

Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders Church

— APRIL 2025 —

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



Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 AM
Message: Love Conquers
at Big Pocono State Park, Lot #2

Traditional Service
10:30 AM
Message: Steadfast Love

APRIL 13
PALM SUNDAY



Join us for worship at 10:30 AM. The children and Delores the Christian Donkey will be part of our service.

Message: Open The Gates
Scripture Luke 19:28-40

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Worship with us
at WHITESTONE CARE
CENTER

**Sunday
April 20th
at 2:00 PM**

**Whitestone Care
Center Worship Service**

Yes, it is Easter, and we will be giving the residents of Whitestone, their own Easter Service. All are welcome to join us in this service and help the residents in the signing of the hymns, praying, reading scripture, and worshipping our God. The theme for this month's service is: Love Conquers! John 20: 1-18. The service is in the second-floor recreation room. Whitestone Care Center is located at: 370 Whitestone Corners Road, Stroudsburg.

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.



**LITTLE BLESSINGS
NURSERY SCHOOL**

Registration is open for the 25/26 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.



**Item of the month:
SMALL STUFFED
ANIMALS**

Small stuffed animals for boys and girls. Remember they need

to fit in the shoeboxes. Drop them in the collection box in the church lobby any time during the month.



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

PVEN FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



**IN DEPTH MONTHLY
BIBLE STUDY**

April 5th at 10:00 AM
Church Conference Room

This monthly Bible Study looks at how to study the Bible. This month we will continue to study the Historical context of the Bible and learn how that influences our understanding and interpretation of Biblical passages. For more information about this unique Bible Study, please contact Pastor Jeff at 570-234-7111 or jweber@ptd.net



Take a moment to send a card to remind them that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joan Lesoine
5216 Laurel Loop
Swiftwater PA 18370
(recovery from broken hip)

Bryant and Debra MacPherson
604 Braken Fern Way
Stroudsburg PA 18360
(passing of Debra's mother)

Donna Myra
Whitestone Care Center
370 White Stone Corner Rd, Room 121
Stroudsburg PA 18360

Elvena Price
Brookmont Health Center, Room 10B
510 Brookmont Drive
Effort, PA 18330
(rehab)

Norm Toepert
PO Box 325
Reeders PA 18352
(Recovering from hospitalization)

Chris Welch
150 Maureen Place, Suite #150
Dover DE 19901
(awaiting new procedure for back pain relief)

Save the Dates !

2025 **Isaiah 33:6a**
EPAUMC LAITY ACADEMY
SURE FOUNDATIONS

SPRING 2025 - In-Person Classes on April 26
"Servant Leadership" at St. Pauls UMC,
"Prayer for Our Times" at Stroudsburg UMC

SUMMER 2025 - Laity Academy at Eastern Univ., August 1-2
FALL 2025 - Online Class in September - Dates TBA
"Healing Communities"

To register: www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar; select: "Upcoming Events"
For information: www.facebook.com/EPAUMCLaityAcademy/ &
EPAUMC LaityAcademy

Worship In April

April 6th **COMMUNION**
Scripture: Psalm 126
Message: Fill Me

April 13th **PALM SUNDAY**
Scripture: Luke 19:28-40
Message: Open the Gates
Visit from Delores the Christian Donkey

April 17th **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Scripture: John 13: 331-35
Message: You Have Loosed My Bonds

April 18th **GOOD FRIDAY**
Scripture: Psalm 22
Message: Do Not Be Far From Me

April 20th **EASTER SUNDAY**

6:30 EASTER DAWN SERVICE
Big Pocono State Park - Lot 2
(Camelback Mt.)
Scripture: John 20:1-18
Message: Love Conquers

10:30 TRADITIONAL SERVICE
Scripture: Psalm 118:1-24
Message: Steadfast Love

2:00 Whitestone Worship Service
Scripture: John 20:1-18
Message: Love Conquers

April 27th
Scripture: Psalm 150
Message: Praise the Lord

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

April 3rd at 7PM



Bring items for the baskets and join us as we try to help make Easter brighter for people at home. Bring books, puzzle books, snacks, cards, toiletries, etc. to add to the baskets.

AWANA GRAND PRIX

9:00 AM May 3rd, 2025



The races will begin at about 9:30. Friends and family are welcome to come and watch and cheer on your favorite drivers. "On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!!!!!"

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.umc>

MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR USHERS, GREATER LOVE, AND NURSERY

	USHERS	GREATER LOVE	NURSERY
1st Sunday	Gerry Hogan Mike Frailey	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	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



Join our
Sunday
School Class

Greetings Church Family -

The adult Sunday School Class meets in the conference room and is studying 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



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 with this year's lesson plan, "The Bible from "A to Z", the children will learn about Easter, David and Goliath. No Children's Church on Easter Sunday.

