

# Reeders Hope

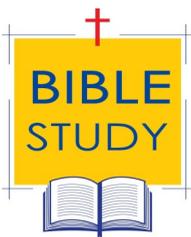
The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church  
— OCTOBER 2020 —

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

**National Wreaths Across  
America Day  
Saturday, December 19, 2020**



Did you know there are 69 graves marked as veterans who served our country throughout the years in n Reeders UMC cemetery. Do you have a relative or friend who was a veteran buried at Reeders, if you do we have a unique way of honoring them this Christmas season. Wreaths across America is a national organization that honors veterans by placing wreaths at their gravesites. In 2019, nearly 2.2. million wreaths were laid at more than 2,100 cemeteries. On December 19, 2020 we will be holding a special service to lay the wreaths. If you would like to participate, the cost per wreath is \$15. If you don't have a relative or friend buried in the cemetery please consider sponsoring a wreath of a veteran who does not have any family or friends. Please contact the church office if you are interesting in purchasing a wreath at 570-629-1712 or [rumc@ptd.net](mailto:rumc@ptd.net).



**BIBLE  
STUDY  
on  
"WORSHIP"**

**Wednesday's at 7:00pm  
through October 28th  
See Pg. 5 for more details.**

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# Greater Love and Usher Teams

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and the fact that not everyone has felt comfortable returning to church for worship, the following individuals have been serving on Sundays.

Greater Love: Barbara Giffels  
Pauline Snyder  
Arlene Frailey  
Paul Schmid

Ushers: Scott Hower

If you are a member of a Greater Love or an Usher Team and are ready to return to worship, and are willing to resume' serving, please contact Barb Giffels (Greater Love members) at 570-421-6344 or Scott Hower (Ushers) at 570-629-0597 and let them know.



We continue to collect pantry goods for PVEN.

The PVEN donation bin will be placed on the church porch by the main entrance on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 am to

5 pm. Drop your donations off anytime those days or on Sunday if you worship in person.

They continue to need financial contributions as well as the regular food pantry staples (i.e. cereal, condiments, vegetables, rice, noodles, etc.)

The Pastors of the Pocono United Methodist Academy (PUMA) will be offering a study in October/November

## “JESUS BRINGS HOPE”

Everyone is looking for hope today so the sessions are open to everyone to participate. You can either participate in person at Faith UMC or join the session via Zoom. Due to the Covid restrictions, the in-person classes will be limited to 15 and reservations will be required. To sign-up, please contact Pastor Jeff at [weber@ptd.net](mailto:weber@ptd.net) or call 570-234-7111 or the church office to obtain the link to participate in the sessions virtually through Zoom.

### Thursdays 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Oct. 22 - Jesus & Nicodemus/  
John 3:1-21

Oct. 29 - Jesus & the Samaritan  
Woman/John 1-42

Nov. 5 - Jesus & Zaccheus/  
Luke 19:1-10

Nov. 12 - Jesus & the Canaanite  
Woman/Matthew 15:21-28

### Pocono United Methodist Academy (PUMA)

Analomnk UMC  
Cherry Lane UMC  
Cherry Valley UMC  
East Stroudsburg UMC  
Faith UMC  
Poplar Valley UMC  
Reeders UMC  
Stroudsburg UMC  
Wooddale UMC

Pick up a brochure for the sessions from the information table in the church lobby.

Worship  
with us  
from



For those who are not ready to return to worship in-person, the weekly message will continue to be available on-line at 10:30 AM through the following sources:

**Reeders UMC Sunday Worship**

On your computer or smart phone go to:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/162128141>

or the church website

[www.ReedersChurch.org/](http://www.ReedersChurch.org/)

Worship from Home

or

Dial in using your phone.

1 (571) 317-3122

Enter Access Code: **162-128-141**

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

**These numbers and access codes will remain the same for every Sunday.**



**ANNUAL UMC CHARGE  
CONFERENCE  
MEETING**

**October 21st at 6:00  
via zoom.**

Anyone is welcome to participate either at the church or through zoom. If you would like the link to connect to the meeting via Zoom, please contact the church office or [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org) to obtain the link.

## Worship In October

**October 4**

*World Communion Sunday*

*"Worry"*

*Matthew 6:25-34*

**October 11**

*"Anxiousness"*

*Philippians 4:4-9*

**October 18**

*"Burdens"*

*Matthew 11: 28-30*

**October 25**

*"Peace"*

*Romans 5: 1-11*

**Recorded Sunday Worship Message:**

Recorded copies of the service will be also be available on YouTube. The YouTube link will be available on the church website at

[www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org) beginning the the week following each service. The links will also be archived on the church website for your viewing and listening



## October's Collection

Photos, letters and small toys. Please drop them in the OCC bin in the church lobby.

