

Reeders Hope

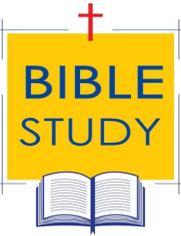
The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church
— SEPTEMBER 2020 —

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



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL RETURN IN PERSON AT REEDERS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN ON SEPTEMBER 13TH at 9:15 AM.

See the article on Page 4 for more details.



BIBLE STUDY on "WORSHIP"

Wednesday's at 7:00pm through October 28th
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Serving In September

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

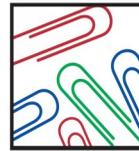
If you are a member of a Greater Love or an Usher Team and are ready to return to worship, and are willing to resume' serving, please contact Barb Giffels (Greater Love members) at 570-421-6344 or Scott Hower (Ushers) at 570-629-0597 and let them know.



MEDIA TEAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Reeders is in need of people with time and talent to volunteer at Reeders. Immediate needs are for Media Team to help audio and visual aids (power point/ gotomeeting) for the services. If you are interested serving or would like more info, please talk with Pastor Jeff.



Pastor's and Church

Office Hours

Pastor Jeff's Appointment Hours:

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Joan Purdy's Hours:

Tues./Wed./Fri. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

To schedule an appointment with Pastor Jeff please call the church office or contact Pastor Jeff directly at 570-234-7111 or jweber@ptd.net. Drop-ins during the appointment hours are welcomed. In the event of an emergency need for a pastor, regardless of the day or time, please do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Jeff at 570-234-7111.



Sanctuary

Training

Sunday, Sept. 27th at 12:00 PM

Monday, Sept. 28th at 6:00 PM

Pastor Jeff will be conducting these training sessions. If you participate in any of the children's ministries at Reeders (i.e. Sunday School, VBS, LBNS, AWANA or Nursery) please make every effort to attend one of the sessions. The training will review the requirements of the Safe Sanctuary Policy that Reeders follows to ensure the safety and welfare of all of our children. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin Board in the church lobby. Please see Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.

Worship with us from HOME

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/
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.



Respect those who
labor among you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12

Worship In September

September 6 *COMMUNION*

Scripture: Nahum 1:1-8

Message: God's Patience

Sharing by Jessica Lewis

Visit by District Superintendent
Steve Morton

September 13:

Scripture: Zephaniah 1: 2-18

Message: A Wrath of Love

September 20:

Scripture: Joel 1:2-14; 2:21-27

Message: The Awe of Grace

September 27:

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-2:3

Message: Lord, how long?

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 beginning the week following each service. The links will also be archived on the church website for your viewing and listening anytime.



September Collection "GAMES"

Any small game that
will fit in a shoebox

(i.e. small puzzles,
small board game,

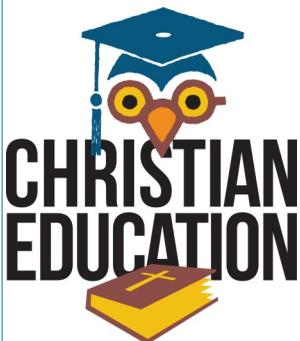




Sunday School **in person** for all ages returns September 13th at 9:15 am! All the Sunday School teachers are excited about getting reconnected with everyone and helping everyone grow in the love of Christ. Everyone will be practicing social distancing and face masks will be worn at all times. All classes will be held on the first or second floor, no classes will be in the basement. The teachers will be ensuring the classrooms are cleaned after each use.

