Reeders Hope

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

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

Lets take this opportunity to start over - What are your resolutions for the New Year?

1. Daily Prayer
2. Study God's word
3. ?

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Serving In January

January 5, 2020

Greater Love:	Marcy McAdams
	Jenn Herscap
	Anna Crowley
	(Volunteer Needed)
Nursery:	Debbie Elmire
	Kayla Singer
	Kathy Andrews
Ushers:	*Scott Hower
	Janet Henry
	Steve Miller
	Ed Tanner

January 12, 2020

Greater Love:	Kathy Andrews
	Tracy Altemose
	Deb Elmire
	(Volunteer Needed)
Nursery:	Mary Ryan
	Hope Lesoine
Ushers:	Jason Besecker
	Elizer Hernandez
	Sherri Hower
	Barb Giffels

January 19, 2020

Greater Love:	Barbara Giffels
	Pauline Snyder
	Arlene Frailey
	Paul Schmid
Nursery:	Judy Bryson
	Joyce Baker
Ushers:	*Don Kresge
	Sean Braddock
	Mike Frailey
	Scott Hower

January 26, 2020

Greater Love:	Marie Loysen
	Linnea Weinman
	Paula Gordon
	Janet Henry
Nursery:	Leigh Frailey
	Jan Toepert
	Norah Greenan (youth)
Ushers:	*John Myra
	Bob Bryson
	Donna Myra
	Lester Weinman

Changes to worship services

We invite you to continue praying and providing suggestions on how church services could be changed or modified to improve the worship experience to the Worship Team. Please email any comments or recommendations you have regarding to the worship services to **ReedersWorship@gmail.com**

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

Christ's Church – Avail Yourselves

The new year carries exciting new opportunities for growth and change. It's a reminder to plan and make ready for the seasons to come. As part of our planning may I encourage you to "avail yourself of the means of grace."

This is one of John Wesley's reminders to us that we should be in places and have attitudes that make it possible for us to turn our hearts towards God, relying upon His Word, and experiencing His presence as we participate in building His kingdom.

God uses the ordinary to do the extraordinary.

Wesley spelled out the means of grace as the worship of God's people, reading and studying God's Word in scripture, celebrating communion, cultivating prayer lives, fellowshipping with people of faith (to support, encourage, connect) and sharing the good news of God's love and grace through our gifts and service to others.

As this new year begins, may we all recommit to availing ourselves of the means of grace. May we be Church by being present in prayer, in presence, in serving, in giving, and in our witness. May our every word and action be an encouragement to build one another up in love.

God has extraordinary plans for ordinary you.

This year, instead of making plans to get away, let's make plans to be present and to recommit to putting Christ first and availing ourselves of the means of grace so that what we do every day might become a means of grace to all those around us.

~Shepherd Dougherty

Worship In January

January 5th:

EPIPHANY SUNDAY COMMUNION

Mathew 2:1-12

Seeking Jesus

January 12th:

WESLEYAN COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

Matthew 3:13-17

Baptism, A New Beginning

January 19th:

John 1:29-42

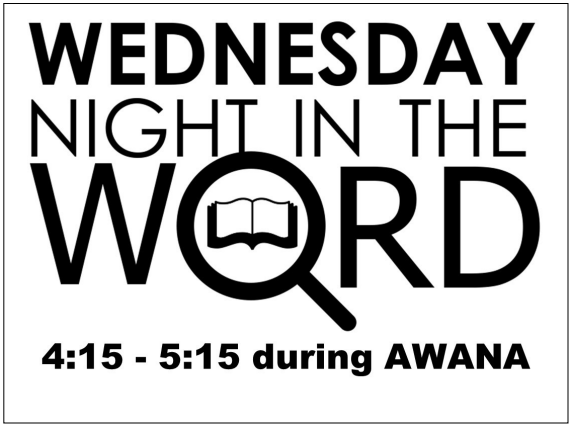
Come And You Will See

January 26th:

PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Matthew 4:12-23

Seeing Life Together

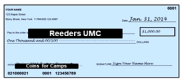


Coins for Camps Offering

Helping our kids grow in faith through camping

Share Your Coins!

