

# Reeders Hope

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

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



## **SCHEDULE/ACTIVITY UPDATES** *DUE TO ONGOING COVID-19 VIRUS RECOMMENDATIONS*

For updated information and announcements concerning schedule changes at Reeders UMC, continue to check the Reeders UMC Facebook Page, [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org) for more details, or leave a message at the church office 570-629-1712 or email to [runc@ptd.net](mailto:runc@ptd.net).

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# Serving In May

## May 3, 2020

Greater Love: Marcy McAdams  
Jenn Herscap  
Anna Macias-Crowley  
(volunteer needed)  
Nursery: Leigh Frailey  
Jan Toepert  
Norah Greenan (youth)  
Ushers: \*Don Kresge  
Sean Braddock  
Scott Hower  
Mike Frailey

## May 10, 2020 (Mother's Day)

Greater Love: Kathy Andrews  
Tracy Altemose,  
Deb Elmire  
Sue Fraunberger  
Nursery: Dianne Anglemyer  
Jennifer Waldron  
Ushers: \*John Myra  
Bob Bryson  
Donna Myra  
Lester Weinman

## May 17, 2020

Greater Love: Barbara Giffels  
Pauline Snyder  
Arlene Frailey  
Paul Schmid  
Nursery: Jackie Matos  
Jill Lawley  
Hope Lesoine  
Ushers: \*Anna Crowley  
John Frailey  
Mark Gerger  
Judie Gordon

## May 24, 2020

Greater Love: Marie Loysen  
Linnea Weinman  
Paula Gordon  
Janet Henry  
Nursery: Emma Rispoli  
Katrjn Dougherty  
Ushers: \*Scott Hower  
Janet Henry  
Steve Miller  
Ed Tanner

## May 31, 2020

Greater Love: Volunteers Needed  
Nursery: Debbie Elmire  
Kayla Singer  
Kathy Andrews  
Ushers: Jason Besecker  
Elizer Hernandez  
Sherri Hower  
Barb Giffels

### **NOTICE**

We will not gather for Worship until the Covid-19 restrictions are revised and allow us to do so in compliance with guidelines. The Serving In Worship information is provided in the event that the State regulations are lifted or modified any time during the month of May. If we are not allowed to gather in May, beginning on the 24th we will begin to worship weekly using a "Go To Meeting" application. See page 9 for more details on how to connect to that message.

## **Christ's Church –** ***Transitions***

Methodists have a rich history of circuit riding where pastors leave and return. You'd think we'd be used to transitions, yet it's still hard to do, even when that transition is our return to our local church.

As I write this, our local Governor is finalizing plans for local churches and businesses to return to more 'normal' operation. "What will this look like for us?" This is the question most of us are asking and our answer is two-fold. First, we really can't state with authority what the future will hold. Second, we can prepare and we can be active in helping shape that future.

We can ensure we are well informed of what's happening in our community and in our church. We can engage the conversation and create an environment that fosters trust and welcome. We can choose how we respond. Biblically, that's all we can ever do. The rest is in God's hands, which is why we pray to God before, during, and after any transition. Thus, we have the blessed assurance of knowing He is with us throughout the change.

As we come back to our local church we might worship in old ways, or entirely new ones! Either is a change from isolation. Our old friendships may have become stronger, or things that were 'new' once may now be comfortable.

Whatever we transition into becoming, let's ensure that we keep the one thing that matters, our identity in Christ, today and for all our days.

