

Rawlinsville Ramblings

Rawlinsville Camp Meeting

Praising the Lord in Song, Sermon and Service

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Photo by Barb Sweger

There are two ways to look at a pile of leaves. Sigh deeply and rake them. Or you can dive into them like the Faus children on fall cleanup day. From left, Myla, Ariella,

Addelyn, Makenlee and Savannah, holding Rodney, dive in. They are the children of Jen and Jeremy Faus. For more cleanup day photos, please see Page 4.

DAPHNE HATHAWAY, ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

‘Quiet time’ is busy time for planning next session

As the winter newsletter deadline approached, it was also time for our January



**Daphne
Hathaway**

Association meeting.

It is often the shortest meeting of the year, with the shortest agenda, but much is going on under the calm surface. Over the

winter months, Camp committees are meeting to find missionaries for the coming season; to identify evangelists and Bible study teachers for the coming session (while building a pipeline of speakers for future years); to consider needed improvements to the Boarding House and other facilities; to plan themes for children's and youth ministries; to review menus and prices for meals and snack bar food; to secure bids on spring maintenance and repair projects; to plan, find and prepare supplies for craft projects; to select songs and plan worship; and to plan fundraisers to bolster the Camp operating budget.

All of the above support our mission, which is to share the good news that Jesus saves.

Only 193 days to go!

As you read this newsletter, hopefully somewhere warm

CAMP IN SNOW AT SUNSET



Photo by Kacy Albin

Rawlinsville Camp, hibernating for the winter, is shown in the snow as the sun sets on Jan. 2. Photo on the envelope of the newsletter was also taken by Kacy.

with a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate in hand, could you please choose one or more of Camp's ministries to lift up regularly in prayer?

So many volunteers are working throughout this quiet season of preparation to ensure that facilities and programs are in place for the summer, and your prayer support will make

a world of difference as they serve the Lord.

In addition, if you know someone who leads a Camp ministry, perhaps share a word of gratitude or encouragement, and let them know you are praying for them.

Thank you for your quiet service during this quiet season.

See you in 193 days!

RCM Calendar

April 9, 2026

Association meeting at Rawlinsville UMC at 7 p.m.

April 16

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

July 9

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

July 16

Summer 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.

Oct. 8

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

Oct. 16-17

Fall Fest and auction.

Jan. 14, 2027

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

Jared Schnapf takes on lead Spiritual Director post

The Spiritual Directors team is entering its third year together.

Adam Swift, Bryce Wendler and Jared Schnapf have assumed the mantle from past Spiritual Directors like Blake Deibler and Mike Sigman.

The present Spiritual Directors all had the opportunity to grow up at Camp, participating in the kids and youth programs, and have found ways to contribute in their adult lives.

Adam Swift, who served as the lead Spiritual Director the past two years, is passing lead responsibility to Jared Schnapf.



Jared Schnapf

Jared grew up at RCM and had the privilege (and plenty of stories) of leading the youth program for nine years. He serves as the executive pastor for ministry at Mission Church, where he has been on staff for 15 years.

Jared and his wife, Jenn, have been married for 22 years. They are the parents of three teenagers, Hallie, Ethan, and Reagan, who also have a deep love for Rawlinsville.

Jared said:

"The team looks forward to another year of creating an environment where we can see and celebrate the fact that Jesus saves!"



Photo by Stephanie Reddinger

Screenshot shows Lindsay Graham and team leading in worship during an evening service.

In 2025, RCM was all in on livestream

**By Steve Quigg
RCM Tech Team**

What better time of year than these cold winter months to think back to the warm, sunny RCM days of last July and August?

While remembering fond Camp memories and traditions might be good for the spirit, experiencing anew the inspired teaching and music from last summer's worship services might be even better for the soul.

Thanks to readily accessible apps on your smartphone or computer, watching (or re-watching) last summer's services is only a couple taps or keystrokes away.



Steve Quigg

In case you missed the news, 2025 was the first year RCM livestreamed all services on YouTube as well as our traditional Facebook page.

The change enabled people without a Facebook account to easily access the livestream and recordings. And even better, YouTube doesn't erase recordings after a month like Facebook now does, so all the videos from last summer are still available at www.youtube.com/@rawlinsvillecampmeeting/streams.

If you haven't already bookmarked www.RawlinsvilleCamp.org in your favorite browser, go ahead and do it now. Links to both the RCM Facebook and YouTube chan-

nels are readily accessible right at the top of the homepage.

The goal of the RCM tech team is to use technology to enhance the worship experience and to make it more accessible.

Not everyone can make it to the campground for the evening services, of course, but now dozens regularly join us via livestream and scores (an average of 110) view the recordings afterward.

