

# Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church  
— SEPTEMBER 2022 —

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



## CHURCH *Luncheon and Discission Meeting*

**SEPTEMBER 11th**

**At Noon** (see Pg. 5 for more details)

If your kids loved VBS, they will love  
**AWANA**



**Wednesday's 4 PM to 5:30 PM**

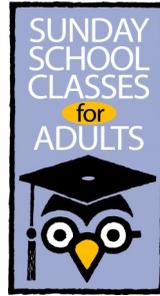
**First Club Meeting Sept. 14th.  
See Page 8 for Registration details.**

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**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

The Wednesday night Bible Study Genesis through Revelation is continuing. The study is occurring on Wednesday, September 7, 14, 21, and 28<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 pm, meeting in the conference room and on-line, using GoTo meeting link. This month we will be studying Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. The notes from previous lessons are available on the table in the hallway and the recordings of the previous studies are also available on request. There is no cost for this course. For more information contact Pastor Jeff at [jweber@ptd.net](mailto:jweber@ptd.net) or call of text at 570-234-7111.



**In-Person Adult Sunday School Class Every Sunday at 9:15 AM**

**Pairs "N" Spares Class**  
In The Fellowship Hall

Currently studying "*The 7 Letters To The 7 Churches*" taken from the book of Revelation.

Join us as we explore what God has to say to the church today. We are a discussion class and everyone is encouraged to share their thoughts. Regardless of whether you are a listener or someone who enjoys sharing, we would welcome you to join this class.

Class Facilitator  
Donna Myra



**September OCC item of the month is "Games, puzzles, activity/coloring books"**

Please remember they need to fit in a shoebox. Drop your items in the bin outside the sanctuary.



Games  
September

**MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH**

**Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network (PVEN)**  
PO Box 561  
Saylorsburg, PA 18353

**MILITARY OF THE MONTH**

**Matthew Kresge**  
PSC 455 Box 202  
FPO, AP 96540

**No Packages - Cards Only**



## LITTLE BLESSINGS NURSERY SCHOOL

Registration is now open for the new school year 2022/2023. Church Members receive a tuition discount for the program. Applications are available in the church lobby or website. You can obtain more information on the openings or arrange to tour the school by contacting Michelle Allison at 570-856-4841.

# Worship In September

## September 4

*13h Sunday after Pentecost/COMMUNION*

Scripture: Luke 14; 25-33

*Message: Counting The Cost*

## September 11

*14th Sunday after Pentecost*

Blessing of the Christian Education  
Teachers

Scripture: Luke 15: 1-10

*Message: The Lost One*

## September 18

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Luke 16: 1-13

*Message: The Honest Dishonest  
Servant*

## September 25

*16th Sunday after Pentecost*

Scripture: Luke 16: 19 - 31

*Message: Remember*



## New Member Classes

Sept. 4, 11, 18 and  
25th  
at 9:15 AM

A new member class will be beginning on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 to 10:15 in the pastor's office. The class is for anyone interested in joining Reeders UMC and provides an understanding of United Methodist denomination, doctrine, and Reeders UMC. There are four class meetings September 4, 11, 18, and 25. On September 25<sup>th</sup> during the Worship service, the class will become members of Reeders UMC.

## Birthdays This Month!



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 Sr.	22nd
Avrianna Andrews	26th
Elaine Gredlein	27th



*(Open to all children ages 3 thru 5th grade)*

***The Parables, Teachings and Miracles of Jesus"***

The children are continuing to enjoy the parables and lessons from the four Gospels of the New Testament. We use games, crafts and other activities to help them learn and understand these lessons.

We look forward to their participation every week and will continue these lessons throughout the fall. New children are always welcome. Contact the church office for details.

Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Robbins



**Wednesday's  
At  
12 Noon**

Join Pastor Jeff on-line in the Sanctuary for a short time of prayer when we can lift up our joys and concerns for the week. Go to the church facebook page or on <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/162128141> Code **162-128-141** or By phone 1 (571) 317-3122  
Enter Access Code: **162-128-141**

**MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR USHERS, GREATER LOVE, AND NURSERY**

	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GREATER LOVE</b>	<b>NURSERY</b>
1st Sunday	Bill Brandamore Gerry Hogan	Barbara Giffels Paul Schmid	Jan Toepert Jackie Matos
2nd Sunday	Mike Frailey Jim Shick	Anna Macias Crowley Pauline Snyder Deb Elmire	Leigh Frailey Jan Toepert
3rd Sunday	John Cady Anna Macias Crowley	Jennifer Herscap Arlene Frailey Emma Rispoli	Judy Bryson Dianna Anglemyer
4th Sunday	Barb Giffels Paul Schmid	Pauline Snyder Arlene Frailey Audrey Weber	Jill Lawley Hope Lesoine
5th Sunday	Bob Bryson George Caron	Joyce Baker Sue Wright	Jan Ledwith Jill Lawley



On Sunday, September 11th, after the worship service we will be having a church luncheon and discussion about the current turmoil occurring with the United Methodist denomination.

