

# Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church

— APRIL 2018 —

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



## Easter Sunday

**6:30 am - Easter Dawn Service**  
at the Outdoor Stage  
(bring a lawn chair)

followed by a hot breakfast  
at 7:15 in the Fellowship Hall

&

**10:30 am Service**



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Soup Dinner at 6:15

**Communion Service**  
7:00 pm

Join us for a light supper in the Fellowship Hall before the service

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# Serving In April

**April 1, 2018**  
Greater Love:

**Easter - 10:30**  
Marcy McAdams  
Nell Cadue  
Anna Macias-  
Crowley

Media Team:

Diane Naranjo  
Brian Bolan  
Eli Hernandez

Nursery:

Marie Loysen  
Jackie Matos  
Samantha  
Hernandez  
(youth)

Ushers:

John Cady  
Barbara Giffels  
Lee Munch  
Sherri Hower

**April 8, 2018**  
Greater Love:

Kathy Andrews  
Tracy Altemose  
Deb Elmire  
Lee Munch

Media Team:

Lynda Bolan  
Anna Crowley  
Hannah Loysen  
Emma Rispoli

Nursery:

John Frailey  
Judie Gorden  
Tim Rogers  
Homer Hennings

**April 15, 2018**  
Greater Love:

Barbara Giffels  
Pauline Snyder  
Arlene Frailey  
Paul Schmid

Media Team:

Brian Bolan  
Elizabeth Frailey  
Valerie Braddock  
Hope Lesoine

**April 15, 2018**  
Ushers:

**(Continued):**  
Don Kresge  
Norm Toepert  
Shadrack Badu  
Avon Doll  
Sean Braddock

**April 22, 2018**  
Greater Love:

Marie Loysen  
Linnea Weinman  
Paula Gordon  
Janet Henry

Media Team:

Brian Bolan  
Lynda Bolan

Nursery:

Holly Gardner  
Jennifer Waldron  
Lindsay Palmer  
(youth)

Ushers:

John Myra  
Donna Myra  
Lester Weinman  
Bob Bryson

**April 29, 2018**  
Greater Love:

Volunteers Needed

Media Team:

Brian Bolan  
Eli Hernandez

Nursery:

Leigh Frailey  
Jan Toepert

Ushers:

Anna Macias-Crowley  
Mark Gerger  
Patricia Detrick  
William Detrick

## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Larry & Fran Feldman  
Chosen People Ministries  
Shuvahy Israel  
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New York, NY 10022  
larry@suvahyisrael.org



## Christ's Church

### ***The Significance of the Creeds***

This is the first of an ongoing look at the larger Church we are a part of. This section is about more than the Eastern PA Conference, or the global UMC, it is about the Church. Church, with a capital 'C' is the living bride of the living Christ, the single organization of believers in Jesus regardless of denominational boundaries and thinking. The Church is bigger than Reeders, and bigger than Methodism, it spans millennia and is part of God's plan since He made the first helper-meet of one human to help another. Holy Church is a gift from God, the image of the Helper Meet for the ultimate Man of God, the Son of Man, Jesus the Christ.

Why is this important? Because it reminds us that we serve and act on God's desires rather than our own. We model ourselves off the perfect example ever given to us: God in flesh, Jesus, born of Spirit and Mary. He walked with us, talked with us, and ultimately saved us to make us His Church. Its God from beginning to end. Everything we do is about gathering His people closer to Him and living like His image we were made in. This glorifies God as it gives up glorifying ourselves.

The people of God have struggled to define the uniform image and belief across the millennia since Adam first walked with God in the garden. Since Christ's coming the Church created Creeds that testify to the most fundamental of our beliefs. These are the things that unite us in Christ and allow us to testify that we believe in one eternal God, not different Gods made in the differing image of us and our mutable beliefs.

This is important because the UMC has come to a critical juncture which centers on what we believe about God, his revelation through Christ, and how we are to live as Image-bearers. You can read more about this issue and the impact of our historic creeds at:

<http://bit.ly/2HPgohj>.