*Shepherd Dougherty*

## **Worship In May**

**May 3rd**

***Trusting Authority***

*1 Peter 2:13-25*

**May 10th –** Mother's Day

***A Child's Approach***

*1 Peter 2:1-10*

**May 17th –**

***From Testing to Praising***

*Psalm 66*

*The weeks above will be presented live on the Facebook Page (Motorcycle Pastor) at [www.facebook.com/Motorcycle-Pastor-102541918066847](http://www.facebook.com/Motorcycle-Pastor-102541918066847)*

**May 24th –** Ascension Sunday

***The Father's Time, Our Season***

*Acts 1:6-11*

**May 31st –** Pentecost

***A Baptism by Fire***

*Acts 2:1-21*

*See Pg. 9 to access weekly messages beginning May 24th at 10:30 AM*

### **WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE**

As you may already know, Pastor Sean will be leaving Reeders officially beginning July 1. In order for he and his family to take the vacation time earned, Pastor Sean's last Sunday will be May 17th. Beginning on May 24th, assuming that the Covid-19 virus restrictions are still in place, the weekly message for Reeders will be available to the congregation at 10:30 AM using a "Go To Meeting" application. See more details on how you can listen to the Sunday morning message on Page 9.



## Little Blessings Nursery School

### 2020/21 Program

Registration for the new school year has begun. The registration forms and brochure are available on the Church website at [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org).

### Notice to 2019/2020 Parents

The Board is waiting for decisions from the State government announcing when nursery schools may be able to reopen. It is possible, that the 2019/20 program will continue in the Summer allowing families to complete their 2019/20 school year. Please watch for announcements concerning the reopening and possible continuation of the 2019/20 program.

### LITTLE BLESSINGS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

There is a teaching position available for the Little Blessings Nursery School program for the 3, 4, or 5 year old class for the school year beginning in September.

Please submit a resume` including references, to John Cady, Chairman of the LBNS Board, ASAP. Teaching experience is preferred. The resume` can be emailed to [deerjon@epix.net](mailto:deerjon@epix.net) or mailed to him at 119 Wax Lane, Blakeslee, PA 18610 or dropped off in the church office. For further information, please call John Cady at 570-807-3205.

### MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH AWANA

Tri State Awana Ministry  
Rev. Garry and Sharon Goodrow  
616 Summit Ave.  
Westville, NJ 08093



Pastor Sean's pastoral term at Reeders will end on July 1, 2020. The Leadership at Reeders would like to provide a gift to Pastor Sean to acknowledge the extra time and energy that he and his family contributed to continue on-line worship during this time of the Covid-19 virus when we have not been able to worship together.

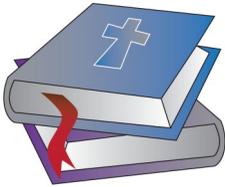
The Leadership Team will collect a separate offering to give to Pastor Sean and his family. Enclosed in this newsletter is a special envelope that you can use to send in a special gift for Pastor Sean. The deadline for the collection is June 15th. Please make a check payable to Reeders UMC and mark the amount of the special gift on the back of the envelope in the space provided. If you enclose additional funds, please indicate on the back of the envelope, how you would like those funds allocated to the Reeders UMC budget. You can return the envelope in the US mail or drop it in the black mailbox by main entrance door.

Thank you again to Pastor Sean for his guidance and work to allow us to worship together during this difficult time. We wish you and your family well in all your future endeavors.



Taylor Weinman	1st
Donald Robbins	2nd
Hope Lesoine	4th
Michael Frailey	7th
Shelley Miller	7th
Steven Davalos	11th
Gabrielle Roberts	15th
Joshua Hazen	17th
Dawn Tanner	24th
Emma Arndt	26th

## Christian Education



God spoke the world into being. God humbled an arrogant Pharaoh with plagues. God showed death has no power by raising an obedient Son from death.

God is in control. All in heaven and earth are under His command. God “knit us together in our mother’s womb. He knows our thoughts and what we do daily, before we do it.”

We can worry about Covid-19 or we can pray. We can imagine all sorts of scenarios about how our lives will be changed; or we can “cast all our burdens on the Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39 “Neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present or the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Therefore, all who love Christ are united with each other in that Love, although by distance we are apart, we are united in prayer by the Spirit. Be strong, we will be together soon!

## Sunday School Class Update (Pre-K thru 5th grade)

We miss our church family and pray the Lord continues to place a “hedge of protection” around each of you.

