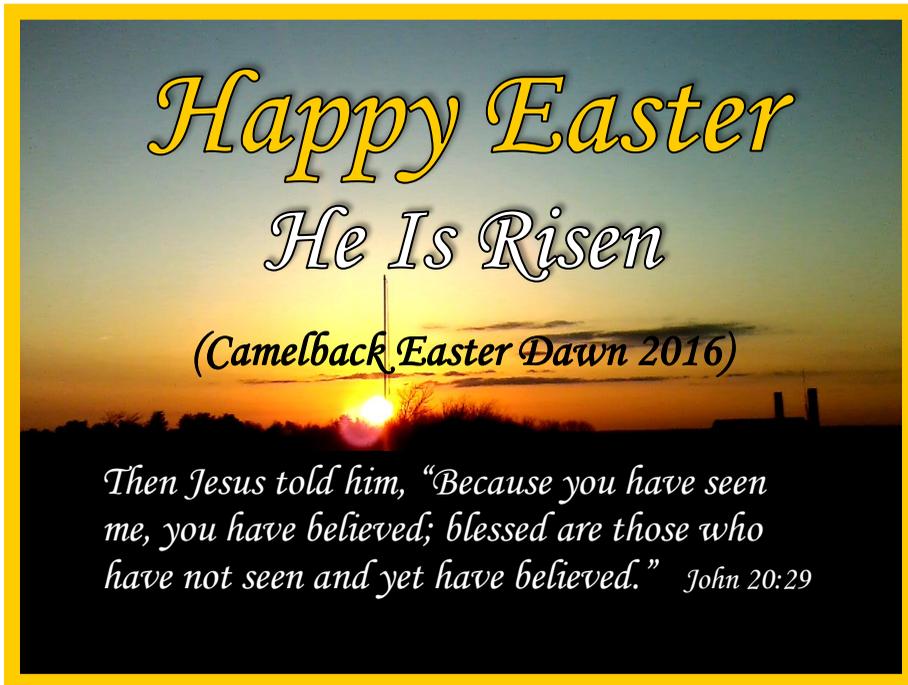


Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church
— APRIL 2020 —

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



SCHEDULE/ACTIVITY UPDATES *DUE TO ONGOING COVID-19 VIRUS RECOMMENDATIONS*

For updated information and announcements concerning schedule changes at Reeders UMC, continue to check the Reeders UMC Facebook Page, www.ReedersChurch.org website and the Pastor's You Tube channel (see Page 3) for more details, or leave a message at the church office 570-629-1712 or email to rumc@ptd.net.

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Jesus

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Love



Christ's Church –

Change is Afoot

Around the world the Christian church is adapting and changing. Even our UMC GC2020 is postponed due to CV-19. It'll be rescheduled and our EPA Annual Conference is delayed as a result.

We adapt constantly. God's people are always changing. Going to the promised land they adapted to the desert for 40 years. They arrived changed, and more faithful than when they began.

Some Christians were astonished when the Pope cancelled selling tickets to the papal mass recently. Yet, that mass has only been open to the public since the 1960s; it is a modern tradition.

Whether our GC and AC use electronic voting (as has happened), move to new dates, or different settings, we must remember that all traditions were new at one time.

Did you know organ's like ours were called 'the devil's Bagpipe' in the 1500s? They were even ripped out and destroyed. Christians are constantly changing though it can be uncomfortable to do so.

In recent years, our worship incorporated multi-media. In the last month, we've adapted and practiced worshiping online as a family. With it, we discovered new ways to be a faithful church together. Whether we keep doing this is up to us. We might rip the new out, or we might find renewed value in what we already have.

Change is inevitable. We need only decide if we will fight it, or faithfully form it to God's good end.

Shepherd Dougherty

Worship In April

April 5th **Palm Sunday**
Matthew 21:1–11
A Gentle King Enters In

April 12th **Easter Sunday**
John 20:1–18
Son Rise

April 19th
1 Peter 1:3–9
Gold Tested by Fire
*Stay after worship for a pot luck luncheon
"Linger Longer Sunday"*

April 26th
Luke 24:13–35
Friendship
*Stay after service for Reeders Church Town
Hall Meeting*



WAYS YOU CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT REEDERS FINANCIALLY UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO WORSHIP TOGETHER

- 1) Electronic Giving:
Go to church website at www.ReedersChurch.org and on the bottom of the home page click the "GIVE" button
- 2) Drop your offering in the black box on the wall outside the main entrance
- 3) Mail your offering to: Reeders Church at PO Box 187, Reeders, PA 18352