~Shepherd Dougherty

## **Worship In April**

April 1st ***"What Are You Looking For?"***

*Acts 1:6-11*

April 8th ***"Sheepdogs & Shepherd Kings"***

*1 Peter 5:1-4*

April 15th ***"Valuing Love"***

*1 Corinthians 13:13*

April 22th ***"Offering Forgiveness"***

*Matthew 18:21-22*

April 29th ***"Accepting Responsibility"***

*Ephesians 5:15*

*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!*



Please note that the Cambell's Soup label program has been replaced by the "Box Tops For Education" program. The Campbells program was discontinued.

Please collect the Box Tops from many of your favorite products including Reynolds, General Mills, Ziplock, Old El Paso, Scott paper, Nature Valley, Annies, and Hefty products. Each boxtop is worth .10 cents. Earn bonus box topes while you shop with the Box Tops Bonus App at [BTFE.com/bonusapp](http://BTFE.com/bonusapp).

UMW uses the money received from these programs to fund our mission projects. Thank you for collecting these items to support our efforts.

During 2017 UMW collected 1857.63 from the Weiss grocery receipts and \$137.24 from the Kinsley's receipts. We appreciate your continued support of these programs.

United Methodist Women

# Birthdays of the Month

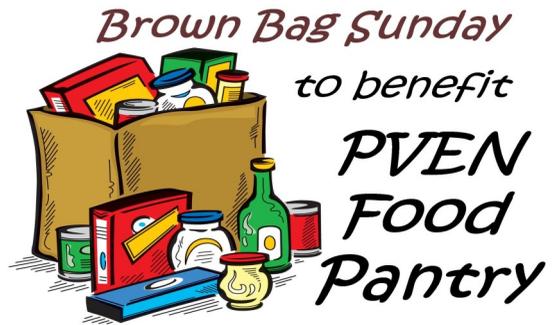


Audrey Siegfried	3rd
Emma Rispoli	4th
Lindsay Palmer	5th
Lester Weinman	6th
Adelyn Feuerstein	8th
Linda Welch	9th
Donna Pipher	11th
Nicholas Pipher	11th
Kevin Bolan	12th
Steve Miller, Sr.	12th
Kathy Reder	12th
Jacob Reder	14th
Eliezer Hernandez	16th
Sally Gontz	20th
Sarah Rispoli	20th
Jenna Bittenbender	21st
James Loysen	22nd
Katryn Feuerstein	23rd
Kyle Besecker	24th
Pauline Snyder	25th
Jackson Gardner	27th
Cheryll Feuerstein	30th
David McNeese, Jr.	30th

## Awana Clubs

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

**May 2nd**  
**6:30 PM**



Thanks to all who donated pantry goods to PVEN FOR Brown Bag Sunday. We collected 23 bags of pantry goods weighing 158 LBS.

Great Job - WOW!!!

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taxes.com**

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Tax Help You Can Trust.  
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Visit us at [www.MyFreeTaxes.com](http://www.MyFreeTaxes.com)

Or call our helpline at 1-855-My-Tx-Help (1-855-698-9435)



## CHURCH



**May 19th**

**8:00 to Noon**

**Help keep our church clean**



**April 21 at 9:00 AM**  
**Friends and Family are**  
**welcome to come watch them**  
**race their cars**

# the Garden of Giving

From May thru August the garden is open Tuesdays thru Saturdays from 9:30-12:30 for volunteers to help with watering, harvesting, etc.

Onion planting is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15 from 9-5. Bulk planting is scheduled for the weekend of May 19 and 20 from 9-5.

For more info. Carolyn Jones is the coordinator at the Garden [570-460-9508](tel:570-460-9508). If you have any questions concerning volunteering through Reeaders at the garden, please contact Joanne Palmer for more information.



