

# Rawlinsville Ramblings

Rawlinsville Camp Meeting

*Praising the Lord in Song, Sermon and Service*

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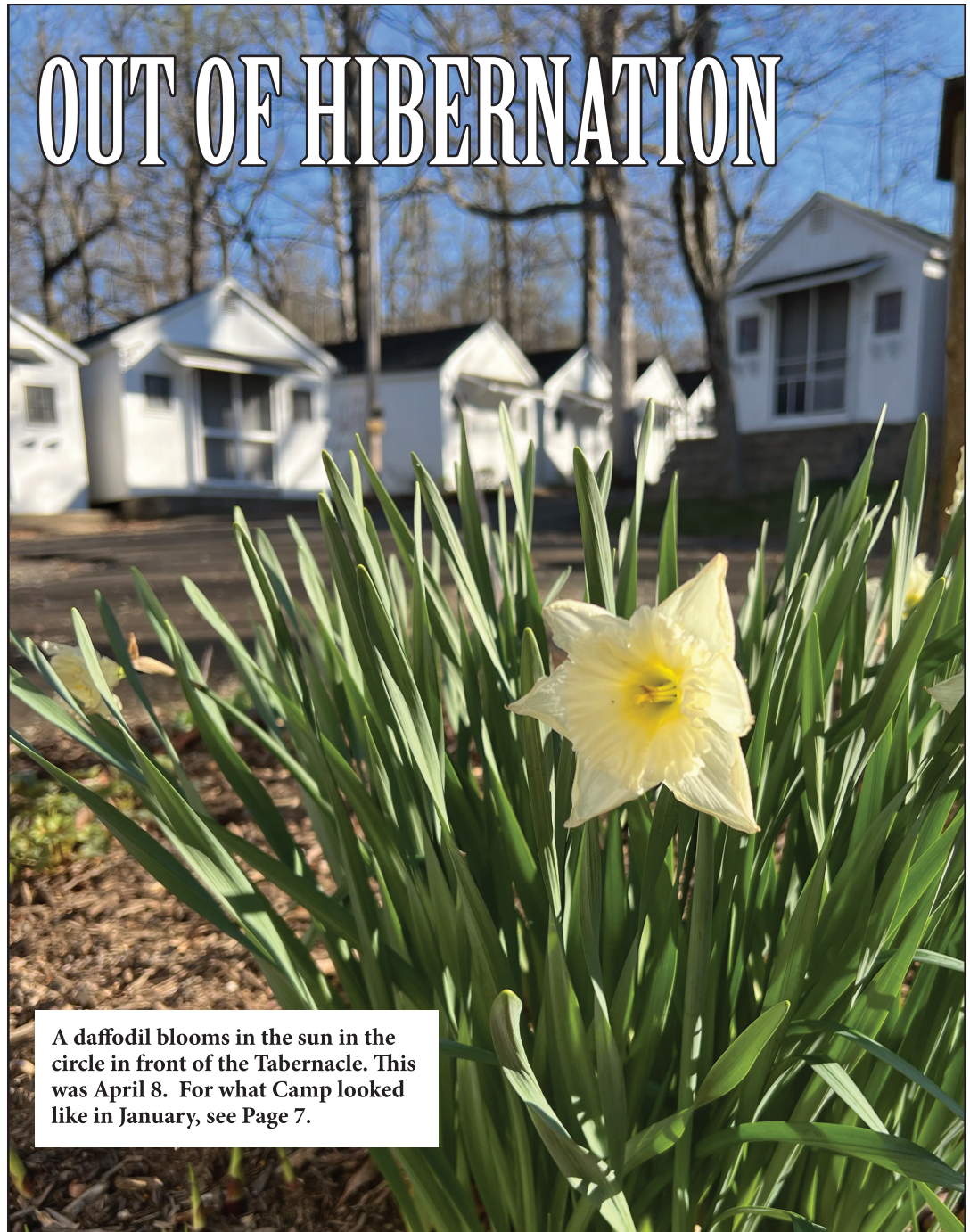


For the second year, RCM members can pick items and programs to sponsor financially. **Page 3**

Evangelists are named for the 141st session



Rich Stevenson, top, and Steve Lennox will fill the pulpit this session. **Page 4**  
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A daffodil blooms in the sun in the circle in front of the Tabernacle. This was April 8. For what Camp looked like in January, see Page 7.