The following is a list of the Sunday School classes, teachers, and the rooms where they are meeting in.

| <u>Children's Classes</u> | <u>Teachers</u> | <u>Room</u> |
|---|---|---|
| Pre-K (3-K) | Joan Robbins Joanne Palmer | Nursery (first floor) |
| 1 st & 2 nd | Dawn Tanner Emily Purdy | Room 21 (second floor) |
| 3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th | Sherri Gallagher Don Robbins | Room 26 (second floor) |
| 6 th , 7 th , & 8 th | Barb Giffels | Room 22 (second floor) |
| Youth (9 th – 12 th) | John Cady Jan Toepert | Room 2 (first floor) |
| <u>Adult Classes</u> | | |
| NeXt Gen | Lorelle Battle | Pastors Office |
| Pairs & Spares | Patrick Roberts Linda Mikels Donna Myra | Fellowship Hall |
| Open Door Class | Chris & Linda Welch | Conference Room beginning October 11 th |



The Christian Education Committee met on August 24th and is pleased to make the following announcements:

- 1) In-Person Sunday School returns beginning September 13th at 9:15 am.
- 2) Vacation Bible School for 2021 is scheduled to be held the week of August 2 to August 6th, 2021.
- 3) Check out the October newsletter for announcements concerning the appointment of officers for the Christian Education Board who will begin to serve in January 2021.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH "SOWER PROJECT"

Here is a picture of Quinn Lesoine with her "parable of the sower" sunflower project. Obviously it was a huge success. Keep up the good work Quinn. We Love it!



Your faithful, continued, giving has allowed Reeders 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 Reeders UMC website at www.ReedersChurch.org home page and select "GIVE"
- 2) Download the mobile application "GivePlus+" and select Reeders 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.



**BIBLE
STUDY**



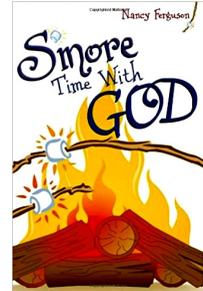
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Bible Study on "Worship"

Pastor Jeff will be conducting a Bible study on the subject of worship. The Bible study will meet every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm and will be both in person (in the sanctuary) and via GoTo Meeting. Through 12 lessons, we will do 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 or call 570-234-7111.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church resumed during worship in the fellowship hall on Sunday August 2nd. It was wonderful to have children back in church again; unbelievable how they have grown in just a few months! The kids were great at following the new social distancing rules and wearing their face coverings. Children are so resourceful and accepting of new challenges, especially when we show them we have confidence in them!

Since many of the children enjoy different aspects of camping, and some have missed out on Christian camping this summer, we are excited to introduce a new theme this year of "Smore Time With God" featuring our own little makeshift campsite and devotionals from the book "Smore Time With God" by Nancy Ferguson. We intend to share 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 jcpalmer49@yahoo.com. Joan Robbins contact info: robbins.jmb@gmail.com or (570) 624-9614.



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You can also shop from your computer 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.

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING
WHILE PRACTICING SOCIAL
DISTANCING?**



2556 Rising Hill Drive
Saylorsburg, PA 18353
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(570) 402-1282

The Garden of Giving is a beautiful place to volunteer with plenty of outdoor social distancing. The hours for volunteers are Tues thru Saturdays from 9:30-12:30. There are additional hours and needs during main planting and harvest seasons. Volunteers can be any age and any skill level.

You are welcome to bring your kids and they can use an outdoor playground while you help in the garden. If you have any questions about our experiences with the Garden of Giving and would like to consider volunteering, please feel free to contact Joanne Palmer or Joan Robbins.



Plans to restart AWANA in the new school year have not been finalized. Because Pocono Mountain School District has opted for 100% at home learning for

September, AWANA will not restart now. It will be reviewed in October when PMSD announces their plans for returning to school in October. Please continue to check the church website at www.ReadersChurch.org for updated information on this program.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Kurt & Cynthia Zimmerman
World Gospel Mission
Casilla 55
Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Kurt.zimmerman@wgm.org

**BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE
MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT**

YFC BANQUET



In a day and age where everything has been canceled it is exciting to let you know that our Annual Adult Fundraising Banquet has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Fiorelli's in Peckville, PA. We are excited to announce that Alan and Lisa Robertson from the hit TV show, "Duck Dynasty", will still be our special guest speakers. The Silent Auction opens at 5 pm before the event with many amazing items. The food is incredible and the cause is well worth supporting. We hope to see many of you there. To reserve your tickets or sponsor a table give Jill a call in the YFC office at 570-343-4323 ext. 6.



