

The Daily Item

Restoration Ministries to host Set Free Ministry Weekend

By Katrina Hook | For The Daily Item | Jan 17, 2026

Restoration Ministries in Shamokin, is preparing to host one of its most anticipated events of the year. The local place of worship proudly supports its community by organizing youth ministry and soup kitchen programs each week, as well as larger services throughout the year. Its next big calendar item is Set Free Ministry Weekend, hosted by evangelist Kevin Riordan.

Set Free Ministry was founded by Riordan to spread the word of an “apostolic lifestyle” and provides three days of powerful worship services. Riordan, a Butler native, has spent the last 20 years traveling around the world ministering in churches, restaurants and grocery stores.

“Kevin’s track record is amazing. People are bound up, and we are here to help them find deliverance,” Restoration Ministries senior pastor Paul Eby said. “He’s already made a wonderful impact on our ministry, and we’re very excited to have him back.”

Riordan has a philosophy of teaching and mentoring, using everyday moments to share his learnings with those around him.

Church and community members are welcome to join the services at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, or during normal 10:30 a.m. on Sunday service on Jan. 25.

The event focuses on physical and emotional healing.

“Our main goal is to bring freedom to the lives of people burdened by their past and to help them know and love Jesus,” Eby said. “There is nothing more amazing than seeing someone unbound from their traumas and walking free from their troubles. We are here to support our community and people need to be set free from all kinds of stuff like drug addiction and poverty.”

Eby said that the most popular day of the weekend is the Sunday morning service.

“The fruit is good, and we believe in the fullest power of the Holy Spirit. If you want a special, individualized moment of prayer, come out Friday and Saturday evening,” he said.

The event has been described as “the air of the Holy Spirit filling the room,” by previous attendees. Eby tells guests to expect a powerful worship service and immersion in the Lord’s presence.

Beth Eby, Paul Eby’s wife and Restoration Ministries’ other senior pastor, met Riordan on mission trips they’ve attended together in the past. Beth Eby has recently returned from Nicaragua, where she was trained by Riordan to lead mission trips of her own. She and others attending these trips describe the healing atmosphere as “delivering every person we prayed for from their struggles.”

Beth Eby said the important part of missions abroad and at home is “allowing The Holy Spirit to move through us,” and she enjoys seeing the positive impacts their efforts have.

Set Free Ministry Weekend takes place Friday, Jan. 23 to Jan. 25 at 525 W. Chestnut St., Shamokin. The event is open to the public and expects crowds from all over Pennsylvania. Attendees can expect a sermon, as well as time for individualized prayers. To learn more about Restoration Ministries or the event visit rmcglobal.org.