

# Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church  
— FEBRUARY 2018 —

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

## “SOUPER BOWL” OF CARING

**Sunday, February 4, 2018**

*after worship (sign up in the lobby)*



**Bring a pantry donation for PVEN and crockpot of your favorite soup to share. The church provides the rest. Wear your favorite team's jersey. Meet Pastor Dougherty too!**

**WELCOME**  
★ *Pastor Dougherty* ★

**February 4**

*after worship in the Fellowship Hall*

Stay and share in the “Souper Bowl” luncheon  
and meet  
Pastor Dougherty

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# Serving In February

## February 4, 2018

Greater Love: Marcy McAdams  
Nell Cadue  
Anna Macias-  
Crowley  
Diane Naranjo  
Media Team: Brian Bolan  
Eli Hernandez  
Elizabeth Frailey  
Nursery: Marie Loysen  
Jackie Matos  
Samantha  
Hernandez  
(youth)  
Ushers: Lloyd Manter  
Eliezer  
Hernandez  
Elijah  
Hernandez  
Jason Besecker

## February 11, 2018

Greater Love: Kathy Andrews  
Tracy Altemose  
Deb Elmire  
Lee Munch  
Media Team: Brian Bolan  
Lynda Bolan  
Nursery: Hannah Loysen  
Emma Rispoli  
Ushers: John Cady  
Barbara Giffels  
Lee Munch  
Sherri Hower

## February 18, 2018

Greater Love: Barbara Giffels  
Pauline Snyder  
Arlene Frailey  
Paul Schmid  
Media Team: Brian Bolan  
Eli Hernandez  
Nursery: Valerie Braddock  
Hope Lesoine  
Ushers: John Frailey  
Judie Gorden,  
Tim Rogers  
Homer Hennings

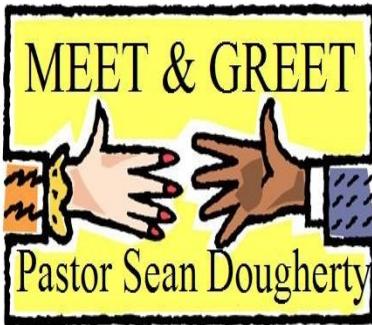
## February 25, 2018

Greater Love: Marie Loysen  
Linnea Weinman  
Paula Gordon  
Janet Henry  
Media Team: Lynda Bolan  
Anna Macias-  
Crowley  
Nursery: Holly Gardner  
Jennifer Waldron  
Lindsay Palmer  
(youth)  
Ushers: Don Kresge  
Norm Toepert  
Shadrack Badu  
Avon Doll  
Sean Braddock

### **MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

Kurt & Cynthia Zimmerman  
World Gospel Mission  
Casilla 55  
Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
Kurt.zimmerman@wgm.org





**FEBRUARY 4th, 2018**

**Welcome**

**Pastor Sean Dougherty**

Meet him in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Introduce yourself and share in the **"Souper Bowl of Caring"** with him and his family.

**MEN'S PRAYER  
MARCH 24  
BREAKFAST**



**9:00 AM**

Guest Speaker: John Lewis. Join us for good food prepared by John Cady and his minions and good fellowship. Hear about Joh's mission trip. Ask a friend, a sibling, a son, a dad, or a neighbor to join you. Everyone is welcome.

**MILITARY OF THE MONTH**

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

## Worship In February

Feb 4th --

**"Fly Eagles Fly!"**

*Isaiah 40:31*

*Pastor Sean Dougherty, Preaching*

Feb 11th --

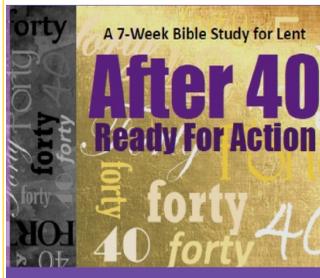
**'Sheepdogs and Shepherd Kings'**

*1 Samuel 8:4-7*

*Pastor Sean Dougherty, Preaching*

*Pastor Dougherty will base the sermons and scripture for Feb. 18th and Feb. 25th on the Hopewell UMC Lenten materials that were picked for the 7 Week Lent Study.*

### 7 WEEK LENT STUDY "AFTER 40- Ready for Action"



This is a lent study evolving around the number 40 as a prominent feature of many bible stories; 40 days and 40 nights of rain in

Noah's story, the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, the resurrected Jesus seen alive for 40 days. etc.

