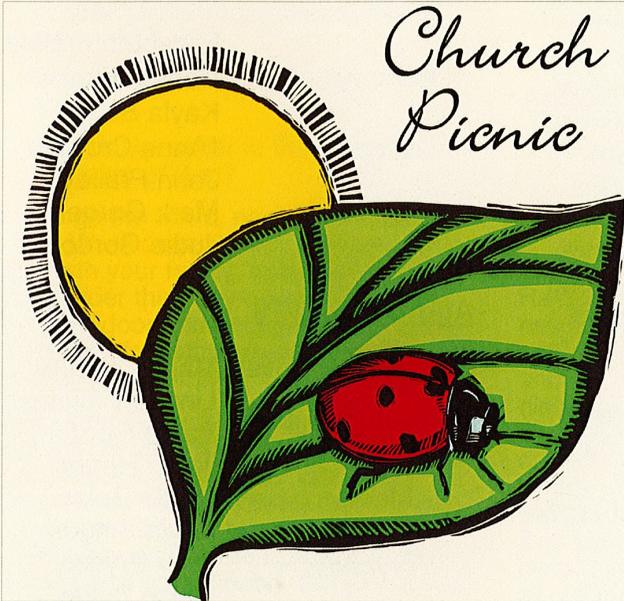


Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church

— AUGUST 2019 —

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



Church
Picnic

AUGUST 25th Noon following Worship

Join your church family for a meal and fellowship to celebrate the end of summer at the annual all church picnic. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. The church provides hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Mark your calendar and reserve the date.

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WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

- 1) Offering Envelopes
- 2) UMCmarket.org
- 3) Electronic Giving – through a link on the Church Website or a mobile application “GIVE+Mobile”

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Serving In August

August 4, 2019

Greater Love: Marcy McAdams
 Anna Macias-Crowley
 Jen Herscap
 Media: Brian Bolan
 Lynda Bolan
 Nursery: Kathy Andrews
 Tracy Altemose
 Norah Greenan (youth)
 Ushers: *Don Kresge
 Shadrack Badu
 Sean Braddock
 Volunteer Needed
 Norm Toepert

August 11, 2019

Greater Love: Kathy Andrews
 Tracy Altemose
 Deb Elmire
 Sue Fraunberger
 Media: Lynda Bolan
 Anna Crowley
 Nursery: Valerie Braddock
 Hope Lesoine
 Ushers: *John Myra
 Bob Bryson
 Donna Myra
 Lester Weinman

August 18, 2019

Greater Love: Barbara Giffels
 Pauline Snyder
 Arlene Frailey
 Paul Schmid
 Media: Mary Bolan
 Elizabeth Frailey
 Nursery: Debbie Elmire
 Kayla Singer
 Ushers: *Anna Crowley
 John Frailey
 Mark Gerger
 Judie Gordon

August 25, 2019

Greater Love: Marie Loysen
 Linnea Weinman
 Paula Gordon
 Janet Henry
 Media: Lynda Bolan
 Kayla Singer
 Nursery: Judy Bryson
 Joyce Baker
 Ushers: *Lloyd Manter
 Jason Besecker
 Elizer Hernandez
 Sherri Hower



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

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!



Christ's Church - **Mission Trips**

Local pastors from the Stroudsburg/Pocono gathered to talk about an upcoming Mission trip to Russia. Congregants in these churches will participate in changing the world and coming back changed.

Mission Trips raise interesting questions:

How far must we go to change the world?

How are we changed by this work?

How do we usher in the Kingdom of God?

To change the world, one doesn't have to go far. Missions is about touching lives. Begin with your family, those differences can be wider than any ocean. After that, open your door and help your neighbors, regardless of whether you agree with how they live their lives.

Being changed by missions isn't measured by map distances but by how far your soul has traveled. When we learn to care more for others rather than our own comfort, our hearts are soft and we have moved into the light of holiness. We don't do it to feel good, though we get that anyway.

And we don't build a kingdom and throne, hoping the King will come, for He already came. All authority and power were given to Jesus and He is Lord, and we are His. We serve in His kingdom built on love that we share through mission trips far and near to reveal the King and make disciples of Jesus, thus continuing to change the world.

May you hear the call to mission work and be changed as you change the world by sharing the love of Jesus with your neighbors both far and near.

~Shepherd Dougherty

Worship In August

August 4th:

"Guarding Your Soul"

Scripture: Mark 12:30-31

August 11th:

"God's Lover Overcomes All"

Scripture: Hosea 1:4-10

August 18th:

"Justice & Righteousness"

Scripture: Luke 12:49-56

August 25th:

"The Holiness Of God"

Scripture: Hebrew 12:18-25

Worship Updates - [September](#)

September 15th is our Back To Church Rally as we gather together to see what new things God is doing at Reeders UMC! Invite friends and neighbors, new and old to come and join us in worship, discipleship and life together! Beginning in September, we will bring all our favorite elements of worship such as hymns, songs, prayer and praise while welcoming how God reorders our worship time (as He does with our lives). We'll keep it simple, reimagine, and reengage all our familiar elements as follows. We invite you to tell us what God is sharing with you and help us explore and expand on an exciting and holy worship experience together.

~Shepherd Dougherty

5 Minute Ministry Countdown w/ Video

Welcome & Direction

Opening Prayer

2 Songs

Video/Kids Moment

Prayers

Song <1st Sundays this moves to Communion>

Message

<on 1st Sundays: Communion and Song>

Offering collected as we sing the

Closing Song



Invite a friend or neighbor -
or anyone who could use a hot, home
cooked meal and fellowship.

**AUGUST 10TH
4 PM TO 6 PM**

Invite a friend or neighbor - anyone
you know who could use a hot, home-
cooked meal and some fellowship.