Share Your Cash!



Share Your Checks!

Get out your jars and start saving your COINS! COINS FOR CAMP collection is coming soon. We will accept pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars and dollar coins along with cash and Checks!

This is a great ministry to give our young congregants the opportunity for a week away at a camp of their choice. (from the church approved list). Help fund this ministry with your loose change.

Start saving now! Date TBD. Thank you in advance!

Please pray for our youth and the camp ministry leaders.

Streamside Camp and Conference Center

February 14 -16

Open to all youth 3rd Grade through 12th

This year's retreat will be at Streamside. The cost will be Cost will be $60 per child. Please pick up registration forms from the table in the church lobby or find them on the church website. Fill them out and return them to the office at your earliest convenience.

Reeders Camping Ministry

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. *Philippians 4:23*

Robert Ellis	4th
Norah Ayne Greenan	5th
Thelma Arndt	9th
Katie Bolan	12th
Diane Naranjo	13th
Colton Elliott Fly	17th
Barb Giffels	18th
Joan Lesoine	18th
Jason Besecker	22nd
Ashley Hope Rispoli	24th
Donna Myra	25th
Mary Ellen Rock	26th
Howard Elmire	30th
Emmett Galucci	30th

3rd Sunday of Every Month

following worship in the Fellowship Hall

Stop by the fellowship hall after worship and enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack. Catch up with you church family members and share some fellowship with them before starting a new week See Pastor Sean or Debbie Elmire if you are interested in helping with this

Bible Word Search:

NAMES AND TITLES OF JESUS

U Q O K A I S N S M T K R P M
V L F Z J T Y O A E E O A O R
O M G Y V O N T N Z I C B X K
Y D N Y M O E N U V A N B O A
D L O V F H T C A S I R I X R
E R I G W A R S P D S H E W E
N T O G B M A L I D O V Z N D
F D J L H Q Y V K R T T R Z E
I G Q R R T A E G T H V E P E
P B Y I H D S E K E U C T X M
T S W K F T Y A J I O Q S L E
L I I O N A M F O N O S A H R
V N N Q Z Y K V A D E J M V R
G O J E S U S E M M A N U E L
S V B G G W T Z T P B Q J F E

CHRIST	EMMANUEL	JESUS
KING of the Jews	LAMB of God	LIGHT of the World
LORD	MASTER	NAZARENE
RABBI	REDEEMER	SAVIOR
SON OF DAVID	SON OF GOD	SON OF MAN

Ref: Wikipedia

Instructions: Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

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Church directory update

We want to update our church directory. Please provide your address, email and current phone numbers on the connection card the next time you are in church or call the church office at 570-629-1712 or email at rumc@ptd.net and provide updated information so that we can make sure that you are receiving newsletters and email updates for coming events.

Thanks!

Join Our Class!

Sunday School Classes for all ages!

9:15 AM EVERY SUNDAY!

Join the Open Door Class for a continuing 16 week study on:

"Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit ..."

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

JANUARY'S COLLECTION

Hats, Gloves & Scarves

Children's & Junior CHURCH

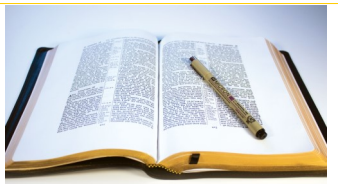
Every Sunday during worship *(except the 1st Sunday of the month)* for all Children Ages 4 through 6th Grade.

BUDGET REPORT

CHURCH BUSINESS REPORT
Reeders 2019 General Fund Report
As of December 8th, 2019

	General Offering	Other Income	Total	Needed	Difference
Year-to-date	*114,161.79	*$35,763.21	$150,925.00	$193,158.00	-$42,233.00

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



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Beginning in February there will be an 8 to 10 week bible study group meeting to study the Book of Romans. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings and be lead by Mark Gerger. Please watch your bulletins and February Newsletter for specific information.

