

# Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church  
— FEBRUARY 2019 —

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 3, 2019 (after worship)



# SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

**PVEN Food Pantry  
Supplies**

See Pg. 9 for more info.

### SPECIAL GUESTS:

**Madi & Brandon Wenger**  
**East Stroudsburg University**  
**DiscipleMakers Ministry**

Reeders UMC supports this ministry through the benevolence pledges it receives. Join us to hear a little history of their ministry in our community. Enjoy some wonderful soup and enjoy team rhetoric and fellowship in preparation for the evening's Super Bowl event.



**DISCIPLEMAKERS**  
Reaching the campus...Reaching the world

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# Serving In February

## February 3, 2019

Greater Love: Marcy McAdams  
Nell Cadue  
Anna Macias-  
Crowley  
(Volunteer Needed)  
Media Team: TBD  
Nursery: Judy Bryson  
Joyce Baker  
Ushers: \*Anna Crowley  
John Frailey  
Mark Gerger  
Judie Gordon

## February 10, 2019

Greater Love: Kathy Andrews  
Tracy Altemose  
Deb Elmire  
(Volunteer Needed)  
Media Team: TBD  
Nursery: Leigh Frailey  
Jan Toepert  
Ushers: \*Scott Hower  
Janet Henry  
Steve Miller  
Ed Tanner

## February 17, 2019

Greater Love: Barbara Giffels  
Pauline Snyder  
Arlene Frailey  
Paul Schmid  
Media Team: TBD  
Nursery: Jackie Matos  
Samantha  
Hernandez  
Ushers: \*Lloyd Manter  
Jason Besecker  
Elizer  
Hernandez  
Sherri Hower

## February 24, 2019

Greater Love: Marie Loysen  
Linnea Weinman  
Paula Gordon  
Janet Henry  
Media Team: TBD  
Nursery: Emma Rispoli  
Katrjn Dougherty  
Ushers: \*Don Kresge  
Shadrack Badu  
Sean Braddock  
Avon Doll  
Norm Toepert



## FEBRUARY COLLECTION "Accessories"

Please place them in the donation bin in the lobby.

## MILITARY OF THE MONTH

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

## Christ's Church -

### **Wisdom, Grace, Prayer**

RUMC is a member of Christ's Church, the body of believers whom Jesus called His bride. Just like anything physical, this body grows and undergoes changes as it gets older. Some are easy and some are difficult. Right now, the UMC is changing again. Whether this change is helpful or harmful remains to be seen.

GC2019 is February 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. This Special General Conference is being held solely for the purpose of deciding how this denomination will navigate what it means to be united amid different understandings of Christ, Culture, and the Word of God given in Scripture. We don't yet know what decision will be reached: Traditional, One Church, Connectional Conference, or something else entirely. What we do know is that we pray for God's wisdom and grace to be present in the decision making of the delegates.

Many plans and proposals ask for a graceful exit that would allow any church that could not abide in good conscience to leave with their assets. Leaving goes against the idea of being united, yet in practice UM churches and clergy are already not united in many understandings. This is why we pray for God's wisdom to be first and foremost. Join me in praying for Holy Spirit's leading to be clear to the delegates and ourselves, that we may know God's wisdom, be filled by His grace, and pour all this into the community we touch.

~Shepherd Dougherty

## **Worship In February**

### **February 3rd: COMMUNION**

***"Learn Humbly"***

Scripture: Matthew 22:37-39

*Children's Message:*

***"The Good Samaritan"***

Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37

**"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING"**

*following worship*

### **February 10th:**

***"Leave Boldly"***

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-17

### **February 17th:**

***"Joy In Serving"***

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-8

### **February 24th:**

***"Joy In Believing"***

Scripture: Philippians 3:1, 7-14

## **United Methodist Women**

**February 7th**

**7PM**



## **"Uplifting Tastebuds"**

Come help pack goodie boxes for the college and military. Everyone is welcome.



## NE PA Youth For Christ

Bridge Building. A big part of the Heart of YFC is to bridge the gap between the local church and teens. Before the building starts, we needed to know where both sides were located. 2018 was packed with meetings with everyone who had an interest in teens. After many conversations, I am starting to get a good idea of where the local churches are and how to best partner with them in reaching young people in our area. Please pray for the network of youth workers as together we seek to reach and disciple lost teens. Please pray for upcoming events, new volunteers, teens struggling with depression and monthly financial contributors. To God be the Glory.