## REEDERS MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Word of Life

**Cheryl and Nelson Buchanan**

"We left the US for Taiwan on 1/22 after Nelson attended a summit for all the SYME directors as well as the Missions Conference at WOL NY. Teachers arrived the same day we did and our winter term started the next Monday. We now have just two weeks left of this term and it has been great so far. Our students are mostly mature Christians, and seeing their desire to grow and serve God has been very encouraging to us as staff. Many have had some pain from the r past that some of the teachers have been able to work through with them. Three people have become Christians so far this term".

We started a new outreach called English Café. We offer free coffee, tea and shacks while sharing a basic English Lesson using the highlights a Christian truth. We've had about 35 people attend in the last three weeks. Please be praying for this new endeavor.

Ava is a fun 16 month old now. She knows lots of words. Please be praying for us as parents as we seek to train her and help her to come to know Christ. We were thankful to have been able to visit many of you during our time in the US and Canada. We were able to raise an additional \$500/month bringing us to about 90 percent of our support goal. We are incredibly blessed by our ministry partners.



**APRIL 14th  
4 pm to 6 pm**

**Invite your friends or  
neighbors in need.**



# Little Blessings Nursery School

**2018/19 Program**

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

If you are interested in registering for the 2018/19 school year, please register as soon as possible. Classes will fill fast. Registration forms are available on the Church website at [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org) or in the Church lobby.

Contact Kathy Andrews, Director at 570-629-6369 for more information.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN "Reaching Out To Encourage"



**April 5th  
7:00 pm**

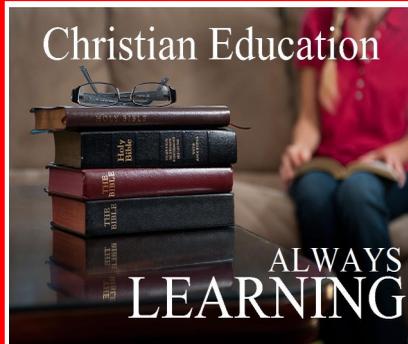
Baskets For The  
Homebound  
and Hospitalized

**Join us as we pack baskets for  
the homebound and  
hospitalized**

# youth group

**SCHEDULE**

- April 1 - No Meeting "Happy Easter"
- April 8 - *Regular Meeting*
- April 14 - *Progressive Dinner (5:00 pm)*
- April 22 - *No Meeting*
- April 29—*Regular Meeting*  
*Regular meeting at 5:30*  
*(unless noted otherwise)*



I asked my class (Pre-K) what they thought the word "hallelujah" meant? One little boy said it meant, "Like Yeah God!". I love that answer; it is clear, simple and direct. How many of us embrace it? Yeah God!, for His Grace, Mercy, forgiveness and love. A love so great we are invited to be called into His family. A love so great that his Son took our sins upon Himself and died so we might live! Yeah God!

Joan Robbins



The Finance personnel of the Church continues to work diligently to institute new procedures approved by the Finance Committee. Computerizing our records and requiring two signatures on checks are important financial safeguards. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we move forward.

The winter weather has caused Reeders UMC some financial stress. There was no Church on March 4, 2018 and the electric/heating bills are very high. Many members of the congregation gave their March 4<sup>th</sup> tithe. Praise God for his faithful servants!

Some of the Building Funds (third section of your envelope) were used to replace badly worn sections of the sanctuary carpet. Future needed projects are planned such as resurfacing the parking area and security cameras. The funds needed to remodel the Church parsonage is a very large project scheduled for Spring 2019. In future newsletters, details of the parsonage project will outline how you can assist with the remodeling.

For many years, the right wall of the sanctuary was adorned with the flags of countries where Reeders UMC supported missionaries. New banners and a Bible verse were approved to give the wall a new look. The cost is approximately \$500. If you would like to contribute to this "wish list" project, place your gift in an envelope marked wall project and place it in the offering plate or mail to the Church office.