The studies will be held at various times through the week beginning the week of February 14th. Leaders and groups are being organized now. Please contact the church office if you are interested in participating in a study for a listing of the days and times groups will meet. Call the office at 570-629-1712 for more info.



**Provided by:**

Michele Frailey, Financial Chair (thru 1/31/18)  
 Linda Mikels, Financial Chair (2/1/18)  
 Marcy McAdams, Treasurer (1/1/18)

Budget Income/Expenses	2017	2018
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>		
Pastoral Ministries	89,368.00	60,000.00
Worship Expenses	5,200.00	3,700.00
Church Adm. Exp. (includes Office Facilitator, supplies, postage, etc.)	28,637.00	35,362.00
Property Expenses (electric, gas, water, trash removal, property insurance, etc.)	48,497.00	46,998.00
Church Parsonage Expenses	3,432.00	3,432.00
Eastern PA Conference UMC	21,885.00	23,328.00
Evangelism (new member classes, Greater Love, advertisement)	1,200.00	400.00
Christian Education	4,200.00	3,700.00
Member care programs (Prayer breakfast, comm. Dinners, helping hands, etc.)	1,700.00	4,900.00
New Parsonage Expenses	6,000.00	19,350.00
	210,119.00	201,170.00
<b>Actual Income vs. Expenses</b>		
2017 Actual Income	187,155.49	
2017 Actual Expenses	207,985.81	
2017 Deficit Balance as of 12/31/17	-20,830.32	

The budget expense details were included in the January newsletter. The above is a summary of those budgeted expenses as well as actual income figures for 2017. As you can see from the income detail, we finished 2017 with a \$20,830.32 deficit. Even more concerning is the deficit includes a \$10,000 transfer from the churches savings account to the General Fund that was made in September 2017. As you can also see, the 2018 expense budget has been reduced by around \$10,000 to try to achieve a balanced budget for 2018. The financial team at Reeders will be working with a new accounting software beginning in January of 2018 that will allow us to provide you with updated financial information throughout the year regarding the financial health of Reeders. We are committed to reducing and eliminating any unnecessary expenses throughout the year in order to strive to achieve a balanced budget for this year. We are requesting that you review your *giving* or *tithing* to Reeders for 2018 and make whatever adjustments you are able to in your plan for tithing to help Reeders reach the goal of a balanced budget for 2018.



Beginning February 1, 2018, Linda Mikels will serve the congregation as Finance Chairperson. Many thanks to Michele Miller, former Finance Chairperson, Marcy McAdams, newly appointed treasurer, and Donald Kresge, former treasurer for their many long hours of diligent work during the transition from ledger book to computerized accounting. Many other members of the congregation are part of this transition. The joint effort of many is a giant step for our congregation.

What does the Finance Chairperson do? The Finance Chairperson follows all income and expenses of the Church to ensure proper recordkeeping to adhere to approved budgets, and to implements procedures described by the Methodist Church. On a monthly basis, the Finance Chairperson is responsible for reviewing and signing all checks, overseeing a monthly report to the Leadership Team, supervising daily cash balances, and maintaining financial records for the annual Church audit.

Through the Newsletter the Finance Chairperson plans to give monthly reports to the congregation regarding the fiscal health of Reeders United Methodist Church.

As the Finance Chairperson, Linda Mikels asks each of you to pray that the new system operates smoothly and that Reeders Church continues to grow and

## Prayer Chain Updates Requested

It is that time of year again - time to make sure that we our records are current. If you are currently receiving prayer chain notices (either via email or by phone, and you no longer want to receive them, please notify the Church office so we can remove you from the list. If you are not currently on the prayer change and would like to be added to it, please contact the office at 570-629-1712 or by email at [rumc@ptd.net](mailto:rumc@ptd.net) to request the addition of your contact info to the list. If you have questions concerning how the prayer change works, please contact either Arlene Frailey 570-629-5537 or Henrietta Kresge 570-629-0466 for more information.

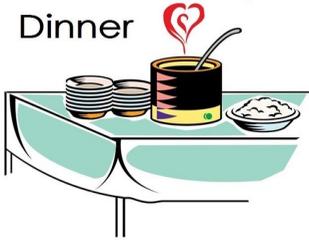


Members  
Serving  
Our  
Country

If you know of any church members or extended church family members who are currently serving in the military, we would like to honor them by adding them to our list of those who are currently serving. Please provide their name, rank, branch of the service and their mailing address (photo if you have) to the church office so they can be added to our list of those who are serving and honored throughout the year.