Drop them in the donation box in the church lobby any time during the month of September.

## *Evangelism In A Changing Landscape*

Is a 2020 Faith Sharing Event sponsored by the United Methodist Church Conference

*November 14, 9:00 AM to Noon*

*Online Zoom Event*

*0.6 CEU's are available*

It is a free event, but registration is required.

Register at: <https://na.eventscloud.com/faith2020>

*Our featured speaker: The Rev. Lisa Greenwood Vice-President for Leadership Ministry of TMF (the Texas Methodist Foundation), Dallas, Texas*

Lisa Greenwood works with church leaders across the UMC connection to help them understand and foster “deep change” by facilitating purposeful conversations of courage, learning, generosity and innovation. She brings wisdom and experience from serving suburban, urban and rural church as a pastor in the North Texas Annual Conference for 20 years. She has also served on the Board of Ordained Ministry, four General Conference delegations (2004-2019), and as ministry strategist for the Horizons Stewardship Company.



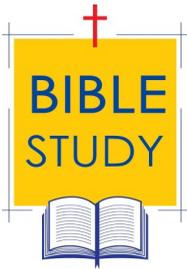
Sunday School **in person** for all ages returned September 13th at 9:15 am! The class locations have changed. Check the bulletin board in the lobby to find the location of your class. Adults and Children alike should come and join a class every Sunday morning at 9:15 AM. Two adult classes will continue online. See Pg 10 for details on the online adult classes.



### **Little Blessings Nursery School**

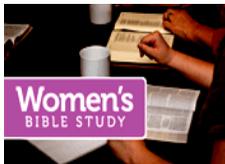
#### **2020/21 Program**

Nursery school has begun at Reeders. The school is experiencing a very tight financial year due to the Covid restrictions put into place to protect the students and teachers. These restrictions have severely reduced the number of classes and size of those classes. There are currently a few openings in the 3 year old class. If you have any children, or know of a child or family looking for a nursery school program for this age group, please consider referring them to Little Blessings Nursery School. You can obtain more information on the openings or arrange to tour the school by contacting Michelle Allison at 570-856-4841.



## Bible Study on “Worship Continues in October Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Pastor Jeff is conducting a Bible study on the subject of worship. The Bible study will continue to meet every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm and will be both in person (in the sanctuary) and via GoTo Meeting through the same link we use for Sunday morning worship (Pg. 3) Through 12 lessons, we are doing a survey through the Bible on the subject of worship and in the course of the survey derive basic Biblical principals for worship and how they connect to worship styles that are occurring in the church today. There is no cost for the course, all you need is your Bible. If you have any questions concerning the Bible Study, do not hesitate to contact, Pastor Jeff at [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net) or call 570-234-7111.



TUESDAY  
MORNINGS  
10:00 AM  
Beginning October 6th

## ALL THE NAMES OF GOD

Join the women as they return to bible study every Tuesday morning beginning at 10:00 am on October 6th.

Please be prepared to practice social distancing and plan on wearing a mask.



**GIVE,  
AND  
IT  
WILL  
BE  
GIVEN  
TO  
YOU**

Luke 6:38

Your faithful, continued, giving has allowed Reeder's to meet it's basic financial requirements during this very unusual time. Please continue your faithful giving by using the following options to make your contributions:

- 1) Go to the Reeder's UMC website at [www.Reeder'sChurch.org](http://www.Reeder'sChurch.org) home page and select "GIVE"
- 2) Download the mobile application "GivePlus+" and select Reeder's UMC
- 3) Drop your contribution in the black mailbox on the right wall outside the main church entrance.
- 4) Drop your offering in the basket on Sunday mornings at the back of the church when you return to worshipping in person.

