

Reeders Hope

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

7:00 Sunrise Service

Big Pocono State Park

(Camelback Mtn. - Lot #2)

Message: Arisen

10:30 Worship Service

Message:

Looking For Jesus



March 7, 2024

7:00 PM

Missions Highlight



Program Coord. Leigh Frailey

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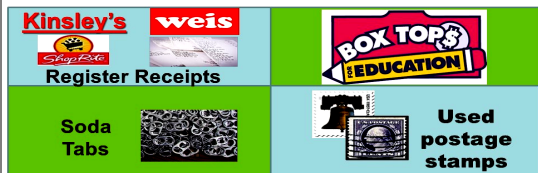
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United Methodist Women's Ministries

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

Thank you for your support!



MILITARY OF THE MONTH

**Matthew Kresge
PSC 455 Box 202
FPO, AP 96540**

No Packages - Cards Only

Adult
**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES**



Greetings Church Family -

In January the online "Tea Time" class merged with the in-person "Pairs N Spares" adult Sunday class and we began a study of the book of Kings.

Please consider joining our class on Sunday's at 9:15 in the Conference Room 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



**Whitestone Care
Center Worship
Service**

**Sunday, March 17th
2PM**

This worship service is a joy to be a part of and means so much to many of the 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.



Special Services this Month

Palm Sunday

March 24th at 10:30 AM

Once again Delores the Christian Donkey will be with us to celebrate Palm Sunday, on March 24. She will be visiting the Sunday School classes, then be a part of our worship service at 10:30, and she will be a part of Children's Church that day. Afterwards, everyone is invited to visit with Delores.

Maundy Thursday

March 28th at 7PM

This is a special service where we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples in the upper room. As part of this service everyone participates in the last supper, in a recreation of the upper room.

Good Friday

March 29th at Noon

This is a Tenebrae Service, which is one of the oldest traditions in the Christian Church. Through Scripture readings and hymns, the story of Christ's betrayal, trial, and crucifixion is told. As the Passion story unfolds, candles are extinguished, and the darkness deepens, until with the death of Christ, only one light is left burning. This light is removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing Christ's three days in the tomb.

Easter Sunrise Service

March 31st at 7:00 AM

**On top of Big Pocono, Lot #2
(Camelback Mountain)**

In this service, we remember how the women disciples of Christ came to the tomb early in morning to find it empty and that Jesus Christ had risen!

Worship In March

March 3rd 3rd Sunday in Lent

COMMUNION

Scripture: Matthew 5:17-20

Message: The Righteousness Of Christ

March 10th 4th Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-48

Message: Perfection In Christ

March 17th 5th Sunday In Lent

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-18

Message: Our Christian Righteousness

March 24th PALM SUNDAY

Delores The Donkey

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-34

Message: Simplicity In Christ

March 28th MAUNDY THURSDAY

@ 7:00 pm

Scripture: John 14:1-7

Message: DO Not Be Troubled

March 29th GOOD FRIDAY

at 12:00 Noon

Tenebrae Service

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Message: The Visible Life In Christ

March 31st EASTER

Son-rise Service - 7am

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Message: Arisen

Worship Service 10:30

Scripture: John 20:1-8

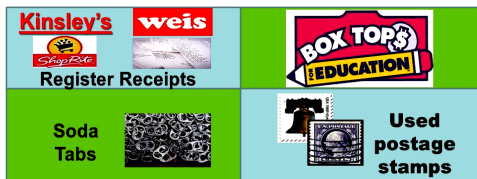
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MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Good News

308 East Main Street
Box 150
Wilmore, KY 40390

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 or on
[https://global.gotomeeting.com/
join/162128141](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/162128141) Code **162-128-141**
or By phone 1 (571) 317-3122
Enter Access Code: **162-128-141**

MARCH 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

COMMUNITY



LENTEN SERVICES

2024 UMC Community Lenten Services

The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:3-12
7:00 p.m. Wednesdays
Refreshments After Each Service

