

Rawlinsville Ramblings

Rawlinsville Camp Meeting

Praising the Lord in Song, Sermon and Service

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Mr. Rob is stepping down as director of Youth/56; successors are named

After 20 years of directing RCM's youth programs, Rob Eachus, right, will devote his energies to serving as the

Association's vice president. He talks about his time working with the youth on **Page 3**. Succeeding him are Lauren Hathaway and Brett Bailey, shown below. They are interviewed on **Page 7**.



Volunteers pitch in

On the two Wednesdays of Camp, groups of men, women and youth took on projects to aid Water Street Mission and Unto. **Page 7**



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The sun has set on a humid day at RCM. The evening service takes place in the Tabernacle (top photo). At right, Camp is quiet as the service has ended and the Snack Bar has served its last French fry and milkshake for the day. The 11 p.m. quiet bell will soon toll, sounding the end of a day filled with children learning and playing; adults studying the Scriptures and renewing friendships; the clattering of pots and pans in the kitchen; and the chatter at meals in the Boarding House.



FALL CLEANUP DAY IS NOV. 14, 8 a.m.

The rains came down, the floods came up ...

The 141st session of Rawlinsville Camp Meeting saw more than its fair share of rain and humidity. But Camp and its activities continued rain or shine. At right, rain pours off the roof in front of the candy store. At far right, top, Kollyne Sgro was one camper who remembered her umbrella. In photo, far right, bottom, Harrison Fisher, Derek Wieand and Paxton Fisher enjoy the cooling rain.



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DAPHNE HATHAWAY, PRESIDENT OF RCM ASSOCIATION

In autumn,
God touches
earth with rest

As I am writing this article, it is Sept. 21 and 22, the first day of fall, or the Autumnal Equinox.

I have always loved the first day of each season, but the

first day of fall is my favorite. Unlike most people, I love the days when we have exactly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of dark, and I



Daphne Hathaway

love how the days begin to get shorter throughout the fall.

Those longer, darker evenings are the times when I



Illustration provided by Daphne Hathaway

think and pray and rest more, and then I love how the season turns again and the days begin to get longer just before Christmas!

We have the promise of light and hope returning to the world.

I know this isn't everyone's favorite time of year, but look at the words to the hymn "Day is Dying in the West."

*Day is dying in the west
Heav'n is touching earth with rest;*

*Wait and worship while the night
Sets her evening lamps alight
Through all the sky.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thee:*

*Heav'n and earth are praising thee,
O Lord most high!*

*Lord of life, beneath the dome
Of the universe, Thy home,
Gather us who seek Thy face*

RCM Calendar

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.

Nov. 14

Fall cleanup day (8 a.m.) and soup pickup day (10 a.m.-noon).

Jan. 14, 2027

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

April 15

Ladies Auxiliary meeting in the children's building at 7 p.m.

*To the fold of Thy embrace,
For Thou art nigh.
While the deep'ning shadows fall,*

*Heart of Love, enfolding all,
Through the glory and the grace
Of the stars that veil Thy face,
Our hearts ascend.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thee:
Heav'n and earth are praising thee,
O Lord most high!*

Inviting you to join me in this season when "Heav'n is touching earth with rest" and looking forward to seeing you at Fall Fest, soup-making days and fall cleanup.

MR. ROB!

Over 20 years, Rob Eachus built a legacy as director of youth programs at RCM. In a heartfelt interview he looks back on those years of leading young people to Jesus while making sure they had fun and a friend.

As we finish the 2026 session of Camp, we are in the midst of a transition in our Youth and 56 Program.

After 15 and 20 years respectively leading those two programs, Rob Eachus has felt the Lord calling him to transition to new responsibilities as vice president of the Camp Association.

Rob will be passing leadership of Youth and 56 to Lauren Hathaway and Brett Bailey (see Page 7). In 2026, Lauren and Brett shadowed Rob; and in 2027, they will take the lead and he will provide support from the background.

We asked Mr. Rob about his time leading those ministries:

When did you start with Youth/RCM 56 Kids!?