Our denomination is a world-wide denomination of 50,000 local churches of 11 million members. This year has been a tipping point in denominational issues and problems, which have resulted in approximately 1,000 churches focused on breaking away from the denomination to form a new Methodist denomination called the Global Methodist Church.

Pastor Jeff will provide a brief overview of what has occurred in a denomination, where things are currently, and what all this means for Reeders UMC.

There will be a time of asking questions and making comments. Strongly encourage everyone to attend. All food will be provided by the church.



## Finance Update

Thank you to the parishioners who faithfully tithe and give gifts to Reeders Church.

We also praise God for the outside groups who use our building and faithfully give to our ministry. Financial needs were met through August 2022. As per the budgets published in the 2022 FINANCE BROCHURE, the Church budgets require \$21,000 a month. Now, your tithes and gifts are especially important as programs resume, heating costs increase, and building repairs/updates are completed.

New and old programs will begin soon. Planning has started for a Church youth group with a new paid leader, AWANA will resume soon, and the Sunday School camping program will begin in late September. Little Blessings Nursery School is set to begin with the new school year.

The sanctuary pews, purchased in the 1960's, were recently reupholstered. Thank you to those who gave gifts to this much-needed project. Approximately \$5,000 in special gifts was received. Next, the original carpeting in the upstairs classrooms and the nursery is being replaced. If you wish to give to this project, please mark your gift "carpeting." Thank you to those who have already given to this project.

Your tithes and gifts are important to the financial health of Reeders Church. We praise God for always meeting our financial needs. "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you have an abundance for every good deed." (II Cor. 9:8)

## AWANA REGISTRATION Sunday Sept 11th 1 PM to 2PM



AWANA begins In-Person at Readers on Wednesday, September 14th from 4PM until 5:30 PM

and is open to all children in the community ages 3 through 6th grade.

Bus transportation will be provided from certain schools in the Pocono Mountain School District. Children from all school districts, or those who are home schooled, are all welcome!

Stop in on Sunday, Sept. 11th from 1 to 2PM to fill out registration forms and bus pickup authorization forms or contact the church office at 570-629-1712 or rumc@ptd.net.

## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sunday School classes are available to all children ages 3 through 12th grade every Sunday morning beginning at 9:15 AM. Please contact the church office at 570-629-1712 or rumc@ptd.net if you would like information on registering your children for a Sunday School Class.



## Tuesdays at 10:00 Beginning Sept. 6th Book of Paul

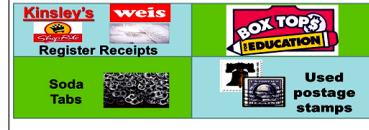
The Women's Bible Study Group will begin on Tuesday September 6th at 10 AM. They will begin with the study of the book of Paul. The group will meet every Tuesday at 10 AM.

If you have any questions about the bible study, please talk to Beth Derrick or contact the church office for more information.

*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!*



COMMUNITY



OUTREACH

## POCONO TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DAYS September 10th 10 AM to 2PM

Readers UMC will be setting up a table at this community event to provide information to the community on some of the church programs that are available to them (ie. Sunday School, LBNS, AWANA, VBS, etc.) If you are able to volunteer to provide coverage at the Readers table, please contact Joan Robbins and let her know or contact the church office at 570-629-1712 or rumc@ptd.net.



## SEPTEMBER 2022

The RUMC Youth Group is having a birthday party on September 25<sup>th</sup> at noon. One year ago, the Youth Group launched, so we are having a one year birthday party with balloons, games, food, and smash cake! So come prepared to get messy and have a lot fun giving God thanks for our first year! Also the Youth Group will be meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**RUMC Youth Group is for all youth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**UMW PICNIC  
SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> at 6:30 PM  
at Arlene Frailey's**

**The theme is "BABY SHOWER".  
Bring some baby items to  
donate. Also bring a covered  
dish to share.**



### Three ways to continue giving:

- 1) In person on Sunday morning
- 2) Drop your envelope in the black box outside the main entrance door, or
- 3) Go to church website at [www.Reeders.Church.org](http://www.Reeders.Church.org)



## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

### CHRONOLOGICAL READING FOR AUGUST

Sep 1	Ezek 18-19
Sep 2	Ezek 20-21
Sep 3	Ezek 22- 23
Sep 4	Ezek 24-27
Sep 5	Ezek 28-31
Sep 6	Ezek 32-34
Sep 7	Ezek 35-37
Sep 8	Ezek 38-39
Sep 9	Ezek 40-41
Sep 10	Ezek 42-43
Sep 11	Ezek 44-45
Sep 12	Ezek 46-48
Sep 13	Joel 1-3
Sep 14	Dan 1-3
Sep 15	Dan 4-6
Sep 16	Dan 7-9
Sep 17	Dan 10-12
Sep 18	Ezra 1-3
Sep 19	Ezra 4-6, Ps 137
Sep 20	Hag 1-2
Sep 21	Zech 1-7
Sep 22	Zech 8-14
Sep 23	Est 1-5
Sep 24	Est 6-10
Sep 25	Ezra 7-10
Sep 26	Neh 1-5
Sep 27	Neh 6-7
Sep 28	Neh 8-10
Sep 29	Neh 11-13, Ps 126
Sep 30	Mal 1-4



Dear Readers UMC -

Thank you so much for the Gideon Bible donations made in Kurt's name. Also for all the prayers and calls checking on us.

