

Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church

— JUNE 2019 —

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



**Community
Dinner**
JUNE 8TH
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

See Pg. 4 for more dinner details.

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Serving In June

June 2, 2019

Greater Love: Marcy McAdams,
Nell Cadue
Anna Macias-
Crowley
Jen Herscap
Nursery: Jackie Matos
Samantha
Hernandez
Ushers: *Don Kresge
Shadrack Badu
Sean Braddock
Volunteer Needed
Norm Toepert

June 9, 2019

Greater Love: Kathy Andrews
Tracy Altemose
Deb Elmire
Sue Fraunberger
Nursery: Emma Rispoli
Katryn Dougherty
Ushers: *John Myra
Bob Bryson
Donna Myra
Lester Weinman

June 16, 2019 (Father's Day)

Greater Love: Barbara Giffels
Pauline Snyder
Arlene Frailey
Paul Schmid

MILITARY OF THE MONTH

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

June 16th (cont.)

Nursery: Kathy Andrews
Tracy Altemose
Norah Greenan
(youth)
Ushers: *Anna Crowley
John Frailey
Mark Gerger
Judie Gordon

June 23, 2019

Greater Love: Marie Loysen
Linnea Weinman
Paula Gordon
Janet Henry
Nursery: Valerie Braddock
Hope Lesoine
Ushers: *Lloyd Manter
Jason Besecker
Elizer Hernandez
Sherri Hower

June 30, 2019

Greater Love: Volunteers Needed
Nursery: Debbie Elmire
Kayla Singer
Ushers: *Scott Hower
Janet Henry
Steve Miller
Ed Tanner



**CHURCH
PICNIC**


**12:00 Noon
August 25th
at the Church**

Christ's Church –

Voting Season

Across the street, I can see the township building lawn filled with signs. Their red, white, and blue lettering encourages the reader to vote for one candidate or another. In this republic, we can influence who we believe will represent us best. We do the same in our church.

At our local church, the Nominations committee listens to your input, then represents you as future leadership is discerned. Then, the congregation votes to affirm or change these selections at Charge Conference. Similarly, in the UMC, at Annual Conference, your Lay Representatives are your voice to influence changes in our denomination. Some of these individuals will also be asked to go to the global General Conference that happens every four years.

The season to select leaders is here again but it isn't something done by strangers. Like the signs across the street, we are reminded that it is our voice, our vote, ***our ongoing participation*** that ultimately shapes the outcome. When we are intentional about sharing our values, and grooming leaders to represent them, then we can see the future of the church (local, global, and national) and our government, (local, state, national) more clearly.

Oh Lord, may we, hear You speaking, know You intimately, and follow You daily as we shape tomorrow's leaders from those You have blessed us with today.

~Shepherd Dougherty

Worship In June

June 2nd: COMMUNION & HONOR
GRADUATES

"Ascension Of The Lord"

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53

June 9th:

"God Does Something New"

Scripture: Acts 2: 1-4

June 16th: FATHER'S DAY

"The Triune Life"

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5

June 23rd:

"Women Are Precious"

Scripture: Mark 5:24-34

June 30th:

"Freedom Or Death"

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

Upcoming changes to worship services

In July, the Order of Worship will change and we will collect the offering near the end of the service.

We invite you to continue praying and bringing suggestions to the Worship Team. Please email any comments or recommendations you have regarding to the worship services to

ReedersWorship@gmail.com



JUNE COLLECTION "Small Toys"

Small balls, dolls, cars, puzzles, playdough, etc. Remember, they need to fit into a shoebox!!!! Drop off your donations in the OCC bin in the church lobby.



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 ministry..



**Community
 Dinner**
JUNE 8TH

4:00 pm to 6:00 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



Happy Birthday

Lydia Battle	8th
Lea Weinman Decker	5th
Jenn Herscap	5th
Henrietta Kresge	5th
Olivia Braddock	7th
Desiree Powell	8th
Stephen Hubbs	17th
Grace Lesoine	18th
Marie Loysen	19th
Tom Galucci	20th
Leroy McAdams	26th
Judie Gordon	27th
Erik Battle	29th
Tracy Davidson	30th
Leigh Frailey	30th
Sherry Gallagher	30th
Joanne Palmer	30th

Pastor's Book Study Invitation

You are invited to share in a conversation. Pastor will be listing two books each month. Come and join us as we discuss what we agree and disagree with. And share your suggestions for future readings too!