I started with the RCM 56 Kids! program in its first year, 2008. At the time, Tim and Moira Moore were the children's ministry directors and Kelli (my wife, who will continue to lead the Children's Ministry) and I were assisting them. Tim wanted to have a program for that age group of students who were bored with the children's program but not necessarily ready for Youth.

It was hot that summer. Very hot. And it rained. A lot. Camp provided an Army surplus canvas tent with no electricity. With the heavy rain, we were forced to keep most of the large flaps down. We ran an extension cord from the Youth building up to the tent to power a single fan.

The following year, 2009, we had the new Bret C. Hershey Memorial Building. Our theme was, "Get in the Game!" based



Rob Eachus

on 1 Corinthians 9:24. The building was an absolute game-changer and has been such an incredible blessing not only for the program but for the lives of those playing, celebrating, learning, testifying and getting saved under that roof.

I was asked to take on the Youth program in 2013. Over the winter, I created a theme, and summer 2014 was my first year at the helm with the Youth. Our theme was "All In," referencing Matthew 12:20.

What has been the hardest thing?

The pre-planning can be the hardest thing. Program development goes on throughout the year and takes many hours. The program, theme, supporting Scripture, small group discussion questions, games and activities. Even designing the t-shirts has always been in-house. There are many outside contacts to make as well, such as vendors, transportation, reserving venues, and ordering food and supplies.

What is the best thing?

I have always relied on a very strong team, many of whom have been part of the program



Photos by Stephanie Reddinger

Above, Rob "Mr. Rob" Eachus, shown at left in the photo, was known for taking his 56ers into the stream to fish out trash and look for "critters." Rob calls it the Creek Stomp Cleanup. Below, the youth made a poster with their thumbprints and signatures for their outgoing leader. "Kaposh" is a take off on the Italian word "capisce," meaning "do you understand." When Mr. Rob asked "capisce?" youth would respond "kaposh." In bottom photo, Rob talks to a camper in a photo taken several years ago.



as students. Tawny Bernhardt, Chelsea Strasser (Crandall), Emily Lomazzo (Parmer), Lauren Hathaway, and now my own children – Keaton and Morgan. My son met his wife, Kara (McClune) at RCM in the children and youth programs. There are so many more names of staff members who hold such

a dear place in my heart and have had a huge impact on these ministry programs and the lives of the students. It would take pages to list.

What will you miss the most?

All of it. This transition year, 2027, will be my 20th as director of the RCM 56 Kids! program and nearly 15 years with

the Youth. Kelli and I have been involved in children's ministry since 1997. The programs have really become a part of my life.

What do you look for in folks joining the team?

First, we look for Christ followers. Those who have a

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CAMP 2026



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Above left, Danae Bachman holds her two-month-old daughter, Sophie, in her first visit to Camp. With them is big sister, Maisie. Above, the crowd at the Camp carnival. At far left, middle, the Rev. Jared Schnapf, Camp's lead Spiritual Director, opens the 141st session of RCM. At near left, a little girl stands on her tiptoes to get a drink from the water fountain. In bottom photo, Stephanie Reddinger captured the circle around the Tabernacle in this panoramic photo taken at the close of Camp.





Photos by Stephanie Reddinger



Boarding House days

The Boarding House is always a busy place. At top, a group from Bethesda Church peels potatoes for dinner. Middle left, Pastor Chandler Evans and Matthew Turner work at the new serving station. Above, middle right, Joyce Burger is surprised by our photographer. At left, Karen McGaw and her granddaughter, Lucy Rohrer, serve in the kitchen.



Eachus: He is now 'VP Rob'

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relationship with Jesus, those who want to share His joy with others. We also look for energetic people who enjoy having fun, but also walk that fine line well between control and chaos; those who can be goofy without losing their role as a staff leader.

What should people do to be involved?

Being a staff member is really being a part of a team. Our staff supports and encourages one another. They do a lot of activities together, even during Camp. The past couple of years, Brett and Lauren have hosted a Labor Day event where the staff gets together to clean up the buildings, cook out, and enjoy each other's company.

