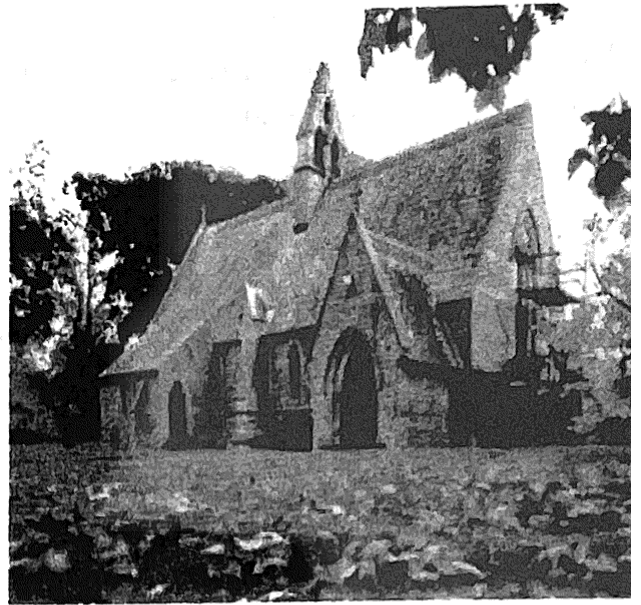


The Manbeck Messenger

*"Look! I am sending my messenger,
and he will prepare the way before
me" (Malachi 3:1a)*



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"Seeking to know Christ and make Him known"

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MANBECK'S "ZION" SERVICES

SUNDAY

WORSHIP... 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL... 10:40 AM

MANBECKS YOUTH...(Go to www.manbecks.org for Dates & Time)



"Take Me Home...."

It's soccer season in our household. Our 11th grader Nehemiah is playing soccer for New Covenant Christian School and they're off to a good start. For many of our households this year, soccer season really started in July as the U.S. was hosting the World Cup. You don't have to be a soccer fan to know the unofficial theme

song for the U.S. Soccer team, just remotely aware of John Denver's most popular song. *"Take me home, country roads, to the place where I belong..."* (Even though none of the games were played in "West Virginia.") In a recent drive through Virginia and W. Virginia, I can understand Denver's longing for the beauty of his mountain home. But, I suspect most World Cup attendees weren't really thinking about mountain roads when they were singing that song. Most were probably just excited to join the crowd in a very familiar tune.



However, there is something about that longing for home that we all have. Getting back to the familiar is comforting. Sleeping in your own bed after a trip; drinking coffee from your own mug and sitting in your own backyard. Or with the start of school, returning to our familiar rhythms can feel refreshing.

We're also "coming home" to those familiar rhythms as a church this month. Most of our regular programs are starting back up –

- Wednesday night Bible study & prayer gatherings on September 9th.
- New Sunday School studies for all ages on September 20th.
- Manbecks Youth Group on September 6th and 27th.



The real kick-off for this season is our "HOMECOMING SUNDAY" Celebration on **September 27th**. Come and join us and invite your neighbors or friends we haven't seen for a while!

Of course, as believers, we have an added "homeward bound" focus. Our meetings together serve a 'higher,' heavenward, purpose, which makes our gatherings even more meaningful. We reset our sights and readjust our hearts for our real home – not reached by country roads, but by the narrow road – and we are encouraged and refreshed in a greater way. That why the Bible says *"Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching."* (Heb. 11:24-25, the Message). Don't forget to include "church" in your return to the familiar this month. Your soul will thank you.

-- Journeying with you, Pastor Kyle

PINE GROVE AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Reminder that Staples has stopped giving reward points for old batteries. You can take them there but they're charging \$2.99 for recycling. We are still collecting any brand of ink cartridges. You can give them to Cathy or put them back on the desk in the fellowship hall. We will use them for either buying ink for Church School or purchasing church supplies at Staples.

Please continue to pray for the Church School and Council of Churches and all it does for the community.

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CHURCH CLEANING

A cleaning schedule is posted for 2026 on the inside of the church door in the vestibule. Church cleaning is done by individuals in our church who volunteer for a month. If you would like to volunteer, just sign your name on the sign-up sheet behind the month you would like to clean. Thank you!