*Eli Tyler*

*Pocono/Slate Belt Ministry Coordinator*



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](mailto:sbraddock72@gmail.com).



# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Catherine Clause	1st
Catherine Besecker	2nd
Frank Davalos	4th
Carl Besecker	5th
Debra Elmiré	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

## Tithe and Offerings

### WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

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



### Planning for 2019

Reeders has found new leaders for the 2019 VBS Program. Jennifer Waldron and Hope Lesoine have decided to co-lead this year's program. They are hoping to continue a ministry that has been very successful at Reeders for many years.

As they begin the planning for this year's program, they will be approaching many of you who have volunteered for previous programs to find out if you will continue your commitment to VBS for the 2019 program. Please feel free to share any ideas that you may have to enhance this year's program. They are looking forward to working with all of you.

Christian Education  
Committee



**Wednesdays**  
**4:00 pm to 5:30**  
**Openings Still Available!**

If your children loved VBS, they will love AWANA. 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. If you are interested in enrolling your children, contact Leigh Frailey at 570-992-4407. Enrollment forms are available online at

[www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org).



## Little Blessings Nursery School

### 2019/20 Program

Are you interested in registering for the 2019/20 school year, registration will begin in early spring. Registration forms will be available on the Church website at [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org) or in the Church lobby beginning February 25th.

Contact Kathy Andrews, Director at 570-629-1712 for more information.



# ***SPRC HIGHLIGHTS***

**(Staff Parish Relations Committee)**

Greetings everyone,

I just wanted to give everyone a heads up on the Staff Parish Relations Committee. this years team is comprised of six members plus the Pastor: Arlene Frailey, James (Jay) Feuerstein, Nell Cadue (past chair), Chris Welch (lay leader), Barbara Giffels (lay delegate), and Paul Schmid, (Chair).

The SPRC meets a minimum of four times a year. However, it can meet more times than that if a meeting or an issue is found to be warranted. This committee is closed to the membership and meets solely with the pastor to discuss various membership issues/concerns, set his/her goals for the year, his/her concerns, etc. the United Methodist Book of Discipline goes into detail about the SPRC function.

Protocol to address any of your issues/concerns:

The normal protocol for issues related to Reeders or any United Methodist Church is to first contact the Pastor. This can be in person, snail mail, email, or by telephone. He will listen to the issue/concern and make recommendations on how it can or will be addressed.

If upon completion by the Pastor, you as a member are not satisfied with the outcome, please do not hesitate to contact one of the above listed SPRC members. The SPRC committee will meet with the pastor to further discuss the issue or concern you raised. Once the SPRC determination is made, if you are still not happy with the resolution, you have the right to contact the UMC District Superintendent to air your concern.

I would ask that you follow these protocols. Thank you in advance! All of us are looking forward to a fantastic 2019 as Sean and Katryn lead us in His name.

Paul Schmid, SPRC Chair

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Re-entry Program  
Of Monroe County, Inc.  
PO Box 1251  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
[Reentry@ptd.net](mailto:Reentry@ptd.net)



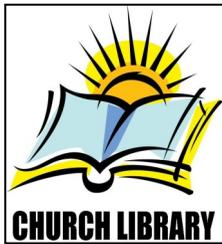
Pantry donations can be deposited in the bins in the Lobby to support the PVEN Food Pantry.

# BUDGET REPORT



## Reeders 2018 General Fund Report January 22 , 2019

Date of Giving	General Offering	Other Income	Total	Needed	Difference
1/7/19	2,622.00	1,120.00	3,742.00	\$3,942.00 wkly	<-200.00>
1/14/19	1,662.00	125.50	1,787.50	\$3,942.00 wkly	<-2,154.50>
1/22/19	547.50	167.50	715.00	\$3,942.00 wkly	<-3,227.00>
Yr to Date	4,831.50	1,413.00	6,244.50	\$11,826.00	<-5,581.50>



The library is a suitable area to visit when restless children need quiet distractions, puzzles, coloring books and books. There is a box of quiet activities and a child may choose.

Volunteers are still working on the library card catalogue. We are in the process of matching cards to what is on the shelves. Our library system is a trust system; no need to date the card when you return the book, music, or movie. Many DVD's were donated and the Church library does not have a need to keep them. If there isn't a sign out card, you are welcome to keep it.

I am available on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 pm before AWANA in the Mary Lee Memorial Library. If you have any questions or suggestion, please feel free to call me at 570-972-0320 or email me at Blessedmom18@gmail.com or message me on Facebook "Lawley, Jill".



### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3rd (after worship)

This is our annual pantry fund raiser for the Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network (PVEN) food pantry so don't forget your donation of pantry goods or a monetary donation to support this mission.

Our special guests will be Madi and Brandon Wenger from the DiscipleMakers Ministry at ESU. Learn about their ministry at East Stroudsburg University.

Bring a crockpot of your favorite soup to share at the "souper" bowl luncheon. Sign up at the podium in the lobby. Desserts and everything else will be provided. Don't forget to wear your favorite team jersey and join the pre-game celebration.



Thank you to my wonderful church family at Reeders for my 100th Birthday Celebration.

*Thelma Arndt*



*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!*



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

## 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.

Finance Committee

## ***North District/UMC "Tools For Ministry Training"***

March 3rd

8:15 am to 12:30 pm

Asbury UMC

Allentown, PA

***Attention all Reeders Church Leaders!***

Please consider attending this workshop. There are brochures on the information table in the church lobby. There will be discussions of interest to church leadership including; engaging the congregation, effectively funding ministries, diversity, etc. Please see Pastor Dougherty regarding car pooling or with any other questions.

# Shepherd's Desk

## “A Season for Absolutes”

To paraphrase Ben Franklin in a 1789 letter, ‘two things are certain, death and taxes’. Americans were blessed with founding fathers that spoke of absolutes alongside that which can be changed. They knew that rulership is the imposition of one will over another, so they made sure there were ways to alter things according to a changing world.

Jesus’ belief that things could change ultimately led to His suffering and death before His resurrection. (Sorry Death, it turns out you aren’t an absolute after all).

Absolute things are worth dying for such as inalienable rights, and the right to worship & believe differently than the government (separation of church and state). Jesus reminded the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, (there you go Taxes, you’re still in the game) and to give to God what is His, our belief, our worship, and our lives.

These belong to God because we are His. He created humanity but man sold God’s rule to Satan at the tree of Knowledge. Today, we affirm that bad decision whenever we reject God leading us (sin). Yet God paid our sin-debt at the cross so we could be together again, forever. His love is absolute, even through our rejection. And it’s His Love that grants us new life in the Kingdom of God that He brings, a kingdom of dedication, not taxation. (Sorry Taxation, it looks like you aren’t absolute after all).

An absolute truth is that you were made in God’s image to live in His kingdom. Until that Kingdom comes in fullness, we’re here, saved by Christ, living as He taught us to, giving a portion of what is ours in taxes but giving all of what is God’s to Him: our lives, our talents, and our treasure because it all comes from Him. Let’s do as the apostles, putting all this together, to build the kingdom and share God’s Absolute Truth: God freed us so we can now live free, give joyfully, and build His Kingdom with excitement! That’s Good News! So return to Caesar what has his image (money), but Give to God what is His, your all!

Your brother in Christ,

*Shepherd Dougherty*

## ***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

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*** **Monroe County Cold Weather Shelter Program**

The Shelter is held at the Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church on Fifth St, in Stroudsburg. Please consider stepping up to help those in need during the winter season. Contact Ana Price at ESUMC 570-421-3280 for more info.



Winter is here! Are you noticing drafts, leaks, mold, or other issues that

need fixing? If so, Monroe County Habitat for Humanity (MCHFH) may be able to help by providing low-cost, deferred payment, volunteer-based home repairs. Projects may include: Roof Replacement, Insulation, Heating Repair, Tree Trimming/Removal, Window and/or Door Replacements and many others. Income limits apply. Go to [www.HabitatMC.org/Services/Home-Preservation](http://www.HabitatMC.org/Services/Home-Preservation) for more information or contact them at (570) 216-4390.

## **Reeders United Methodist Church**

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Reeders PA 18352

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Pastor Sean Dougherty  
Email: [sean.p\\_dougherty@yahoo.com](mailto:sean.p_dougherty@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 272.200.2172

The 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. You are invited to share your worship suggestions - email us at: **[ReedersWorship@gmail.com](mailto:ReedersWorship@gmail.com)**

## ***ATTENTION ALL VETERANS*** **FREE TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING**

Northampton Community College is offering a free Truck Driver Training course to anyone who is currently serving in the military, is a military spouse, or an adult child of an active or retired veteran.

There are both day and evening classes available to fit your schedule. Contact the driver training program at NCC Monroe Campus at 570-369-1885 to make an appointment for more information or to review your qualifications. Proof of eligibility documents are required including but not limited to: DD-214, Military ID, and Retiree Cards.