

Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church
— APRIL 2024 —

We are a faith-based community introducing people to Jesus Christ and helping them become fully devoted followers of Him.

A graphic for the AWANA Grand Prix event. It features a central yellow sign on a black stand. The sign has the AWANA logo (a stylized car) and the text "GRAND PRIX" in red. Below that, it says "APRIL 13th 9:00 AM" in black. The sign is flanked by two checkered racing flags.

AWANA
GRAND PRIX
APRIL 13th
9:00 AM

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United
Women
in Faith

APRIL 4TH
7:00 PM

“Cookie Exchange”

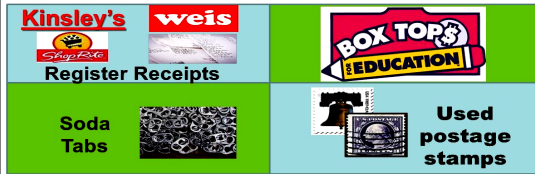
Ladies – bring your sister, a neighbor or friend and help us pack baskets for the shut-ins.

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United Methodist Women's Ministries

Please collect the following items and place them in the **black collection box** located by the **office**.

Thank you for your support!



CLOSING PROGRAM



MAY 1ST
6:30 PM

Join the families as we celebrate the completion of another year at AWANA

Join our Sunday School Class



Greetings Church Family -

In January the adult Sunday School Class that meets in the conference room began a study of the book of Kings.

Please consider joining our class on Sunday's at 9:15 in person or online at <https://meet.gotocom/848990565> or by phone at 1-571-317-3122 Access Code 848-990-565 as we continue to learn from each other and grow together.

Patrick Roberts



WEDNESDAY'S at 6PM

Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, at 6:00 pm. Beginning April 10th we will be studying the Gospel of John, which is unique among the Gospels. Over 90 percent of what is in John, is not found in any of the other gospels. It has been said that John truly shows us the essence of Jesus Christ. The simplicity of the Gospel of John is why it has historically been used to introduce people to Christ, while at the same time, its complexity and depth has led some theologians to spend a lifetime studying it. In the early church, symbols were adopted for each of the gospels: Matthew – a man; Mark – a lion; Luke – an ox; and for John, an eagle. All are welcome to come and study the Gospel that soars! In April we will be meeting on the 10th, 17th, and 24th. For more information please contact Pastor Jeff at 570-234-7111 or jweber@ptd.net

CARD SHOWER



Audrey Siegfried
The Palmerton, Room 115
71 Princeton Ave
Palmerton, PA 18071
(new home)

Donna Myra
Whitestone Care Center
370 White Stone Corner Rd, Room 109
Stroudsburg PA 18360
(Continued adjustment to new home)

H. Avon and Gale Doll
1516 Lexington Drive
Stroudsburg PA 18360
(Avon in Hospice/Gail - Support/comfort)

Peter and Joan Lesoine
5216 Laurel Loop
Swiftwater PA 18370
(Pete on Hospice/Joan - Support/comfort)

Lester and Hope Lesoine
5216 Laurel Loop
Swiftwater PA 18370
(Lester's father on hospice)

MILITARY OF THE MONTH

Cpl Kaley Quinn
CLR-37, 3D MLG, HQ CO, G-2
Unit 38404
FPO, AP 96380

Worship In April

April 7th

COMMUNION

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Message: The Opportunity Of Doubt

April 14th

Scripture: Psalm 4

Message: Trust

April 21st

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24

Message: Action Orientation

April 28th

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Message: Faithful Action

Whitestone Care Center Worship Service Sunday, April 21st 2:00 PM



Whitestone Care Center
Worship Service on
Sunday, April 21st at 2:00

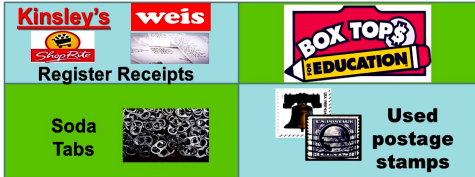
pm. This worship service is a joy to be a part of and means so much to many of residents. All are welcome to join us in this service and help the residents in the signing of the hymns. The service is in the second floor recreation room.

Whitestone Care Center is located at:
370 Whitestone Corners Road,
Stroudsburg.