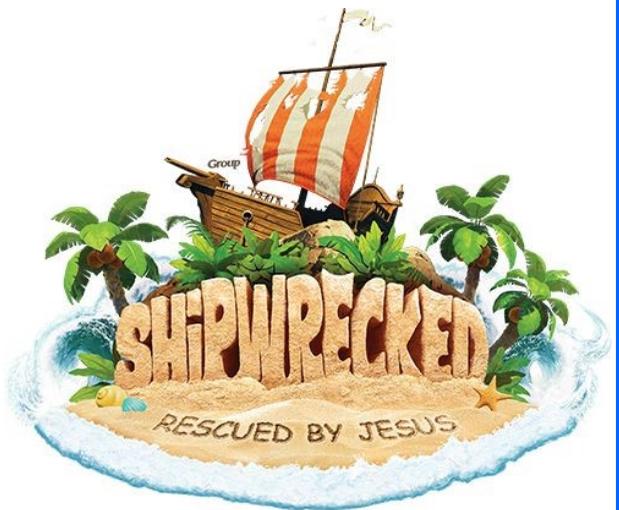
Linda Mikels  
Financial Chair

## REEDERS UMC 2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

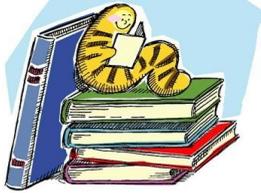
### "SHIPWRECKED"

JULY 30th to AUGUST 3rd

Mark your calendars - On-line Registration will open on the church website in Mid-May. Bible School will be open to all children ages 3 years to 6th grade. Spread the news, invite a friend or 2,3, or 4.



## Library



## UPDATE

I am being forced to consider the odd weather and power outages which have been affecting church and my ability to

get to the Library before posting times to ask for help with the "Spring Cleaning". That means I am now looking at later in May- after AWANA breaks for the summer - for this project.

Easter/Spring has to arrive eventually, wo with that in mind here are some children's books to consider , which can be found near the stained glass window with the Shepherd "In Memory of the Doll Family":

- Easter Bunny Are You For Real?
- How God Gives Us Chocolate
- The Easterville Miracle
- The Parable Of The Lily

In the collection of DVD's:

- Jeremy's Egg

For adults—check out the collection of 22 books on Billy Graham which are housed near the music collection.

Remember you can leave your suggestions on the home phone voice mail for Jill Bugdanavage (570) 972-0320 or jot down your recommendations or concerns for the church library, give them to the Church Secretary to forward, or even leave them at the "staff" area in the Library.

## MILITARY OF THE MONTH

**PFC Chelsea Slappey**  
**CMR 415 Box 9159**  
**ADO, AE 09114-0093**

August 3-5, 2018



## 2018 EPAUMC Laity Academy

Quakertown UMC

1875 Freier Road, Quakerown, PA 18951

See the following after April 1 for  
Class, Registration & Hotel Information:

Conference Webpage

<https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/lay/>

Christ Servant Minister Webpage

<http://christservantministries.net/>



It's time to start thinking about camps for your kids this summer. The following



are Christian camping programs

in PA supported by the United Methodist Church

Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center  
Camp Gretna Glen  
Camp Innabah  
Carson-Simpson Farm

You can obtain more info on each camp at <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp>

## 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 [runc@ptd.net](mailto:runc@ptd.net) or leave your note in "Secretary's Mailbox" in the office.

# Shepherd's Desk

## **"Time to Rise"**

A leap, requires energy, effort, and intentionality. The planning and intentionality of everything that comes before is a preparation for what follows. April is our leap into Spring.

April 1<sup>st</sup>, Easter day, draws to a close Holy Week with a celebration. Christ is Risen! Risen Indeed! Our Lenten journey, and all the associated lessons and scripture we have discussed in small groups, from the pulpit, and sung about have been a preparation for what comes next. We have been seeking God's will for us, using Lent as a season for change and growth by releasing the world and embracing time with God. Those who gathered in prayer and study have been intentional about seeking God's will for their lives and expecting something new. 40 Days -in the Hebrew tradition- defines a long but indeterminate amount of time. Thus, the study we used was: *After 40 – Ready for Action*. We've been getting ready for life together.