Those interested in serving should reach out to see how they would like to fit in. Perhaps they are unable to serve the entire two weeks. Small group leaders are always needed in the mornings.

Afternoon activities are always more fun with more hands. We do require an application, background checks and the signing of a statement of faith.

How were you most blessed?

I am not sure I can accurately explain how I have been blessed. The students. Their hearts are so open to His love and are such an encouragement and inspiration. The staff. Their support and friendship cannot be measured in words. RCM and parents. They have trusted me with their greatest gifts – their children. If I am pressed, I would say

my children. Watching them grow in their faith at RCM in the programs. If my legacy is my children and their continued faith in our Savior, Jesus, then I have done well.

What do you wish parents knew about their kids at Youth/56?

Parents are welcome to visit the programs and see their students "in action." I wish that parents could be a "fly on the wall" to see and hear their children give their testimonies.

It is not always with their words, but in their actions. How they pour out their concern for a friend. How they share a smile with someone who looks down. How they write their concerns on note cards, pinning them to the cross or dropping them in the prayer mailbox.

Some accept the invitation to come to the cross during an altar call. It is powerful to see 20 youth walk forward to renew and refresh their relationship with Jesus and on a special evening, accept Christ into their heart as a new believer.

What are you most excited about in your new role as VP?

I am excited about learning all of the duties of VP, supporting Daphne Hathaway (Association president), as well as helping and supporting everyone who does the work of Camp.

I have spent most of the past 20 years between two buildings on the outskirts of Camp; I am looking forward to spending time helping wherever needed; spending time in the Circle, in the Tabernacle, and most importantly, at the cross.

It's children's day every day at RCM

Rain did not keep children from the annual march-around, photo near right, and at far right, two girls show off their face paint at the annual carnival.



RCM LADIES AUXILIARY New leaders take over; soup sale on

By Alecia Allen
Auxiliary co-president

A quick recap from the Ladies Auxiliary of the 141st session of Rawlinsville Camp Meeting.

We cannot thank the churches and leaders of the kitchen staff and dining room help enough for taking on their day and being servants for the Camp. We served 4,950 meals.

Dining-in meals totaled 3,565 and takeouts were 1,385. We have received a lot of positive feedback about the new look in the dining room, with the new chairs, fans and serving line. We extend our thanks to the people who made that possible.

The Auxiliary will be making beef vegetable, ham and bean and tomato bisque soups this fall. The price is \$10 per quart.

Orders will be accepted through Oct. 20.

Send orders and payment



Alecia Allen



Donna Wendler

Please make checks payable to "RCM Ladies Auxiliary."

Soup pickup is Nov. 14 (Camp fall cleanup day) between 10 a.m. and noon in the Boarding House dining room.

Following are the soup-making days that start at 8 a.m. in the Boarding House kitchen:

■ **Saturday, Oct. 24,** tomato bisque soup under the direction of Kelli Howett;

■ **Saturday, Oct. 31,** beef vegetable under the direction of Sandy Lee; and,

■ **Saturday Nov. 7,** ham and bean under the direction of Daphne Hathaway.

We are always looking to welcome new members to the Auxiliary. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to any of the officers:

Co-presidents, Donna Wendler and Alecia Allen;

Vice president, Sara Trout;

Secretary, Amy Willever;

Treasurer, Patti Kleckner;

Corresponding secretary, Ann Branning.

We give a huge thank you to Sandy Lee and Diane Jacobs for their four years of service. Their commitment to leadership is truly a blessing.



(preferably prior to pickup) to Patti Kleckner, 213 Shade Tree Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603. You can also email or text her at 717-468-3339 or 4kleckners@embarqmail.com.

Fall Fest combines food (pies!), fun, fellowship and bidding

By Melissa Markley

Join us for a fun-filled weekend at Camp that the whole family won't want to miss! The Fall Fest excitement kicks off on Friday evening and continues Saturday.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

5:30- 7 p.m.