Photo by Stephanie Reddinger

**DAPHNE HATHAWAY,  
ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT**

**Spring means  
Camp cleanup  
and cottage  
maintenance**

As the RCM Association meets quarterly, our focus is always to seek the Lord's leading regarding how to best steward the incredible resource with which we have been entrusted.

The Camp's buildings and grounds exist so that the ministry of sharing Jesus can continue, so we want to be sure we are centered in the will of God for the Camp. We know from Psalm 127 that, "Except



**Daphne Hathaway**

the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Spring at Camp is the time when much of this stewardship work occurs, both in annual maintenance and new projects.

The buildings and grounds



**Some cottages at Camp need glaze and paint on windows, above, and, bottom, a coat of gray paint on the door sills.**



committee, chaired by Ralph Huber and Kevin Johnson, has been hard at work.

At a January meeting, the committee discussed projects. Those projects included reinforcing the Youth Building stage; paving part of the upper parking lot; repairing cottage porch roofs and porches; and excavating drainage ditches.

As the weather allows, these projects will soon be underway.

Thank you for your gifts and prayers, which allow us to maintain the grounds for the Gospel.

As cottage holders, we appreciate your care of our cottages. Maintenance notices will be arriving with your annual cottage rent invoices.

Please be sure to clean moss and algae off roofs and sides of cottages; paint as needed; and be sure to glaze and paint your windows.

If you need paint, please reach out to Caroline Griffith, 717-406-6722, and she will arrange for you to get it. She also has gray paint for door sills.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday, May 9, for cleanup day. It is like a family reunion where we see our Camp friends for the first time after months apart!

Please watch the Camp Facebook page and website for updates from Kevin or Ralph about work that may need to be done that day.

And while we maintain this physical "house" that the Lord has built, let us not forget the spiritual "house" that we all need to build and maintain.

Standing beside you in prayer as we seek the Lord's leading for what He would have us do and where He would have us serve in the coming season of ministry.

**RCM  
Calendar**

**May 9**

Spring cleanup day starts at 8 a.m. (rain-date May 16).

**July 9**

Association meeting in the Children's Building at 7 p.m.

**July 16**

Summer Ladies Auxiliary Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Children's Building.

**July 18**

Kitchen cleanup day starts at 8 a.m.

**July 26**

Spiritual Life rally at 7 p.m.

**July 27-Aug. 9**

The 141st session of RCM.

**Aug. 22**

Post-Camp kitchen and Boarding House cleanup starts at 8 a.m.

**Oct. 8**

Association banquet at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m., both in the Boarding House.

**Oct. 15**

Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m. in Children's Building.

**Oct. 16-17**

Fall Fest and auction.

**Jan. 14, 2027**

Association meeting at Grace Community Church of Willow Street, 7 p.m.

**March winds ...  
bring down tree**

Strong winds on March 13 uprooted this tree that stood below the Boarding House. The falling tree took some wires with it.



**Photo by  
Daphne Hathaway**

# Registry fundraiser: Pick a project or an item

By Erik Walter

Chairman

Fundraising committee

It's back! The Camp Association fundraising committee will hold its second registry fundraiser in 2026.

What is the registry fundraiser? The registry fundraiser gives cottage holders, attendees and friends of Rawlinsville Camp Meeting the opportunity to sponsor projects and items needed for the annual session.

## When does the fundraiser occur?

The registry fundraiser will go live the week preceding our annual spring Camp cleanup. Spring cleanup is set this year for Saturday, May 9; with a rain date of May 16. Look for the registry board when you come to serve your cleanup hours throughout that week.

**What kinds of items will be on the board?** Some of the items include:

- Sponsor children and youth programs.
- Sponsor your favorite candy store item.
- Contribute toward upgrades to the Boarding House dining room.
- Donate toward tech initiatives.
- You can even sponsor the iced tea we serve, better known as Camp tea.

## How do I participate?

Choose one or more items from the registry board on the Boarding House porch.

■ Bring your checkbook to Camp cleanup, and leave your donation for your sponsored items in the collection box, or

■ Mail your registry cards with your check donation made payable to Rawlinsville Camp Meeting to Erik Walter, 804 Willow Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, or see below about the option to donate online by debit or credit card.