If you'd like to be a part of the team that helps make all this possible, contact Steve Quigg at captainquigg@comcast.net. We could really use additional quality help this summer from folks who have experience with ProPresenter, livestreaming, IT and sound.

Give it prayerful consideration. You could be a part of helping the Word go forth.

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Fall cleanup |



Photos by Daphne Hathaway



Saturday, Nov. 8, was a perfect day for the fall cleanup at Camp.

At left, Dan Sellers uses his leaf blower to clear out those pesky leaves under a porch.

At bottom left, Patti Kleckner and Sue Huber organize homemade soup for pick up.

Top, right, volunteers take a break for lunch provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

At near right, no telling what you will find in the fallen leaves. A hornet's



nest also came down. Thankfully, hornets had vacated.

Below, the daughter-father team of Zoey and Bill Willever rake leaves.



RCM LADIES AUXILIARY

One busy year of fundraising ends, another begins

By Sandy Lee

Co-president, Ladies Auxiliary

While summer is a very busy time at RCM, fall was equally busy for the Ladies Auxiliary.

Shortly after Camp ended, the Auxiliary began making soup for the fall sale. Tomato bisque, chicken corn and ham and bean soups were made on three dates.

Currently, tomato bisque and ham and bean soups are sold out, but there is some chicken corn soup available. Watch for a pop-up soup sale announcement on the Camp's Facebook page! A total of 765 quarts of soup were made, and so far, the profit is \$5,489.

During the fall we also staffed a stand at the West Lampeter Community Fair. Altogether we made a profit of \$3,520.

Due to the high number of volunteer hours required for this stand, as well as the timing of the fair, the Auxiliary has decided to discontinue our involvement. Many thanks to all of those who volunteered.

In the past we have also held a coconut and peanut butter Easter egg sale. Multiple factors, including loss of a kitchen to mix the eggs, the timing of Easter, the unpredictable outside temperatures affecting the Boarding House and a rise in the price of chocolate contributed to a decision not to hold the Easter Egg sale in 2026.

The Ladies Auxiliary will have our spring meeting at the Children's Building at 7 p.m., April 16.

There will also be a pre-Camp meeting at 7 p.m., July 16, in the Children's Building.



Soup is big seller for Auxiliary.

Auxiliary gives \$30,000 check to operate Camp

The RCM Auxiliary appreciates your support of the various fundraising activities we offer.

The profit from these efforts supports the Camp ministry in a variety of ways. This past year the Auxiliary donated \$30,000 to the Association for its use toward the operating budget.

Camp kitchen improvements, including replacing a section of counter and adding new hand-washing and utility sinks were also financed by the fundraising proceeds.

Lastly, the Auxiliary is committed to supporting the missionary outreach of RCM. Every year we gift \$1,000 to each of the camp missionaries during the camp session.

Additionally, we provide annual support of \$300 each to ten missionaries, which brings our annual missionary giving to \$5,000 a year.

Volunteers are needed for kitchen cleanup, scheduled Saturday, July 18, starting at 8 a.m.

Enjoy a rest during the winter, because spring and summer are coming!



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Allen leaves the Tabernacle after their wedding on Oct. 11.

Big day for Alecia and Jonathan

On Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, Alecia Walter married Jonathan Allen in a wedding that fulfilled Alecia's dream of marrying at Rawlinsville Camp, a place close to her heart, where she grew up and continues to attend.

The day began with beautiful weather for pictures. It started to rain 20 minutes before the ceremony started, which traditionally is a sign of blessing for the couple.

Around 3:30 p.m., Alecia and Jonathan were

introduced as Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Allen.

Their reception was held at Wissler Farms, where they celebrated with family and friends.

Alecia wants to thank the many individuals who helped prepare the grounds for the wedding and then closed up the Tabernacle.

Alecia is the daughter of Michelle Henry, corresponding secretary for the Association. Jonathan is the son of Barry and Sheri Allen.



Daughter, Alecia, with her mother, Michelle, nose to nose on her wedding day.

In the soup



Photos by Gina Dissinger

Above, a crew including, clockwise from top left, Sandy Lee, Anne Norton, Mitch Dissinger, Cianni Wagner, and Maryanne

Eachus cuts up chicken for the chicken corn soup. At right above, Tara Harting makes sure each quart gets its allotment of corn. In the background is Marsha Wagner.

Below right, Sandy Lee, left, and Kelli Howett pause happily as quarts of tomato bisque cool in the refrigerator.