Volunteers Needed - Please contact
Sean Braddock if you can volunteer to
help, prepare, setup, serve or cleanup
at sbraddock72@gmail.com.

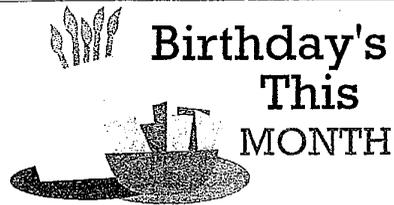
Dinner Prayers

Join us 20 minutes prior
to Community Dinner in
the sanctuary for devotions & prayer!



MISSION OF THE MONTH

NE PA Youth for Christ
Pocono Slate Belt
PO Box 820
Stroudsburg, PA 18360-0820



Eric Robbins	1st
Allison Elmire	8th
Kathleen Andrews	9th
Beth Derrick	11th
Troy Rispoli	12th
Matthew Rispoli	12th
Lee Munch	14th
Jill Bugdanavage	18th
Lorelle Battle	21st
Burl Galucci	21st
Angela Loysen	21st
Hannah Loysen	27st
Christine Ellis	28st
James Ellis	28st
Elijah Hernandez	29th
Samantha Hernandez	29th
John Alan Magluilo III	30th

Pastor's Book Study Invitation

Readings for August 2019

I selected this month's readings to help
inspire you in your daily walk of faith.

Let Not Your Heart be Troubled

by Harold Myra

A 40 day devotional that pastor began in
July. Its written by a relative of one of our
very own at RUMC. Guess who!

The Prayers of Peter Marshall

by Catherine Marshall

A collection of classic prayers useful as a
devotional or for inspiration based on
your specific needs.



Last month I wrote about Noah. I hope you explored some of the little known facts of the story. The following are "Lessons from Noah's Arc" from a newspaper article that I cut out years ago. I was anonymous.

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's ark:

- 1) Don't miss the boat; 2) Remember that we are all in the same boat.; 3) Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah Built the ark; 4) Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really important; 5) Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done; 6) Build your future on high ground; 7) For safety's sake, travel in pairs; 8) Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs; 9) When you're stressed, float awhile. Remember the ark was uilt by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals; 10) No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

What lessons should a Christian learn from Noah? My pick would be extreme obedience, trust and endurance. This winter when your suffering with cabin fever, think of Noah, his family and the floating menagerie. Now thank God for His many blessings and the burdens He asks you to carry.

Joan Robbins
Christian Education Committee



Finance Update

Reeders 2019 General Fund Report
July 28, 2019

	General Offering	Other Income	Total	Needed	Difference
Last Week	* 2,156.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,256.00	\$ 3,942.00	\$ -1,686.00
Year-to-date	*66,586.52	\$27,492.56	\$94,070.08	\$118,260.00	-\$24,146.47
Special Collection	-0-				

**These amounts do not reflect Benevolence, Trustees, and Sunday School funds which are self-sustaining or Electronic giving which will be included monthly with General Offering figures.*

Shepherd's Desk

Visiting Worship

Recently I worshiped at another church. The lawn was groomed and the building was beautiful. As I entered the sanctuary, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* was playing. The atmosphere was as warm inside as it was outside.

A deacon handed me a hymnal but they didn't have bulletins. As my daughter pointed to hymn numbers on the wall, a kind woman quickly tapped on her shoulder and told her the page number for the order of worship being used. During service, the preacher began announcing page numbers. The regulars knew where to look but as a visitor we were lost and his guidance put us at ease.

The service was fast, moving between songs, prayers, and communion quickly. The longest elements were the message and the passing of the peace which seemed like a mini-fellowship where folk gathered in the center aisle with laughter and conversation. They kept to the sacred hour and of the twenty or so in attendance, most zipped out to brunches and Sunday plans at the end. A few stayed to greet my family, asking our names and inviting us back, asking about our church experience, worship style and calling! They were as eager to know us as they were to share worship. And they asked what brought us there.

This beautiful Church community was simultaneously worshipping with joy as they dwindled. The precious few who remained after were asked tough questions. What brought you here? What were you seeking? Did we engage you well? We gave them specific answers. "The woman that guided us was a huge help. It made us feel loved and welcomed. The woman that came from the other side of the church to come and shake our hands made us feel valued." These were the high points.

As the pastor, after service I stand where RUMC expects, shaking hands and listening. It's our local tradition that we're accustomed to. Yet newer faces and visitors often move to the side, seeking more than a handshake. They ask me about small groups, coffee hours, and connection.

As I consider how we were engaged after that worship in the beautiful but declining church, I wonder how we can ask what our visitors are seeking, how we can make it personal, and listen to what they tell us.

May we all have ears to hear, and wisdom to follow,

Shepherd Dougherty

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



"WORK IN THE GARDEN"
Mon, through Sat. - 9 am to Noon

For more information or to confirm your plans to volunteer, please call Emily Gargiulo at 570-402-1282 or email gardenofgiving1@gmail.com.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION VOLUNTEERS
2nd Saturday and 4th Tues
CLOTHING CLOSET VOLUNTEERS
2nd Saturday/mth

For more information call Hope at 570-992-3136 or email pven.director@gmail.com.

Giving your tithe through a mobile application?

Do you use the Joyfully2 app. from your smart phone to support Reeders financially?

If you do, it is no longer available. The United Methodist Church conference terminated that application and switched to a GIVE+Mobile application through Vanco.

Please go to the app store from your smart phone and download the GIVE+Mobile app in order to continue giving through a mobile application.

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The Church Office hours are 9 am to 1 PM on Tuesdays and Fridays and 9AM to 5PM on Wednesdays. 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