

Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church

— MAY 2018 —

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

May 4th at 6:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

*Ladies
Spring
Banquet*



**Attention all ladies,
daughters, mothers,
sisters, nieces and friends**

Come and let the men serve you for our annual Ladies Spring Banquet. Enjoy a good meal and fellowship without the need to serve or cleanup. See Shelly Miller on Sunday mornings for a ticket or contact the church office for more information or to make a reservation.

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Serving In May

May 6, 2018 Youth Sunday

Greater Love:

Marcy McAdams
Nell Cadue
Anna Macias-Crowley
Diane Naranjo

Nursery:

Judy Bryson
Joyce Baker
Vivian Roberti

Ushers:

Scott Hower
Steve Miller
Steve Miller, Jr.
Ed Tanner

May 13, 2018 (Mother's Day)

Greater Love:

Kathy Andrews
Tracy Altemose
Deb Elmire
Lee Munch

Nursery:

Marie Loysen
Jackie Matos
Samantha Hernandez (youth)

Ushers:

Lloyd Manter
Eliezer Hernandez
Elijah Hernandez
Jason Besecker

May 20, 2018

Greater Love:

Barbara Giffels
Pauline Snyder
Arlene Frailey
Paul Schmid

Nursery:

Debbie Elmire
Kathy Andrews

Ushers:

John Cady
Barbara Giffels
Lee Munch
Sherri Hower

May 27, 2018 Memorial Day

Greater Love:

Marie Loysen
Linnea Weinman
Paula Gordon
Janet Henry

Nursery:

Tracy Altemose
Jane Davalos

Ushers:

John Frailey
Judie Gorden
Tim Rogers
Homer Hennings

MILITARY OF THE MONTH

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network
PO Box 561
Saylorsburg, PA



Christ's Church – Unity

The following is an excerpt from an article about who we are as disciples of Christ walking in Methodist holiness roots, “there exist in the UM Church very different understandings of the authority and interpretation of Scripture, of who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, of the nature of sin, the way of salvation, and the meaning of sanctification...” Source: <https://bit.ly/2uehWPS>

Unity is about what ties us together, not what separates us. For Christians, it is found in our name: Christian. Christ unites us. The living God who made us, came to us, died for us, rose again, and ascended in Lordship is the living God of our lives and it is His will that we seek. We love one another, but meet one another in brokenness and find healing and unity through God’s love expressed in Christ’s sacrifice for us.

~Shepherd Dougherty

Worship In May

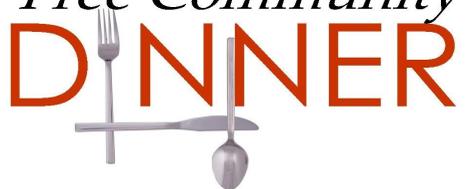
May 6th *Youth Sunday*
"You(th) shall speak"
(Jer 1:4-8)

May 13th *Mother's & Ascension Day*
"Ascension His & Ours"
(Luke 24:50-53)

May 20th *Pentecost*
"The Spirit Speaks"
(Acts 2:1-4)

May 27th *Trinity Sunday & Memorial Day*
"A Red Hot Tongue"
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

Free Community
DINNER



May 12th
4 pm to 6 pm

Embracing our
COMMUNITY

Reeders offers a free community dinner on the 2nd Saturday of every month for anyone in our community to provide an opportunity for a hot meal or some fellowship. Please invite a friend or neighbor to take advantage of this opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

We especially need volunteers to cleanup after the meal beginning at about 6 pm. If you can help fold tables, stack chairs and assist with washing pots, pans, dishes and cleaning up our kitchen, please watch for a sign up sheet in the lobby or contact the church office. The church would love to have volunteers who could consistently volunteer to help with these meals.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Donald Robbins	2nd
Hope Lesoine	4th
Michael Frailey	7th
Michele Miller	7th
Dornetta Johnson	10th
Steven Davalos	11th
Gabrielle Roberts	15th
Joshua Hazen	17th
Alivia Lee Johnson	19th
Dawn Tanner	24th
Emma Arndt	26th

Men's Prayer Breakfast



May 12th 9:00 AM

Please join us to hear a fantastic and heartfelt talk by John Cady. By the way John will be doing double duty by also helping prepare the breakfast. Invite a friend! All men and boys are welcome.

Looking for summer camp opportunities for your kids this summer. Listed below



CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

are some of the Christian camping programs in PA 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/>



END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

May 2nd 6:30 PM

Spring Cleaning Day May 19th 8 am—Noon



Volunteers Needed! Help keep our church beautiful. There is a job for everyone both inside and out. Cleaning supplies will be provided but bring a bucket, gloves and your favorite sponge or cloth.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The right wall of the sanctuary was approved for a new and updated look. New banners and a Bible verse are on the “wish list” for a cost of approximately \$500. If you would like to contribute to this project, place your gift in an envelope marked wall project and place it in the offering plate or mail or drop off to the Church office.

Thank you for your continued support through your offering and gifts to the Reeders UMC.

The Finance personnel continue to work on creating an accurate and complete report regarding giving and other income to the **General Fund of Reeders UMC** to share with the congregation. The report from January 1 through March 31, 2018 is:

Offerings Through March 2018	Other Income Through March 2018	Expenses Through March 2018
\$40,863.00	\$14,758.00	\$40,621.00

If you have questions regarding this report, feel free to contact Linda Mikels, Finance Chairperson or Marcy McAdams, Reeders UMC Treasurer.