The Apostles came from varied backgrounds. They were unexpectedly gathered by a rabbi, Jesus, and unsure of what came next. From an unexpected call to walk beside Him, the subsequent days were filled with a new way of living. I suppose that makes sense. If life was meant to continue as it had before, without a change, there would have been no need for God to come, to call them (or us) into His presence, nor to change the way they lived (or we live).

We at Reeders UMC have experienced something similar. We've been brought together unexpectedly. The call from God gathered us here. Like Jesus' disciples, most did not know everyone else when arriving but we knew Who called us and heeded His voice. We learn His ways and take on the ministries He gives us. We learn to be His people who love God, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love our neighbors as God loves us. That God loves us, and others through us, is a reason to stand up, leap, and shout hallelujah!

So are you ready to join the leap? Our Lenten journey of 40 days is over but it did not lead to an end but rather a new beginning. Prepared by living in His unconditional love and like a pregnancy leading to birth, our new life together begins. A lifetime of questions, sharing love, and growth are all part of being in God's family. We have been prepared to walk in faith for what comes next, and He gave us one another for love and support along the journey.

God invited me to be part of his eternal family and then He poured out a second blessing by calling me to be part of His family here at Reeders UMC. As of March 29<sup>th</sup>, my wife is living with me at the parsonage, though there is still more packing and moving to be done. We are together and life is busy but the joy of love makes all the work and the change worthwhile. Our time with God prepared us to be united with Him, each other, and with you as we are readied for what comes next: life together in action, doing His work, and loving His family here at Reeders.

As I write this, I am a little over half way through March. We haven't even finished saying hello, but when the excitement of 'hello' passes, the anticipation of what follows begins. The sleep of winter ends, and a new spring is upon us. We have been made ready for the awesome things ahead, a time when God will walk with those He gathers for the sake of all people everywhere. May each of you feel the excitement I feel this day. May each of you feel the love for my family that we have for you. This love that is a reflection of God's love. A love that prepares us to rise-up and share His love with the world entire.

Lets leap into Spring together. We've been waiting, and now we're ready for it!

Your brother in Christ,  
Shepherd Dougherty

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center

Now hiring for 2018 Summer Staff positions including:

- Cooks & Kitchen Assistants
- Maintenance and Maintenance Assistants
- Program Staff—program activities such as archery, fishing, nature, games, adventure challenge programs (ropes courses), music, etc. Possibility of spending some weeks counseling - residing with and leading small camper groups in daily living activities inc. Bible studies.
- Waterfront Director/Staff
- Lifeguards
- Craft Director & Staff
- Website photographer and staff

As a staff member you would receive:

- Training & Experience
- Room & Board
- Support and Encouragement
- Opportunities to serve Christ

Contact 570-676-3665 or email: [ron@poconoplateau.org](mailto:ron@poconoplateau.org) for more information.

## CAREER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

For **ALL** veterans currently serving, military spouses and adult children!

Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus has grant funds through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Adm. to offer Free "Truck Driver Training" to you. The training leads to licensure and a well-paying career and is offered during the day and in the evenings. The training is FREE because your \$4,200 tuition is paid through the grant. To apply call NCC Monroe Campus at 570-369-1885.

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Pastor Sean Dougherty  
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Phone: 272.200.2172

The Church Office hours are 9 am to 4pm from Monday thru Friday. Pastor Dougherty will available Monday mornings from 9 to 12 or other days and times by appointment.



We need skilled and unskilled volunteer to continue to give our neighbors a hand up!. We need people who can :

- Paint
- Do Lawn Work
- Bathroom and GC construction
- Window installers
- Siding installers
- General cleanup



Phone 570-216-4390 or email: [volunteer@habitatmc.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatmc.org) for more information.