

SUNDAY'S IN SEPTEMBER

September is an exciting time for Worship services at Reformation. We celebrate the gift of work on Labor Day and the next Sunday we Sunday School begins its Fall term with our Rally Day festival. We welcome the return of our choirs and the special music they provide.

Our pastors will continue the "Preaching the Bible" series begun in the summer as the Old Testament stories are discovered to be very relevant for our lives today. Here are the details for the coming month:

September 5 – Moses – Sleeping with the Enemy

Sometimes you don't even know who the enemy is – until something happens that goes against your values or your beliefs. Compromise, complicity and mid-life correction are all part of this story. We also will celebrate God's gift of work on this Labor Day weekend.

Traditional Worship at 8:30am
Contemporary at 10:00 am

September 12 – Moses -- The Liberator

RALLY DAY! We return to our REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

8:30 a.m. for Traditional Worship

9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Moses the fugitive returns to challenge Pharaoh and free the Israelites in a story of determination, grit and faith that will teach us the characteristics of great leaders.

September 19 – Moses – Wilderness journey

Sometimes the initial thrill of a chance for a new and better life is followed by the reality of an unanticipated, arduous journey to a promised land. Moses and the Israelites discover that freedom isn't free – or easy – but it is worth the cost.

Traditional Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45 am
Contemporary at 11:00 am

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RALLY DAY – SEPTEMBER 12

**BUZZ LIGHTYEAR, WOODY AND JESSIE
WILL BE HERE TO WELCOME YOU!**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS – 9:45 A.M.

Registration

(Or register Aug. 29 or Sept. 5)

Children – Meet your teachers and classmates

Adults – Discover Fall class offerings

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

with Soul's Afire



**Picnic at NOON –
Hotdogs with Fixin's Bar;
chips; dessert smorgasbord**

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September 26 – Joshua – Changing leaders

Transitions are always a critical time whether it be in families, churches, or nations. Leadership decisions are at the heart of this story and the criteria for leadership can benefit us even today.

Traditional Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45 am
Contemporary at 11:00 am

October 3 – The Judges – Deborah and Gideon

The judges were leaders in Israel before there were kings. Learn how these leaders were lifted up from among the people to provide the right gifts at the right time for the needs of God's people.

Traditional Worship at 8:30am
Sunday School at 9:45 am
Contemporary at 11:00 am



Adults are encouraged to attend our Rally Day festivities on September 12 at 9:45 a.m. During the session, we will learn about two educational choices on Sunday mornings, beginning on September 19.

1. **Bible Study.** Nancy Clark will lead a Bible Study each week at 9:45 a.m. in the Choir room. She will begin with Nehemiah – the great reformer and rebuilders of Jerusalem. Nancy’s engaging style and biblical knowledge will be just the class for those who want to learn more about the Bible.

2. **Adult Forum.** Also at 9:45 a.m., the Adult Forum will feature a variety of theological, ethical and current event topics for discussion and learning. The first four weeks will focus on the ELCA Draft Social Statement on Genetics. This is the first draft and is being reviewed for study and response to the draft committee. If you would like a text copy of the Draft, please email Pastor Smoose at lvsmoose@relcmedia.org. Anyone is welcome to receive a draft copy and can make individual responses to the ELCA.

September 19 – Faith Affirmations and Social Context

September 26 –An Ethical Framework

October 3 –An Ethical Framework, Part II

October 10 –Challenges for the Christian Community

Know Your Church Council

- President: Debbie Felton
- Vice-Pres.: Gary Kamin
- Secretary: Kathy Ewens
- Treasurer: Tom Conroy
- Members: Andy Benzing, Eric Lucas, Joe Mirachi, Wilson Moffett, John Prichard, Connie Richardson, Carol Steinbrecher, Jen Troutman

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

Articles for the *Reformation Times* should be emailed to Sandy Niss at ssmlniss@verizon.net by the second Friday of each month.

**FALL 2010 ADULT FORUM BIBLE STUDY:
BACK HOME FROM BABYLON**

In 605 BCE King Nebuchadnezzar’s army looted and destroyed Jerusalem. Most of the survivors were taken into captivity and deported to Babylon. Seventy years later a remnant of Israelites made the 900 mile trek back to the ruins of Jerusalem, determined to rebuild and restore the city and their nation.

They would encounter political pressures, threats and opposition. There would be setbacks and delays. Above all the people themselves would grow and change as they worked and worshiped together.

Join us as we look at the years of struggle and the joyful day when the people celebrate the restoration of the city and rededicate themselves to the Lord. Our study will come mainly from the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. This is an informal discussion study and all adults are welcome.

