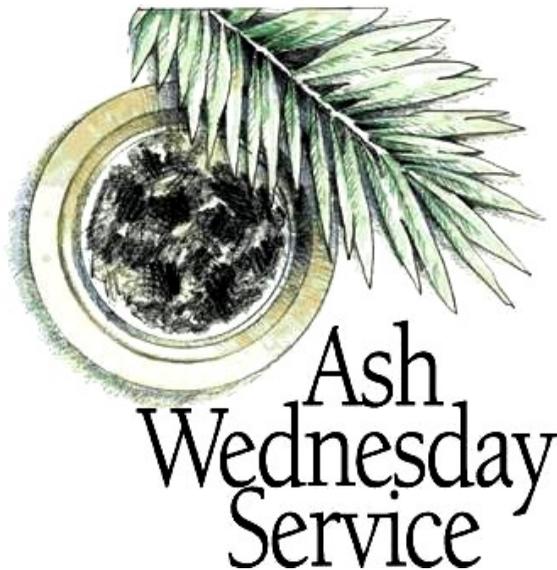


# Reeders Hope

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

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



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## MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> REEDERS UMC

Traditional Worship with  
Ashes and Communion  
Message: "Promises"  
Pastor Bob Shank  
(Stroudsburg UMC)

COLLECTION: Financial support for Pocono Plateau Campership program and Hygiene Kits for UMCORE. Items needed for kits include: hand towels, wash cloths, combs, fingernail & toenail clippers, individually wrapped bar soap, adult toothbrushes, Band-Aids and 1-gallon resalable storage bags.

Men's  
Prayer  
Breakfast



**APRIL 6TH**  
**9:00 AM**

**Guest Speaker: Chris Welch**

Bring a Friend or Neighbor and enjoy a good meal by John Cady and crew and fellowship.

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# Serving In March

## March 3, 2019

Greater Love: Marcy McAdams  
 Nell Cadue  
 Anna Macias-Crowley  
 (Volunteer Needed)  
 Nursery: Kathy Andrews  
 Tracy Altemose  
 Norah Greenan  
 (youth)  
 Ushers: \*John Myra  
 Bob Bryson  
 Donna Myra  
 Lester Weinman

## March 10, 2019

Greater Love: Kathy Andrews  
 Tracy Altemose,  
 Deb Elmire  
 (Volunteer Needed)  
 Nursery: Valerie Braddock  
 Hope Lesoine  
 Ushers: \*Anna Crowley  
 John Frailey  
 Mark Gerger  
 Judie Gordon

## March 17, 2019

Greater Love: Barbara Giffels  
 Pauline Snyder  
 Arlene Frailey  
 Paul Schmid  
 Nursery: Debbie Elmire  
 Kayla Singer  
 Ushers: \*Scott Hower  
 Janet Henry  
 Steve Miller  
 Ed Tanner

## March 24, 2019

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

## March 31, 2019

Greater Love: Volunteers Needed  
 Nursery: Leigh Frailey  
 Jan Toepert  
 Ushers: \*Don Kresge  
 Shadrack Badu  
 Sean Braddock  
 Volunteer Needed  
 Norm Toepert



## MARCH COLLECTION

### “Quality Crafts”

(i.e. Sewing Kits, tool kits, fishing kits, etc). Please place them in the donation bin in the lobby.

## Christ's Church -

### *Separate & United*

When I wrote this, the SGC2019 had not begun. As you read it, the decisions for *Graceful Exit*, and *A Way Forward* have been made, discussions started, and no doubt some churches may leave.

Christ's Church has often divided. The first division was *not* the protestant reformation. The Catholic church split into Eastern and Western Orthodoxy and at one time there were 2 and 3 Popes! The "Followers of the Way" were Jews who followed Jesus, as the Messiah, another division.

Separation isn't bad. Babies grow because cells divide to make more cells. The church replicates and grows by separating some members to touch all nations, just as the Great Commission told us to go out and do.

Cancer cells divide too but keep dividing, demanding more where they are and eventually killing the host. It is a house divided against itself. So, we learn to promote healthy growth through intentional discernment and separation.

Separation isn't something to fear. Children leave parents to form new growing families. We're all separated for a moment by death. Our joy comes in knowing that Christ's Church is united by Him and reunited in resurrection. In life we come together for moments, united by common plans. In faith we come together for eternity, united in God's plan.

Long live the Church, united through Christ.

~Shepherd Dougherty

## Worship In March

### March 3rd: COMMUNION

**"We Will All Be Changed"**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians: 17-4:2

Children's Message:

**"The Grand Finale: Changed Forever!"**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18

### March 6th at Reeders: ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

Pastor Bob Shank, Stroudsburg UMC

**"Now Is The Time"**

Joel 2:1-17

### March 10th: 1st Sunday of Lent **"Stewardship, Trust God Provides"**

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20

### March 17st: 2nd Sunday of Lent **"Physical Healing - Relief For The Stricken"**

Scripture: John 4:46-54

### March 24th: 3rd Sunday of Lent **"Provision of Food - Give Good Food To Eat"**

Scripture: Mark 8:1-9

### March 31st: 4th Sunday of Lent **"Care Of The Stranger"**

Scripture: Mark 7:24-30

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

UPLIFTING CREATIVITY





**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..



**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**4 to 6 pm**  
 Invite a friend or neighbor, anyone who would benefit from a hot meal and fellowship.