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OFFICIAL BOARD NEWS

The Official Board met on Tuesday, August 17. Items discussed are as follows:

- Looking for volunteers for the One Rock, One Community event.
- Fire escape still needs to have down spouting put on
- Got a new stock tank for baptisms, (which we already used)
- Trevis Oil contract was accepted at a locked in price of \$3,899 or less if the price drops.
- Sanctuary piano will get tuned this fall and downstairs piano needs no legs for safety or get rid of the piano. Are checking on getting it fixed.
- Discussion on pig roast
- Discussion on One Rock event.

September Anniversaries		
2	Chad & Danielle Nagle	
5	Harold & Carol Lengle	
12	Todd & Tara Miller	
26	Jon & Sue Reiter	

OOPS!

I lost my Newsletter address label sheet. I think I recovered the names. If I missed someone, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

-Mark

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sept. 6 – Rock Ensemble
Sept. 13 – Ardella & Cathy
Sept. 20 – Eve Kurtz
Sept. 27 – Chris Nickel

Oct. 4 – Lisa Dillon
Oct. 11 – Rosa Roth
Oct. 18 – Ladies Chorus
Oct. 25 – Ardella Newswanger

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation throughout the year, please contact Ardella or Judy. If you would like to be added or taken off for special music, please see Cathy Nagle.

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Sept. 6 – Lois & Lisa
Sept. 13 – Wayne & Bob
Sept. 20 – Betsy & Willis
Sept. 27 – Laura & Faith

Oct. 4 – Roth family
Oct. 11 – Larue & Florence
Oct. 18 – Kelly & Jason
Oct. 25 – Deb & Ernie

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JUNIOR CHURCH AND NURSERY

The children will be dismissed for Jr. Church which is taught by Lori Roth. The nursery schedule for five and under is listed below. We are looking for more volunteers to serve. Please see Lori Roth.

Sept. 6 – Ardella Newswanger
Sept. 13 – Wayne & Donna
Sept. 20 – Cathy Nagle
Sept. 27 – Sandy Hrichak

Oct. 4 – Laura Fritz
Oct. 11 – Chris Nickel
Oct. 18 – Kelly Brown
Oct. 25 – Lisa Dillon

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Benevolent Fund Offering will be received on September 13. This offering helps people who may be in need in our Church family and in our community.

The Monthly Special Offering will be received on September 27. This offering will go to the Weekday Church School program. Please give as the Lord leads you to support these ministries. Envelopes are provided in your weekly bulletin. You may also mail your offerings to:

Deborah Reiter
159 Spittler Road
Pine Grove, PA 17963

BUILDING FUND

7/20/2026 through 8/18/2026

Date	Category	Amount
BALANCE 7/19/2026		\$33,677.54
8/9/2026	Building Fund	150.00
7/20/2026 - 8/18/2026		150.00
BALANCE 8/18/2026		\$33,827.54
TOTAL INFLOWS		150.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		0.00
NET TOTAL		150.00

Beginning Balance as of 7-19-2026	\$33,677.54
Ending Balance as of 8-18-2026	\$33,827.54
CD at C.A.C.L. Financial	\$59,708.50
Minus Memorial Funds	\$ 3,055.90
Minus Benevolent Funds	\$ 3,351.00
Total Balance of Building Fund	\$87,129.14

CEF DAY CAMPS NEWS

This thank you came from the CEF office staff.

"Thank you for praying for us, for the Lord was our strength. As a team we saw boys and girls come to know Christ as Savior and to grow in their knowledge and love for Him. Our team bonded over joy, laughter, and great sorrow. Here are the numbers."

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Professions</u>
Tamaqua Camp	62	3
Valley View Camp	76	5
Pine Grove Camp	82	4
Auburn Camp	62	1
5-Day Clubs		
Schuylkill Haven	8	0
Orwigsburg	9	0
Fair	93	2
Soccer Events		
Blue Mountain	44	1
Pine Grove	44	0
Valley View	16	0

