Reeders Hope

The Monthly Newsletter of Reeders United Methodist Church.
— SEPTEMBER 2026 —
We are a faith-based community introducing people to Jesus Christ and helping them become fully devoted followers of Him.

This year we will have our annual fall church picnic at the church for our 1st Sunday of the Month/Fellowship Sunday. John Cady and crew will prepare the barbeque and sub-sandwiches. Bring a side dish/salad or dessert to share and plan on staying after worship to enjoy the picnic. If weather permits, we will have it outside on the side yard. If weather is inclement, we will have it in the fellowship hall. There will be games/activities for the kids, as well as some fun activities for the adults. Plan on attending this luncheon to share some fellowship time with you and your church family.

Confirmation CLASSES

Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, September 20th at provide an in-depth study of the Christian faith and the Church. The classes occur every other Sunday from September 20th to December 13th. On December 20th all members of the class will confirm their belief in Jesus Christ and formally join the church. Anyone interested in joining the 2025 Confirmation Class please contact Pastor Jeff at jweber@ptd.net or 570-234-7111.

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Our Dear Church family,

Happy September, Church Family!

We just had our summer blast event, and I encourage you to view photos on our bulletin board in the hallway outside the fellowship hall! It's always a super fun time!

With the "-ber" months back with us, our youth group will be meeting more regularly.

We will meet on September 13th until 1:30pm for a regular youth group meeting and on the 27th we will join other members of our Church Family at the Soup Kitchen at Stroudsburg UMC. We will return to Reeders Church for pick up at approximately 4pm.

Please keep the youth in your prayers as they begin the new school year and embark on other new beginnings (and pray for us leaders too)!
In Him,

Emma Rispoli

Men's Prayer Breakfast

SEPTEMBER 26TH at 9 AM

Join us for a breakfast prepared by John Cady and crew as well as fellowship.

Children's church is open to all children ages 3 thru 5th grade during worship service every Sunday except the 1st Sunday of the month. In September we will continue this year's lesson plan – "stories from the four gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The lessons will include the Jesus death and resurrection and Jesus final instructions.

We look forward to spending Sunday mornings with our church family children, sharing the Christian faith and messages of salvation.

Joanne Palmer & Joan Robbins

Sunday School is open to all children ages 3 through 12th grade. The classes meet every Sunday morning at 9:15 AM. The Children will learn about God, meet new friends, and participate in fun learning activities. Contact the Church Office or Pastor Jeff for more information.

CHECK OUT THE REVISED SCHEDULE FOR 2026!!!!!!

MONTHLY SCHEDULE FOR USHERS, GREATER LOVE, AND NURSERY

	USHERS	GREATER LOVE	NURSERY	COUNTERS
1st Sunday	Gerry Hogan Mike Frailey	Jim Felten Tom Iampaglia	Jan Toepert Jackie Matos	Scott Hower Sue Snyder
2nd Sunday	John Cady Craig Croteau	Paul Schmid Barb Giffels Karen Shick	Leigh Frailey Jan Toepert	Scott Hower Joe Derrick
3rd Sunday	Bob Bryson George Caron	Anna Macias-Crowley Kathy Reder	Judy Bryson Karen Croteau	Scott Hower John Careccia
4th Sunday	Barb Giffels Paul Schmid Anna Macias-Crowley	Sue Wright Deb Elmire Dorothy Turri	Hope Lesoine Sharon Armitage	Scott Hower Cassandra Careccia
5th Sunday	Jim Felten Tom Iampaglia	Audrey Weber Joyce Baker Arlene Frailey	Jessica Garrett Cassandra Careccia	Scott Hower Sue Snyder

OCC DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER "GAMES"

Some ideas are: cards, rubix cubes, board games, puzzles, etc. Make sure they will fit in a shoebox.

a word of thanks:

Dear Pastor Jeff and RUMC Family members: Frank and I want to "Thank" all of you for the many prayers for Eva as she was healing and then took a turn for the worse. We can rest now that she is in peace with the Lord and no more pain. Thank you for the cards, prayers, and Gideon Bible donated in her name. Thru her last week of life, Frank and I felt God's presence all around us as we went thru some very difficult situations. God is so Good. Thank you again for being there for us. Love in Christ,

