

Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders Church

— MARCH 2025 —

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 8th at 9AM

Guest Speaker:

Jimmy Terwilliger, ESU Football Coach

Chef John Cady and gang will prepare a good breakfast for us. Bring your son, a neighbor or a friend and join us for prayer, fellowship and hear about the exciting things that Coach Terwilliger's team is involved with in our community to promote Christian fellowship among the athletes.



United
Women
in Faith

MARCH 6th at 7PM

**Theme: Packing College and
Career Boxes**

Bring small items to send to those who are away from home like prepackaged snacks, protein bars, puzzle books, personal items, hot choc. or tea, books, etc.

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**Sunday
March 16th
at 2:00 PM**

**Whitestone Care
Center Worship Service**

This worship service 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, praying, reading scripture, and worshipping our God. The theme for this month's service is: God's Love Endures Forever and the scripture is: Psalm 136. 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 still open 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.



As a Christian we are called by Christ to be in community with other believers. The Apostle Paul speaks of the church as the body of Christ, and the

Church serves as a witness in the world. Being a member of the church, means to make public your belief in Christ and to join with other believers in Christ to further the ministries of this Church. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of Reeders Church, there will be a new member class beginning on Sunday, March 2nd from 9:15 to 10:15 am. The New Member Class is a set of four classes running, March 2, 9 16, and 23. The classes cover what we believe as a church, how the denomination and the church is organized, and what it means to be a member of a church. On March 30th those in the class will become members of Reeders Church.



**IN DEPTH MONTHLY
BIBLE STUDY**

**March 1st
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.

Cathy and Bill Brown
1114 Heritage Blvd.
Stroudsburg PA 18360
(Loss of Bill's Brother Steve Kasper)

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

Marcy McAdams
PO Box 388
Reeders PA 18352
(recovering from surgery)

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
(home recovering from hospitalization)

Audrey & Pastor Weber
Reeders Church
PO Box 187
Reeders, PA 18352
(Hospitalization of mother)

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

Worship In March

March 2nd COMMUNION
Transfiguration Sunday
Scripture: Romans: 8:26
Message: The Spirit Of Prayer

March 5th ASH WEDNESDAY
Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17
Message: Sustain Me

Ash Wednesday begins our preparatory period of Easter. This special service emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. Within this service we realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Cherry Lane UMC will be with us for this service. Pastor Jeff will be giving the message, "Sustain Me" from Psalm 51:1-17, and Pastor Wendy, from Cherry Lane UMC will be assisting in communion and the distribution of the ashes. This service will be both in-person and on-line.

March 9th
Scripture: Psalm 91:1-16
Message: Rescue Me

March 16th
Scripture: Psalm 27
Message: Conceal Me
2PM - Service at Whitestone Center

March 23rd
Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8
Message: My Soul Clings

March 30th
Scripture: Psalm 32
Message: Steadfastness

2025 Budgets

RUMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUDGET 2025

Category	2025 Budget
Fire Extinguisher Service Contract	\$1000.00
Air Conditioner Service Contracts and Maintenance	3000.00
Exterminator Contract	900.00
Defibulator Service and parts	500.00
Smoke Detectors and Alarm Maintenance	400.00
Piano Tuning	500.00
Kitchen – Fire Hood and Extinguisher Service	300.00
Kitchen Stove Cleaning	300.00
Floor and Carpet Cleaning	3000.00
Snow Removal	2000.00
General Maintenance and Repair (Church and Parsonage)	3000.00
Total Board of Trustees Budget	\$14,900.00

Cemetery Maintenance \$9000.00

RUMC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BUDGET 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9504.04

VBS FUNDS: 3587.34

CAMPING FUNDS: 3000.00

MISSIONS FUNDS: 600.00

AWANA 1000.00

Total Budget \$17,691.38

MARCH SCHEDULE

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 March to continue with this year's lesson plan, "The Bible from "A to Z", the children will learn about Evangelism and Fishers of Men. They will also have an Easter lesson and egg hunt.

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

Joanne Palmer & Joan Robbins

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>



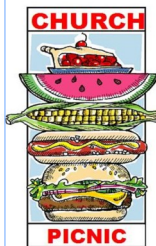
**Wednesday's
4PM to 5:30 PM
(Except 3/5)**

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.

MARCH Birthdays

Anna Macias Crowley	6th
Skyler Warner	8th
Carter Malcolm Schwarz	10th
Ryan Rispoli	10th
Stevie Miller, Jr.	13th
Quinn Lesoine	13th
Elizabeth Frailey	15th
Justin Schmid	15th
Victoria McNeese	19th
Hajj Turner	19th
Denise Thomas	20th
Christian Kohlmier	21st
Ellianna Rispoli	25th



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.



Church Van Fund Raiser Update

CHURCH VAN PROJECT

As you know, Reeders received the donation of a van from East Stroudsburg UMC which needed some repairs so Reeders began a fund raiser to collect enough money to cover the repairs.

Praise to the donor who stepped forward and contributed the entire amount needed to cover the cost of the repairs.

Thanks to that donation, the van is ready to transport AWANA kids from school to the church on Wednesdays, and to transport the Youth Group to and from activities and will be used to promote other youth activities at Reeders.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your many expressions of caring during Michael's recent urology surgery and cataract surgeries. We have, especially, appreciate your prayers. It is amazing how we have seen God's hand and caring spirit involved in this whole healthcare process. Michael is now healing nicely and we pray it continues. We cling to the verse from Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him."