Photo by Diane Jacobs

If you happened to be near the Camp kitchen this fall on a certain Tuesday and a couple of Saturdays, your nose would have picked up appetizing aromas delivered by the Boarding House exhaust fans. Inside, soups were simmering.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, Kelli Howett's crew made 181 quarts of tomato bisque.

Gina Dissinger's crew met on

Tuesday, Oct. 14, to make chicken corn soup (415 quarts).

Daphne Hathaway's crew pitched in on Saturday, Nov. 1, to prepare ham and bean soup (169 quarts).

Total profit so far is \$5,489, with only some chicken corn soup left to be sold later.

Take a look at the hard-working crew members in the photos on this page.



Photos by Stephanie Reddinger

Above, volunteers including, from the back, Karin Paxson, Terry Hall, Cindi Poole and Rachel Hofstetter stir a line of pots holding ham and bean soup. All the burners were on.



At right, Reyna Lefever places lids on the quarts of ham and bean after they cooled.

At bottom right, Terry Hall smiles as she stirs a kettle.



FALL FEST 2025 |

By Melissa Markley

Fall Fest was another great weekend of fun and community!

We were blessed with beautiful weather and an amazing turnout.

Friday night alone brought in \$1,500, and the total raised for the entire weekend was an incredible \$10,000.

The excitement was nonstop as kids and families enjoyed hayrides, carnival-style games, pumpkin decorating, and lots of fun in the bounce house.

We also held our annual pie contest. Congratulations to our winners, Gina Dissinger, for her ooey gooey caramel dream pie and Reyna Lefever for her Dutch pear pie.

The snack bar sold more than 100 cheeseburgers on Friday night.

Thank you to everyone who helped, attended and made Fall Fest a success. We're already looking forward to this year's event on Oct. 16-17!



Photos by Gina Dissinger



Photos by Stephanie

How much for a slice? Joyce Zercher's walnut cake went for \$450.

Fall Fest auction takes the cake

By Karin Paxson

The 2025 Fall Fest auction was full of great items and great buyers, and I had the privilege of stepping into the role of auction organizer.

Karen McGaw held this role for as long as I can remember and we are grateful for her years of commitment.

We received 125 items by the donation deadline, and when I arrived at Camp on the Friday of Fall Fest, there were an additional 25. (A little side note for next year: it's a huge help if you donate before the deadline.)

We auctioned a huge variety of items, including lots of themed baskets, items with the Camp logo embroidered, bird houses, butterfly boxes, home goods, a box of pork, the ever-popular parking spot, and Ronnie Metzler's Christmas trees. We sold afghans, corner shelves, homemade jelly, walking sticks, a handmade chess board and homemade sauerkraut.

The auction raised \$8,800 raised.

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Photo by Paige Geiger

In the top photo, children decorate pumpkins.

Above, right, facepainting is always a big attraction at Fall Fest.

Above, Gina Dissinger shows the last tasty piece of her winning pie.



Photo by Melissa Markley

Is there anything more popular than the pie tasting contest, which invites people to eat a sample of each entry and vote for their favorites? Above, Rochelle Price, left, and Michelle Henry, do the slicing.



Runners display the reserved parking space that was auctioned.

A hardy camper

Camp photographer, Stephanie Reddinger, spotted these flowers poking through a blanket of leaves before the fall cleanup. Joyce Zercher said the plant is a hardy geranium, known as Rozanne. Joyce said it looks like that is in Bill Howard's flower bed, down the avenue from the Boarding house.



Photo by Stephanie Reddinger

Rawlinsville Ramblings will print obituaries for people who were associated with Camp.

Some individuals who pass on may have been associated and active with Camp, but have not been able to attend

Obituaries

for years because of age or illness.

We rely on you letting us know about those passings.

Length of the obituary may depend on how active the person had been at Camp.

Send any suggestions to Marv Adams at daddysirme@comcast.net or notify a RCM officer. Adams can also be reached at 717-368-3461.

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I've been clerking for a few years now, and you can never guess what an item will bring. As long as there are two people who want it, the sky is the limit!

This year we had a donation of a batch of Camp pot pie that brought \$100 a quart.

Joyce Zercher's black walnut cake went for \$450. An Escape Room adventure, car detailing

package and canvas aerial shots of the campground were all hot items. Every gift card donated brought at least face value, if not more. This is the way to ensure a successful fundraiser!

A huge shout of thanks to Randy Rank, our auctioneer. He adds a little personality to everything he sells.

Thank you to everyone who donated and everyone who came to bid. Mark your calendars for this year's auction on Saturday, Oct. 17; and start gathering items now. I will accept donations all year long.



Photo by Stephanie Reddinger

Randy Rank conducts the auction that ends the annual RCM Fall Fest.