Hope to see you in September. ~ Nancy Clark

You're Invited!

What: Children’s Choir Open House

Who: Kids age 4 to grade 5 and their parents

When: Tuesday, September 21, 6:30-7:30 pm

****Join us for a mini-rehearsal and have an opportunity to meet Liz Hazlett, the director, and ask her any questions you may have. No commitment is required at this time.****

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!!

Please RSVP to
liz.hazlett13@gmail.com
by Sunday, September 19th*



PARISH NURSE



Pat Woerheide

Whenever I think of September, I think of the return to school and the lovely season of fall. It is an exciting period for everyone, but often expensive for parents with children who need school physicals and immunizations. Many parents question the need for immunizations and their side effects. Although serious childhood diseases have diminished, they could reappear quickly unless immunizations are continued. Communicable disease can be brought in from other countries and spread quickly when people have not been immunized. Most side effects are minor and temporary, such as a sore arm or mild fever. No scientific studies have shown vaccines cause autism or other developmental disorders. If you have more questions on immunizations, go to the web site for the CDC or call the local health dept.

This year the H1N1 Flu immunization will be combined with the regular flu shot, so only one flu shot will be necessary. Because of the immunization efforts last year the H1N1 is no longer a pandemic problem. It may be easy to overlook this yearly immunization. Consider this, when you prevent one case of the flu, you avoid \$345 in flu related medical treatment, \$ 130 in MD visit costs and \$74 in prescription costs according to Mayo Clinic Embody Health Report for August 2010. Also serious secondary respiratory illnesses are avoided.

Where are free immunizations and school age physicals available?

Chester County Health Dept provides school age physicals and immunizations for those not covered by medical insurance. Call 610-344-6468. Flu shots will be provided after September 15th to anyone requesting it.

Montgomery County Health Dept provides immunizations to any resident also. Call 215-784-5415 for location and time of clinics.

Delaware County residents can receive free immunizations through the Delaware County State Health Dept at 151 W. Fifth Street, Suite 1, in Chester. Call 610-447-3250.

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REFORMATION'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

FREE 8x10 Portrait And
FREE Special Edition 60th Anniversary
Pictorial Directory

The kick off for Reformation's 60th anniversary will be a special edition pictorial directory. The directory will include the 60 year history of Reformation and you. Make sure you are included in this special edition. You will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free special edition pictorial directory. When was the last time you received two free items without making a purchase? Listed below are the convenient dates and times to have your photo taken.

The Hospitality Ministry will supply refreshments during all photo times. We will also have you complete a new Skills and Interest form while you are enjoying refreshments and fellowship.

Sign up begins August 22nd before and after both services, the dates and times are:

Thursday, September 23rd from 2:00 to 9:20PM

Friday, September 24th from 2:00 to 9:20PM

Saturday, September 25th from 9:30AM to 5:10PM

Thursday, October 7th from 2:00 to 9:20PM

Friday, October 8th from 2:00 to 9:20PM

Saturday, October 9th from 9:30 to 5:10PM

Monday, October 25th from 2:00 to 9:20PM

Tuesday, October 26th from 2:00 to 9:20PM

(Parish Nurse continued)

Philadelphia County Health Dept located at 1101 Market Street in Center City can schedule immunizations and give information on school age physicals. Call 215-685-5398.

Thank God for the wisdom to prevent illnesses. Happy Fall!



**FROM THE DIRECTOR
OF LAY MINISTRY**

Diane Black

From The Hospitality Ministry

The fellowship time we all enjoy after both services is one of the things that make Reformation special. We get to meet new people, catch up with friends and enjoy the variety of refreshments served by our volunteers. If you are interested in serving refreshments after one of the services please contact:

For 8:30 am service: Betsy Kamin at eckamin@verizon.net or 610-459-1695

For 11:00 am service: Rachel Irvine at bzyldy1@comcast.net or 610-874-8229



FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Ducan Stearns, Music Director

**CHANCEL CHOIR BEGINS on
Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30**

"I will sing the wondrous story.."

"I will sing of my Redeemer.."

"I sing the mighty power of God.."

How blessed we Christians are to have hymns and choruses with strong texts of witness and encouragement! Many folks at our church have often remarked to me how much the hymns mean to them, each week. If you're like me, these hymns will even echo in your head after service ends, and at odd times through the workweek. I'd like to invite you to come out and sing with the choir, on Wednesdays at 7:30. The music is not difficult, nor the choir members, either! You don't have to be able to read music, or have a great voice - just a willing spirit. We will be looking toward some future special plans and anthems for our church's anniversary, but for now will simply enjoy singing together.

