

# Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders Church

— MAY 2025 —

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

## AWANA GRAND PRIX 1:00 PM May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



The races will begin at about 1:30. Friends and family are welcome to come and watch and cheer on your favorite drivers. "On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!!!!!"

### AWANA CLOSING PROGRAM Wednesday, May 7th



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**Sunday  
May 18th  
at 2:00 PM**

**Whitestone Care  
Center Worship 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: Now What? John 21: 1-19. The service is in the second-floor recreation room. Whitestone Care Center is located at: 370 Whitestone Corners Road, Stroudsburg.



**Item of the month:  
PERSONAL HYGIENE  
ITEMS**

Hair Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Bars of soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

Please do not include toothpaste or any liquids. Remember they need to fit in the shoebox.



**ANNUAL CHURCH  
PICNIC**

**August 24th after  
worship**

**Mountain View Park**

save  
the  
date



**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.



**IN DEPTH  
MONTHLY BIBLE  
STUDY**

**May 3rd 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, focusing on the time of the Exile Period and the time of Return - Babylonian Empire, Persian Empire and the Greek Empire. We will see how this helps us to understand and interpret different Bible passages. For more information about this unique Bible Study, please contact Pastor Jeff at 570-234-7111 or [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net)



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

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

Elvena Price  
Brookmont Health Center, Room 41  
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)



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

**PVEN FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

### 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.

# Worship In May

**May 4th** COMMUNION  
Scripture: John 14:6  
Message: Who Is Jesus?

**May 11th**  
Scripture: John 21:1-19  
Message: Now What?

**May 18th**  
Youth Sunday

**May 25th**  
Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17  
Message: Out of the Ordeal



## Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6 PM

Come join the Wednesday night Bible Study as we continue our study of 1 Corinthians. Explore themes of Christian unity, love, and spiritual growth as we dive into Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned participant, this series offers valuable insights and practical applications for living a life in Christ. Each class will be in-person and on-line at: <https://meet.goto.com/162128141>. For more information contact Pastor Jeff at [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net) or call/text at 570-234-7111.

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>



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



**CLOSING PROGRAM**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

### 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



## EASTERN PA UMC CONFERENCE

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference is May 20th to 21st in Wildwood, NJ. At this conference the delegates from the 400 churches in our conference come together to worship, study, and vote on administrative matters for the conference as a whole. Altogether there are over 800 delegates both clergy and lay at the conference. The delegates from Reeders Church are: Barb Giffels (Lay Delegate); Audrey Weber (Equalizing Lay Delegate); and, Pastor Jeff Weber (Clergy Delegate). The major matters to be voted on at this conference concern Constitutional Amendments to the denomination's constitution. The constitutional amendments concern: (1) a reorganization plan creating regions and eliminating jurisdictions and central conferences; and, (2) changes in clergy education requirements. Other major matters to be decided at the conference are the conference budget, the ordination of clergy, the certification of lay ministers, the confirming the clergy appointments for 2026, the members of all conference committees. Though only the appointed delegates can vote, everyone is welcome to come and participate in worship and observe. Additionally, the conference will be live-streamed. Information concerning the conference include the link for the live streamed, can be found at: <https://www.epaumc.org/ac2025/> If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jeff at 570-234-7111 or [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net).



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 May we will continue with this year's lesson plan, "The Bible from "A to Z", the children will learn about "Honor One God (10 Commandments, and Verse 19 "Do this in Remembrance of Me" communion/Memorial day.

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

*Joanne Palmer & Joan Robbins*



Dear Reeders  
Church,

Thank you so  
much for your  
continued  
financial support  
of Mt. Gilead

Camp. It is a blessing and  
encouragement to us. My girls have  
such good memories of going to  
AWANA there and VBS!. Thank you  
for your ministry and supporting  
others! Blessings.

