proud sponsor of the 2026 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, is partnering with Ace Hardware in Littlestown, PA to welcome the tree as it makes its journey from Idaho to Washington, D.C. Join us for a free, family-friendly community celebration on Tuesday, November 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

🎄 See the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree

🎅 Take photos with Santa

🛠️ Enjoy holiday DIY activities and Arrow tool demonstrations with Serena Appiah of Thrift Diving

🖍️ Visit the kids' coloring station

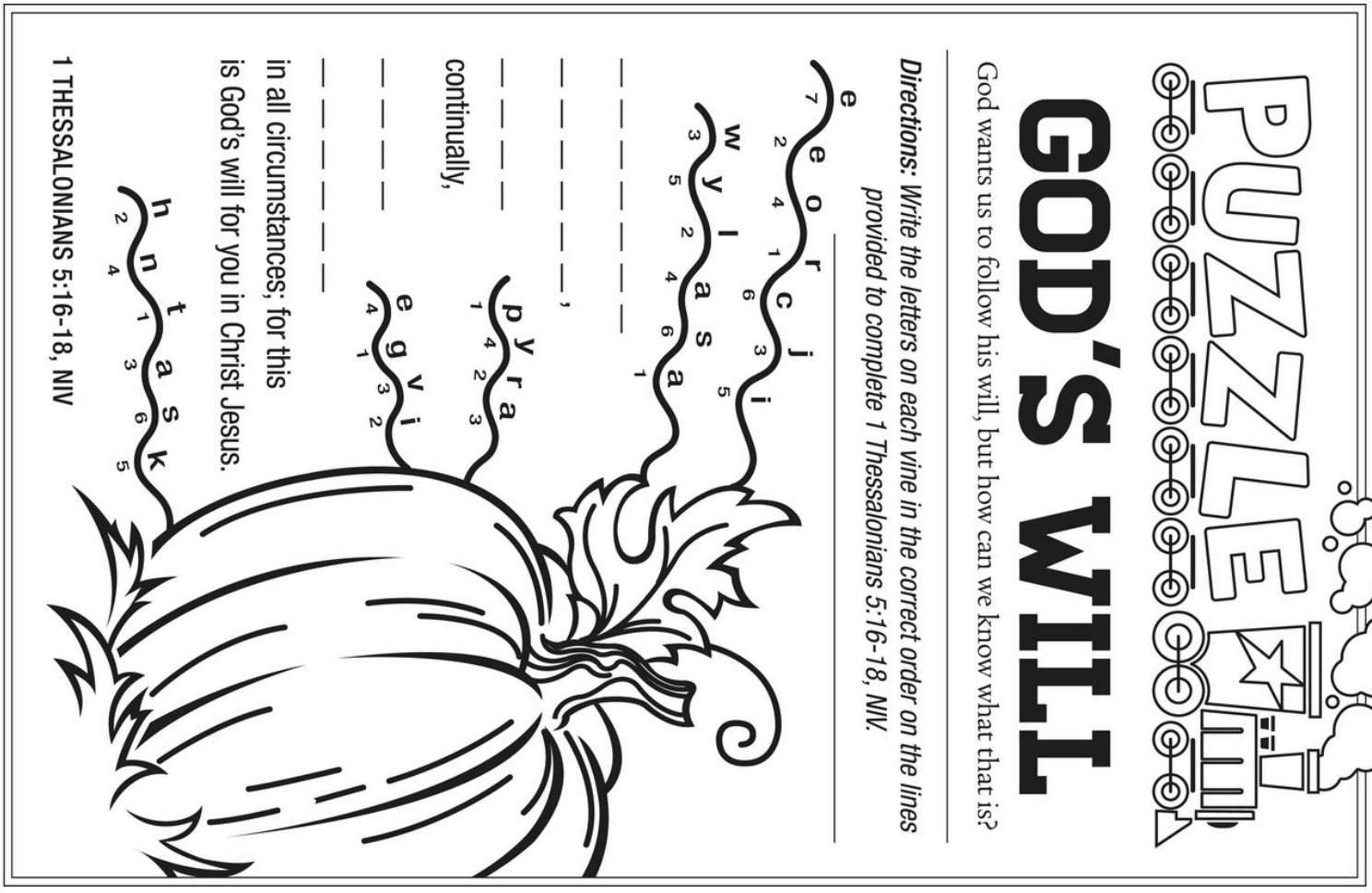
💌 Create holiday cards for service members

🎶 Enjoy holiday music, giveaways and festive fun

☕ Warm up with cookies and hot chocolate

Bring the family and help us give the People's Tree a warm Littlestown welcome!

Admission is free and the event is open to the public.



Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

JAN 1, - SEP 30, 2026 Financial Report

$87,583.16 - General Operating Fund Receipts, Interest, Misc. & Fund Raising Income.

$20,818.67 - **Plus** monies received for Funds for Specific Purposes – These monies include gifts to Maintenance & Repairs, Memorials, Missions (Hungry for More), Kitchen Maintenance, Choir Music, Cemetery Fund, Etc.

$108,401.83 - **Total Available**

$151,180.93 - **Less** Expenses (Supplies, Salaries, Utilities, Shares of Min., Improve., Ins., etc.)

(**$42,779.10)** - Net amount that each Fund Balance increased or (decreased).

Current Balance in **General Operating Fund** is **$41,952.96**.

Current Balance in **Funds for Specific Purposes is $15,201.74**.

Additionally, this year you have generously given **$775.00** to the **Matsimbe family in Mozambique** who were victims of flood, **$675** to **BCUMC family members** in need, **$2,970.00** to the **United Methodist Church in Mozambique** for the construction of their church and parsonage (this included both funds from the church and outside sources for Pastor's African dinner fundraiser), **$1,050** to **UMCOR**, **$1,150** to **New Hope Ministries**, **$1,000** to **Ruth's Harvest**, **$1,200** to **UWF** and **$200** to **BSA Troop 501** Eagle Scout Project.

If you have any questions, please ask a member of your finance team – Chairperson: Yvonne Davis, Treasurer: Michelle Johnson or Financial Secretary: Joanne Bennett

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