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12 Noon Wednesday
Prayer Time



Wednesday's
At
12 Noon

Join Pastor Jeff on-
line in the Sanctuary for a short time
of prayer when we can lift up our
joys and concerns for the week. Go
to the church facebook page [https://
www.facebook.com/reeders.umd](https://www.facebook.com/reeders.umd)

APRIL SCHEDULE

MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR USHERS, GREATER LOVE, AND NURSERY

	USHERS	GREATER LOVE	NURSERY
1st Sunday	Gerry Hogan Mike Frailey	Emma Rispoli Jim Felten Tom Iampaglia	Jan Toepert Jackie Matos
2nd Sunday	John Cady Craig Croteau	Paul Schmid Barb Giffels Karen Shick	Leigh Frailey Jan Toepert
3rd Sunday	Bob Bryson George Caron Jim Shick	Anna Macias-Crowley Kathy Reder	Judy Bryson Karen Croteau
4th Sunday	Barb Giffels Paul Schmid Anna Macias Crowley	Sue Wright Deb Elmire Dorothy Turri	Hope Lesoine Sharon Armitage
5th Sunday	Jim Felten Tom Iampaglia	Audrey Weber Joyce Baker Arlene Frailey	Jessica Garrett Cassandra Careccia



AWANA GRAND PRIX April 13th at 9:00 AM

The races will begin at about 9:30 or as soon as the weigh-ins are completed. Friends and family are welcome to come and watch and cheer on your favorite drivers. It's been several years since we had a Grand Prix and we are looking forward to giving children the opportunity to have this experience.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

MT. GILEAD CAMP

440 E Rinker Rd
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
(570) 629-0920



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

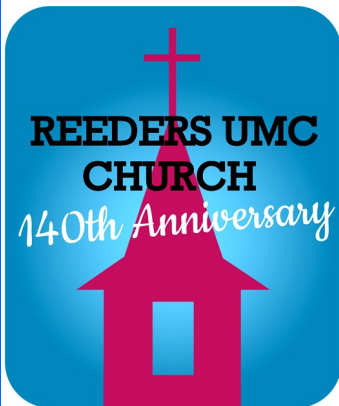
Children's church is open to all children ages 3 thru 5th grade during worship service every Sunday (*except the 1st Sunday of the month*).

In April, we will continue our review of the VBS programs with "CAVE QUEST" VBS and learn about the Parable of the Sower.

We hope that they enjoy the program and lessons. For some of them it will be a revisiting of the programs and for other children it will be entirely new content. We believe that it will continue to be a fun learning experience for all of them.

We look forward to spending Sunday mornings with our church family children, sharing the Christian faith and message of salvation.

Joanne Palmer & Joan Robbins

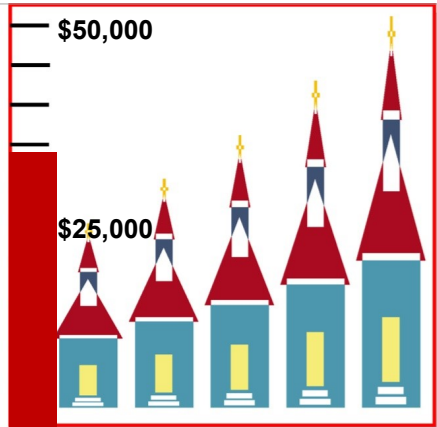


REEDERS UMC 140TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIREHALL MAY 19th at NOON

On May 19th we will be having a special homecoming worship service and a luncheon celebrating the 140 years that Reeders Methodist Church has been making disciples for Jesus Christ. PLEASE RSVP at the podium in the lobby or at rums@ptd.net or 570-629-1712 if you are planning on attending the luncheon. If you willing to assist with set-up and/or clean-up for the luncheon, or can help in any other way, please sign-up at the podium in the lobby.



Audrey Siegfried	3rd
Emma Rispoli	4th
Lindsey Palmer	5th
Adelyn Feuerstein	8th
Linda Welch	9th
Bill Snyder	11th
Steve Miller	12th
Kathy Reder	12th
Jake Reder	14th
Craig Gredlein	15th
Eliezer Hernandez	16th
Sarah Rispoli	20th
Jenna Bittenbender	21th
Jim Loysen	22th
Katryn Feuerstein	23rd
Theodore Schwarz	23rd
Pauline Snyder	25th
Jackson Gardner	27th
David McNeese, Jr.	30th
Cheryll Feuerstein	30th



ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In the March 2024 Newsletter, the Finance Committee announced the need for funds to replace the roof over the Social Hall and the main floor hallway, the “Roof Project.” The Committee is pleased to announce that, to date, \$26,900 has been raised. Thank You! The roof work begins in June 2024. So, our fund raising continues. Please consider a gift to the “Roof Project.” If you have any questions about the project, contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

Operation Christmas Child



The Items to collect for the Month of April are:

STUFFED ANIMALS and SMALL TOYS (Match Box cars, balls, etc.)