Dinner at the snack bar.

6- 7:45 p.m.

Games, pumpkin painting, bonfire, Smores and hayrides (from Youth Tabernacle).

6:30-7 30 p.m.

Pie-tasting (Youth Tabernacle).

7:45 – 8 p.m.

Pie contest and guessing game winners announced (Youth Tabernacle).

8- 8:30 p.m.

The Big Drop (basketball court).

8:45 – 9:15 p.m.

Movie, *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* (popcorn provided!).

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

9 a.m.

Breakfast by donation and family devotion (Boarding House).

10 a.m.

The great pumpkin hunt family activity.

11 a.m.-noon

Lunch (Boarding House).

12:30 p.m.

Benefit auction.

Bring your family out for a wonderful weekend of food, fellowship and fall fun!



Photo by Michelle Henry

From left, Sarah Trout, Alecia Allen and Rochelle Price slice pies for taste test at last year's Fall Fest.

Make and bring along your favorite pie Friday evening. Drop off your pies in the Youth Tabernacle 5:30-6 p.m. Everyone will get a chance to vote for their favorite pie. The top two pies will win prizes.

Deadline to donate auction items is Oct. 12

By Karin Paxson

The annual auction is a big part of the Fall Fest weekend. We have lots of fun auctioning all sorts of treasures.

It's a great way to contribute to Camp. Donate a treasure or bid on one!

We welcome all donations and they can be dropped at Cottage 65 at anytime. Yes, anytime.

The deadline for dropping off items is Oct 12 so we have time to catalog them all before the auction.

Many hands finish Camp projects

By Ketrina Walter

During the 2026 Camp session, RCM supported two local mission service projects.

On the first Wednesday, a diverse group of campers assembled hygiene kits for women. Working in the Boarding House, they used items donated by the RCM Ladies Auxiliary to support the work of the Water Street Mission. Forty people pitched in to help.

On the second Wednesday, in the pavilion, Tabettha Shilalo from Unto, Carol Perry, Joan Witmer, Cindy Yingling and Carol Bleacher organized stations for production of LuoPads to address women's hygiene needs in countries where such resources are scarce.

Each station was dedicated to various stages of the process — cutting, sewing, turning and stuffing. A leader supervised each station to assist the 47 volunteers.

Tabetha also encouraged participants to stay involved by volunteering at the Mount Joy location or producing items at home to contribute to Unto.

The Unto Global Logistics Center sends teams "around the world to meet suffering people's physical and spiritual needs."



Photo by Vicky Aukamp

Above, a volunteer crew assembles women's hygiene kits for Water Street Mission. Below, volunteers at one of the stations do their part making LuoPads for the Unto ministry to distribute internationally.



Photo by Ketrina Walter

Checking out repairs and improvements for Camp

A crew returned to Camp in late September to compile a list of the never-ending repairs and improvements to be completed on the grounds between sessions. They will put together a budget to present to the Association.

According to Ralph Huber, who is in charge of buildings, work responsibilities for the group are divided. He is assisted by Duane Wise, Curt Stumpf and John Lefever.

Kevin Johnson is responsible for grounds, trees and mowing. Dennis Brubaker and Eric Rohrer tackle plumbing jobs.

Ralph said work is expected to continue on the crumbling concrete porches and steps of some cottages. For some cottages, that means breaking up the old

porches and pouring new concrete. For other cottages, caulking will be used to fill cracks to make the porches and steps last a little longer.

One cottage will need major work to stabilize it, Ralph said. It is leaning. Also in need of stabilization are some of the stream banks.

The team will consider more paving projects and adding dusk-to-dawn LED lights in the parking lots.

Also on the list of possible improvements are ceiling fans for the Youth and 56 buildings. Some stalls in the larger men's room will be replaced.

One project the committee checked off their list was the closing of the Tabernacle. They brought the doors down on the 141st session of Camp.

Lauren Hathaway and Brett Bailey will take on the the Youth and 56 programs.