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.



Liam Greenan	2nd
Anna Marcias Crowley	6th
Amanda McNeese	6th
Skylar Warner	8th
Ryan Rispoli	10th
Quinn Lesoine	13th
Steve Miller	13th
Elizabeth Frailey	15th
Justin Schmid	15th
H. Avon Doll	16th
Jennifer Waldron	18th
Victoria McNeese	19th
WilliamDertrick	20th
Denise Thomas	20th
Rachele Gaun	21th
Brian Bolan	24th
Ellianna Faith Rispoli	25th



**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.



Thanks to the congregation for their prayers and financial support for the Youth Retreat at Gilead. The cost per camper was \$50. The Christian Ed Department pays for rental of the camp and meals and we are happy to do so! Thirteen children participated. They were asked what they learned and what their favorite part of camp was and they replied:

- John            I learned to pray and worship God. My favorite was games.
- Saniya        I learned that Jesus is the King and when you pray, to be excited. Making new friends and playing on the scooters was my favorite activity.
- Lydia         I learned Jesus is always with us and will never leave our side and how to pray. My favorite was playing with my friends.
- Raleigh      Life won't always be easy. Bible Bingo was my favorite game.
- Emma         I learned about prayers and parables. Bible Bingo was my favorite.
- Catherine    Seeds on rocky ground means you're not really believing— good soil means you believe. Bible bingo was my favorite.
- Finn          I learned how to play pool and the thing. My favorite was the game room.
- Christian    Learned about seeds and sowing. My favorite thing was every thing about the retreat.
- Norah        I learned about different parables. Bible Bingo was my favorite activity.
- Olivia        I learned about the parables and what they mean; especially the seed one. My favorite thing at camp were the games.
- Chris         I learned the importance of praying and parables. I made lots of new friends and learned about Jesus. My favorite part was making change cans (banks). I learned about the Good Samaritan.
- Liam         I don't know.
- Katie         I learned if there was hard ground it was like a hard heart. Good ground was like a good heart. My favorite thing was the glow in the dark balloons.
- Emily        I learned more about the parables and enjoyed spending time with the youth.

Thanks to the adult volunteers, each bringing their talents and their uniqueness. Please pray for the “seeds” planted in the children. “...our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by His power He may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith”.

*2 Thessalonians 1:11*

**Offering:**  
UMCOR Hygiene  
Kit items (see list  
on table in lobby)



**Offering:**  
Financial aid  
Pocono Plateau  
Campership

**POCONO CONNEXION**  
*Lenten Services*

**Ash Wednesday, March 6 at Reeders UMC**  
2167 Rt. 715, Reeders

Traditional Worship with Ashes and Communion  
“Promises” with Pastor Bob Shank

**Wednesday, March 13 at East Stroudsburg UMC**  
83 S. Courtland Street, East Stroudsburg  
Contemporary Worship Service  
“Presence” with Pastor Candy Labar

**Wednesday, March 20 at Faith UMC**  
1160 Clause Drive, Stroudsburg  
Love Feast Service (with time for shared testimony)  
“Witness”

Pastors: Nina Patton-Semerod & Candy Labar

**Wednesday, March 27 at Stroudsburg UMC**  
547 Main Street, Stroudsburg  
Healing and Anointing Service  
“Prayers” with Pastor Sean Dougherty

**Wednesday, April 3 at Cherry Valley UMC**  
1238 Kemmertown Road, Stroudsburg  
A Trinitarian Celebration of God’s Gifts  
“Gifts” with Pastor Bill Kuntze

**Wednesday, April 10 at Analomink UMC**  
Rte 191 (Paradise Trail) and Cherry Lane Rd, Analomink  
Reaffirmation of Baptism  
“Service” with Pastor Nina Patton-Semerod



## Reeders 2019 General Fund Report As of February 17, 2019

	General Offering	Other Income	Total	Needed	Difference
Last Week	*1,356.50	20.00	1,376.50	3,942.00	- 2,545.50
Year-to-date	*14,512.50	3,120.00	18,555.25	27,594.00	-9,038.75
Special Collection	-0-	-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.*

This is a brief article to help you better understand the new weekly bulletin financial information. There are two parts to the information. First, there is a chart providing detailed information about the General Fund and secondly, there is a statement about other Church accounts. Both are provided to help you understand the relationship between budgeted funds and acquired funds.