■ Further instructions will



Shown above is the registry board from last year. The Camp tea habit, below, is an item you can sponsor. Alana Shissler, left, and her mother, Patti Eitner, sell drinks at Fall Fest lunch. Children's programs, bottom, need your financial help.



be posted with the registry board.

**What if I can't make it to cleanup, or I am not a cottage holder, or I just prefer an electronic donation option?**

You can still participate. The registry board will remain on the Boarding House porch for a few weeks following the cleanup, so you may stop at Camp to choose registry items. Additionally, the Camp Registry will go online after cleanup

for those who choose an online option to donate. Last year, the majority of contributions were received electronically.

## How will I know when the online donation option is live?

We will communicate through Facebook and email when the online registry option, and the use of credit and debit card, is live after Camp cleanup.

## How did last year's fundraiser go?

It was a huge success! And not measured only in dollars. We heard that participants loved the ability to contribute toward items they are passionate about in support of the annual session. Participants enjoyed learning about various Camp initiatives through the fundraiser and gained a better appreciation of the expense of running the annual session.

Donations toward the fundraiser came from 76 unique donors who contributed toward 130 items on the registry. The 76 donors represented about 50 cottages (out of 144). This year we hope all cottage holders will consider a donation to the fundraiser.

## Do I contribute items to the registry?

No. Participants are requested to contribute the assigned cash value of the items on the registry so they may be purchased by the various committees that lead Rawlinsville Camp Meeting. This allows for consistency in the items.

Thank you for considering participation in the 2026 registry fundraiser! Your donation supports the mission of Rawlinsville Camp Meeting to bring people to the lifesaving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

*Erik and his wife, Ketrina, also serve as chairs of the Boarding House committee.*

# Camp evangelists for the 141st session

Rich Stevenson first preached at RCM in 1991.



## Rev. Rich Stevenson, Wesley Network

Rich Stevenson, who first preached at RCM on a Sunday night in 1991 and has returned many times since that year, will be the evangelist for the first week of the 141<sup>st</sup> session.

In the 2023 session, he was a Bible study teacher.

Rich is the executive pastor in the Wesley Network in Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

He is also the executive director of The Malachi Network, a ministry “focused on making the name of the Lord great among the nations.” The network serves young leaders in missions and church planting.

Prior to his present ministry, Rich pastored in southern New Jersey; planted a church in Wilmore, Kentucky; established a network of churches; and served as a professor at Asbury College

and The International House of Prayer University in Kansas City, Missouri.

He also pastors the Avalon Beach Church in Avalon, New Jersey.

Rich is the author of two books:

“Secrets of the Spiritual Life --10 Lessons from the One Thing Passages” and “A Voice from Home --The Words You Long to Hear from Your Father.”

He graduated from Asbury College in 1984 with a BA degree in philosophy of religion; and Asbury Theological Seminary in 1987 with a master of divinity degree.

In 2010, Rich received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Union Biblical Seminary in Yangon, Myanmar.

Rich has been married to Tania since 1982. They have two sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Rev. Steve Lennox is shown in the pulpit.



## Rev. Steve Lennox, Bethany Wesleyan

Rev. Steve Lennox will make his first visit to Rawlinsville Camp Meeting as the evangelist for week two.

He is president emeritus of Kingswood University and serves as pastor of leadership development at Bethany Wesleyan Church, Cherryville, Pennsylvania.

Kingswood University, associated with the Wesleyan Church, is in Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada. Rev. Lennox served there from 2015 to 2025.

Prior to assuming the presidency at Kingswood, Rev. Lennox was honors professor of Bible and humanities at Indiana Wesleyan University, where he taught for 22 years.

Before his time at Wesleyan, he served in pastoral ministry. Rev. Lennox’s first church was Pine Grove Wesleyan Church, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania. He also

pastored at Bethany Wesleyan Church, Cherryville, and Olivet Wesleyan Church, Glassboro, New Jersey.

Rev. Lennox has authored 10 books and numerous articles dealing with biblical studies and related topics. His books include:

“God’s Story Revealed,” “Call me Coach,” “God With Us” and “Moses.”

He earned Ph.D. and M.Phil. degrees from Drew University in New Jersey; an M.Div. from Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, Pennsylvania; and a B.A. degree from Houghton University in New York.

Dr. Lennox travels and speaks widely. He has led trips to Israel, Greece and Turkey.