The Ultimate Conversation –

Charles Stanley

Arise Out of the Ashes –

Deborah Lovett

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!



Please note that the Cambell's Soup label program has been replaced by the "Box Tops For Education" program. Please collect the Box Tops from many of your favorite products (watch for the boxtop symbol). Each boxtop is worth .10 cents. Earn bonus box totes while you shop with the Box Tops Bonus App at BTFE.com/bonusapp.

UMW uses the money received from these programs to fund our mission projects. Thank you for collecting these items to support our efforts.



2019 VBS "ROAR" MUSIC AND SKIT

Yvonne Rispoli is looking for an older teenager or adult to help with the VBS skit.

The skit is very short and performed during the opening (9am) or closing (11:45 am) VBS program each day. If you are interested in helping with the VBS skit, please contact Yvonne at (570-629-3146 OR yrispoli@verizon.net).

Thanks!
Yvonne Rispoli



VBS UPDATE July 29th to Aug. 2nd

Good News! Online reservations on the church website are open and we already have some registrations for this year's program.

We are recruiting volunteers. We need volunteers to help with decorations, decorate rooms or areas, to prepare and/or serve snacks and to lead and assist the various crews and stations. If you have a talent you would like to share, but can't devote time during the week of VBS, we can find a place to use your gifts and talents to prepare for VBS. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at the podium in the church lobby or contact the church office at 570-629-1712 or rumc@ptd.net.

This year's theme is "ROAR" from the Group curriculum. The setting is an ancient Egypt setting with bible verses from Exodus 1 and Exodus 7.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan in the church office, and she will contact us so we can get back to you.

Jen Waldron & Hope Lesoine



Looking for summer camp opportunities for your kids? Listed below are some of the Christian Camping Programs that are supported by the United Methodist Church conference:

Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center

Camp Gretna Glen

Camp Innabah

Carson-Simpson Farm

You can obtain more info on each camp at

<https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/camp-retreat> .



When I was a kid, I loved to run. It didn't matter if it was for the joy of it or a race. Now that I am "mature", any race I run is similar to the tortoise in Aesop's fable. The tortoise does win against the rabbit. How? Persistence, determination and steadfastness, the very traits that the Bible tells us to develop.

Hebrews tells us "run with perseverance the race marked out for us". This race is the "work God has prepared in advance for us to do". It is never easy to live according to God's will.

"The devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour". Remember the race? "All runners run, but only one gets the prize. Run in such a way to get the prize". As Christians remember to "fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith". Hebrew 12:1; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, 1

Corinthians 9:24; 2 Timothy 2:16

Christian Education



Reeders 2019 General Fund Report

As of May 19, 2019

	General Offering	Other Income	Total	Needed	Difference
Last Week	*1,986.00	\$ 100.00	\$2,086.00	\$3,942.00	-\$1,856.00
Year-to-date	*44,323.12	\$21,843.86	\$66,201.43	\$78,840.00	-12,638.57
Special Collection	-0-				

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



Food Pantry Needs

Family size soups
Rice
Larger boxes of cereal

Pasta sides
Condiments
Pancake mix & syrup
Jelly (no glass)

Drop your donations in the bins in the Church lobby. If you have questions, please call 570-992-3136.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

PVEN needs volunteers on the 2nd Saturday and 4th Tues. of each month to help with the food distributions. Their clothing closet will be open on the 2nd Saturday to coincide with food distribution.

Anyone needing services must call for an appointment 570-992-3136. You must be pre-registered to participate in food distribution.

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Beginning June 17th volunteers are needed daily Monday through Saturday - 9 am to Noon to "WORK IN THE GARDEN"

For more information or to confirm your plans to volunteer, please call Emily Gargiulo at 570-402-1282 or email gardenofgiving1@gmail.com for more information. The Garden's Address: 2556 Rising Hill Drive, Saylorsburg, PA



Little Blessings Nursery School

2019/20 Program

Are you interested in registering children for the 2019/20 school year? Registration is open and 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 570-629-1712 for more information.