**February 10<sup>th</sup> 4 - 6 pm**

FREE Community  
Dinner



**Invite your friends and neighbors -  
Anyone who would benefit from a  
hot home-cooked meal.**



**Little Blessings**

**2018/19 Programs  
REGISTRATION WILL  
OPEN IN MARCH**

If you are interested in registering for the 2018/19 school year, please follow Little Blessings Nursery School on facebook to watch for a notification that 2018/19 registrations are being accepted.

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

*Brown Bag Sunday*

*to benefit*



**PVEN  
Food  
Pantry**

**March 11th**

Beginning Sunday, February 18th, bring pantry goods to donate to the Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network to stock their shelves for the Easter holiday. Place your donations in the bin in the church lobby.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
"Reaching Out In Love"**

**February 1st  
7:00 pm**

**Join us as we pack boxes for  
individuals away from home  
in the military or at school.**



**FOOD PANTRY**

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



Catherine Clause	1st
Catherine Besecker	2nd
Frank Davalos	4th
Carl Besecker	5th
Debra Elmire	10th
Bibi Toepert	11th
Rachael Davalos	12th
William Gallagher	13th
Joan Purdy	13th
Jay (James) Feuerstein	14th
Tyler Price	14th
Kylie Thomas	14th
Cassidy Feuerstein	16th
Mary Greenan	17th
David Reder	17th
William Bolan	18th
Janet Henry	18th
Rich Yurkovitch	20th
Jessica Hernandez	22nd
Sumner Dewitt Booth	24th
Jessica Ellis	24th
Rose Marie Miller	25th

Feb 3rd @ 1 pm  
 PVM Bingo & Craft Party  
 Feb. 11th - Camp Gilead  
*All Weekend*  
 Feb. 18th - Valentine Party  
 Feb. 25th - Reg. Meeting

**COMMUNITY**  
  
**LENTEN SERVICES**

**“And He Told Them A Story”**

A Lenten Series Featuring  
 The Parables of Jesus

*offered by the Pocono Cluster of United  
 Methodist Churches*

All Services begin at 7:00 PM and include a time of fellowship after worship. Child care will be offered during all services. The offering will benefit camperships at Pocono Plateau and Puerto Rico Hurricane relief.

**Ash Wednesday - Feb. 14th**

Stroudsburg UMC (Ashes & Communion)  
*“The Great Banquet”*

**Wednesday - Feb. 21st**

East Stroudsburg UMC  
*“The Parable of Workers in the Vineyard”*

**Wednesday, Feb. 28th**

Cherry Lane UMC  
*“Teacher of Parables, Healer of Diseases”*

**Wednesday, March 7th**

Cherry Valley UMC  
*“The Parable of the Prodigal Son”*

**Wednesday, March 14th**

Faith UMC  
*Centennial of Peace: A service of the  
 Hymns of World War I*

**Wednesday, March 21st**

Wooddale UMC  
*“The Parable of the Wise and  
 Foolish Builders”*  
*“The Parable of the Sower”*  
*“The Parable of the Lost Sheep”*

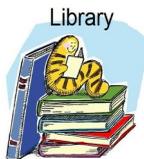
*Pick up a brochure for all the services at  
 the information table in the church lobby.*



Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for all of the "Happy Birthday" wishes that I received on Sunday, January 14 for my 99th birthday on January 9th. I really appreciated all of the wishes and prayers for this birthday. I will always cherish your thoughts and wishes.

Thelma Arndt

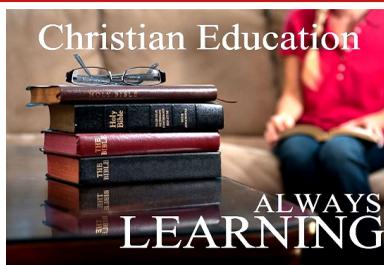


I am waiting the arrival of our new Pastor for suggestions on the Library's organization. We are still not accepting any donations. Guidelines for donations need to be developed and will be published when available. I am planning for an April "spring cleaning" and will be asking for volunteers to help.