March 6 – at Faith UMC
 1160 Clause Drive, Stroudsburg, PA
*Blessed are the meek,
 for they will inherit the earth.*
Pastor Kofi

March 13 – at Cherry Valley UMC
 1238 Kemmertown Road,
 Stroudsburg, PA
*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
 for righteousness,
 for they will be filled. – Pastor Monica*

March 20 – at Wooddale UMC
 100 Barren Road, East Stroudsburg, PA
*Blessed are the peacemakers,
 for they will be called children of God. –
 Pastor Jeff*



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 March, we will continue our review of
 the VBS programs with "ROAR" from
 2019. The children will relearn the
 lessons and activities from this VBS
 program. We hope that they enjoy
 revisiting these programs. 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



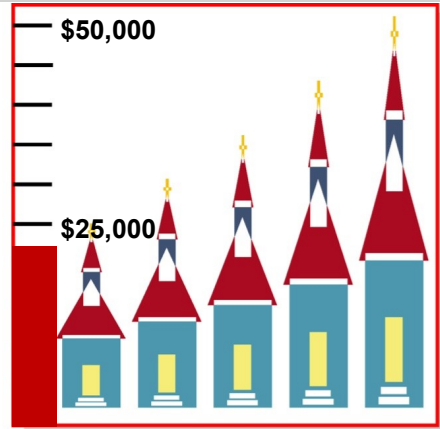
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST **March 16th** **9:00 AM**

Guest Speaker: Zach Ortman
Director of Youth For Christ

John Cady will be our chef and Jim Felten will be our leader in prayer.
 Bring your son, a neighbor, or a friend and enjoy a good meal and
 fellowship.



Anna Macias Crowley	6th
Skyler Warner	8th
Carter Malcolm Schwarz	10th
Ryan Rispoli	10th
Quinn Lesoine	13th
Stevie Miller, Jr.	13th
Elizabeth Frailey	15th
Justin Schmid	15th
H. Avon Doll	16th
Jennifer Waldron	18th
Victoria McNeese	19th
Denise Thomas	20th
Rachele Gaun	21st
Christian Kohlmier	21st
Elliana Rispoli	25th



ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Finance Committee is raising funds to replace the roof over the Social Hall and the main floor hallway. The approximate cost of the replacement is \$50,000. The contractor is scheduled to begin the project this spring.

Contributions to date total \$22,000. Your help is needed to complete this much needed replacement. If you have any questions about the project, speak with a member of the Board of Trustees. If you make a contribution toward this project, please mark "Roof Replacement" on your donation.

Operation Christmas Child



The Item to collect for the Month of March is:

QUALITY CRAFTS (must fit in the shoebox i.e. sewing, needlepoint, paint, woodworking, playdough, racecars, etc.)

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.



PVEN FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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

Vacation Bible School

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

**ATTENTION - VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!!!**

Please watch for the signup sheet in the lobby and consider saving the date and 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.



February was filled with fun, fellowship and LOTS of time just building relationships. I can't tell you how much of a blessing each of these kids are to me. God really is working in each of them. Sometimes, it's hard to see among the mess that is being a teenager. There are a lot of growing pains. "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Lets hold tight to that when praying for these youth!

And March holds more adventures for them- the 3rd is a chance to serve alongside other members of our congregation at the soup kitchen. The 10th is another fun day at Pocono Plateau! The 17th is a regular Youth group day and so is the 24th (these days will end at 1:30pm).

These kids have had a lot going on over the past few months - lots of learning curves. Please, keep them in your prayers as curveballs keep coming and they keep seeking Christ among the noise that gets so overwhelming.