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

Joanne Palmer & Joan Robbins



Donation Ideas

Food Pantry

Cereal

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Canned Chicken & Tuna

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Clothing Closet

Cleaning Products

Deodorant

Blankets/
Comforters

Sheets/Towels

Easter Basket
Fillers

Diapers/pullups
(baby & adult)

Bed Protector Pads



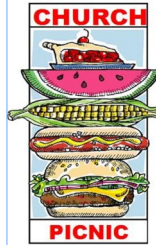
**Wednesday's
4PM to 5:30 PM**

AWANA is an afterschool bible program that is open to all children in the community ages 3 through 6th grade.

Registration is still available. All children are welcome. Contact the church office at 570-629-1712 or rumc@ptd.net for more information.



Emma Rispoli	4th
Lindsay Palmer	5th
Adelyn Feuerstein	8th
Linda Welch	9th
Bill Snyder	11th
Steve Miller	12th
Kathy Reder	12th
Jake Reder	14th
Eliezer Hernandez	16th
Sarah Rispoli	20th
Jenna Bittenbender	21th
Jim Loysen	22th
Katryn Feuerstein	23th
Pauline Snyder	25th
David McNeese, Jr.	30th
Cheryll Feuerstein	30th



2025 Annual Picnic Mt. View Park Sun., August 24th, 2025

We need 2 or 3 people to coordinate activities for the picnic (i.e. food, games, supplies, etc.).

If you would be willing to help coordinate activities for the picnic, please leave your name with Joan Purdy, the church secretary, or in the mailbox in the office or send an email to the church at rumc@ptd.net to let us know that you are interested.

Your help will make the picnic a big success.



Volunteer signup

Beginning in April, there will be a sign up sheet in the lobby. Please consider signing up to be a volunteer for this year's VBS program which will be held from July 28 to August 1 from 9AM to Noon. This year's program will be "True North". If you have not volunteered for VBS before and would like to know more before you sign up, talk with Hope or Joan and they can explain what volunteers do and will know what volunteers are needed for this year's program. We need volunteers to make this year's program a success.

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!





Hello Church Family!

Spring is finally here! And with that comes more outdoor activities and fun!

The kids will get together this month to prep for Youth Sunday (Mark your calendars for May 18th)!

Only two (2) meetings: April 6th and April 27th. All kids! Please plan to pick them up at 1pm.

Keep praying for these kids!

In Him

Emma Rispoli



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

IN A YEAR

If you have been reading through the Bible this year following the reading plan in the Newsletter, this month is an exciting set of readings concerning the last judge of Israel, Samuel; the kings of Israel – Saul, David, and Solomon and then the division of Israel into two Kingdoms: Israel and Judea.

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR APRIL

Apr-1 I Samuel 1-3	Apr-16 II Samuel 15-16
Apr-2 I Samuel 4-7	Apr-17 II Samuel 17-18
Apr-3 I Samuel 8-11	Apr-18 II Samuel 19-20
Apr-4 I Samuel 12-14:23	Apr-19 II Samuel 21-22
Apr-5 I Samuel 14:24-16	Apr-20 II Samuel 23-24
Apr-6 I Samuel 17-18	Apr-21 I Kings 1-2
Apr-7 I Samuel 19-21	Apr-22 I Kings 3-4
Apr-8 I Samuel 22-24	Apr-23 I Kings 5-7
Apr-9 I Samuel 25-27	Apr-24 I Kings 8
Apr-10 I Samuel 28-31	Apr-25 I Kings 9-11
Apr-11 II Samuel 1-2	Apr-26 I Kings 12-13
Apr-12 II Samuel 3-5	Apr-27 I Kings 14-15
Apr-13 II Samuel 6-9	Apr-28 I Kings 16-18
Apr-14 II Samuel 10-12	Apr-29 I Kings 19-20
Apr-15 II Samuel 13-14	Apr-30 I Kings 21-22

May 17th

8AM

Bring
your
own
bucket

CHURCH CLEANUP
Day

Cleaning
supplies
provided

There's a job for everyone, inside and out. Join us to help keep our church beautiful and enjoy some fellowship too.