The teachers from Pre-K up to and including 5th grade would like to make available to families of these students their Sunday School class worksheets.

There is a box outside the main door of the church with packets for the students from their teachers. Please stop by and pick up the packet for your family/student. The younger students will need help finding their packets.

It is never too early to teach a child to rely on our Lord, especially in troubling times.

## Children’s Church Update

Children’s Church will also have a box outside the main entrance door of the church. In it will be supplies for the children to create a Mother’s Day Card for Sunday 5/10/20 and a modest gift for your children to give to their favorite female caregiver, Mother, Grandmother, guardian, etc.

Remember, Mother’s Day is when we appreciate ALL of the women who are positive role models in the lives of children! Allow your child(ren) to be flexible and creative.

Look for a packet containing your family name in the box.

Hope you are all doing well. After Mother’s Day, there will be a new project placed in the box for your children. You will be contacted when next project is available. Prayers and blessing.

*Joanne Palmer*

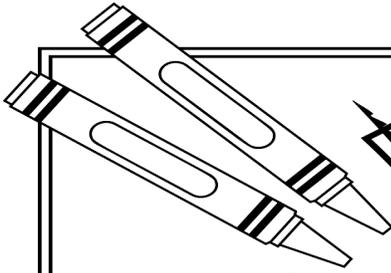
**CHILDRENS CHURCH  
TAKE-HOME  
PROJECT**

**GOOD JOB GIRLS!!**

**DON'T FORGET TO  
SEND US PICTURES OF  
YOUR PROJECTS. WE  
CAN HOPEFULLY BE  
TOGETHER SOON!!**

**The Parable of the Sower**

- Mark 4:1-20**  
Jesus went out to teach in the synagogues and in the temple courts. He began to teach them by parables.
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# PUZZLE

## GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

*Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.*

- Brush these daily \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Do this to your shoes \_  \_
- This rises in the east  \_ \_ \_
- Cold breakfast food  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Hot breakfast food  \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_
- Talk to God  \_ \_ \_ \_
- Morning meal \_ \_ \_ \_  \_ \_ \_ \_  \_
- Extend your limbs  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Fruit drink \_ \_ \_  \_ \_
- Waffle machine \_ \_
- Eat these scrambled or fried \_ \_ \_



Because of the LORD's great love ...     
            never fail. They are  
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

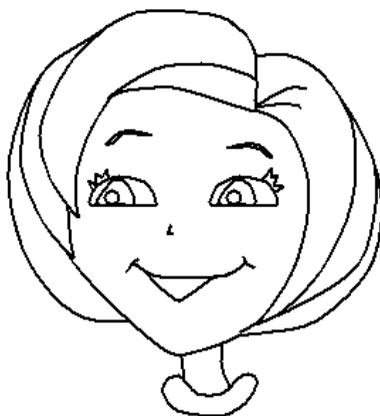
LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

# Mother's Day Word Search

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

AWESOME  
BRUNCH  
CANDY  
CELEBRATE  
CHOCOLATE  
FLOWERS  
HUGS



JEWELRY  
KISSES  
LOVING  
MOTHER  
NURTURING  
PRESENT  
WONDERFUL

Attention Parents—Give this to your children and let them be creative. Encourage them to use it in a card for their mother, grandmother, or other caregivers.



**Did you ever wonder what AWANA means?**

***Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed***

*2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (NIV)"*

While our AWANA clubbers are not able to physically meet with their leaders and other clubbers during this time to show their hard work in their books, they are able to study God's word and memorize verses. All clubbers are encouraged to work on their books with their family while staying at home. The rules for completing sections are:

1. The clubber must practice the verse for at least 3 days
2. The clubber must say the verse to an adult with 2 helps or less
3. If or when the clubber completes both 1 & 2, the adult should sign the section so we will know it is done when they return in the fall.