Frank and Jane Davalos Family

Wishing You all **Happy Birthday!**

Lucas James Leone	2nd	Joyce Baker	3rd
Ezra Armah	5th	Paul Schmid	6th
Jeff Weber	9th	Jeffrey Seymour	12th
Parker McNeese-Smith	19th	Joseph Johnson	25th
Elaine Gredlein	27th	Zuri Southworth	29th

Take a moment to send a card to remind them that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Rose Marie Miller
112 Buttonwood Court East
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
(health)

Marcy McAdams
PO Box 388
Reeders PA 18352
(passing of Brother Jim)

Donna Myra
Whitestone Care Center
370 White Stone Corner Rd., Room 121
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
(homebound)

Elvena Price
Brookmont Health Center, Room 41
510 Brookmont Drive
Effort, PA 18330
(rehab)

Frank Purdy
1193 Little Twig Road
Effort, PA 18330
(surgeries pending)

Karen Shick
1240 Neola Church Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
(recovery from surgery)

Chris Welch
150 Maureen Place, Suite 150
Dover, DE 19901
(back pain relief)

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 6th ***Communion***
Scripture: Revelation 7:1-4; 9-17
Message: Sealed for Spirit and Truth

September 13th
Scripture: Revelation 11
Message: The Witness of Christ

September 20th
Scripture: Revelation12"10-12; 14:1-7
Message: Salvation and Power of Christ

2PM – Whitestone Service
Scripture: Romans 8:18-28
Message: Hope

September 27th
Scripture: Revelation 15
Message: Righteous Justice

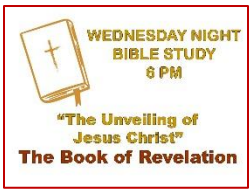
Reeders Church Music Team

WORSHIP MUSIC MINISTRY HELP NEEDED!!!

DO YOU ENJOY SINGING! We are looking for individuals who would help lead the congregation in singing during worship. If you are interested, please see Yvonne Rispoli or contact her at 570-629-3146.

WEDNESDAY
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 https://www.facebook.com/reeders.umc.



Wednesday Night Bible Study – Revelation: The Unveiling of Jesus Christ

Revelation: The Unveiling of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom is a Bible Study that accompanies our sermon series. Each session provides an in-depth look at the passage from the previous Sunday. We will be studying Revelation the way John intended: through the lens of worship, faithful witness, and the hope of God's new creation. We will learn how Revelation strengthens the church to live with courage, clarity, and Spirit-filled imagination in a world still longing for renewal. Each class will be in-person and on-line at: https://meet.goto.com/162128141. For more information contact Pastor Jeff at jweber@ptd.net or call/text at 570-234-7111.

Whitestone Care Center Worship Service

September 20th at 2:00 pm.

This worship service means so much to many of the residents. All are welcome to join us in this service and help the residents in the signing of the hymns, praying, reading scripture, and worshipping our God. The message is titled: "Hope" and is based on Romans 8:18-28. The service is in the second-floor recreation room. Whitestone Care Center is located at: 370 Whitestone Corners Road, Stroudsburg.

Awana
Because Kids Matter to God

REGISTRATION for 26/27
SEPTEMBER 13th at NOON

Open to all children in the community ages 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade. The first club meeting will be September 16, 2026.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

FOR EVERYONE AT REEDERS INVOLVED WITH OR SUPPORTIVE OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

Project Leader Workshop

First Baptist Church of East Stroudsburg
160 North Courtland Street
East Stroudsburg, PA, 18301

Event Date: Sept. 12
Event Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM EDT

Let's meet for fellowship, encouragement, and learning! We'll kickoff the official Operation Christmas Child 2026 collection season together! Whether you're a returning shoebox packer or just starting; hear about the latest updates, creative ideas, and helpful tips for packing fun, full, and personalized shoebox gifts. FREE shoeboxes, resources and materials. Join us from 10:00 a.m. to 12noon, then stay for a light lunch and time of fellowship.

We need to RSVP to Tim & Karen Beltz to let them know how many will attend. If you are interested in going, please let Leigh Frailey know.