Piano Needs a New Home!!!



Reeders has a free piano to anyone in the congregation who is interested in giving it a new home. If you are interested, you must be able to make

arrangements to move the piano yourself. The piano is a Kranich & Bach of New York upright from the early 1900's. Anyone interested in more information or to arrange to view the piano should contact the church office at 570-629-1712.



To My Church Family -
Thank you to everyone who has reached out, prayed for me, sent cards, run me around, dropped off groceries to me and helped me out while I am dealing with my knee injury. A special note of thanks to Jill Lawley, Yvonne Rispoli, and Diane Naranjo.

Jennifer Waldron

To Reeder's congregation -
On behalf of the Board of Trustees at Reeder's UMC, I want to extend a sincere thanks to all of you who showed up on May 11th to help with our annual Spring Cleanup Day. We accomplished a lot, both inside and out. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Lee Munch
Reeder's Trustees

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/>

Dear Friends at RUMC,

Thank you for hosting the Tuesday evening program for our recent Holy Week Concert Series. We appreciate the "behind the scenes" effort in making the concert a success, and for the use of the sanctuary during our rehearsal time. Please accept the enclosed donation for our use thereof. We look forward to our 41st year in 2020, and hope to sing at RUMC again at a future time. Peace in Christ!

Jack Hamblin

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Chosen People
Boris & Irina Goldin
241 East 51st Street
New York, NY 10022
borisgoldin@chosenpeople

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

Hard Truths

I'm not a big fan of Bibliomancy, flipping randomly through a sacred book for guidance. Consider if you were in dire need of hearing God and you opened your Bible, stuck your finger on the page and read Matthew 27:5, "Judas . . . went away and hanged himself." Not liking it, you flip again and read, Luke 10:37, "Go and do likewise." Even more unhappy, you flip again and read John 13:27, "What you are about to do, do quickly."

Everything about being a follower of Christ is about being intentional. We read in context. If something disturbs us, we don't merely move on quickly, shopping for something better. We practice the pause, rest in our difficulty, and read beyond what troubles us to understand the larger metanarrative of the story, God's truth.

God's word in one time and place is not God's word for every time and place. Yet His truth remains eternal. So when God commanded His people to wipe out every man, woman, and child in Canaan, we don't understand this as a prescription for our conduct today. We instead continue reading, letting God speak to us, as we discern, "Why God?" and "What does this mean for me?"

We have to be intentional about our approach to the Bible and to our lives; we cannot merely run from the parts we do not like. If someone does something you don't like, enter into a conversation, discover the larger narrative, find where these image-bearers are either trying to display God's righteousness and His grace, or where they are merely acting for themselves. Most folk aren't merely acting randomly, they are living out what they believe to be true about the world and about God.

Jesus told the Pharisees **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."** (Mark 12:30-31) It all begins with remembering that God is sovereign. He is King and He is trustworthy. If we start from here, we can remember how to approach God, our neighbors, the world, and our reflection in the mirror every morning. We start by listening to Him, working through the hard confusions of our life, and trusting that He alone can bring the outcome needed to draw us closer into His glorious presence in the days ahead.

Your brother in Christ,
Shepherd Dougherty



CHURCH LIBRARY

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

The library is a relaxing area suitable to visit when restless children need quiet distractions, puzzles, coloring books and of course books. It gives you a place for your children to be occupied while you can still enjoy hearing the service on a Sunday morning. Please take advantage of it to make your Sunday worship experience more enjoyable and relaxing. It is located in the left corner in the front of the sanctuary and is always open.



SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Ages 4 through 5th Grade

Temple University is offering summer reading programs in East Stroudsburg beginning July 23 through August 20th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 139 Craig's Meadow Road, East Stroudsburg.

The programs are offered by Temple and taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development.

They also offer reading programs for middle and high school students.

Please register early. Call 1-800-570-8936 for tuition and class information.

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The Church Office hours are 9 am to 1 PM on Wednesday and Fridays and 9AM to 4pm 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