**MINISTRY OF THE MONTH**  
**Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center**  
304 Pocono Plateau Road  
Cresco, PA 18326  
570-676-3665  
[www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org)  
Email: [camp@poconoplateau.org](mailto:camp@poconoplateau.org)

*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!*



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH UPDATE



**Childrens Church will be lifting up the name of Jesus on Sunday, Oct. 4th!!!**

**Stay after worship to join the children and families from Childrens Church as they fly the home-made kites. Whose kite will fly the highest and longest? Can they get them all to fly at once?**

*"I WILL PRAISE YOU AS LONG AS I LIVE, AND IN YOUR NAME I WILL LIFT UP MY HANDS."*

*Psalm 63:4*

Children's Church will continue with their "camping" theme for the fall "Smore Time With God" featuring our own little makeshift campsite and devotionals from the book "Smore Time With God" by Nancy Ferguson. We be sharing bible stories, devotions, activities and crafts related to camping intermittently throughout the fall season. If you have any questions concerning your child's participation in Children's Church, please contact Joanne Palmer or Joan Robbins. They would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Joanne Palmer's contact info: (570) 350-4615 or email [icpalmer49@yahoo.com](mailto:icpalmer49@yahoo.com). Joan Robbins contact info: [robbins.jmb@gmail.com](mailto:robbins.jmb@gmail.com) or (570) 624-

### ARE YOU AN ON-LINE SHOPPER?



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**If you do there is a new UMC Marketplace "iGive" program.**

The iGive app makes shopping, saving, and giving donations to Reeder's UMC through iGive simple on all your mobile devices. Download the free "iGive" app and set up your account. Reeder's will receive a percentage of your purchase every time you shop using the "iGive" program

The app shows you the donate rate for your purchase and any special deals that may be available at your favorite stores. You can shop at over 2341 stores to earn donations, use special coupons, and track your contributions. The amount of the donation will be different at every store but can range from 1% to 8%.

You can also shop from your computer or phone by going to this link and creating an account: <https://www.igive.com/html/login.cfm>. After you create your account your shopping will automatically be directed to the iGive website if the store you are shopping at participates in the program. Why not take advantage of this program to increase your contributions to Reeder's.



Kurt & Cynthia Zimmerman  
World Gospel Mission  
Texas/Mexico Border Ministries

### The Lord is our Shepherd!

This summer we met daily for prayer with our fellow-teachers and busily prepared for the new school year at Taylor Christian School. We anticipated beginning the year with distance learning and eventually returning to on-campus instruction. ***Surprisingly, we are doing both simultaneously but not in a way that any of us expected.***

Financial hardships, the late summer spike in coronavirus cases in our area, and individual concerns with distance learning caused numerous families to make the last-minute decision to withdraw their children from our school. Ultimately, so few students remained on the roster that the TCS board made the difficult decision to not operate as a traditional school in this 2020-21 school year.

Inspired by a program hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of McAllen, we have quickly re-organized to launch a new initiative called E-Camp. At a cost of five dollars a day, children from any area school that has on-line classes may spend their school day on our campus, where we provide internet and the support of experienced teachers to assist the children in-person in their distance learning.

We believe it is a great alternative to children being on-line at home alone while their parents are at work. ***This window of opportunity may only be open for a month or two, but we want to offer it while we can to help as many families as possible.***

Would you pray with us? We're praying...

- that God will continue to connect us with the families who need this support
- that through it, God will enable us to share His love and the Truth of His Word with each child that God will also work through this outreach to open our eyes to other needs around us and expand our connections in the community to join with other Christians in addressing those needs.

### ***Thank you for your prayers!***

Our principal led us in a meaningful study of Psalm 23 during our teacher in-service days. Since then, the path of this school year has taken a very unexpected turn, but we have a deep assurance that the Lord is with us and that He is leading us along this path for His Name's sake.

***We pray that you, too, are sensing the leading of the Good Shepherd in your life and can rest in Him today.***

In the love of Christ,  
Kurt and Cynthia



**ON-LINE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**  
**will continue even after in-person classes resume on September 13th.**

Two adult Sunday School Classes will continue to be available online every Sunday and anyone is welcome to participate. Please note that both classes will be held at 9:15 AM beginning September 13th:

- 1) Adult "Tea" Class  
 "Acts Of The Apostles"  
 Teacher - Patrick Roberts  
 Access through **gotomeeting/**  
 Code **162-128-141** or  
 Dial in using your phone.  
 1 (571) 317-3122  
 Enter Access Code:  
**162-128-141**

- 2) NeXt Generation Class  
 studying "Ephesians"  
 Teacher Lorelle Battle  
**Zoom** – Meeting ID:  
**764 9893 6269**  
 Password: **8ZNJ4X**  
 Link: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76498936269?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76498936269?pwd=MFIDaVRaUHp6aDJscWRKNEpKQUozdz09)  
[pwd=MFIDaVRaUHp6aDJscWRKNEpKQUozdz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76498936269?pwd=MFIDaVRaUHp6aDJscWRKNEpKQUozdz09)



