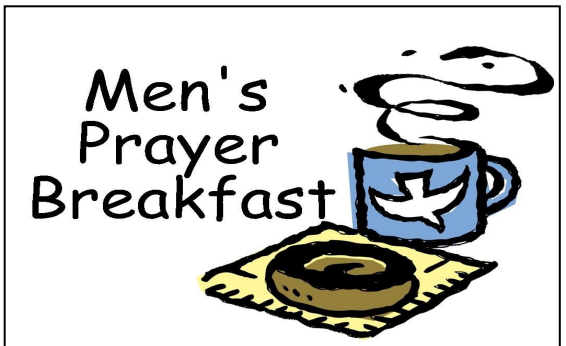
Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church

— AUGUST 2018 —

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

See Pg. 5 for more dinner details!!!!!



September 22nd
9:00 AM

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Serving In August

August 5, 2018

Greater Love:	Marcy McAdams
	Nell Cadue
	Anna Macias-Crowley
	Diane Naranjo
Media Team:	Mary Bolan
	Elizabeth Frailey
Nursery:	Valerie Braddock
	Hope Lesoine
Ushers:	Anna Macias-Crowley
	Mark Gerger
	Patricia Detrick
	William Detrick

August 12, 2018

Greater Love:	Kathy Andrews
	Tracy Altemose
	Deb Elmire
	Lee Munch
Media Team:	Brian Bolan
	Eli Hernandez
Nursery:	Holly Gardner
	Jennifer Waldron
	Lindsay Palmer (youth)
Ushers:	Scott Hower
	Steve Miller
	Steve Miller, Jr.
	Ed Tanner

August 19, 2018

Greater Love:	Barbara Giffels
	Pauline Snyder
	Arlene Frailey
	Paul Schmid
Media Team:	Lynda Bolan
	Anna Macias-Crowley
Nursery:	Leigh Frailey
	Jan Toepert
Ushers:	Lloyd Manter
	Elizer Hernandez
	Elijah Hernandez
	Jason Besecker

August 26, 2018

Greater Love:	Marie Loysen
	Linnea Weinman
	Paula Gordon
	Janet Henry
Media Team:	Brian Bolan
	Lynda Bolan
Nursery:	*Emma Rispoli
	Joyce Baker
	Vivian Roberti
Ushers:	John Cady
	Barbara Giffels
	Lee Munch
	Sherri Hower

** change in schedule*

Christ's Church –

The Strategies of God's People

UMNews posted an article talking about a Dallas meeting of over 350 Methodists. *"[This] group also made it clear that it's pivoting toward strategy and tactics for getting the [One Church] plan passed at the special General Conference [in 2019]."* https://bit.ly/2LDl3VW

God's People are called to discern. We seek God's will for His Creation: our lives, His Church, and all the World. What a joy to know that we do not rest in our desires but instead seek to know God's will and to faithfully live and bring that will to all the world.

Whatever views you currently hold about the world, the Church, or the UMC, God has provided you a people to gather with, pray with, and prepare with for whatever God calls us to do. Seize today's opportunity to connect with others, share your feelings, and seek God's comfort and guidance for whatever tomorrow may bring.

Let Psalm 119:133 be a reminder that God's guidance is superior to any strategy we might use independent from Him.

~Shepherd Dougherty

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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Worship In August

August 5th:
Keith Price, Preaching

August 12th:
"What's In A Name"
Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11
Michele Miller, Speaking

August 19th:
Chris Welch, Lay Minister

August 26th:
Patrick Roberts, Speaking

WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

1) Offering Envelopes
2) UMCmarket.org
3) Electronic Giving – through a link on the Church Website or a mobile application "Joyfully2UMC"

POCONO CONNEXION CHURCHES

There will be a meeting of interested laity to gather and share ideas and direction for how our churches walk in faith and ministry together

LOCATION: Faith UMC
DATE: August 15th
TIME: 1:00 pm

Please see Pastor Sean if you have any questions or would like more information .

Mission Ministry

Hi Everyone,

I wanted to let you know that I am back in the good ol' United States of Amer'ca :) I will be back longer this time on order to visit all of you who continue to serve the work in Kazakhstan and help me remain there. Do you know that I have been in Kazakhstan almost **11 years** now?!? I have to say, I am in love with the country and the people just as much as I was at the beginning- if not more so! I still will be sitting in a car or walking on the street and thanking God that I am there. It was hard to leave. I am planning on being Stateside for about 6 months. It's been about 5 years since I was home this long. I am so insanely humbled by the support you continue to give. I can't wait to share all He has been doing.

I will be visiting fellowships and then will go to Colorado to join my teammate Laura, to work on fundraising for KELT specifically.