2025 COMMUNITY



LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: "Spiritual Disciplines"

7:00 p.m. Wednesdays

Refreshments After Each Service

April 2nd – at Reeders

Prayer – Pastor Samuel (Kofie) Ashley

April 9th – at Wooddale UMC

100 Barren Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Meditation – Pastor Jack Tironi

Palm Sunday On April 13th Delores the Christian Donkey returns to help us worship and give praise to God on Palm Sunday. Delores will be here during Sunday School and during the Worship Service, so children will have lots of opportunity to be with Delores as we celebrate Jesus entry into Jerusalem, humbly on a donkey.

Maundy Thursday Service On April 17th (Thursday) at 7:00 pm, come experience the Upper Room as Jesus and his disciples would have experienced it and partake of the Lord's Supper as Jesus did it on the night before he was crucified. Through this Lord's Supper we become the disciples who later all sinned by running away, denied Christ, and even betrayed him, but later after Easter would be transformed into new creations, proclaiming the risen Lord!

Good Friday Service On April 18th (Friday) at noon, there is a special service of remembrance and reflection on the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Come to this solemn service and remember how the shouts of Hosanna from Palm Sunday, turned into the shouts of Crucify Him. Reflect on how, even while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Son-Rise Service On April 20th at 6:30 am we will be having our Son-Rise service on top of Big Pocono in parking lot # 2. Over 2,000 years ago, Mary Magdalene and Salome came to the Jesus's tomb at sunrise and found the stone rolled away. Ever since then, a tradition in the Christian Church has been to celebrate the resurrection of Christ with a service at sunrise. Come be a part of that great tradition and celebrate the resurrection of Christ and give thanks to God for His salvation as the sun is rising and you take in the majestic view from Big Pocono.

Pastor's Desk

"When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." John 21:15-17

The sun was rising. You could not yet see the actual sun, but its approaching presence was decreasing the darkness to the point that the sky was now silhouetting the tree line. A few minutes later, the sky broke forth into an array of dark reds, oranges, and yellows that streamed over the tops of the evergreens and rolling hills. It seemed as if time was standing still, and that the beauty of the moment would never fade. The vibrancy of the colors became more subtle, and there was an indiscernible transition to a grey, threatening, and stormy clouds which give the illusion of shallowing up the sun.

The Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the arrest, the trial, the crucifixion, and the burial, there is a darkness that descends and envelopes us. We are then along in that darkness. As Sunday sunrise begins to approach, the darkness begins to fade. The women are coming to the tomb, there are things to do. Then in an instant, the risen son is upon us and darkness has disappeared.

What a joy it is to celebrate Easter! Easter is a time of worshipful jubilation where we sing praises to the risen Christ! As Paul wrote in Corinthians, "Death has been swallowed up in victory! Where, o' death is your victory? Where o' death is your sting?" We celebrate not being forgotten by God. We rejoice that God loves us so much that through Christ, God has provided us with life eternal!

As quickly as the joy of the resurrection burst forth on us, we allow His light to fade, and while it is not dark, we become once again consumed, by all our real and imaginary troubles and woes of our lives. As we are go about in the grey lives we have made, Jesus calls us, **"Am I your friend?"** *"Yes Lord, you know that you are my friend."* **"Tell others about me and be a witness to those who do not know."** Confused, because doesn't Christ realize that we have given ourselves to him, so we continue in our world. **"Do you love me with the love you have for your father, mother, sister, or brother?"** *"Yes Lord, you know that I love you like I love them!"* **"Take care of all those in my church."** Still confused, does Christ not realize that we are in church doing things for Him, so we continue in our grey world. **"Are you willing to sacrifice yourself for me."** *"Lord, you know everything, so you know I am willing to die for you!"* **"Help all those in the church to grow closer to Me"** The grey world fades, in the light of Christ, and the realization that we are through His death and resurrection a new creation. Yes, the world is grey, threatening, and stormy, but Christ calls us to be His witness to others, and to be the one who care for the church, and to be the one who mentors and helps others to learn and draw closer to Christ. This Easter and after, let us celebrate the risen Christ and live as Christ calls us until that time when the risen Son is eternal, and all is made new.

Pastor Jeff

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Mt. Gilead Camp & Conference
Center

440 Rinker Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
570-629-0920
www.mtgileadcamp.org

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LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT

FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Has openings for the
2025-2026 school year

HS Math Teacher

Grades 9-12

Part-time Band Instructor

Grades 6-12

Part-time Spanish Teacher

Grades 9-12.

Please contact Principal Leeann Long at longl@fcsllions.org for more information or visit their website at <https://www.fcsllions.org/blog/job-applications/>

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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.

MILITARY OF THE MONTH Sr. John M. Careccia, Jr.

Ship 10 USS Enterprise Div. 917
3425 Sailor Drive
Great Lakes, IL 60088-3525
(Cards Only—no packages)

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