Please keep track of your books so you can show us all of your hard work in the fall. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at:

[reedersawana@gmail.com](mailto:reedersawana@gmail.com)

Sadly, due to the COVID-19 PA State Directives, we will not be able to meet again during this school year. The closing ceremony will be postponed until the fall of 2020. We will update parents via email when those plans are finalized.

We truly miss all of the clubbers and families! Feel free to send us an email every once in awhile to let us know how you and your child are doing!

*Leigh, Cheryl & the AWANA Team*



**Vacation Bible School 2020**  
**July 27th to July 31st**



VBS is still tentatively planned for the last week of July, pending a decision by the Governor changing the current Covid-19 restrictions for our area. Continue to check the church website at [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org) for updates on VBS plans for 2020.



## Faithful In All Things

Preventing the spread of COVID-19 prompted our governmental officials to proclaim a stay-at-home order for all nonessential workers. Businesses were locked, schools were closed, travel was restricted, and daily briefings by the President and Governor began. The activities of Reeders Church were canceled. However, operating costs and payroll continue. And, faithful congregants continue to tithe! The Finance Team knows that giving of your tithes and offerings requires intentional effort, dedicated commitment, and alacritous sacrifice. We are blessed by your faithfulness. *“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; ...” (The Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:22-23a)*

Many of the Reeders Church Congregation are faithful with their gifts and offerings. Thanks to their continued dedication, the treasurer is able to pay all bills without using savings. There are still difficult days ahead. For those who have continued to give, praise God for your faithfulness. If you have not given your yet tithe/offering, or have been wondering how to give while we are not gathering, there are several ways to give:

- Electronic giving (from the homepage of the church website, scroll to the bottom and select “GIVE” Button; or download the “GIVEPLUS+” application, select Reeders UMC and enter your contribution information)
- Blackmail box outside the Main Entrance door of the Reeders Church
- US Mail to Reeders UMC, PO Box 187 Reeders, PA 18352 (*envelope enclosed*)

God bless,  
Linda Mikels, Finance Chairperson

## SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGES BEGINNING May 24th at 10:30 AM

Beginning Sunday, May 24th and until we are able to worship together, the worship service for Reeders will be broadcast **at 10:30 AM** through the “GoToMeeting” app. If you plan to use your computer or smart-phone to listen, you can download the **GoToMeeting application** anytime. When you want to listen to the worship service, you will need to open the app and use the 9-digit meeting number to “join” the service.

You can also listen to the message by phone. You can call the phone number listed below and enter the 9-digit meeting number when prompted.

You should try to connect a few minutes early so you are sure to be connected when worship begins.

### Reeders UMC Sunday Worship

On your computer go to: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/162128141>  
Dial in using your phone. Dial 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: **162-128-141**



We can continue to collect pantry goods for PVEN even during this time of closure when we are unable to gather.

Beginning on May 1st, the PVEN donation bin will be placed on the church porch by the main entrance on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 5 pm and on Friday mornings from 9 to Noon. If you would like to drop your pantry food donations off during those days and hours, the church will continue to collect and deliver the donations to the PVEN food pantry. Right now PVEN is trying to serve almost double the number of families they were originally serving and would appreciate any donations that we can gather in order to help them with their effort to feed our communities.

The basic food staples and condiments continue to be their greatest need; peanut butter, jelly, cereals, vegetables, pasta, noodles, soups, beans, rice, mayo, ketchup, mustard, etc. would be greatly appreciated.



Thanks to the generous giving and outpouring of love from all of you here at Reeders. Helping Hands was able to assist one of our own families with a catastrophic problem that developed in their home. It is reassuring to know that our church family is willing and able, being led by God's Spirit, to reach out and help one of their own. The family and Helping Hands extend sincerest thanks for your help in this matter. Over \$1500 was raised. Praise God!

Dear Friends at RUMC,  
Thank you for allowing our Choral Group to rehearse in the sanctuary for our abbreviated schedule. These are certainly trying times, and the decision to cancel both practices and all 2020 concerts was a painful one. We trust that 2021 will bring a return to normalcy. Peace in Christ.