Tuesday's 10:00 am in the Conference Room

The Study will resume on January 7th. Join the women of Reeders as they study and learn about the Women of the Bible.

Contact Beth Derrick for more information at (570) 872-7248.

Little Blessings Nursery School

2019/20 Program

A few limited spaces are still available for the 2019/20 school year? Contact Kathy Andrews, Director at 570-629-1712 for more information.

United Methodist Women
FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

No January Meeting - Look forward to seeing you in February.

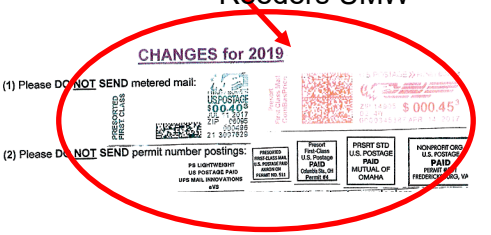
United Methodist Women's Used Stamp Ministry

Do you know what UMW does with the used stamps that Reeders collects? The stamps that are collected are submitted to the ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY. They use the funds to spread the GOSPEL IN Spanish by radio waves and printed page since 1972. In July of 2018, the Alliance collected One Million Dollars!!!!!

Please keep clipping and dropping your used stamps in the "red" donation box located in the Church lobby under the General Administration Bulletin Board. Please do not cut and submit "metered mail" or "permit number" mailings (see example). You can submit first class stamps or First Class postage printed onto the envelope. The borders around the stamps should be 1/4 to 1/3".

Thank you for your faithful support of this God's Unique Ministry!

Reeders UMW



a word of thanks:

December 17, 2019

Dear Reeders Congregation,

Thank you for your words of condolence, cards, and Gideon Bibles in the death of our Mother, Myrtle Pipher. As an infant, Mom was baptized at Reeders UMC and was a faithful member of the congregation for her entire life. She was the longest living member of Reeders UMC.

We were blessed to have Mom in our lives for many years. She demonstrated emotional strength, hard work, and unfaltering faith. Mom will be greatly missed by all of us. We rest in the assurance that we will see her again.

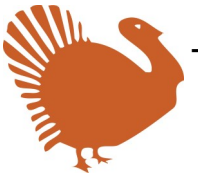
God bless you,
Linda Mikels, Yvonne Rispoli and families

Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto

a word of thanks:

I've been so overwhelmed with all of your generosity and support, I don't know how to word it right. I've never asked for any help whether it's my stubbornness or pride or both. I thought I was able to retire and then have four grandkids dropped in my lap. It was either us or foster care, we will not let our grandchildren be split up and live with strangers. It's taken a heavy toll on us but eventually after feeding lawyers, clothes, etc. we'll manage. Your help came at a perfect time. God Bless all of you.

Larry and Patty Hobbie



Thanksgiving Dinner Thank You

Please know that 151 meals were served on Thanksgiving and they were much appreciated by all who participated. Meals were delivered as far as Mt. Pocono and East Stroudsburg and as close as across the street from the church. 61 meals were delivered; 31 picked up; 59 folks came in to have a nice couple of hours of great food, beautiful music provided by Kathy Reder, chats with those serving and relaxation. This was all really good stuff. Thanks to all who participated (and I apologize for those who I may miss here). Delivery: Brian, Mary and Bill Bolan, Steve and Rose Miller, Joan and Frank Purdy, Jackie Matos and Eli Hernandez, Chris ad her husband.
Dining Room; Chris and Linda Welch, Hannah Price; Emily Purdy, Dave Reder, Mark Gerger, Jennifer Herscap.
Kitchen Crew: John Cady, Barb Giffels, Lee Munch, Lisa Price, Hannah Price, Mark Gerger, Justin Schmid.
Clean up assistance: Sue and Chris Wright, Jill Lawley.
Members of Reeders Church and Pastor Sean for prayers, support in donations and Food. Thank you all for a marvelous day. It was so much appreciated. Until 2020…..