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=MFIDaVRaUHp6aDJscWRKNEpKQ](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76498936269?pwd=MFIDaVRaUHp6aDJscWRKNEpKQUozdz09)
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| Sheryl Mims | 1st |
| Joyce Baker | 3rd |
| Ezra Armah | 5th |
| Camile Hubbs | 5th |
| Bill Gardner | 6th |
| Paul Schmid | 6th |
| Jeff Weber | 9th |
| Cindy Smart | 13th |
| Mark Gerger | 21st |
| Eamonn Greenan | 21st |
| Donald Kresge | 22nd |
| Amy Besecker | 25th |
| Avrianna Andrews | 26th |
| Elaine Gredlein | 27th |



FOOD PANTRY

Pantry donations can be deposited in the bins in the Lobby to support the PVEN Food Pantry.

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.

Pastor's Desk

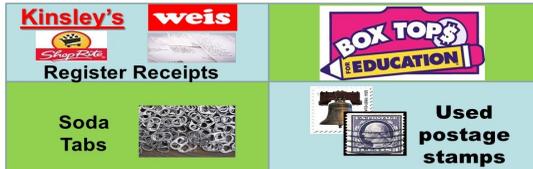
“How long?” is a question that has been asked by so many different people in so many different contexts. Young children in a car, bored by the eternity it is taking in their mind to get somewhere. The patient asking the doctor in a state of shock, at an unexpected terminal diagnosis. Those enduring a never-ending set of catastrophic problems, job loss, house lost to a fire, crime, etc, etc, etc. Those waiting for the return of Christ and the coming of the new Heaven and the new Earth. “How long” cried the prophet Habakkuk as he wallowed in the violence, injustice, and immorality of Judah. His anguish and exhaustion so great, that he adds that the Lord does not listen. About the same time as Habakkuk, a Greek playwright, by the name of Aristophanes wrote, “Whirl is King, and has driven out Zeus.” It is times of seemingly endless major problematic events (covid-19, economic turmoil, racial protests and riots, hurricanes, fires, wars and rumors of wars, a vitriol election season), all of which are beyond our ability to comprehend or figure out what we should do, that whirl appears as the king and that God has been driven out. Like Habakkuk, we cry out – how long Lord, and despair when God does not answer. I recall as a young army first lieutenant, being mentored by LTC Densberger, a tall lanky man, who was the very essence of boundless energy and power, sternly telling me, “There are no problems, just situations that are opportunities for success.” How his words resonated, especially when I considered his combat experience. Recall, the boat in the storm, being tossed about like a child’s toy, its passengers all experienced seamen, stymied by the violence and turmoil of the storm. Their confusion, fear, and anguish has overpowered them, and they turn to their leader, who is sleeping peacefully in the stern. They awaken him, and scream at him in their panic, look at the storm and how much we are no longer in control! We are all going to die! Do something! And Christ with outstretched arms says, “Peace be still.” (Mark 4:37-39). The storm was not a problem, but an opportunity to build the faith of the disciples. The storm of the crucifixion would come, but it was the opportunity for the resurrection. The Lord response to Habakkuk was that the Lord “was going to do something in your days, that you would not believe. . .” (Habakkuk 1:5). Calming storms at His command; rising from the dead; and His future promise of a new heaven and a new earth (Rev. 21:1). What storms? What problems? Instead, let us see how the Lord has blessed us with unbelievable opportunities and in that we can give thanks and rejoice.

Pastor Jeff Weber

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 tops 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.

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. Please respect the areas that have been tapped off by not entering them.
- 3) Do not congregate before or after worship inside the church.
- 4) Hand sanitizer stations are available - please use them freely.
- 5) **CHANGE:** Beginning 8/30 limited singing of hymns and recitations is allowed while keeping face mask in place.

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Pastor: Jeff Weber
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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 or contact Pastor Jeff anytime directly at 570-234-7111.

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