Adam and Rachel Todd

# MAY Birthdays

Don Robbins	2nd
Christopher Brooks	3rd
Hope Lesoine	4th
Michael Frailey	7th
Shelley Miller (Frailey)	7th
Alex Garrett	7th
Sarah Erker	10th
Steven Davalos	11th
Gabrielle Roberts	15th
Addison Garrett	17th

## 2025 VBS ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN LATE MAY



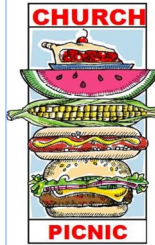
VBS is open to all children ages 3 through 6th Grade. Please register your children and your grand children to attend.. Registration can be made on the

church website at [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org) beginning in late May. If you have older children or grandchildren who would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please contact the church office at [rumc@ptd.net](mailto:rumc@ptd.net) or call 570-629-1712.

### 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!*



## 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](mailto:rumc@ptd.net) to let us know that you are interested.

Your help will make the picnic a big success.



## Volunteer Sign-up

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 will need every available volunteer to make this year's program a success.



Happy Spring Church Family!

It's hard to believe our "year" is almost over. The kids are gearing up for Youth Sunday on May 18th. We do hope you will join us that morning for worship!

In the meantime we have regular youth group meetings on May 4th and our last regular youth group meeting of our year on June 1st.

I'm already so proud of the kids. For many of them, this is their first time participating in the Youth Sunday Service, and for one, it's his last. These kids have heard so much this year- About patience and kindness, extending grace and receiving it. Many of them are still trying to find their place, both inside the church walls and outside. Please keep praying for them as they continue to grow closer to Christ.

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 kings of Israel and Judea, and the prophets Elijah and Elishea. Also we have the defeat of Israel by the Assyrians and the defeat of Judea by the Babylonians, which leads to the

- May-1 II Kings 1-3
- May-2 II Kings 4-5
- May-3 II Kings 6-8
- May-4 II Kings 9-10
- May-5 II Kings 11-13
- May-6 II Kings 14-15
- May-7 II Kings 16-17
- May-8 II Kings 18-20
- May-9 II Kings 21-23
- May-10 II Kings 24-25
- May-11 I Chronicles 1-2
- May-12 I Chronicles 3-5
- May-13 I Chronicles 6-7
- May-14 I Chronicles 8-10
- May-15 I Chronicles 11-13
- May-16 I Chronicles 14-16
- May-17 I Chronicles 17-20
- May-18 I Chronicles 21-23
- May-19 I Chronicles 24-26
- May-20 I Chronicles 27-29
- May-21 II Chronicles 1-3
- May-22 II Chronicles 4-6
- May-23 II Chronicles 7-9
- May-24 II Chronicles 10-13
- May-25 II Chronicles 14-17
- May-26 II Chronicles 18-20
- May-27 II Chronicles 21-24
- May-28 II Chronicles 25-27
- May-29 II Chronicles 28-30
- May-30 II Chronicles 31-33
- May-31 II Chronicles 34-36

May 17<sup>th</sup>

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.



If your child participates in the children's programs at Reeders, they may have earned up to \$500 toward the cost of summer Christian camp. It is not too early for you to start planning a Christian camp retreat for your children this summer. Camp is a wonderful opportunity for them to continue their Christian learning while making new friends and having new experiences.

Please check the Christian camping options listed. They are ministries of the Eastern PA United Methodist Church conference.

**Pocono Plateau Camp** - located at 3034 Pocono Plateau Road in Cresco, Scholarships are available.

**Day Camp** - Join them for their Forest Friends Day Camp as they explore nature, swim in the lake, make new friends and grow in their faith. For ages 5-13. 9AM to 4PM. Before and after care is available as well as van pickup in Mt. Pocono.

**Overnight Camp** - Sunday thru Friday for grades 3 thru 12. Come for the week and explore faith, grow in community, and get unplugged outdoors.

Register online at [www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org) or call 570-676-3665.

**Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center** located at 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA 17042. Check their website at [www.gretnaglen.org](http://www.gretnaglen.org) for program and registration information.

Another local Christian camp option in our area is **Mt. Gilead Camp and Conference Center**. It is not a ministry of the EPAUMC. Mt. Gilead is a Christian girls camp. It offers traditional camp activities such as archery, riflery, cannoning, horseback riding, mixed with new activities like rope courses, a water trampoline, blob, zorbs, and gaga ball so there is something of interest for every girl.

Submit a copy of your child's registration receipt to the church office to receive reimbursement for your child's camping allocation or talk with Barb Giffels or Paul Schmid to obtain more information.