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The Church Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 9 am to 4pm.

Every Wednesday
4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

AWANA is an afterschool bible program that is open to all children in the community ages 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade.

Registration will be September 13th at Noon. Club will meet on Wednesdays from 4PM to 5:30 PM. The First club meeting will be September 16th at 4:00 PM. Transportation is provided from several schools in the Pocono Mountain School District. You can print out and complete the registration and bus forms in advance from the church website and bring them with you to registration.

We look forward to seeing your children at this year's club meetings.

Reeders Community Children's Christmas Musical

Friday, December 11th & Saturday, December 12th
6 PM - Reeders Church

The cast will also perform one song from the musical on Sunday, December 6th during 10:30 a.m. worship at Reeders Church.
Inclement Weather Date: Sunday, December 13th - 6 p.m

"What the Herd Heard"

Created by Gina Boe/Arranged by Dale Matthews

WHO:
Any child in grades K to 5 who will commit AND be responsible to attend ALL the listed rehearsals and performances is welcome to participate in this Christmas musical.
(We also ask parents to be courteous in providing timely and PROMPT drop off/pick up for your children.)

WHERE:
Reeders Church
Sanctuary
Route 715 Reeders, PA

PERSONNEL:
The musical will be under the supervision of Mrs. Yvonne Rispoli - Ph#(570) 629-3146. Mrs. Rispoli is a retired vocal music teacher with the East Stroudsburg Area School District (Resica Elementary) and has also been involved with the music activities of the Reeders Church, including summer VBS, for over 30 years.

REHEARSALS:
Sundays -
2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

September* 13th & 20th -
registration & rehearsal
NO rehearsal 9/27

October* 4th, 11th, & 25th
NO rehearsal 10/18

November 1st, 8th 15th, 22nd

DRESS REHEARSALS:
Sunday 5:30 - 7 p.m.
November 29th
December 6th

COST:
There is NO cost to participate in this musical.
Any desired monetary donations can be made to the Reeders Church.
***Each child will need long black pants and sneakers for the performances*.**

September 2026

"For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;" Revelation 7:17

September has a way of sneaking up on us. One minute we're swatting mosquitoes and flipping burgers, and the next we're standing in the church parking lot wondering whether the maples have always had that faint blush of red. It's the month when the world seems to pause between seasons - like a choir taking a breath before the next verse. The air cools, the evenings settle earlier, and life begins its turn into a new routine of fall.

I was thinking about that turn the other morning while reading Revelation 6 and 7. These chapters are anything but routine. They crackle with the sound of seals breaking, horses thundering, and the kind of upheaval that makes even the bravest soul look for a sturdy place to hide. It's the world at its most unsteady - war, scarcity, injustice, fear. The sort of thing that makes you hold your breath.

But right in the middle of all that shaking, John gives us a picture of worship so steady it feels like stepping into a warm kitchen on a chilly September morning. He sees a great multitude - more people than you could count even if you had a fresh cup of coffee and all day to try - standing before the throne and the Lamb. They're not frantic. They're not defeated. They're singing.

That's the part that always stops me. In the middle of chaos, the saints are singing. They are not ignoring reality; they are anchored to something deeper. Revelation 7:17 says, "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd…" That's the heart of it. Worship sustains the saints because worship reminds us who is at the center. Not the horsemen. Not the headlines. Not the fears that creep in when the nights grow longer. The Lamb is at the center - and He is a shepherd, guiding, guarding, gathering His people.

I think of our congregation on Sunday mornings - teachers preparing classrooms, parents juggling backpacks and breakfast dishes, folks carrying quiet burdens that don't show up on prayer lists. And yet there you are, standing and singing. Sometimes strong, sometimes trembling, but singing all the same. It's a small echo of that great multitude, a reminder that worship is not something we do because life is simple. We worship because life is hard and God is faithful.

So as September settles in - school buses rumbling, leaves rustling, routines returning -- remember this: worship is the steadying place. It is the porch light left on by a God who knows the way home. It is the song that keeps the saints standing when the world shakes.

And the Lamb—our Shepherd—is still at the center. Always.

Pastor Jeff