

# Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders Church

— MAY 2026 —

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



**MAY 16th at 8AM**

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

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*Worship with us*  
at WHITESTONE CARE CENTER

**Sun. May 17th  
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 message is titled: "Living in Brokenness" and is based on 1 Peter 4:1-11. The service is in the second-floor recreation room. Whitestone Care Center is located at: 370 Whitestone Corners Road, Stroudsburg.

*Grief Share*  
**SUPPORT**  
*Group*

**Tuesdays, May 12th and 26th  
at noon**

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you don't have to walk this journey alone. Our Grief Share group offers a caring space to share, listen, and find encouragement alongside others who are going through the same journey. Through scripture, prayer, conversation, and practical support, we seek healing and hope together. Join us as we walk this path with compassion and faith. Meetings this month are Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. at noon. Please contact Pastor Jeff (570) 234-7111 for more information.



**New Member Class** will be beginning on Sunday, May 3rd from 9:15 to 10:15 in the pastor's office. The class is for anyone interested in becoming a member of Reeders Church. These classes are led by the pastor and provide an overview of what we believe as a church, the history and organization of Reeders Church, and what it means to be a member of the church. There are four class meetings May 3, 10, 17, and 24<sup>th</sup>. On May 24<sup>th</sup> during the Worship service, the class will become members of Reeders Church.



Dear Reeders Church Family and Friends,

The beautiful stained glass windows of Reeders Church depict Biblical stories of God's love and promises. These front windows of our Church stand as a reminder of our Lord and Savior to the many, many people who drive through Reeders on Route 715.

We are blessed by members and friends of Reeders Church who have recognized the importance of the restoration of the stained glass windows. To date, \$8,800.00 was available from our Memorial accounts for the down payment and \$24,299.00 was donated.

**Thank you** to those who gave generously to the stained glass window project. The project cost from the Willet Stained Glass Studios is \$35,240.00. Donations are within \$2,141.00 of the projected cost goal!

God Bless You. *Linda Mikels*  
Finance Chair

*"Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord. They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness." (Psalm 89:15-16 NIV)*



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

Bill Brandamore  
8 Turtle Cove  
Labar Village  
Stroudsburg PA 18360

Marcy Mcadams  
PO Box 388  
Reeders PA 18352  
(Recovery from surgery)

RoseMarie Miller  
112 Buttonwood Court East  
Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
(recovering at home)

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)

Don Robbins  
200 Abeel Road  
East Stroudsburg PA 18301  
(Recovery/Rehab)

Karen Shick  
1240 Neola Church Road  
Stroudsburg PA 18360  
(Recovery from surgery)

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

# Worship In May

**May 3rd**

*Communion*

*Scripture: 1 Peter 2:11-25*

*Message: Living as Exiles*

**May 10th** *MOTHERS DAY*

*Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-22*

*Message: A New Way*

**May 17th** *YOUTH SUNDAY*

**2:00 PM Whitestone Worship Service**

*Scripture: 1 Peter 4:1-11*

*Message: Living In Brokenness*

**May 24th**

*Scripture: 1 Peter 4: 1-11*

*Message: Living In a Broken World?*

**May 31st**

*Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-19*

*Message: Suffering and Refining Fire*

**AWANA GRAND PRIX**

**May 6th at 5:30 PM**



**AWANA Closing**

**Program**

**May 6th at 7PM**

**ATTENTION:** Grandparents, parents, friends and Reeders Congregation. Come and watch the fun as the AWANA kids race their cars and then receive their AWANA awards at the closing program.

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>



Greetings Church Family -

There are 2 adult Sunday School Classes that meet; one in the conference room led by Patrick Roberts and the 2nd on the second floor room 21. led by Ryan Rispoli.

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.