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### Open Storehouse

Brad and Uli Klein  
2999 Merrill Rd., Suite 2  
Jacksonville, FL 32277  
[www.openstorehouse.org](http://www.openstorehouse.org)



## Pastor's Desk

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:45*

Christ the Lord is Risen! We just finished Easter where so many of us proclaimed this in the sanctuary and joined together singing the familiar hymn, "Christ Our Lord is Risen Today." There is a joyous feeling we get from worship experiences like Easter. It is wonderful to see so many people gathering together in worship. Yet, after it is over, I find myself asking over and over again is Jesus making a difference in our lives? Does Jesus make a difference in your life? Are we living lives that Christ has called us to live?

At one point during Jesus's final week, Jesus had a time of teaching his disciples, and he shared with them the future destruction of Jerusalem, which would occur in 70 AD. Then he talked about the end times (Matthew 24-25), reflecting on things to come in our future. A critical part of his teaching that is often overlooked is that Jesus said, "About the day and hour no one knows" (Matthew 24:36) and we are to focus on being ready, and that we are to "watch and pray" for we do not know when the Son of Man will return. Jesus concludes this teaching by discussing a time when the "Son of Man will sit on his throne of glory" in judgement. Matthew 25:31-46 is one of the most challenging and inspiring passages in the Gospel, inviting us to see Christ's final judgment as both a future reality and a mirror reflecting how we live our daily lives in Christ. All the nations are gathered to him, meaning people of every ethnicity from all over the world and they are separated to the right and the left. This separation, however, is not arbitrary; it is rooted in the way each person has treated Jesus, which is evidenced by how they cared for the "least of these"—the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. Those who cared for them, Jesus called "the sheep" and "righteous" and brought them into eternal life with Him. Those who did not do those actions, Jesus called them "goats" and "wicked" and sent into "eternal punishment."

The "sheep," positioned at the right hand of the King, symbolize a life characterized by selfless care and open-hearted service. Their actions are inseparable from their identity as followers of Christ—when we truly love God with all that we are, the love of our neighbor becomes a part of who we are. It is so natural, that we do not even recognize it occurring. Conversely, the "goats" represent a failure to recognize this sacred link between service and spiritual identity. They may believe in Jesus, but the love of Christ is far from them. The idea of loving selfless service does not even occur to them, because they are still the old creation and have not been made new through Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian, is not merely an act of belief, for "even the demons believe and tremble" (James 2:19). Many call themselves Christians, but fail to follow Jesus and do as He has called us to do. Being a disciple of Christ is an active, messy, and transformative engagement with the world, because it is the world where disciples are made. This is not a call to a cold, legalistic, tallying of good deeds. Living as Christ's disciple is to allow, every relationship, every act of care, to become a sacrament of Christ's continuing redemptive mission unfolding in our midst. We are called by Christ, that our lives manifest His love in an ongoing declaration of hope, compassion, an transformative disciple-making that is a tangible foretaste of the new creation to come.

Pastor Jeff



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

2556 Rising Hill Drive  
Saylorsburg, PA

The Garden Of Giving is open and needs volunteers on Saturdays from 9:30 to Noon and the weekend of May 17th and 18th to plant this seasons crops.

Please consider volunteering to help as we begin to plant crops for the new harvest season. You can volunteer as a group with some of your friends, or individually as you have the time.

Contact them at [gardenofgiving1@gmail.com](mailto:gardenofgiving1@gmail.com) or at 570-402-1282 if you are interested in volunteering.

## **Reeders Church**

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

### **Contact Information:**

Phone: 570.629.1712  
Email: [rumc@ptd.net](mailto:rumc@ptd.net)  
Web: [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org)  
Pastor: Jeff Weber  
Email: [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net)  
Phone: 570-234-7111

The Church Office hours for the month of May are 8AM to 4PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

## **LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT**

**FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
Has openings for the  
2025-2026 school year

**Elementary Teacher (full time)**

**HS English Teacher (full time)**  
Grades 9-12

**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@fcsliions.org](mailto:longl@fcsliions.org) for more information or visit their website at <https://www.fcsliions.org/blog/job-applications/>

## **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](http://www.Reeders.Church.org)

Luke 6:38