Remember: they must fit in a shoebox.

Please drop your donations in the collection box in the lobby.



LITTLE BLESSINGS NURSERY SCHOOL

Registration has begun for the 2024/25 school year. Church Members receive a tuition discount for the program. Applications are available in the church lobby or on the website. You can obtain more information on the openings or arrange to tour the school by contacting Michelle Allison at 570-856-4841.

Give Thanks!

Notes and Thank You's will be included in the monthly newsletters Please submit them to the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a special "Thank You" for someone or a group?

Forward to rumc@ptd.net or leave your note in "Secretary's Mailbox" in the office.



VBS
July 29th to
August 2nd
9:00 AM to Noon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Please sign up in the lobby and save the date to volunteering your time for this annual community ministry project. Please see Hope Lesoine if you have any questions regarding volunteering. It takes a village of volunteers to have a successful VBS program - so we will need your help!!!! This year's theme is "SCUBA" from Group Publishing.



Pantry donations can be deposited in the bins in the Lobby to support the PVEN Food

PVEN FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Hello Church Family!

March sure was fun- The kids are learning a lot serving in the Soup Kitchen alongside other members of the church. Serving and evangelizing are working their way into their hearts and showing up in other areas of their lives- It's so cool to watch! God is REALLY working! Our monthly trips to Pocono Plateau are teaching us a lot as well. It's refreshing to hear other perspectives on the Gospel and what God is doing in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have a lot to learn from each other.

This month, we will be meeting weekly to continue to work on Youth Sunday. We hope you will join us on May 5th as the youth of Reeders lead you in worship that morning!

April 7th is a regular meeting till 1:30pm.

April 14th is our last venture up to Pocono Plateau- returning to the church about 4:30pm.

April 21st is another regular meeting ending at 1:30pm.

April 28th is our final run through of Youth Sunday- Parents picking up kids at 12:30pm.

Thank you for all your love and support! Keep praying!!

In Him,
Emma

Reeders UMC 2024 Benevolence Fund Budget

LastName	FirstName	Company	Budget
Buchanan	Nelson & Cheryl	Northeast PA (Pocono Slate Belt) Youth for Christ	\$ 6,500.00
Shaw	Christopher	Word of Life	\$ 5,000.00
Goldin	Boris & Irina	Desarollo Cristiano Internacional	\$ 3,000.00
Zimmerman	Kurt & Cynthia	Chosen People Ministries	\$ 3,000.00
Klein	Kurt & Cynthia	World Gospel Mission	\$ 2,000.00
Klein	Brad & Uli	Open Storehouse, Inc.	\$ 2,000.00
Denos	Ernie & Chrysoula	Avant Ministries	\$ 1,250.00
Goodrow	Gary	AWANA Clubs International	\$ 1,250.00
<i>If you have any questions regarding the Benevolence budget for 2024, please see Mike Frailey or any other member of the Benevolence committee.</i>		Pocono Plateau Camp & Conference Center	\$ 3,000.00
		Mission Engagement Funding	\$ 1,000.00
		Mt Gilead Camp & Conference Center	\$ 1,000.00
		Pleasant Valley Ecumencial Network	\$ 1,000.00
		Good News	\$ 500.00
		Gideons International	\$ 500.00
		Monthly need =	\$ 2,583.33

CHILDREN'S *Sunday School*

Sunday School is open to all children ages 3 through 12th grade. The classes meet every Sunday morning at 9:15 AM. The Children will learn about God, meet new friends, and participate in fun learning activities. Contact the Church Office or Pastor Jeff for more information.