### MAY SCHEDULE FOR USHERS, GREATER LOVE, and COUNTERS

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



## **Eastern Pennsylvania UMC** **Annual Conference**

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference is May 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> in Wildwood, NJ. and the theme of the conference is prayer. At this conference the delegates from the 408 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: Kathy Reder (Lay Delegate); Audrey Weber (Equalizing Lay Delegate); Emma Rispoli (Equalizing Lay Delegate) and, Pastor Jeff Weber (Clergy Delegate). The conference consists of worship services, to include a memorial service, retirement service, and an ordination service. Additionally, there is a Bible Study each morning led by the Bishop. Reports will be given by each of the conference committees. The major matters to be voted on at this conference concern the conference budget, the ordination of clergy, the certification of lay ministers, the confirming of clergy appointments for 2027, and 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/ac2026/> If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jeff at 570-234-7111 or [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net).



Beginning May 13th through the end of August, meet at the church at 4:00 PM on Wednesdays and join other members of your church family for a walk in the neighborhood. If you have been wanting to introduce some exercise into your day, this is an easy way to start. You can do as much or as little as fits your needs. Any questions, see Joanne Palmer for more info.

**1st Corinthians 6:19-20**



Food Pantry donations are taken weekly to PVEN. If you have pantry items to donate, place them in the plastic bin at the main entrance. Basic food items needed are: Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Pasta and Dog/cat food & treats.

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH** **N.E. PA (Pocono Slate Belt** **Youth For Christ**

1613 Jackson St.  
Scranton, PA 18504  
Zack Ortman  
[zack@nepayfc.com](mailto:zack@nepayfc.com)



Finally! Spring is here!

The youth group kids are loving being outside in God's creation! We began serving at The Garden of Giving, getting down and dirty in the soil and learning to care for the gifts God has given us. May holds more opportunities to serve:

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Serving at the Stroudsburg UMC Soup Kitchen, leaving after church and returning about 4pm  
10<sup>th</sup>: Our final practice before Youth Sunday. Please, if your child is serving, make sure they attend! Since it's Mother's day, Pick up is at 1pm.  
17<sup>th</sup>: Youth Sunday! Please plan on attending this service! The youth have had so much fun putting this worship service together and are excited to share God's love with you all.  
23<sup>rd</sup> \***Saturday**\* We will be serving at the Garden of Giving! Meeting at the church at 9am, returning at 4:30/5pm. Lunch will be provided! This is open to the church as well. Please let me know if you are wanting to serve!  
30<sup>th</sup>: Trip to Sight and Sound to see Joshua! If your child is attending, please stay tuned for more details as the day approaches.

Please keep these youth in your prayers as they serve so lovingly with our neighbors.

In Him,  
Emma Rispoli



## May 31<sup>st</sup> following Worship

If you volunteer for any youth programs at Reeders (AWANA, VBS, Sunday School, etc.), please plan on staying after worship for this training. Reminder, this training is required by Reeders Safe Sanctuary policy as well as PA law.



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



**MILITARY OF THE MONTH**  
**ITS/E3 John M. Careccia, Jr.**  
PO Box 700 #250  
Grofton, CT 06349-5709  
(Cards Only—no packages)



## OCC donations for MAY



### HYGINE ITEMS

Hairbrushes, combs, toothbrushes, deodorant, wash cloths, flashlight, nail clippers, etc. Make sure they will fit in a shoebox. Drop your donation in the bin in the lobby.



Children's church is open to all children ages 3 thru 5th grade during worship service every Sunday except May 3rd and 17th.

In May we will continue this year's lesson plan, "Stories from the Four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The lessons will include the "Mother's Day, "Do this in Memory of Me" and Parable of the Sower".

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

*Joanne Palmer & Joan Robbins*



Faith Christian School has the following teaching opportunities for the 2026-2027 School Year:

- **HS English Teacher, grades 9-12 (full-time)**
- **K-12 Art Teacher (full-time)**
- **Spanish Teacher, grades 9-12 (part-time)**

Please click on this link <https://www.fcslions.org/job-applications/>. Faith Christian School, K-12 grades, serves the Christian communities of the Pocono Mountains, Slate Belt, western New Jersey, and the Lehigh Valley areas. Children from ten school districts and over 50 churches comprise the diverse and outstanding student body. Most public school districts provide transportation to our school facility located one mile north of Bangor and eight miles south of Stroudsburg, off Route 191 in Roseto, Pa. Please call our office, 610-588-3414, with any questions. Please share with anyone that you know who might be qualified for these positions.