Photo by Stephanie Reddinger

Lauren and Brett take on Camps' youth programs

We are excited to announce that Lauren Hathaway and Brett Bailey will be stepping into Rob Eachus' role as directors of Youth and 56 Ministries. Lauren and Brett have been married since 2020 and have been cottage-holders since 2024.

We talked to them about Youth and 56 ministries.

RCM: How long have you been involved at RCM and in what ministries?

Lauren, attended since birth, staff since 2010; Brett, staff since 2021.

What is your favorite thing about Youth/56?

We love watching the kids love Jesus and how fully they worship him. They have such wonderful friendships with each other and watching them support each other through the year is amazing.

What do you wish parents knew about their kids at Youth/56?

You guys have raised some really great kids, and it is such a privilege to spend time with them and invest in their lives.

What is the hardest part of leading?

Saying goodbye at the end of Camp.

How are you most blessed by leading at RCM?

We are most blessed by the support of our

staff and friendships built there. Planning and executing Camp with them is something we look forward to all year.

What is your favorite Camp activity? Why?

Lauren: Honestly, I gotta say Guppy Gulch. It was an absolute blast!

Brett: Slip and Slide Kickball is my favorite.

The two of you have been leading praise and worship at Youth together for years. Do the kids have a favorite song?

"Praise" by Elevation Worship has been a favorite staple.

What advice would you share with parents?

Help your kids prepare for our events by reading the paperwork they receive when they register.

How can we pray for you best?

Pray for God to speak through our words and actions into the hearts of the kids; pray for good weather; safety for kids and staff; and for everyone to have the best time.

How can folks join your team?

Please reach out to either of us. Lauren: 717-606-4151; Brett: 717-875-7212.

How can parents support your ministry?

Pray for the program. Encourage your kids to participate and have fun. Let that joy shine through!

Service with smiles at the Solanco Fair

Rawlinsville Camp volunteers again staffed the snow cone and cotton candy stand at the Solanco Fair. Above, Donna Hess, left, and Marsha Wagner, serve a young customer.

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 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.

Obituaries

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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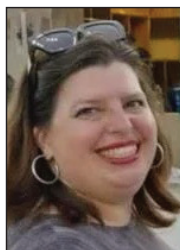
Obituary Jona L. Green, 50

Jona L. Green, 50, of Quarryville, died suddenly at home on July 14 with her husband and son by her side.

Jona served RCM's Ladies Auxiliary as vice president in 2013-2014 and as president for 2015-2016.

In her obituary, her family wrote:

"Jona could be found at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting every summer and throughout the year helping with fundraisers for Camp." She died just two weeks before the opening of Camp.



Jona Green

Jona was born in Wilmington, Delaware, the oldest child of R. Scott and Sandra Beth Huber Hoover. She was the wife of Matthew H. Green. They married in 2000.

She graduated from Penn Manor High School in 1994. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Millersville University in 1999 and a master's degree in student affairs at Montana State in 2004.

Her family wrote:
"Her life was devoted to

leading in the front and serving amongst the crowd, both with the same enthusiasm that made her renowned and celebrated."

Jona was proud to have achieved her position as a financial adviser with Edward Jones and to have opened a branch near Willow Street.

Jona served with many networking groups, including Masonic organizations.

She was crowned Pennsylvania Beekeepers Association Honey Queen in 1995 and American Honey Queen in 1996, the first from Pennsylvania to win that honor.

Jona and her family attended New Providence Church.

She helped her dad in his painting business and her mom

in her catering business.

Besides her husband and parents, Jona is survived by two sons, Holden G., husband of Kimberly, of Millersville and Kenton M., of Quarryville; a daughter, Emily E. Aukamp, Pequea, and one grandchild.

She is also survived by brothers, Jared, Judah, Jason and Josiah; a sister, Jozlyn J. Grodski; and her mother-in-law, Brenda K. Green.

A funeral service was held at New Providence Church. Interment was in the Mt. Nebo UMC Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Jona's memory to Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, Lancaster Court No. 70, 102 Groffdale Road, Quarryville, PA 17566.