Everything was very much appreciated.

Jenn Herscap, Jessica,  
Kayla and Kurt's Mom

Dear Readers UMC—

Thank you for the donations of 5 bibles in memory of Eric Harner.

Joy Harner & Family

To my church friends and family -

Thank you for all of the get well cards, phone calls and other notes that I received during my recovery from the broken wrist and ladder incident. They were all very much appreciated and they reminded and encouraged me to be grateful for all that I have.

Joan Purdy

### 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.



### PVEN Donation Needs Are:

Family size soups/Canned Pasta  
Larger boxes of cereal  
Sides  
Condiments  
Pancake mix & syrup/Jelly  
(no glass)

Drop your donations in the bins in the Church lobby. If you have questions, please call 570-992-3136.

## On-Line Adult Sunday School Classes Continue

### 1) Adult "Tea" Class @ 9:00 am

"Studying the Book of Matthew"

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 @ 9:15 am

studying "Hope"

Teacher Lorelle Battle

**Zoom** – Meeting ID:

**764 9893 6269**

Password: **8ZNJ4X**

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76498936269?pwd=MFIDaVRaUHp6aDJscWRKNEpKQUozdz09>

Online adult classes will continue indefinitely.

## Pastor's Desk

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2*

It was a cluttered yard, which spilled over into the driveway and into a garage, whose door never closed, and car could ever inhabit because of all the stuff. Multiple heaps of rusting and decaying parts, tools, wood, and miscellaneous items laid scattered about looking so much like a massive tornado had scooped up all the yard sales in the community and dropped everything in this one yard. The chaotic heaps were the result of dozens of unfinished projects and collection of materials that would “one day be useful.” Those of the Greatest Generation and some older Baby Boomers would have called it a Ma and Pa Kettle yard, and it would have been an apt description, except in comparison, Ma and Pa Kettle were neater. To the outside observer, all of it made no sense. Many wanted to take a bulldozer and cast all of the heaps into a great dumpster, to be hauled off and properly disposed. But every pile of disorder and chaos held significance for the owner, who was a ground hog of a man. His roundish body waddled in multiple directions, and he was clearly disliked being noticed. If someone actually caught him out in the open, and were able to ask him all about his heaps of clutter, he would fumble for an answer. His eyes moved about, never making eye contact, and he appeared to be looking for a way to escape. Nestled in the owner's scared, cluttered mind, were all his reasons and rationale for holding on to all the clutter. All attempts to reason with him about his clutter and need to change resulted in an equal and opposite reaction, which intensified his desire to maintain the clutter. One day, as the owner was busying himself amidst his clutter, he was startled by the appearance of a man all of a sudden by his side. He panicked and was about to scurry away, when the man spoke, “Do not be afraid.” Something about the man's voice, made the owner stop and believe the man. A conversation ensued, and for the first time ever the owner felt at peace talking with someone and found himself wishing that the conversation would never end. Day after day, the man would return and continue the conversation, which the owner eagerly looked forward to each day. They would talk and talk all through the day, while the owner fiddled around with his stuff. Never once did the man mention the clutter, but somehow the owner began to see everything in a different manner. The days turned into weeks, then into months, and no one is quite sure when the transformation actually occurred, but one day, someone noticed a beautiful lush green lawn, neatly trimmed, with abundant flowers, landscaped in a manner only seen in fine oil paintings. Everything that the eye took in was picturesque. And in the midst of this splendor, was a friendly man, would greet all who went by, and would help any in need, and he spoke often of the man who talked to him.

*Pastor Jeff*

**HOW TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT REEDERS IF YOU ARE WORSHIPING WITH US REMOTELY**

- 1) Electronic Giving:  
Go to church website at [www.ReedersChurch.org](http://www.ReedersChurch.org) and on the bottom of the home page click the "GIVE ONLINE" button located toward the bottom of the Home page.
- 2) Or, mail your offering to: Reeders Church at PO Box 187, Reeders, PA 18352
- 3) Or, drop your offering in the black box outside the main entrance.



**PVEN FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

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

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**Monroe County Habitat for Humanity**

Is looking for Volunteers to help build, renovate, and repair homes in Monroe County. They need people with varying skills, including some project management skills, painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbers, etc. in order to accomplish the goal of completing 30 home preservation projects during the coming year. If you would like more information on volunteering, please email [ExecDirector@HabitatMC.org](mailto:ExecDirector@HabitatMC.org) for more information.

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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.

**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)