In the meantime, please feel free to visit the library and enjoy the various DVD collections and books that are available. We also have some uplifting music selections that you might enjoy. You might enjoy the books written by Nathan Whitake on Tim Tebow "Through My Eyes" or Denzel Washington's "A hand to Guide Me".

Please contact me at 570-972-0320 or the church office with suggestions.

Jill Bugdanavage



Titus 3:1 "Remind our people to submit to rulers and authorities to obey them and to be ready to do good in every way." I say lets go a step farther and include people of government in our daily prayers.

All but 2 of our Presidents had a religious affiliation. Blame cabin fever. For "fun" I researched on Pew Research.com to find out which denominations our Presidents have belonged to.

Eleven have been Episcopalians, 9 Presbyterians, 4 each of Unitarian and Baptist, 3 Methodists, 2 each of Dutch Reform, Quaker and Disciples of Christ, 1 Roman Catholic and 3 simply stated "Christian".

I was surprised and disappointed by the 2 that claimed no formal affiliation. Both are very influential in our history. Any guesses on who they might be? Ask me or wait in suspense for the next newsletter.

One last thought, while in office Regan bemoaned the fact that the Secret Service did not want him going to a house of worship - it would be a security nightmare.

Remember—"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance".

*Psalm 33:12*

Joan Robbins

# Pastor's Message



I had the opportunity to see a news article today about an elderly couple who had been denied their honeymoon in the 60's at the Mt. Airy resort in the Poconos. You can see and listen to it at <http://cbsn.ws/2Dj5HFD>. The old wrong was fixed by the new owners of the new Mt. Airy resort who gave them an all expense paid "second honeymoon." And the prompting to do this? Fifth grade children at a school in New Jersey who heard the couple speak about the wrongs of racism.

Jesus' words come to mind immediately, "But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not try to stop them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt 19:14, NET) I do not know if any of these children are Christian (I certainly hope so) and I know that children don't always act appropriately, but this time they certainly did. They modeled what any adult should be doing automatically, especially a mature Christian. They saw a wrong and worked to correct it.

Jesus was all about accepting those that others would reject. He would have us see others without blinders of difference and instead welcome them to draw closer to Him. God is the center-point to which we are all drawn, and to where all can receive a welcome. In His presence, the repentant soul finds forgiveness. He reminds us not to judge, to separate, based on the limitations we see, for we cannot see the full measure of a person as He can. This is why judgment must remain with Him and welcoming remain with us. Jesus modeled how to welcome, and these children remind us all what open welcome should look like.

The welcome my family and I are receiving at Reeders UMC is equally inspiring. We are being prayed for, and I can feel those prayers. When we came to see the parsonage, offers of loving service were given. We met, we gave thanks for how God is acting in unexpected ways, and we prayed to our heavenly Father as Jesus, His Son, teaches us to do. We can feel the presence of God at work in the Poconos and specifically Reeders UMC, though we are over a hundred miles away.

Each day I give thanks for you, my brothers and sisters in faith. You are walking with God and I look forward to joining with you in footsteps together as we approach the throne of Grace over the many years to come. May we welcome others as these children did. May we model Jesus' love in every aspect of our lives as we pray for our leaders to do daily. May we become one family, adopted through Christ's sacrifice, and in His presence because He removed the barriers for us.

I remain your brother in Christ,

Shepherd Dougherty



## Hope for Veterans

Do you know a veteran or the family of a veteran who needs help with housing, employment services, temporary financial aide? If so, please refer them to the SSVF (Support Services for Veteran Families) hotline at 1-855-583-8466 or email [SSVF@communityhope-nj.org](mailto:SSVF@communityhope-nj.org). They serve veterans and their families in Eastern PA and Central and Northern New Jersey. For more information contact: Shelton Miles 1-973-590-4546.

## Does your home need a roof repair that you cannot afford?



Monroe County Habitat for Humanity has a roof repair program available for homeowners who need financial assistance with roof repairs. They offer an interest free repayment plan up to 4 years for individuals and families who qualify.

If you are a single person earning less than \$38,600 annually or \$44,100 annually for a family of 2, please contact them for more information at 570-216-4390 or email [execdirector@habitatmc.org](mailto:execdirector@habitatmc.org).

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Pastor Sean Dougherty  
Email: [sean.p\\_dougherty@yahoo.com](mailto:sean.p_dougherty@yahoo.com)  
Phone: (717) 829-7189

The Church Office hours are 9 am to 4pm from Monday thru Friday.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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