Jack Hamblin

### ***Lawn Maintenance/Mowing Services Needed***

Reeders UMC Board of Trustees are accepting proposals for lawn maintenance /mowing contract for this season. The contractor must be licensed and insured and must provide their own equipment. If you are interested in providing the church with a quote for these services, or know someone who be interested, please contact the church office at 570-629-1712.

### *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!*



# Shepherd's Desk

## Emerging From the Desert -

During these enforced shelter-in-place weeks, I've heard from some of you who've been busy completing items on the "Honey Do" list that you normally would not have had the time for. I've also heard beautiful stories of families spending more time together than normal. But what will we do after this ends?

When the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, they desired to be free, and when their freedom ended and they were in the desert, rather than seeing what they had, they lamented what they lost. They didn't see the manna as a blessing to sustain them, instead lamenting the flesh in the pot that they missed. They even attempted to bring back the old ways by making golden idols as they had before. So they spent 40 years in the desert until the entire generation had their hearts changed. After their time in the desert ended, they could enter the promised land as people who would hear and obey God, even if what they were called to do was extreme.

Even our Lord, Jesus, entered the desert to fast and pray. While there, Satan tempted Jesus to satisfy His human desires, sustenance and even glory. Yet Jesus responded continuously with God's will. Then Satan retreated 'until an opportune time.' After the wilderness, Jesus was more prepared for the ultimate temptation, to save himself from the humiliation, the cross, and the suffering. Yet Jesus was faithful to God's will. He acknowledged, but did not seek His own desires.

COVID-19 has taken us from our comfortable norm, whatever that looked like. We've been taken into a desert of isolation from society. What happens in the desert should help us learn to rely on God. Our time here should prepare us for what comes after it ends. As we emerge from our shelter-in-place orders, I have this prayer for each of you my friends.

***Holy God,  
I pray that we will emerge from this time with humility. May we have found new ways to put You first in our lives and trust that You provide for us in the desert and after we leave it. May we emerge as people made new, who speak Your truth and resist selfish desires. May we rely upon Your Word, rather than our will, seeking Your desire to be done. May we be Your people in thought, word, and deed. Jesus, taught us, and died for us to become Your children in right relationship with You. May we be that in the days ahead.***

**Amen  
~Shepherd Dougherty**

## 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](http://poconoinfo.org)

## Reeders United Methodist Church

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2167 Route 715 and Church Road  
Reeders PA 18352

### Contact Information:

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Email: [rumc@ptd.net](mailto:rumc@ptd.net)  
Web: [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org)  
Pastor Sean Dougherty  
Email: [sean.p\\_dougherty@yahoo.com](mailto:sean.p_dougherty@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 717-829-7189

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](mailto:ReedersWorship@gmail.com)

# JUNE 2, 2020



## IS THE NEW DATE FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY



**ALL voters can now vote by mail! Learn more at: [VotesPA.com](http://VotesPA.com)**

To safeguard our vote and our health, the PA primary will now be held on **June 2, 2020**. The new deadlines are:

- **May 18:** Last day to update your voter registration
- **May 26:** Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot
- **June 2, 8pm:** Deadline to return your voted mail-in ballot
- Learn more at: [VotesPA.com](http://VotesPA.com)

ALL Pennsylvanians can now apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot and vote from the comfort of home. Visit [VotesPA.com/MailBallot](http://VotesPA.com/MailBallot) - it's fast and easy and also mobile friendly! Enter your email address when you apply and you will receive updates on your ballot status.

If you want to be mailed a paper application, need help, or have questions, call **1-877-VOTESPA (option 3)**.

## MAY MEETING NOTICES

### Trustees

May 11th  
7:00 PM

### Leadership Team

May 18th  
6:00

(if meeting in person or  
6:30 if meeting takes  
place on "Go To Meeting")