REEDERS UMC 2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL “SHIPWRECKED”



JULY 30th to AUGUST 3rd

That time again – all of Reeders wonderful, committed volunteers to begin planning our annual vacation bible school experience from July 30th to August 3rd. The theme is “Shipwrecked” which allows us to explore the various ways that Jesus rescues by always being with us even when we are lonely, concerned, struggling, have done something wrong, or feel powerless. He provides the way to move forward in life. The materials look exciting and fun.

The volunteer helper sign-up sheet will be posted in the church narthex the first week of May. Please register your name and begin praying for a safe and Spirit filled week of Christian outreach to all who attend this special annual event.

Barb Giffels, VBS Co-Chair

A NOTE OF



Dear Friends at RUMC:
Thank you for the offering received at our recent Palm Sunday concert. We appreciate your generosity in supporting our annual

Holy Week concerts. Please accept the enclosed \$100 donation to be used wherever needed for kindly allowing us to rehearse in the sanctuary during Lenten Sunday afternoons. We look forward to presenting another concert at RUMC in the future.

Sincerely,
Jack Hamblin, Director

Dear Christian friends at Reeders:

I would like to thank "everyone" for the many prayers, cards and phone calls I received during my recovery. We have a wonderful God who answers our prayers and heals us. Also thank you for the loan of the walker from the Church. It was a great help to me when walking with it. God Bless you All.

Don Kresge



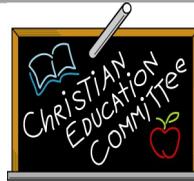
Little Blessings Nursery School

2018/19 Program

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

If you are interested in registering for the 2018/19 school year, please register as soon as possible. Classes will fill fast. Registration forms are available on the Church website at www.ReedersChurch.org or in the Church lobby.

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



The Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 17, 2018 at 10:00 am with 26 children in attendance. The hunt was held inside due to the weather and worked out well. Each group had their own room to search. Joan Robbins did a craft with all the children. Sherry Gallagher read a scripture story and cupcakes were provided by Sherri Hower. Thank you to Henrietta Kresge for all of the extra help to coordinate volunteers, snacks, and everything else. Also, thank you to my egg hiders and helpers Emily Purdy, Anna Crowley, Reverend and Mrs. Dougherty and anyone else inadvertently left out.

Dawn Tanner

25th Anniversary Operation Christmas Child Community Celebration

**May 11th
Reeders UMC
7:00 pm**



Join us to celebrate all that God is doing through OCC in the Southern Poconos and around the world.

Explore ways that you can support OCC all year long. Everyone is invited to join the celebration. Bring a friend.

RSVP by Tues, May 8th by calling Leigh Frailey at (570)269-6233 or email her at fraileys@ptd.net.

Shepherd's Desk

"Humility, Meekness & Submission"

The following three words often illicit a strong emotional response: *humility*, *meekness*, and *submission*. Possibly this is because they are sometimes equated with weakness, and yet at other times with strength. Yet all three concepts are found in the Bible.

- *Humility* is often recognized by what is lacking in a person: pride. Pride seeks to promote the self, whereas humility lowers self-importance in order to meet others where they are. A humble person often appears meek.
- *Meekness* is not synonymous or with a lack of self-respect. Instead, a meek individual exhibits patience, quietude, and acceptance that often looks like submission.
- *Submission* is a willingness to be imposed on. It is a posture that accepts the will of another rather than insisting on personal desire.

All three words are biblical, and are blessings.

The Psalmist wrote, "[God] leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way" (Psalm 25:9). God's way is the way of wisdom and therefore Solomon could write, "with the humble is wisdom." (Prov 11:2). Humility blesses us by bringing God's wisdom down to where we are.

Meekness is shown too. "Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth." (Num 12:3). Moses had to return to Egypt and lead God's people, though his personal desire was to stay away. Moses accepted God's will and as a result God's people were blessed with freedom. Jesus said "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt 5:5).

Jesus is our ultimate example of submission. "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." (Matt 26:42). God blesses us with eternal life with Him in glory by sending His Son to live, love, and die for us. Jesus lived in humility unto the point of death, "being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). And it is Paul who urges "by the meekness and gentleness of Christ." (2 Cor 10:1).

May each of us follow the example God gives us from the very beginning of walking with our neighbor in humility, meekness, and submission that we may model the love of God, shown in the perfection of Jesus, the Christ, and enabled by the guidance of His Holy Spirit as we minister to our neighbor and help one another to live as He lived, and modeling Him to the world.

Your brother in Christ,
Shepherd Dougherty



**DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO
WOULD BENEFIT FROM A SUMMER
READING PROGRAM?**

Temple University offers a summer reading program in Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg during July and August for 1st grade thru 5th grade children. Additional information is posted on the General Information Bulletin Board or you can call 1-800-570-8936.



**PVEN Summer Lunch Program
Volunteers needed**

During 2017, the program served over 10,000 meals to children during the summer. Volunteers are needed at 5 sites in Chestnuthill Township. Hours are from 8 am to 1 pm Monday thru Friday. The program begins when school ends and runs thru mid-August. Contact Hope at PVEN 570-992-3136 if you would like more information or are interested in volunteering.

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The Church Office hours are 9 am to 4pm from Monday thru Friday. Pastor Dougherty will available Monday mornings from 9 to 12 or other days and times by appointment.



DRIVERS NEEDED!!

Volunteer now and help give patients as much-needed ride. You might be surprised by the pick-me-up you get in return. For more information, visit cancer.org/drive or call 570-421-7939. See the general information bulletin board in the lobby for more information.

August 3-5, 2018



2018 EPAUMC Laity Academy
Quakertown UMC
1875 Freier Road, Quakerown, PA 18951