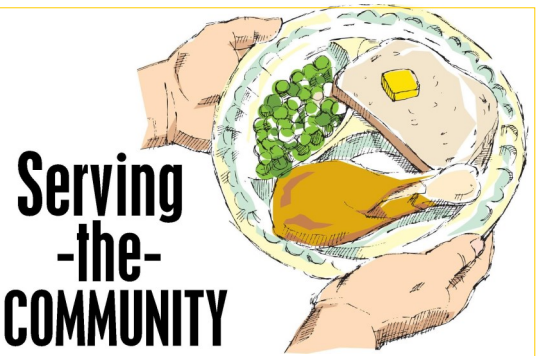
Feel free to reach out to me too to ask when I can come visit you. I would love to see as many of you as possible.
With much love and gratitude.
Jessica

If you have any friends or family serving in the military, please submit their name and address (as well as a picture if you have one) to the church office. We would like to honor them for their service.

Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

Allison Elmire	8th
Kathleen Andrews	9th
Beth Derrick	11th
Troy Rispoli	12th
Matthew Rispoli	12th
Lee Munch	14th
Lorelle Battle	21st
Burl Galucci	21st
Angela Loysen	21st
Hannah Loysen	27th
Christine Ellis	28th
James Ellis	28th
Elijah Hernandez	29th
Samantha Hernandez	29th
John Magluilo III	30th

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



COMMUNITY DINNER
2nd Saturday every month
4 pm—6 pm

Our outreach to those in the community who need a meal continues each month at Reeders (2nd Saturday from 4 to 6 pm). In addition, we deliver meals to Paul's House which provides housing to homeless Veterans. We feed anywhere between 75 and 100 people each month.

You can support the dinners in several ways.

1. Offer to set up, serve or clean up after the meals
2. Sponsor (or partially sponsor) one of the meals. Each meal costs approximately $200. Mark your offering envelope to dedicate money to the meal. (*Sponsorships will be needed in order to continue this ministry)*
3. Pray for their needs.

Together we bring hope to those in the community who need it the most!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOOTH AT THE WEST END FAIR

Reeders UMW will need volunteers to help staff this booth at the fair again this year. The fair dates are Monday, August 20 through Saturday, August 25th. The booth hours are noon to 10 PM every day. Reeders UMW usually staffs the booth on Wednesday that week.

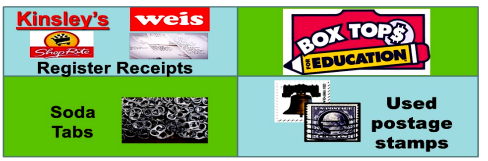
Please watch for a signup sheet posted on a podium in the church lobby where you can sign up if you are available to help on any of those days.

We usually try to provide staffing to fill slots on other days as needed. Please contact Leigh Frailey directly at 570-992-4407 or 570-269-6233 if you have any questions regarding participating in this effort.

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!



CLUB REGISTRATION:
Wed. Sept. 5 at 6:30 pm

Kids in AWANA discover God's love and their identity in Christ and become who reach out to their friends. AWANA Clubs worldwide reach kids through energetic game activities, Bible-based teaching experiences and small group time with friends. Across the globe, AWANA gives kids from every background and cultural setting a place to belong, build confidence and grow in faith.

If your children loved VBS, they will love AWANA. The club meets every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Transportation from certain Pocono Mountain schools is provided. Parents can provide transportation for any children who would like to attend who are not in the Pocono Mountain School District . Openings are available. If you are interested in enrolling your children, please plan on attending open registration or contact Leigh Frailey at 570-992-4407. Enrollment forms are available online at www.ReedersChurch.org.

First club meeting
September 12th
4:00 PM
DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

SUPPLIES NEEDED IN AUGUST

While any type of school supply is welcome, currently the greatest needs are for the following items:

- Crayons
- Notebooks
- Pens
- Pencils
- Solar calculators

School supplies go on sale soon and during the "back-to-school" sales notebooks can be found on sale for around .25/ea and crayons for about .25 each. Keep your eyes open for those sales and drop your donations in the OCC box in the lobby.

My favorite items in my shoebox were school supplies. They were really important to me because it meant I could go to school."
Luis, Panama

CHURCH PICNIC UPDATE

The church picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 26th , has gone on vacation for 2018 and will not be held. We need some volunteers to serve on a committee to plan the picnic for 2019. If you are interested in serving, please see Mike Frailey or another member of the Leadership Team.

The Finance Team continues to work diligently to pay all bills promptly and question expenditures when necessary. Your tithes and offerings are important to the life of the Reeders Church and we take our responsibilities seriously.

The decision was made to hang the new sanctuary wall decorations after Vacation Bible School. The decorations have arrived and the task of putting them up is scheduled. The Trustees continue to work on a list of needs for the parsonage renovation.