Rev. Lennox said his life’s purpose is to help people better understand and love the Scriptures.

He and his wife, Eileen, have two children and three grandchildren.

# Bible study teachers

## Jerry Lingenfelter, Mission Church

This year's first-week Bible study teacher, Pastor Jerry Lingenfelter, is new to Rawlinsville Camp Meeting.

He moved to Lancaster to attend Lancaster Bible College. Following graduation, he served in various pastoral roles at Mission Church since 2001 and is now the senior pastor.

Pastor Jerry has committed his life to serving in the local church and aims to multiply disciples to plant more churches. He is known for his passion to preach God's Word with the goal of equipping people to "live loved and sent to the glory of God."

Having served in pastoral



ministry for more than 25 years, he is engaged in training, coaching and consulting with pastors, churches and networks around the world.

Jerry is also chairman of the board for the Great Commission Collective.

He and his wife, Robyn, have four sons. Pastor Jerry enjoys watching football and cheering for Penn State and the Pittsburgh Steelers and doing CrossFit workouts.

## Scott Phillips, Andrews Bridge Christian Fellowship

Scott Phillips, the second week Bible study teacher, serves as pastor of Andrews Bridge Christian Fellowship.

He was born and raised in the southern end of Lancaster County and has attended RCM his entire life.

Scott has been in pastoral ministry since 2013, and before that was a speaker and writer with House on the Rock Family Ministries.

He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Lancaster Bible College.

Scott and his wife, Mary, met while attending Shippensburg University.

They are parents of two sons and a daughter. Mary teaches



**Rev. Scott Phillips**

math at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. The Phillips family lives in Witmer, Pennsylvania.

Scott last served as a Bible study teacher at RCM in the 2023 session.

# Their songs mix with our hymns

By Daphne Hathaway  
*Association president*

If you are relaxing at Camp this spring or summer, consider downloading the Merlin app from the Cornell University Department of Ornithology.

Merlin, on your phone or other devices, listens to and identifies birds from the birdsongs it hears around you, showing you a photo of the species.

Because our grounds provide such a diverse habitat of deciduous trees, natural brush, open fields and creek environments, Camp is home to dozens of species of local and migratory birds.

During a recent morning at Camp, the air was filled with bird songs. At left are photos of birds Merlin identified over five minutes that day.

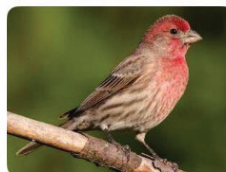
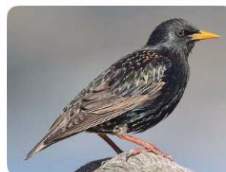
In addition to identifying birds from their songs, Merlin also lets you look up a bird species, learn more about its size, behavior, range and food.

On the same day, my daughter, Caroline, and I saw two pileated woodpeckers in the upper parking lot. (Caroline and her husband, Austin Griffith, are the Camp caretakers.)

The app also allows you to upload a picture of a bird to identify, or walks you through choices to help you identify a bird. You enter the size, color, and where you saw the bird, and Merlin suggests possible matches.

Hope you enjoy the app and learn more about the birds that live in our grove!

Shown at left, from top, the birds spotted at Camp by the Merlin app: pine watcher; red-bellied woodpecker; northern flicker; American crow; American robin; Eastern phoebe; blue jay; European starling, brown-headed cowbird; and house finch.



The Merlin app, above; below, a pileated woodpecker.



## LADIES AUXILIARY

# Looking for a way to help at RCM?

By Diane Jacobs  
Co-president  
Ladies Auxiliary

According to the RCM bylaws, "The purpose of the Auxiliary shall be to assist the Association, by whatever means deemed appropriate, in the furtherance of the Gospel."

The Auxiliary meets the third Thursday of October, April and July in the RCM Children's Building. Officers comprise the executive committee and oversee the responsibilities of the Auxiliary and the activities of the following standing committees:

**Audit Committee:** A member of the auxiliary is responsible for auditing the financial records of the Auxiliary.

**Communion:** The steward prepares the elements for holy communion held during the Camp Meeting session on Memorial Sunday.

**Cottage Committee:** Provides housekeeping of cottages and rooms for evangelistic staff and submits recommendations to the Auxiliary for furnishing upgrades for these accommodations.