Barbara Reinhardt	1st
Kathleen Yurkovitch	1st
Emily Purdy	7th
Jayden Snyder	8th
Rachel Hazen	9th
Jane Davalos	11th
Matt Hazen	11th
Kevin Yurkovitch	11th
Nell Cadue	12th
Finn Greenan	13th
Marcy McAdams	14th
Kyla Singer	18th
Yvonne Rispoli	19th
Lisa Price	22nd
Tracy Altemose	23rd
Madison Nicole Andrews	24th
Micky (Michaelynn) Myers	24th
Chris Welch	28th
Lester Lesoine	29th
Alyssa Cadue	30th
Sherri Hower	31st

**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](mailto:rumc@ptd.net) or leave your note in "Secretary's Mailbox" in the office.

# Pastor's Desk

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” *Philippians 4:8*.

What are you thinking about? COVID-19, economic problems, racial tensions and social unrest, how to get your kids through an on-line education, the presidential election, health issues, out of control fires out west, how are you going to pay your bills this month? The list goes on and on, and seems so depressing. As my favorite philosopher, Hank, the Cow Dog, says, “It is going to get worse before it gets awful.” Do you ever feel like that? John R. Erikson, the author of the children’s book series Hank the Cow Dog, has a master’s degree in divinity from Harvard Divinity School, but he walked away from a life in the ministry to follow his calling to write children’s books. His most famous creation is Hank the Cow Dog, a mangy mutt, who envisions himself as the head of Ranch Security, and is constantly getting into trouble as he attempts to solve and control, what he sees as problems on a cattle ranch in Midland, Texas. Wherever he turns, his mind morphs ordinary things into catastrophic events that only he can solve and be the hero. Just when you think, that Hank has learned his lesson, something important does happen, but he misses it, because he is always focused on the wrong thing. Hank and us, could use a lesson from the Apostle Paul. It is easy to see that Paul had a lot of real problems. Five times he was whipped with 40 lashes, three times he was beaten with rods, he was stoned and left for dead, once he had boiling oil poured on him, robbers beat him and stole from him, and he was shipwrecked. Additionally, he had a host of people wanting to kill him for one reason or another. Yet, despite all his problems, Paul tells us to think about, “whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable.”

So this October, a month with real and imagined ghosts, goblins, and horrors, ask yourself, are you going to be a Hank the Cow Dog or a Paul the Apostle. Are you going to think about how it is going “to get worse before it gets awful” or are you going to think on “whatever is noble, right, pure, and lovely.” Which do you think allows us to be used by Christ?

*Pastor Jeff Weber*



## Monroe County Neighbors are stronger together!!!

MCHFH is challenging neighbors to raise money to raise funds for low-income homeowners in need in your community. The funds will be used directly in Monroe County to help them replace their roofs. We are trying to raise \$10,000 to help a homeowner in Monroe County and we are 25% there.

Please connect to the link below or visit their website at <https://habitatmc.org/> if you are able to help:

[gandemedia.activehosted.com@s5.csa1.acemsa1.com](mailto:gandemedia.activehosted.com@s5.csa1.acemsa1.com)

### **COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THAT THE CONGREGATION IS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW WHILE WORSHIPPING AT REEDERS**

- 1) Please wear a mask at all times. If you forget your mask, the church will provide one.
- 2) Please practice social distancing by staying about 6 feet away from others. Do not congregate before or after worship inside the church.
- 3) Hand sanitizer stations are available - please use them freely.
- 4) Limited singing of hymns and recitations is allowed while keeping face mask in place.

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Pastor: Jeff Weber  
Email: [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net)  
Phone: 570-234-7111

The Church Office hours are 9AM to 5 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you need pastoral services, please contact the church office at 570-629-1712 or [rumc@ptd.net](mailto:rumc@ptd.net) or contact Pastor Jeff anytime directly at 570-234-7111.

## *Devereux Pocono Advanced Behavioral Health*

### **BECOME A FOSTER PARENT**

for children in need in Carbon, Monroe and Pike Counties

We are seeking Community Residential Rehabilitation Services treatment/foster parents to provide children with the opportunity to live in a family setting while receiving support and clinical care.

You must be at least 25 years old, have a high school diploma, positive background clearances and meet home study and licensing requirements to qualify. You would receive generous, tax-free compensation/training and support. Contact Joan McKinsey at 570-839-6167 for more details.