Be well,

Paul Schmid.

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 or leave your note in *"Secretary's Mailbox"* in the office.

Shepherd's Desk

Selection Box

When I was growing up, every year my English grandparents would drive out from their home to the cold edge of Lake Erie, south of Buffalo, and bring us our gifts. They were always Selection Boxes in the English tradition, or so I am told. I haven't been to England but I do know how my grandparents shared this tradition here.

They would take a simple shirt box and during Advent they would go to the stores and buy candy-bars of every variety. They would even hop over to Canada (you could do that back then merely by saying you lived in Buffalo). It was easier to buy English candy there.

Then on Christmas morning, we would all huddle in that cold front room, bundled in robes and pajamas to open our presents. Grandma and Grandpas were usually the last. We knew what we would get but that didn't lessen our anticipation. Each child's box was packed with the same thing, candy, yet each year held a unique selection. There were old favorites, of course, but then there would be new candies too, whatever had caught grandma and grandpa's eyes.

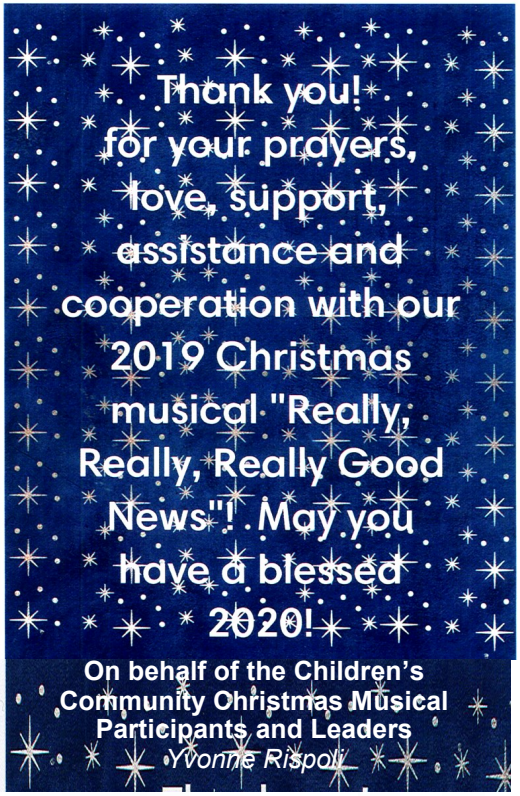
It was a treasure-trove of everything that a poor family could not waste money on. It was decadent and unnecessary. And laid crisply across the top of the candy was a $5.00 bill, a small fortune to each of the children to do with as they pleased. Even though we had been up for breakfast and opening stockings, it seemed like Christmas had now begun.

In the 12 days of Christmas afterward, each of us would re-learn that there really is, only so much candy you can eat, as my grandparents well knew. The 'selection' would then become an opportunity to gift candy to friends and neighbors over holiday break and when we returned to school.

My grandparents had given each of us more than something for ourselves. They had given us an opportunity to share with others. We had been given something sweet and laid across the top was a treasure we hadn't earned. We were children and didn't realize it at the time but we had learned to share graciously because we had received abundantly.

They passed into glory long ago but their lesson of the Selection Box remains. May each of you receive this new year as a Selection Box with unknown delights for you to enjoy and then to share with those around you.

~Shepherd Dougherty



MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH

DiscipleMakers
East Stroudsburg University
Campus Ministry
Madi & Brandon Wenger

Habitat For Humanity

"Cars for Homes"

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV, motorcycle to our vehicle donation program to help build affordable homes for families in need. Call 1-877-277-4344 or online at www.Carsforhomes.org.

We are also in need of volunteers to help complete various community projects. Visit their website and sign up at http://www.habitatmc.org/job-calendar/

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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