All are welcome.

Thank You!

To my friends at Reformation,

I want to thank you for providing me with the beautiful altar flowers. It is so heartwarming to know that my friends at Reformation are thinking about me. I also want to thank the pastors, staff and the many volunteers who come to visit me and bring communion. I hope to get back to church and visit some day.
~ Jeanette Brown

(Note: Dave and Janice Bevan take our altar flowers to homebound each Sunday. Susan Bell coordinates volunteers, our Caresharers, to take communion to our homebound every month; and our Friendly visitors provide a second visit.)



During my son's recent hospitalization from a serious car accident, one of the silver linings was the caring of our church community. During his coma, and recovery many from our church community supported us through ongoing prayer, notes of encouragement, meals, hospital visits, treats, and generally helping out.

Many folks like the "connectedness" found in some on-line communities, but I don't think they could ever replace our real live local church congregation. How can a far-away person leave my dog out, while I'm at the hospital all day? Or take my youngest son to the train station? Or deliver a home-made meal? When my son returned to church he was met with hugs, smiles, and continuing concern over his ongoing recovery. Thank you for your support during this time and we look forward to continuing to build our church community, *Bill & Carol Steinbrecher, Jake, Jackson, and Daniel Buttery*



The following is a note from The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in response to the clothing collection initiated by Rachel Irvine.

"Please accept my personal thanks to you for your donation of assorted clothing for the benefit of the patients. Your generosity and effort contribute towards a better quality of life for our patients. I continue to find it most rewarding to be affiliated with people who so willingly desire to "Give Something Back" to the hospitalized Veterans with whom we are charged. On behalf of the hospitalized Veterans and staff of the Coatesville VA Medical Center, I thank you. Sincerely – Earl S. Johnson, Chief, Voluntary Service."

BOOK REVIEW by Edna Bogert

SPEAKING OF FAITH BY KRISTA TIPPITT

On Sunday mornings, I listen to a PBS radio program called “Speaking of Faith,” with Krista Tippitt. She, typically, has conversations with people about their work in some aspect of spirituality. These programs cover a broad cultural and religious spectrum, and I am often still thinking of the interview I’ve just heard as I arrive at church. So, when I saw the her book, *Speaking of Faith*, in our church library, I was eager to read it.

This book tells the story of one person's faith journey. Krista Tippitt grew up in Oklahoma, the granddaughter of a Southern Baptist preacher. Her mother was not allowed to do many of the things today's teens take for granted—such as going to movies, listening to popular music, playing cards—a style of life that Krista rejected when she went to Brown University to study history. Yet, her grandfather was also a kind and loving man, deeply versed in the Bible and she sees him in light of his cultural background.

After college, a Fullbright Scholarship took Krista to Berlin where she studied and later reported on the political events of the day. It was there that she discovered that lack of freedom in East German public life didn't detract from, but may even have added to, the intellectual and artistic freedom in private life, and that “powerful people often had impoverished inner lives. Foreign policy giants were often.....emotionally stuck in adolescence.”

Concluding that politics wasn't the answer she sought, she left Berlin and spent some time in Mallorca, Spain, resting and writing what she calls, “a silly, shallow novel.”

She married a Scotsman she had met, Michael Tippett, and lived with him in a small English village where she continued to read widely and to struggle with her own faith. She began to see the Old Testament stories of her childhood in a new way. Because she wanted to “revere sacred texts and plumb its insights intellectually, as well as spiritually” she became a student at Yale Divinity School. Later, she became a hospital chaplain and, at one time, ran a children's camp in South Philadelphia with her husband.

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WEST POINT BOOK MISSING!

**The large portfolio book with photographs and
The history of West Point,
A Gift from the cadets last January,
is missing.
It was on display in the church narthex.**

**IF YOU TOOK IT HOME AND HAVE FORGOTTEN
TO RETURN IT,
PLEASE BRING IT BACK**

(Book review continued)

Ultimately, Krista came to believe that “everyone has relevant observations to make about the nature of God.” It

was out of this belief that the idea of a public radio program on religion grew. On the program which followed she has listened to Elie Wiesel tell of his struggle to make sense of good and evil. She has listened to Albert Einstein speak of his beliefs (and has written another book about him, entitled, *Einstein's God*.)

After 9/11 her radio program included more conversations about Islam and how it was practiced by the more than six million American Muslims who lived here prior to that horrific day in 2001, and how that day has changed the perception of fundamentalism in, not only Islam, but in all three Abrahamic faiths. She quotes religious historian, Martin Marty, who says, “fundamentalism is never 'old time religion,' but is always reactive. Marty divides the world into “mean and non-mean.” Billy Graham, he says, is not mean, but some of his descendants are, and so are some liberals. The faithful and the fundamentalists should not be lumped together in *any* of the three religions. Krista sees her PBS program as a way of moderating within each religious tradition.