May God Bless,
Michael & Yvonne Rispoli



Dear Church Family,

February was a busy, chilly month for our teens! Nine (9) of us joined Emily Purdy and myself up at Pocono Plateau for an icy and refreshing winter retreat. Lots of fellowship, worship and digging into God's word. Silly songs are still stuck in our heads!

March we only meet up twice. The 9th we will meet up at the soup kitchen and serve alongside other members of our church. We will return to the church at 4pm. March 23rd we have regular youth group, wrapping up at 1pm. We will start working on Youth Sunday! Please keep us in prayer as we prepare.

In Him
Emma Rispoli



Read Through the Bible this Year

Why should we read through the Bible in the Year. The Bible is the most unique book in the history of the world, is literally the

inspired word of God, written over a period of 2,000 years, which tells the single story of God's love for us through creation, sin, redemption, and salvation,

Reading through the Bible in a year helps you to develop the spiritual discipline of spending time with the Lord daily and listening to what the Lord has to say to you as an individual.

You will also gain new insight into the passages and the interrelationship of the different books of the Bible. I pray that each of you will take up the challenge of reading through the Bible in a year.

Bible Reading Plan for March

- 3/1 Deuteronomy 1-2
- 3/2 Deuteronomy 3-4
- 3/3 Deuteronomy 5-7
- 3/4 Deuteronomy 8-10
- 3/5 Deuteronomy 11-13
- 3/6 Deuteronomy 14-16
- 3/7 Deuteronomy 17-20
- 3/8 Deuteronomy 21-23
- 3/9 Deuteronomy 24-27
- 3/10 Deuteronomy 28
- 3/11 Deuteronomy 29-31
- 3/12 Deuteronomy 32-34
- 3/13 Joshua 1-3
- 3/14 Joshua 4-6
- 3/15 Joshua 7-8
- 3/16 Joshua 9-10
- 3/17 Joshua 11-13
- 3/18 Joshua 14-16
- 3/19 Joshua 17-19
- 3/20 Joshua 20-21
- 3/21 Joshua 22-24
- 3/22 Judges 1-2
- 3/23 Judges 3-5
- 3/24 Judges 6-7
- 3/25 Judges 8-9
- 3/26 Judges 10-11
- 3/27 Judges 12-14
- 3/28 Judges 15-17
- 3/29 Judges 18-19
- 3/30 Judges 20-21
- 3/31 Ruth 1-4

2025 COMMUNITY



LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: “Spiritual Disciplines”
7:00 p.m. Wednesdays
Refreshments After Each Service

March 12th – at East Stroudsburg UMC

83 South Courtland Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Scripture Reading and Study – Pastor Ralph Chubbuck

March 19th – at Stroudsburg UMC

547 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Worship and Communion – Pastor Wendy Bellis

March 26th – at Faith UMC

1160 Clause Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Fasting. – Pastor Dottie Stem

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



Item of the month:

Quality Crafts

Sewing, stitching, wood or metal crafts, etc.. 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.

Pastor's Desk

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.” Luke 4:1-2 (NRSV)

Do you have a playlist? Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a playlist as, “a digital collection of music.” People compile a playlist of their favorite music, so that they can play them back when they are working out at the gym, or are traveling, or even when they are in times of devotions. I guarantee you as you are shopping, at work, or even here in the church, there are people listening to their play list on their phones. Unbeknownst to many of us, our world is filled with music playing into small wireless earphones hidden beneath hair. While the ability to compile a digital list of music and play it back whenever one desires is a more recent phenomena, the idea of a play list is ancient. All through history, the use of music is a way of creating an environment for joy, reflection, and just generally setting the mood. Over a thousand years ago, the Israelites had a play list of Psalms, that they would sing as they traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the different festivals. List the ancient Israelites, we are entering into a journey to our annual celebration of Easter. The journey is called Lent, which is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (March 5) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 19). Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, and growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter.” This is why you will see the designation “Sunday in Lent” rather than “Sunday of Lent” in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection. Like the ancient Israelites, we will be using a play list composed of the Psalms. Each Sunday in Lent, we will have a new Psalm that we will learn and can serve as a psalm to focus our prayer and devotional life. So come, let us begin our Lenten Journey with this portion of Psalm 51:10-12: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.”

Pastor Jeff

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Nelson and Cheryl Buchanan
Word of Life - Taiwan
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Xenia, OH 45385
nelsonbuchanan@gmail.com

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2167 Route 715 and Church Road
Reeders PA 18352

Contact Information:

Phone: 570.629.1712
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.



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

Is your home in need of repairs but you can't afford them?

Monroe County Habitat for Humanity is currently accepting applications for their Home Preservation Program, which is designed to help home owners affected by low income, age, or disability make necessary repairs to their homes. To qualify, a single persons annual income must be less than \$38,600, a family of two less than \$44,100 You must own your home, have lived in Monroe County for 2 years, have homeowner's insurance, and be current with mortgage payments and taxes.

Contact them immediately at (570) 216-4390 or email ExecDirector@HabitatMC.org for more information and an application.

MILITARY OF THE MONTH

Sgt. Kaley Quinn

CMR 489, Box 1320
APO, AE 09751

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