The General Fund could also be called the Operating Budget. Categories such as payroll, electric (for Church and parsonage), water, internet and phone are paid from the General Fund. In addition, ministries like AWANA and Community Dinners are funded through this account.

Each week our general offering and other income are deposited in this account. For a full list of funded categories and the budgeted amounts, see a pink copy of the General Fund budget on the bulletin board outside the office. Funding for the General Fund is falling far short of the amount needed to fund the budget. So, given the shortfall of funding for the General Budget, how are we continuing to pay all of the monthly bills? In years past, giving was such that a savings account was established making funds available for times of need. When needed, we use funds from this account to pay bills.

Other Church accounts are Benevolence, Trustees, Sunday School (includes Camping Program), and United Methodist Women. These accounts have small budgets and the funds are used for specified purposes. We are proud to report that, to date, through your generous gifts and offerings, these accounts are fully funded. Budgets for these accounts are often published in the Newsletter and are available from the specific committee chairperson.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Marcy McAdams, Church Treasurer or Linda Mikels, Finance Chairperson.



*a*  
**word of  
thanks:**

Hi everyone,  
Retreat 2019 at Mt. Gilead is over already. Seems like the event is getting here quicker every year. Thanks soooooo much for all of your efforts and involvement. It is really appreciated by all the kiddos who attended.

This year we had 13 youth ranging from grades 3 through 11th. Also, 12 adults helped out throughout the weekend. In the end, just a blast for all: great devotions, bible studies, hikes, crafts, games, music, food and fun.

Many thanks again for all of you who take time from your busy schedules to spend time with the youth of our community and church. Be well, and until next year.

*Paul Schmid*

### **MILITARY OF THE MONTH**

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

Thank you so much to ALL of you for the SUPER, "Souper Bowl Of Caring" luncheon on Feb. 3rd. Just when I think the soups cannot get any better, they do! AND the desserts were definitely a diet blowing experience! The best part is the expressions of caring through your donations to PVEN (\$174 + food). A special thank you to our guests, Madi & Brandon Wenger for sharing about their involvement in the Disciple Makers Ministry. May God Bless!  
*Yvonne Rispoli*

Dear Readers UMC,

Thank you so much for all of the prayers and financial support you have provided faithfully to our ministry with DiscipleMakers! We are so thankful for your partnership over the last 3 years and we praise God for the blessing you have been to us. We pray that "you will be enriched in every way" (2 Cor.9:11) as we labor to use your support to further God's Kingdom on the college campus. Thank you again! In Christ.

*Brandon & Madi Wenger*

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Confessing Movement  
7995 East 21st Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
confessing@iquest.net

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

# Shepherd's Desk

## “Loving on ‘em”

“Love ‘em and leave ‘em” is cold language today, conjuring images of one person casually using the love of another person for their own advantage without tie, nor recourse. Its emotional abuse. The history of the phrase is somewhat different.

In the original 1926 movie of the same name, an older sister, Mame, cares for her young sister who develops a gambling problem. Money is stolen to make wagers, and the losses get blamed on Mame. It looks hopeless. Despite Mame's loving care of her sister, things sour more when the young sister is caught kissing Mame's suitor. The surprise ending is when Mame, who has every reason to cut ties, comes to the aid of her young sister, saving her from her debts and woes.

An even older story occurs in Genesis 13:5-13 when Abraham and his nephew Lot can no longer live in the same space due to quarreling. Abraham gives Lot the choice of the land and the two relatives separate as Lot moves to live near Sodom and Gomorrah. Did Abraham merely 'love 'em and leave 'em?' It may look that way, but no. Later, when Lot is captured by foreign kings, Abraham raises an army of 318 trained men to track and obliterate the attackers, rescuing Lot and his possessions.

Sometimes we disagree about things at fundamental levels. These disagreements hinder how we work and relate until living together becomes untenable. At this point, separation may be necessary but it doesn't mean we sever the ties of love. The spiritual ties remain even when the temporal ties of shared location are severed.

When we truly care for others as Jesus did, we will cross any distance to help our sisters, our nephews, our family. We don't have to agree with someone in order to pour love out on them, to support them and to rescue them. That's what friends do. That's what parents do. That's what Jesus did, for us. He crossed the distance. He called us friend. He called us brother. He saved us. And He asked us to do the same for others.

It isn't about being in the same space, its about being in the same grace. I can love 'em because God loved me. Let's focus on God's lesson together, about living in love wherever that takes us, even if it separates us.

Your neighbor next door, your brother in love,  
Shepherd Dougherty



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.

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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**

### 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.

*Brown Bag Sunday*  
to benefit  
**PVEN  
Food  
Pantry**  
**APRIL 7th**



We will be collecting pantry goods for PVEN to help them with their holiday needs beginning Sunday March 24th. Please drop your pantry donations in the bin in the church lobby.

As always, they need family size donations of cereals, pancake mix, pasta sides, instant mash potatoes, veggies, etc. (No glass containers please).