In Him,
Emma Rispoli

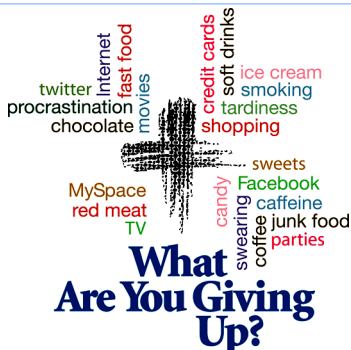
A NOTE OF



THANK YOU so much to everyone who contributed soup, chili and dessert for the Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon on Sunday, February 11th. We truly have some wonderful cooks at Reeders UMC! Yummy yummy! I especially appreciated ALL the help with set up, serving and especially the clean up! It is amazing how fast everything gets done at the end of the luncheon. Thank you so much to everyone who washed, put away, dried and simply organized things. LASTLY, thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to PVEN. May the Lord Bless you for your giving to those in need. Proverbs 22:9 *"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."*

TGBTG!

Yvonne Rispoli



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

PVEN

DECEMBER FACTS AND FIGURES

(more people served than ever in 2023)

Food Pantry

332 families served
998 Individuals served

Clothing Closet

58 families served
212 Individuals served

Diaper Pantry

104 families served

Menstrual Hygiene Pantry

180 individuals served

Pastor's Desk

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” Luke 16:31 (The conclusion of Jesus’ parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31).

The well-known and highly respected academic and management consultant reviewed the data his team had collected. There was no doubt about it, the very simple change of modifying the lighting in the production area, the productivity of the workers had a sharp increase. He thought to himself, let us try to lower the light and see what effect it has. They did so and were surprised when the productivity still increased. Not understanding what was going on, they returned the lighting to where had been prior to the experiment, and took a few weeks to analyze the data. During those few weeks the productivity of the workers dropped. The consultant team returned and made no changes to the lighting, but once again there was an increase in production. The conclusion became that when workers knew they were being watched their behavior changed, which became known as the Hawthorne effect, named after the Western Electric Plant where the study was conducted from 1928 – 1932. It is almost taken for granted that when someone whose opinion matters to you in some way, enters a room, our behavior will change. Being conscious of the person in the room, will cause restrain of conversations or actions, or encourage other actions to make an impression on that person. Are we conscious of God being in the room? Do we love God so much, that we know God is real and not just an abstraction? We are called “to try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:10). After we have accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we are, to quote Jesus, “born from above” (John 3:3). Are we conscious of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior? How much is God just a feel good abstraction. Our self-identification as a Christian, does not mean that we are conscious of the resurrected Christ. The rich man in Jesus’ parable about the “Rich man and Lazarus” (Luke 16:19-31), believed that he was part of God’s chosen people. He knew about Moses and all the prophets, but God was just an abstraction to him, like a voter-registration card making him a member of a political party. As you can read, it did not end well for him. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, observed a absence of God being real and of Christ just being abstraction in the Christian churches of late 1930’s Germany. In the end, as history attests, the German church morphed into the Reich Church, that replaced Jesus Christ, with Adolf Hitler. How is that we see ourselves? Do we consider ourselves Christians, just because we are a part of Reeder’s? Is the one whom we celebrate in song and praises this Easter, real to us, or is he just a comfortable abstraction?

When we attempt to Christianity without a moment-by-moment conscious awareness of Christ and following Him, we have an illusion. For “not everyone who says to” Jesus “‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of the Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). During this remaining time of Lent, may you draw closer to Jesus Christ, and be conscious of His Holy Spirit in your life. May Jesus become real to you, so that you to follow Him every moment of every day.

Pastor Jeff

Three ways to continue giving:



- 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.ReedersChurch.org

Luke 6:38

Reeders United Methodist Church

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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.

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.



**AWANA CLUB
Meets
Wednesdays
(except 3/6/24)
4PM to 5:30 PM**

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

Contact the church office at 570-629-1712 or rumc@ptd.net for more information.

NEED HELP FINDING EMPLOYMENT?

Go to the Commonwealth Workforce Development website and gain access to training assistance and job openings that you can apply for on line at <https://www.cwds.pa.gov>. Create a user name and password and develop an online resume' and apply online for jobs that are posted. If you need assistance to set up your online account, you can contact:

PA Career Link Monroe County
2937 Route 611
Merchants Plaza
Tannersville, PA 18372
570-620-2850