**Finance Committee:** The committee meets prior to the October meeting to bring a recommendation designating the use of the Auxiliary's tithe



Photos by Stephanie Reddinger

One of the many duties of the Ladies Auxiliary is making sure hungry volunteers on cleanup days are fed. Sandy Lee, left, and Judy Fishel serve Matt Turner.

**Memorial Committee:** The committee is responsible for arranging memorial flowers, receiving memorial monetary gifts and compiling the memorial list.

**Nominating/Recruitment Committee:** Develops a slate of officers when an election is necessary and actively recruits members to the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Ways and Means Committee:** Members serve as chairs for fundraising endeavors and are responsible for the organization and execution of all fundraising activities.

Most readers are likely aware that the Auxiliary serves meals during the Camp session, supports missionaries and contributes to the operating budget of the Association, but perhaps you were unaware of the many opportunities that exist to support RCM through participation on an Auxiliary committee.

All women of the Camp are invited to join the Auxiliary. Annual dues are just \$1. Simply attend our April 16 or July 16 meeting at 7 p.m. and we will be happy to get you involved in the Auxiliary.

Additional questions can be directed to Auxiliary co-presidents, Diane Jacobs, 717-875-0006; or Sandy Lee, 717-468-3317.

## Auxiliary officers

### Co-presidents

Diane Jacobs and Sandy Lee

### Co-vice presidents

Donna Wendler and  
Alecia Walter Allen

### Treasurer

Patti Kleckner

### Secretary

Amy Willever

### Corresponding secretary

Sara Trout

to that meeting. At minimum, the tithe shall consist of one-tenth of all profits earned through annual Auxiliary fundraisers. (Historically, this tithe supports various mission organizations or missionaries with a connection to Camp or history of ministering at RCM.)

### Hospitality Committee:

Oversees the serving of refreshments and meals for Camp work days and the annual Association dinner. The committee also provides breakfast provisions, shower accommodations and transportation for specific staff during the Camp session.

## Association Officers

### PRESIDENT

Daphne Hathaway

### VICE PRESIDENT

Rob Eachus

### TREASURER

Connie Howett

### SECRETARY

Erik Walter

### ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mike Sigman

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Glenn McGaw

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Michelle Henry

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Jared Schnapf (lead)  
Adam Swift,  
Bryce Wendler

### Following are directors by class:

#### 2026

Ralph Huber, Kevin Johnson, John Price, Curt Stumpf, Connie Howett, Daphne Hathaway, Ron Metzler, Adam Markley and Lauren Hathaway.

#### 2027

Dennis Brubaker, Barry Huber, Eric Rohrer, Mike Sigman, Erik Walter, Mark Weaver, Rod Smay, Meg Adams and Duane Wise.

#### 2028

Rob Eachus, Glenn McGaw, Wayne Moore, Matthew Sichel, Rich Smith, Michelle Henry, Matt Finch, Bud Howett and John Lefever.

### HONORARY MEMBERS

Melvin Boyce  
Terry Hoffman

## Bakeless Cake Sale

The annual spring Bakeless Cake Sale is underway. If you would like to support this "work-less" Auxiliary fundraiser, donations may be mailed to the Auxiliary treasurer, Patti Kleckner, at 3339 Pin Oak Circle, Mountville, PA 17554.

# Blanketed by snow

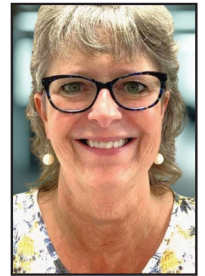


For the first time in years, Rawlinsville Camp found itself sleeping under a deep blanket of snow. Depths on Jan. 25 varied around the area, with at least nine inches of snow, topped by two-three inches of ice. Just ask the Camp photographer about the ice after she trudged around Camp.

# Missionary

## Tami Shaub, Joyfully Made Fellowship

Tami Shaub, director of the Joyfully Made Fellowship, will serve as missionary for the first week of Camp and will speak in the evening service on the first Tuesday night.



Tami Shaub

Tami directs the fellowship, a nonprofit, that found a home in the former Mount Hope UMC in Quarryville.

The congregation is made up of people with disabilities and special needs. More than 15 years ago, this special needs ministry was started at Wesley Church, Quarryville.

The church features Sunday worship from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and other activities during the week. The Sunday service allows parents to attend their own churches and then pick up their children.

According to Tami, members of the group felt "when [they] were together as a group, they could just be themselves."