### 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.



### STAINED GLASS WINDOWS REPAIR/ MAINTENANCE PROJECT

The Willet Stained Glass Studios is now scheduled to repair, renew, and refurbish the 14 stained glass windows in the sanctuary, front room, and narthex of the original Church

entrance during the months of May and/or June. Details of the work are available on the table in the hallway or in the Church office. The cost of the work is \$35,240.00. As of Sunday, May 3, 2026 a total of \$33,099.00 was raised and additional donations of \$2,141.00 are needed.

These beautiful windows represent God's love to the people who pass by. Please consider helping with the remaining \$2,141.00.

RUMC Board of Trustees



# 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



### LITTLE BLESSINGS NURSERY SCHOOL

Registration is open for the 26/27 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.

### 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!*


# Pastor's Desk

“Above all, love each other deeply... Offer hospitality... Use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” 1 Peter 4:8–10

Somewhere between winter's last stubborn snowbank and the first brave daffodil, I found myself standing in the church parking lot watching a man try to fix a sagging tailpipe with what looked like a shoelace. He tugged, he knotted, he stepped back to admire his work, and then the whole thing thunked to the ground again. He looked at me, shrugged, and said, “It's falling apart faster than I can tie it back together.”

I nodded, because some days it feels that way. The news, the aches in our bones, the arguments we didn't mean to have, the disappointments we didn't see coming. We live in a world that is, like the old saying, “held together with baling twine and prayer.” But sometimes even the baling twine snaps. The Apostle Peter knew something about that kind of world. In his first letter, he writes to believers scattered, pressured, misunderstood, and weary. People trying to follow Jesus in a world that didn't make it easy. People living *between the now and the not yet*—between the brokenness we see and the wholeness God promises. And right in the middle of that letter, Peter gives a word that sounds almost too simple for such a complicated world: **“Above all, love each other deeply... Offer hospitality... Use whatever gift you have received to serve others.”** (1 Peter 4:8–10)

It's as if Peter is saying, “Yes, the world is cracked. Yes, life is messy. But here's how you live in the middle of it: “love deeply, welcome freely, serve generously.” Not flashy. Not dramatic. Not the stuff of headlines. But the quiet, steady work of people who believe that God is already mending the world, and if we surrender ourselves fully, we become the needle. Because the truth is, the world doesn't get healed by grand speeches or perfect plans. It gets healed by ordinary people doing holy things:

- A casserole delivered to a grieving family
- A phone call to someone who's been quiet too long
- A prayer whispered for a neighbor you don't quite understand
- A gift shared, a burden lifted, a welcome offered

These are the small stitches God uses to hold the world together.

As we continue our sermon series, *Between the Now and the Not Yet*, Peter reminds us that we are not passive observers of a broken world. We are participants in building for God's Kingdom. We are stewards of grace—each of us carrying some gift, some kindness, some word of hope that someone else desperately needs. And when we love deeply, when we serve gladly, when we open our doors and our hearts, we become signs of the world God is bringing. A world where broken things are mended, lonely people are gathered in, and grace is not rationed but poured out.

So this month, I invite you to look for one small place where you can tie a knot of love, even if the world feels like it's sagging. Offer hospitality. Use your gift. Love deeply. Who knows? It might just hold something together long enough for God to make it new.

Pastor Jeff



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

Luke 6:38

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

### Reeders Church

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 Pastor: Jeff Weber  
 Email: [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net)  
 Phone: 570-234-7111

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

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



### 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



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

2556 Rising Hill Drive  
Saylorsburg, PA

The Youth Group at Reeders will be volunteering at the Garden of Giving one (1) Saturday every month.

Please consider joining them at the Garden to help makes this year's harvest at the Garden a big success. 100% of the harvest is donated to local food pantries and soup kitchens.

The Youth Group dates are: 5/23, 6/27, 7/18 and 8/8 from 9:30 am to 12:30.

You can also volunteer on your own (or with a group of your friends) any time - Tuesdays thru Saturdays from 9:30 to 12:30.

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