Donation Ideas

Food Pantry

Cereals
Tomato Sauce
Cake Mixes
Coffee & Tea

Clothing closet

Gloves and Mittens for
children and adults
Blankets
Comforters
bed sheets

Diaper Pantry

Baby food and formula
(unopened and unexpired)
Adult pull-up diapers & Bed Pads
Bed protection pads

Pastor's Desk

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers". Acts 2:42

It was early in the morning, before the sun had risen, but the sky was beginning to turn, it was not night, but it was not yet day. A few cars pulled into the parking lot of the small business, but it was still about three hours before the store would be open. About five men entered the store, carrying the coffee. There was the normal greetings of "good morning" and such and from the various responses you could tell that some were wide-awake and others were still half asleep. They moved past the displays and settled into the small office space. It was a cramped space and the assortment of chairs had been moved in and around the two small desks that were in the area. Once all seated the five men briefly discussed things that were going on in their lives, and then one of them said, "Well, let's get started. Joe would you read the next chapter." Joe began to read. These five men had gathered to study the Bible and to pray for one another. They all had different jobs and occupations, and they all attended different churches, but the one thing that drew them together was a desire to learn more about God and following him, by reading God's Word. We have recently celebrated Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Like Jesus' disciples, we know that Jesus is alive, and we believe in Him as Lord and Savior, and through Him we have a new life! Now what? In Acts 2 we find that the apostles and disciples of Jesus, about 120 (Acts 1:15) were waiting, and the Holy Spirit came upon them and the apostles, ultimately leading Peter to share the good news of Jesus Christ to a large crowd, and 3,000 believed in Christ (Acts 2:41). These early believers, formed the first church, where out of a love for God and each other, they came together to learn more about Jesus, to pray, and to encourage and lift each other up. We are told as they did these things "day by day the Lord added to their numbers those that were saved" (Acts 2:47). We here at Reeders UMC continue in the tradition of the early church found in Acts. We have many opportunities to grow in Christ, through Worship, Christian education classes, Bible Study, Youth Group, AWANA, Children's Church, and Little Blessings Nursery. We lift-up our prayers to God for each other and out community. We encourage, exhort, and lift one another up in times of fellowship in men's and women's ministry groups and in our ministry outreach. We are called to grow in Christ as we seek be all that Christ has called us to be. Our growing in Christ is done in the community of the church, it is not done in isolation. Through all of history, the world has offered division, violence, and conflict, as so many pursue the passions of their pride and arrogance. Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth and the light of world and to show love for one another, to include those who are against us. Truly, none of this can be done in isolation. Instead, the community of believers called by Christ, must come together in worship, engaging in the scriptures, prayer, and encouraging and exhorting one another. Others will see the difference in our testimony and in the authenticity of our actions and come to experience the risen Christ in their lives.

Pastor Jeff

Three ways to continue giving:



**GIVE
AND
IT
WILL
BE
GIVEN
TO
YOU**

- 1) In person on Sunday morning
- 2) Drop your envelope in the black box outside the main entrance door, or
- 3) Go to church website at www.Reeders.Church.org

Luke 6:38

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Faith Christian Church, Roseto PA

Teaching opportunities are available for the 2024-2025 school year for the following:

- 1) Middle School Science Teacher (part-time)
- 2) High School English/Language Arts Teacher (FT)

Contact Ginny Jensen at 610-588-3414 for more information.

Need Help Finding Community Resources?

Monroe County provides a help line for easy access to human services in the community. Dial 2-1-1 to locate some of the following services:

Shelter/housing
Food/clothing
Rent/Utility Assistance
Transportation
Drug Abuse treatment
Early Intervention
Legal/consumer services
Public Assistance
Credit Counseling
Mental Health Services
Aging Parent Assistance
Support Groups

or go online at poconoinfo.org

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P.O. Box 187
2167 Route 715 and Church Road
Reeders PA 18352

Contact Information:

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Email: rumc@ptd.net
Web: www.ReedersChurch.org
Pastor: Jeff Weber
Email: jweber@ptd.net
Phone: 570-234-7111

The Church Office hours are 9AM to 5 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you need pastoral services, please contact Pastor Jeff anytime directly at 570-234-7111.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2556 Rising Hill Drive
Saylorsburg, PA
18353

The Garden Of Giving will soon be opening for the season and they will be in need of volunteers to help them maintain the garden so they can continue to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to the food pantries in our community, including PVEN.

Please consider volunteering for this next growing season. You can volunteer as a group with some of your friends, or individually as you have the time.

Contact them at gardenofgiving@gmail.com or at 570-402-1282 if you are interested.