The Finance personnel continues to work on an accurate and complete report regarding giving and other income to the **General Fund of Reeders UMC**. The report through June 2018 is:

Offerings Through June 2018	Other Income/ Specialized Giving Thru June 2018	Expenses Through June 2018
$76,059	$21,269	$85,812

A more detailed General Fund Report is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. If you have questions regarding this report, feel free to contact Linda Mikels, Finance Chairperson or Marcy McAdams, Reeders UMC Treasurer.

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

Do you need more time in God's word and are too busy throughout your work week to delve into His word?

Then why not sit a spell on Sunday mornings and join in the interesting and challenging lessons given by Patrick Roberts, teacher of the adult Pairs and Spares Adult Education Class, located in the Conference Room as you enter the back entrance on the right. It begins at 9:15 am. Coffee is provided weekly along with a home baked goody by Pauline Snyder.

You will be amazed at how much better your week goes when you delve into God's word each Sunday!

Please....come and meet the caring people in the class and be part of something exciting. At the present time, the study is on the Book of Galatians. Call Donna Myra if you would like further information. Hope to see you soon!

Little Blessings Nursery School

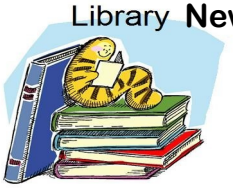
2018/19 Program

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

If you are interested in registering for the 2018/19 school year, please register as soon as possible. Classes are filling fast. Registration forms are available on the Church website at www.ReedersChurch.org or in the Church lobby.

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

Library News



The library is a relaxing place to visit and browse. There are some new changes:

Children's Collection Area—When a book or DVD doesn't have a card, just take it and return it when you are able. These are donations and it is fine if you decide to keep it. Summer donations include 101 Dalmatians, 101 Dalmatians II, Owlegories, On the Farm—Trusting and Obeying.

Teen movies are now in a bin added to PB Family Fun and include "Hoot", "Echo", "evolution—Sci-Fi from the makers of Ghostbusters.

Stop in and enjoy - available during church office hours (T,W,TH 9 am to 5pm , M,F from 9am to 1pm) or any time the church building is open for events.

monroe county MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals On Wheels is moving to a new location when the renovations to the new space are completed. The new space will be located at 901 Polk Valley Road, Stroudsburg. Please watch for an announcement when the move is complete and continue to support their efforts to feed over 200 home bound adults in our community daily as well as provide them with a human connection so they can continue to live safely and independently in their own homes.

PVEN Food Pantry
Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network

UPDATE - We now have occupancy permits for all three buildings at the new location. Our Grand Opening will be held on September 15. Watch for more details in August.

Back To School
Clothing Closet Needs

Underwear for children K through 12
New backpacks

Current Food Pantry Needs

Family size soups
Larger boxes of cereal
Rice
Pasta side dishes
Pancake mix
Pancake syrup
Jelly (no glass please)

Donations are accepted at the current location on M,T,F from 8:30 to Noon at 279 Greenview Drive or drop your donations in the bins in the Church lobby. If you have questions, please call 570-992-3136.

MILITARY OF THE MONTH

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Shepherd's Desk

"Suffering and Loss"

This last month we heard stories of tragedy. A Thai soccer team became trapped deep under the earth due to monsoon rains. A Duck Boat in Missouri took 31 passengers for a routine island tour and a sudden storm sank it, killing 17 of the passengers aboard.

Suffering is everywhere. In some cases: families can only afford one meal a day, students are bullied, workers lose jobs, the Elderly are abandoned, young people are traffiked. We are left wondering, "Why?"

Throughout scripture we see suffering. God sometimes allows it (Job 1.8-12); sometimes it is driven by jealousy (Genesis 50:20), and sometimes we suffer willingly (2 Corinthians 1:6-7) as Jesus did (1 Peter 2:24).

We may not know the reason for it but God always does and He offers us hope through His Word, reminding us of His goodness (Psalm 107:1). Jesus had the greatest injustice of all when He suffered and died for us (Romans 5:6-8). In the face of tragedy, we may choose to focus on it or look to God who knows our suffering and lovingly replaces loss with the promise of eternal family, brothers and sisters in Christ. (Hebrews 2:11, NIV)

Your brother in Christ,

Shepherd Dougherty

Are You an
On-Line Shopper?
Don't forget to visit

UMC MARKETPLACE

Go to www.UMCmarket.org and click on the "Get Started" button. Signup with your email or through Facebook. Select the Reeders church and start shopping!

It's that easy and hundreds of the most popular retailers participate.

Every store at the UMCmarket will pay a percentage of the amount purchased as a donation to the church. Please see contact the church office if you have questions.

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 CareerLink Monroe County
2937 Route 611
Merchants Plaza
Tannersville, PA 18372
570-620-2850

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Pastor Sean Dougherty
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The **new** Church Office hours are 9 am to 4pm from Tuesday thru Thursday and 9 am to 1 pm Monday and Friday. Pastor Dougherty will available Monday mornings from 9 to 12 or other days and times by appointment.

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