GENERAL FUND

7/20/2026 through 8/18/2026

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
BALANCE 7/19/2026				17,807.84
7/23/2026	5855	Berks Copy Tech Inc.	Copier, Toner & Paper	-75.00
7/23/2026	5856	Biros Utilities	Outreach	-210.00
7/23/2026	5858	Twin Pines	Camp Scholarship Fund	-750.00
7/23/2026	5857	E. C Church	Special Offerings	-88.00
7/26/2026	DEP		Church Offering	940.00
7/26/2026	DEP	Twin Pines	Special Offering	150.00
7/26/2026	ACH	PA Dept. Of Revenue	State Taxes	-137.82
7/26/2026	5859	HAB-EIT	Local Taxes	-94.68
7/26/2026	ACH	Nationwide	Pension	-420.00
7/28/2026	5860	Lehr's Feed & Farm	Church Supplies	-110.50
7/28/2026	5861	...Pastor Kyle Roth	Salary	-2,159.91
			Mileage	-9.57
			Continuing Education	-362.94
			Outreach	-169.26
			Annual Conference	-125.00
8/2/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,239.00
8/3/2026	ACH	Comcast	Telephone-Internet	-199.61
8/6/2026	5862	PPL	Electric	-191.10
8/7/2026	5863	Werner Lumber Company	Maintenance	-31.98
8/7/2026	5864	E. C Church	Apportionment	-367.07
8/7/2026	5865	E. C. Global Ministries	Supported Missionaries	-500.00
8/9/2026	DEP		Church Offering	1,238.00
8/13/2026	5866	Pastor Kyle Roth	Pastor Salary	-2,159.91
8/16/2026	DEP		Church Offering	2,145.00
7/20/2026 - 8/18/2026				-2,450.35
BALANCE 8/18/2026				15,357.49

TOTAL INFLOWS 5,712.00

TOTAL OUTFLOWS -8,162.35

NET TOTAL -2,450.35

Beginning Balance as of 7-19-2026 \$17,807.84

Ending Balance as of 8-18-2026 \$15,357.49

CD at C.A.C.L. Financial \$39,295.63

Total Balance of General Fund \$54,653.12

September Birthdays			
3	Lily Flynn	16	Sharon Lemke
	Jayde Nagle	17	Sandy Hrichak
12	Cosmo Hardenstine	25	Don Koch
30 Danielle Nagle			



Farr Flyer

Every person has a story, and every story matters.

"But you are my witnesses, O Israel!" says the Lord. "You are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God—there never has been, and there never will be. — Isaiah 43:10

Every Story Matters to God

Sometimes it is easy to be impressed by the big numbers in Bible translation—the number of languages, countries, churches, or people being reached. But behind every number is a community. Behind every community are people. And every person has a story that matters deeply to God. Wycliffe recently shared a video telling the story of how God is at work through sign language Bible translation, bringing His Word to deaf communities that have often had limited access to Scripture in the language they understand best.

God's Word in Kiri Sign

In Kiribati, a small team is just beginning with the local deaf community to translate Scripture into Kiri Sign. They have completed Mark 1:5–15, and verses 16–20 have moved through a second draft and are now being reviewed.

But what excites us isn't simply that verses are being completed.

People are engaging with God's Word.

Deaf members have been interacting with these Scriptures during Sunday church services and community checking sessions. The response has been encouraging—they are hungry for more.

The translation team has developed a thoughtful process. After completing a section, deaf and hearing team members review it together. It is then shared with the wider community for feedback. Once the community has helped confirm the translation, the finished video can be shared more broadly online.

Even newly developed signs are being shared so the community can learn and grow together.

Small Communities Matter to God

Kiribati's Deaf community may be small when compared with the world's population. But God does not measure the significance of a community by its size. Jesus repeatedly noticed people others overlooked. He stopped for individuals. He crossed cultural and social boundaries. He welcomed those on the margins and demonstrated that every person was worthy of being seen, known, and loved.

That is one of the things we love about Bible translation.

Every language matters. Every community matters. Every person has a story. And every story matters to God.

Across the Pacific, we are seeing local churches increasingly recognize this truth. Churches are reaching beyond themselves to language communities around them, and communities are responding with a hunger for God's Word and the transformation it brings.

Sometimes that means hundreds or thousands of people.

Sometimes it means a relatively small Deaf community on an island in the Pacific.

Both matter to God.

And because they matter to Him, they matter to us.

Thank you for your part in this ministry together. Through your prayers, encouragement, and financial partnership, you are helping us walk alongside churches and communities as they work toward a future where people can encounter God's Word in the language that speaks most clearly to their hearts.