I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a thoughtful conversation about spirituality and religion.
Edna Bogert

C H U R C H E V E N T S

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP-- GROUP HAPPENING

The young adults enjoyed a nice relaxing evening listening to Billy Joel songs at Rose Tree Park in July. Thanks to all who came out!

The Gervais family will be hosting a Wine and Cheese party (adults only) at their home on Saturday, September 18th starting at 7pm. Please plan to bring either a bottle of wine (disguised in a bag) or some of your favorite cheese/crackers to share.

Hope you can make it - and, as always, friends are welcome. Please RSVP to Kim (kimgervais9@gmail.com) or Jen (jtroutman2@yahoo.com) to get the location and/or directions.



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Saturday, September 11

7:30 a.m. in Creighton Hall

Join us for Great Food,
Good Fellowship and
Interesting Discussions



O. W. L. S.

Older, Wiser, Lutherans

Welcome Back, OWLs

Summer's over! On September 13, at 12:30 pm we resume our monthly meetings—with a few changes. Lots of people will be involved! Betty Ann Jaus will set and decorate the tables. Rachel Irvine, with help from Arlene Moyer, is in charge of food. The group decided last year that they want to continue to bring sandwiches, although hoagies will still be available. Baskets on the tables are for the free-will donations. Two dollars per person is suggested, if you are able, plus a dollar for each hoagie. Our treasurer, Phyllis Frieberg, will reimburse anyone with expenditures. Sue Bianco has been busy organizing the group and will lead the meeting. Mary Shook, who gave such a delightful devotion at May's meeting, has volunteered to be in charge of devotions and will lead in September. We are happy to announce that our program director, Tom Gibson, whose comedy has delighted us in the past, will BE the program for the September meeting! Pauline Sikorsky will lead the cleaning up effort. Please come, and invite your friends!

ECO- MINISTRY NEWS

TOUR OF THE JOHN HEINZ REFUGE AT TINICUM

Saturday October 2

The Eco committee will be visiting the Heinz Wildlife Refuge to tour the Green Design Building which has 16 unique environmentally friendly items, such as reusable toilet water, newspapers for insulation, decks replaced with recycled plastic and waste wood, are a few of the green products we will observe at the visitors center.

We will meet at the church at 9:00 AM or the refuge at 9:30.

Following the tour we will take a short walk. If you have binoculars that would be helpful. Altogether this will last about 2 hours. The lunch room is available for your pleasure.

For more information please contact Tom Reeves 610 361 8027 Naturalist@verizon.net

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SAVE THIS DATE!

Springton Lake Presbyterian Church Is presenting a special seminar on **PARENTING OUR PARENTS on November 6th, 9 am to 4 pm.** Open to all as a service ministry!!!

Lead by Kim Atchley, co-author of the book, **When your Parents Need Care--Practical Help for This Season of Life.**

Key Subject Areas:

- Identifying your role
- The Balancing Act--organization and communication are key
- Setting up a care givers notebook--a tool to help manage crisis situation
- Financial, insurance and legal issues--navigating the complexities
- Medical issues for the aging
- Family dynamics and conflict resolution
- End of life care and the grieving process.

Springton Lake Presbyterian Church is located at 3090 S. Newtown Street, in Newtown Square, Pa (610-356-4550)

Support the work of Lutheran Disaster Response!

OKTOBERFEST

October 2, 2010 - 2 pm to 6 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Glenside

Tickets for this event are \$20 bought in advance or \$25 at the door. Have children attending? Pay \$10 each for the first two children between 5-21. Additional children in your family come at no cost.

Oktoberfest also needs volunteers! Please lend your talents in the kitchen, at the beer tastings or at the games!

For tickets go to "donate now" at www.stpaulsglenside.org and to find out more about volunteering, contact Julia Menzo at 215-424-3741, ext. 203 or via email at jmenzo@libertylutheran.org.

Transition Town Media is sponsoring

Awakening the Dreamer (ATD) Symposium

Saturday, September 25th

10 am-5 pm

At Reformation Lutheran Church
(in the Community Room)

The ATD symposium was created by the Pachamama Alliance, a US Organization, in collaboration with the Achuar indigenous people in the Amazonian region of Ecuador. Its mission: "To bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling, and socially just human presence on Planet Earth."