Bible Worksheets for Kids

Finish the Verse 1

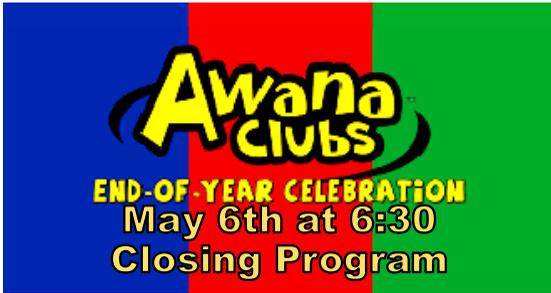


Add words from the box to finish each Bible verse. All verses are from the New International Version.

- 1) "In the _____, God created the heavens and the _____." (Genesis 1:1, NIV)
- 2) "Your Word is a _____ for my feet, a light on my _____." (Psalm 119:105)
- 3) "Commit to the Lord whatever you _____, and he will establish your _____." (Proverbs 16:3)
- 4) "For God so _____ the world that he gave his one and only _____, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal _____." (John 3:16)
- 5) "For the _____ God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us _____, love and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7)

beginning
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earth
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life
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path
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power
Son
Spirit





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Little Blessings
Nursery School
2020/21 Program

Registrations for the new school year will begin soon. If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving information, please watch for an announcement that registration has begun.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

There is a teaching position available for the Little Blessings Nursery School program for the 3, 4, or 5 year old class for the school year beginning in September.

Please submit a resume` including references, to John Cady, Chairman of the LBNS Board, ASAP. Teaching experience is preferred. The resume` can be emailed to deerjon@epix.net or mailed to him at 119 Wax Lane, Blakeslee, PA 18610 or dropped off in the church office. For further information, please call John Cady at 570-807-3205.

Worship available online

G'morning friends,

Here's a link to my Youtube channel where I've posted videos of recent devotions and sermons. I'm sending this to some of you who I thought might be interested in watching these for yourself or sharing with someone you love. I invite you to share these links with anyone you think might benefit from them. I pray they will be a small comfort to you or your loved ones.

The devotions are based on Charles Spurgeon and I know some of your family have been blessed to experience his writings before. It is my hope to continue adding and growing this vital online outreach in the days ahead.

Youtube

www.youtube.com/channel/UckPZeMu2Ik5XHYDbmDCCBVQ/
[videos](#)

Many of these same videos were presented live on my **personal Facebook (Sean)** at

www.facebook.com/ChristAndCorps

The upcoming weeks sermon will be presented live on my **Facebook Page (Motorcycle Pastor)** at

www.facebook.com/Motorcycle-Pastor-102541918066847

Live broadcasts are recorded and placed on Youtube to be watched and shared later, thus keeping them in one central location that is easy to find.

Let me know any suggestions you have!

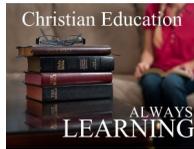
Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Sean Dougherty



Finance Update

Inserted in this newsletter is an overview of the Reeders UMC budgets for 2020. Please take a few

minutes to review it so you can better understand how your “offering” or “tithe” is utilized to fund the work of the Church at Reeders. The budgets shown on the following pages are 2020 budgets for each fund at Reeders UMC. Each committee votes and adopts a budget annually. The Finance Team deposits funds, keeps records, and pays the bills as allocated within each budget for the five (5) accounts: Benevolence, General Fund, Sunday School, Trustees, and United Methodist Women’s Society. Finance Committee Team members are Scott Hower, Chief Counter; Susan Snyder, Financial Secretary; Marcy McAdams, Treasurer; and Linda Mikels, Finance Chairperson.



BIBLE STUDY “Book of Romans”

An 8 to 10 week study will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings beginning soon. Watch for an announcement of the starting date. It will be led by Mark Gerger.



A heartfelt thank you for all the prayers, calls, visits (some with meals) and booklets and cards from my “Church Family” of Reeders UMC as I recover from the left breast removal for cancer. Visiting nurses said I am doing so well almost 2 weeks ahead in healing compared to many others in such a health situation. As of February 2nd, I credit such good health report to all the uplifting prayers and well wishes.