Tami continued, "We already see that our ministry is growing throughout our community and beyond. We hope to set a model for other churches and organizations to use as a template for creating more much-needed disability ministries."



Photos by Stephanie Reddinger

## Missionary project for Camp volunteers

Tabetha Shilalo, from Unto, A CRU Ministry, will lead a LuoPads making session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5.

LuoPads are reusable sanitary products sent to girls in countries around the world. The pads are made from flannel sheets and terrycloth towels.

## Increase in meal prices approved

The RCM Association at its April 9 meeting approved an increase in meal prices.

The new prices are:

- Dinner for adults, increases from \$11 to \$12;
  - Dinner for children, from \$5.50 to \$6;
  - Lunch for adults, from \$5.50 to \$6;
  - Lunch for children, from \$2.75 to \$3.
- Children ages 3 and under eat for free.

Above, snow covers the steps of a cottage. At right, the sun sets on the pristine snow. Just below, Stephanie's slipping and sliding bootprints in the ice and snow. Bottom photo, plow leaves a mound of snow.



## Youth will rally around 'Winning ... Victory in Jesus'

**By Rob Eachus**

*Director, RCM 56 Kids!  
and Youth Ministry*

Just as spring brings new blooms, RCM Youth and 56 Kids! ministry programs are beginning to blossom with the prayerful hope of a fruitful harvest this summer during the 141<sup>st</sup> session of Rawlinsville Camp Meeting.

We are excited to share our theme, "Winning... Victory in

Jesus," for both programs this year with a focus Scripture, 1 Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Last year was an amazing time at Camp. There were more than 85 registered youth and 55 students in 56 Kids! programs. With the great weather, fun times, serving with Impact! Missions, trips down the mighty Pequea Creek (dodging creek

sharks on tubes) and evening games, we did it all with joy.

We shared our testimony in small groups and listened to our evening speakers pour out their faith and their hearts, including Josh Fulmer, who worships at Grace Church Willow Valley, and Janelle Ortiz, an 18-year-old graduating senior at Penn Manor, who shared a memorable testimony of faith, challenges, courage, and being physically healed by our God.

Our dedicated staff is gearing up with fresh worship songs, new and exciting games, activities and crafts, along with opportunities to serve.

We are looking forward to building on the many commitments of faith that our students professed last year and inviting even more to see, feel and know the love and joy of our risen Christ.

This is what "Victory in Jesus" really means.

Look for more information in the upcoming Camp booklet and online, soon.

## Rawlinsville Camp Meeting Association

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## Obituary

### Isaac 'Ike' Metzler

Isaac S. "Ike" Metzler, 91, formerly of New Providence, died, March 20 at the Glen at Willow Valley.

At Rawlinsville Camp Meeting, Ike had been an Association member from Mt. Hope United Methodist Church and had served on the buildings and grounds committee.

Ike may have been best known around Camp for working in the Snack Bar with his wife, Fran, who died in 2015.

Cindy and Dennis Brubaker,



**Ike Metzler**

faithful fry man who was always chatting with people out the little window beside the hot oil. We really appreciated how he took time to connect and interact with our kids. We never had to worry about someone to fill that position because he was

who led the Boarding House team for many years, wrote in an email: "Ike loved and supported us with all his heart. He was the

so very reliable.

"Fran was a great asset, also. She was the ticket lady. She ran the window for dinner and the weekend. They worked as a team. She helped Dennis each night with the daily deposits. So much fun and laughter when they arrived each day at 4 p.m."

The Brubakers believe the 2019 session was the last one Ike worked before health problems set in.

Born in Holtwood, the son of the late Isaac H. and Grace (Stauffer) Metzler, he was the husband of Frances J. (Bonholtzer) Metzler for 61 years.

Ike worked as a foreman for Wohlsen Construction. He was a

member of the former Mt. Hope UMC in Quarryville and had more recently attended Rawlinsville United Methodist Church. He was a hunter; a Mason; and enjoyed building model airplanes, roller skating and riding his motorcycle with his brothers.

Surviving is a daughter, Vickie Herr of Millsboro, Delaware; and five siblings. He was preceded in death by five siblings.

Services for Ike were held in Quarryville on March 26. Interment followed the service in the Mt. Hope cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Rawlinsville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 40, Holtwood, PA 17532.