Through dynamic group interactions, leading edge information, and inspiring multimedia, participants of this event are inspired to reconnect with their deep concern for our world, and are empowered to make a difference.

Designed with the collaboration of some of the finest scientific, indigenous and activist minds in the world, the Symposium explores the current state of our planet from a new perspective, and connects participants with a powerful global movement to reclaim our future.

**Registration is required (send email to Sari Steuber, TransitionMedia@yahoo.com) and is limited to 40 persons. The cost of the event is \$10. Registration fee includes beverages, snacks, and a simple lunch. Please bring your own kitchen ware (plate, fork, spoon, etc., coffee mug and/or cold drink receptacle, and napkin) to help us keep costs and waste to a minimum.

Contact Kathy Schmick at kathms@verizon.net; 610-566-0790 or Sari Steuber at TransitionMedia@yahoo.com or 610-543-0692 for more details or visit the ATD website at: www.awakenthedreamer.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

Avoid the rush on Rally Day, September 12th! Pre-register you child (children) NOW for the upcoming Sunday School year, 2010-2011. Forms are available in the narthex. Please fill out a form for each child and return the completed form(s) to the church office. Your help in pre-planning is appreciated and will assist the committee in streamlining the beginning of the year. Contact June Bryant (610-459-2478) with questions.



EAT PRAY TALK*

Inviting all Senior Highs

to lunch at the
Hard R.O.C.K. Café
(Creighton Hall location)

Sundays
Noon – 2:00 PM

*Join us for good food each week as we talk about those things that matter most to you.

Begins Sept. 12, 2010
Reservations not required



Coming to Middle School Youth Group this fall.
Seeking Jr. High journalists/personalities for local TV station.

Qualifications: Curious, creative, fun-loving, attention to detail a plus. Experience not necessary. Will train.

All who “apply” will be “employed”
Join us for the fun beginning Sept. 12, 2010.
Sundays, 6:30-8:30 PM

WROC-TV News
102 W. Rose Tree Road
Media, PA 19063

ATTENTION ALL KIDS

(Ok... we know this is way off but we need to think about it.)

Please consider being part of our Christmas Pageant this December! We will need the Children’s Choir and many more participants. There will be more details in the near future... but think about it now. (We will also need adult help). **THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE.** If you have any questions, contact either Carol McAllister or Liz Hazlett.





THE ASSOCIATE EXAMINES... *The Gift of Consistency*

Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray.

Pr. 22:6

The greatest blessing I've ever received was the gift of two godly parents. They've left a spiritual legacy that still speaks today of their deep commitment to each other, their family and their God. There were four kids in our family, three girls and one boy. Mom often said we helped keep her young. While that was no doubt true, there were probably those times too when raising the four of us alone, while Dad was away working at sea, seemed wearisome and endless. But Mom knew firsthand how tough this life could be and the importance of training her children "in the right way." That training included attending church and Sunday School with us every week and living a life consistent with her faith in God.

If Mom taught us a lot about God's Law, Dad taught us a lot about God's Grace. Dad loved the sea and would tell us about his travels when he returned home. Invariably, as the conversations deepened, he would talk about his faith in God. Working and living at sea with its boundless sky and water, had given him many opportunities to reflect about this life. Dad was clearly awed by the wonder of God's creation, as well as his providential plan for each of us. Life back then, in all its simplicity and wholesomeness seemed rather ordinary. But there is blessing in living ordinary faith-filled days. The consistent example my parents provided over the years have served as important spiritual guideposts for each of their children and grandchildren.

The new Sunday School year will soon be here. It is an opportunity to enter into the life of faith more fully by studying the Word of God, and seeking to live a life consistent with what we believe. Children need to hear the stories of faith from people they know and trust. Having all the right answers isn't as important as sharing your faith about the wonder, joy and mystery of having a personal relationship with God. Children need to see that faith in action too for those words to have lasting impact. Parents' active involvement in the life of the church is essential for modeling the life of faith for their children.

As we move forward into this new year there will be choices to make about schedules, about doing what is most important. It is humbling to know even good things can get in the way of God's best for us. It is with that realization we must confess our dependence on God to order and direct our days. As we trust in God's promises to never leave or abandon us, may we devote our lives to serving him and one another.

~Pastor Anita

Be sure to join us for food and fun with the *Toy Story* characters on Rally Day!

Called by Christ, we INVITE all people, SERVE our neighbors, BUILD a living Faith

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September 12-- RALLY DAY

Return to regular worship schedule:

Traditional Worship at 8:30 am

Contemporary Worship at 11:00 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

**Join us for a RALLY DAY Picnic
at 12:00 pm (NOON)**