Fondly, Jill (Bugdanavage) Lawley

LADIES SPRING BANQUET



Postponed!!
Please watch for update

May 1st

6:30 PM

“SERVING THE VOICELESS”

Come and join us as we hold a “Baby shower “ for mothers of the Pregnancy Resource Center. The men are serving the women for this dinner. Bring a wishing well item for the shower such as; diapers, clothing, baby wipes, baby bottles, towels and or any other baby care items that a new mom needs. Paul Schmid and gang are cooking which we know means that it will be a good meal.

Lawn Maintenance/Mowing Services Needed

Reeders UMC Board of Trustees are accepting proposals for lawn maintenance /mowing contract for this season. Must be licensed and insured and must provide their own equipment. If you are interested in providing the church with a quote for these services, or know someone who be interested, please contact the church office at 570-629-1712.



April's Collection “STUFFED ANIMALS”

Examples are - sewing kits, tool kits, fishing kits, finger puppets, etc. Drop them in the donation box in the church lobby any time during the month of March.

Shepherd's Desk

Its Hard to Wait - April 2020

In western PA, for the first time in 70 years, Cook Forest state park is canceling the Easter Sunrise Service. We'll have to wait a year for it. Those who feel Christ's salvation are given the Great Commission and are eager to share the good news, so being asked to wait, can be hard. Yet sometimes waiting is what we're called to do: to wait on the Lord.

For four days, Mary & Martha waited on Jesus to arrive while their brother, Lazarus, lay dead. They probably didn't imagine Lazarus walking and talking again. Yet Jesus did arrive and he resurrected their brother to new life. They just had to wait a little longer. Similarly, when Jesus is buried, the apostles scattered, and Peter denied him. They thought the grave was final but they just had to believe Jesus, not their eyes.

Jesus told his friends that if the temple were destroyed, in three days he would rebuild it. At the Passover meal he gave them a new covenant, intimating his passing. Yet Jesus' words to Peter in Matthew-16 are what come to mind, ***"You are a stumbling block to me, because you are not setting your mind on God's interests but on man's."*** God's interests require us to wait upon the Lord, while never losing sight of his promises to us and never placing our desires above his word for us. Our task is to believe Jesus and follow his lead.

He summarized the commandments in two sayings: love God, and love others as yourself. To love God is to trust God in all His promises including: he has full control in every situation, and our suffering is temporary. This too shall pass; the season of Coronavirus will end. Currently RUMC walks by faith in planning for our Easter sunrise service up on Mount Camelback. Yet even if the order to 'shelter in place' prevents us gathering to worship there, we can trust that our Lord is coming, and that we shall gather to worship him.

Jesus built a community. He chose to no longer call his followers friends but instead he called them family. He made us co-heirs to royalty. We can trust all His promises. Let's rely upon him and seek his interests because at the end of the day, we're in his hands. He'll show up to resurrect us in his good time. And it shall be good, for us and for all who call him Lord and savior.

Easter will come and we will be spending it together.

~Shepherd Dougherty


APRIL BIRTHDAYS


Audrey Siegfried	3rd
Emma Rispoli	4th
Lindsay Palmer	5th
Jacqueline Serfass	6th
Lester Weinman	6th
Adelyn Feuerstein	8th
Linda Welch	9th
Donna Pipher	11th
Bill Snyder	11th
Kevin Bolan	12th
Steve Miller, Sr.	12th
Kathy Reder	12th
Jacob Reder	14th
Craig Gredlein	15th
Eliezer Hernandez	16th
Sarah Rispoli	20th
Jenna Bittenbender	21st
Katryn Feuerstein	23rd
Kyle Besecker	24th
Pauline Snyder	25th
Jackson Gardner	27th
Cheryll Feuerstein	30th
David McNeese, Jr.	30th

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 Phone: 717-829-7189

The Church Office hours for the fall are 9 am to 5 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Friday from 9 to 1 pm. Pastor Dougherty will available Monday mornings from 9 to 12 or other days and times by appointment. You are invited to share your worship suggestions - email us at: **ReedersWorship@gmail.com**

Need Help Finding Community Resources?

Monroe County provides a help line for easy access to human services in the community. Dial 2-1-1 to locate some of the following services:

- Shelter/housing
- Food/clothing
- Rent/Utility Assistance
- Transportation
- Drug Abuse treatment
- Early Intervention
- Legal/consumer services
- Public Assistance
- Credit Counseling
- Mental Health Services
- Aging Parent Assistance
- Support Groups

or go online at poconoinfo.org



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

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!

