
REFORMATION TIMES

SEPTEMBER 2017

Join Us for Rally Day

Rally Day is **Sunday, September 10!** Our regular worship schedule resumes that morning with worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Sunday School classes for all ages start at 9:45. Please plan to join us as we begin another great year of life here at Reformation!

SERMON ON THE STEPS

What Is This?

Martin Luther built his catechism on the question asked by his son, Hans – “What is this?” His teaching of the Lutheran witness famously follows this formula today. In that spirit, we will be having a special Sermon on the Steps series exploring our faith by asking that question each week. These special Sermons on the Steps will start on Sunday, September 17, and run through Reformation Sunday on October 29. Have a question you want answered? Submit it to the church office!



Homecoming Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, September 24**, as we welcome home all members of Reformation – past and present! During worship we will recognize our “Heritage Members” – those who have been members of Reformation for 50 or more years.

We will also recognize members of Confirmation Classes from years ending in “2” and “7.” Please help us locate anyone from these classes who may have moved away by providing the church office with contact information you may have for them and be sure to extend an invitation to all members to join us for this celebration.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpacks to worship on **September 10** for a special blessing as we celebrate the start of another school year and God’s blessings in our lives every day!

NEW ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Explore Roots of the Reformation

As part of our mission to **Build a Living Faith**, we are increasing the opportunities for adults to continue to learn and grow on Sunday mornings. Starting on September 10, there will be at least three learning options for adults at Reformation on most Sunday mornings at 9:45. The first of these new offerings will be viewing and discussing *Luther and the Reformation* (by TV Travel Guide Rick Steves) which was filmed on location in Europe and tells the story of a humble monk who lived a dramatic life. Join us Sept. 10, 17, and 24 at 9:45 am in Creighton Hall for a story of power, rebellion, and faith that you will never forget!

Check Out the Children’s Choir

Join us for the Children’s Choir Open House on Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 pm. Children, age 4 through 5th grade are encouraged to join us for a mini rehearsal and opportunity to meet our Children’s Choir Director, Liz Hazlett. Refreshments will be served. Contact Liz with any questions: liz.hazlett13@gmail.com



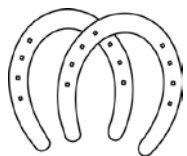
God's Work, Our Hands

The fifth annual *God's Work, Our Hands* Sunday will be September 17. This is a great event for all ages to participate. Non-perishable food items will be collected at church and at Trader Joe's in Media on this day.

How can you help? Volunteers can sign up for one hour shifts to help set up, hand out flyers, receive and sort food, hand out thank you gifts at Trader Joe's, and/or assist in transporting food items to Reformation Sunday afternoon. We continue our work on Monday, September 18, as volunteers will transport donated items to various food banks. If you cannot help on either of those two days, but want to be involved, there are still ways you can help. Families and individuals are needed to create colorful thank you messages for all who donate food. Packets of supplies with instructions for thank you messages are located by the sign up sheets in the narthex. Let us give generously of our time, talent, and treasure. Remember, all are welcome! Sign up in the narthex or contact coordinator Karen Chorney 610-405-1659 or karenchorney1621@gmail.com.

Pitch Horseshoes

The Men's Breakfast group invites all Reformation men to our Sat., Sept. 9, Horseshoe Tournament. Come on out and pitch horseshoes with Wild Bill Grauer, Cowboy Bubba Black and Flapjack Joe at the OK Corral behind the Church. Coffee Hour



and Fellowship begin at 8:30 am with breakfast served by 9:00 and we are out throwin' ringers by 9:30.

Fall Road Clean-Up

Join us for our fall clean up of Rose Tree Road. We will gather at the church at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 14. Help us to continue our stewardship of God's creation together.

The Return of the OWLs



Over the summer break, the OWLs (Reformation's senior group) planning committee has been hard at work finding some great programs for the fall! We've

scheduled a variety of interesting, informative, and entertaining programs, beginning on **Monday, September 11**, when magician Frank Bianco will delight all with his magic tricks!

Lunch, which follows a brief devotion, will be an indoor picnic, with lots of good food provided! Come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship together once again!

Meetings are held in Creighton Hall, 12:30 - 2:30, on the second Monday of each month. There is no charge to attend; baskets are on the tables for a free-will offering to cover costs. Members and friends of all ages are welcome to attend!

OWLs Need Muscles

John Kulp and Joe Mirarchi have been a wonderful help to the OWLs in recent years, setting up and taking down tables and chairs before and after OWLs meetings, which has been greatly appreciated! However, all good things must come to an end, and Joe and John now must retire from this responsibility. Anyone who is willing and able to help with this monthly chore, please tell a pastor, the deacon, or Sue Bianco. Many thanks!

Hike and Bible Study

The Eco-Ministry Team is hosting a Bible Study and Hike with Pastor Alina on **Saturday, September 30**. This is an opportunity to explore God's word and creation together! We will gather in the church parking lot at 9:45 am and carpool to Hildacy Farm. Or you can meet us in the parking lot at Hildacy at 10:00 am. Please bring water and comfortable walking shoes!

Leibig Legacy Lives On

I am thrilled to announce the launch of a new concert series here at Reformation! With the generous support of the Leibig Committee, we are hosting a series of world class musicians. Through these concerts, we are serving our neighbors, supporting art, supporting the church, and keeping the Leibig legacy alive. Providing quality music to the community is ministry. By offering our concerts for free, we are providing access to music of the highest quality to those who might not otherwise be able to afford it. Reformation Lutheran Church becomes synonymous with quality music for all. You don't have to take my word for it, Martin Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

Our inaugural concert Thursday, September 28, at 8 pm will feature the Mirror Visions Ensemble on. According to the New Yorker, "For a quarter century, this enterprising ensemble of voices has been presenting new American songs with both charm and expertise." In the near future watch for a full press release announcing the entire season and additional information. Thank you for your support, enthusiasm, and love of music.



Erik Flaten

Coffee and Conversation

You are invited to drop by **Burlap and Bean** any Thursday for coffee, casual conversation, fellowship, or prayer. Pastor Wayne, Pastor Alina, or Deacon Beth will be at Burlap and Bean every Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon (beginning Sept. 14). Burlap and Bean is located at 204 S. Newtown Street Rd, Newtown Square, PA 19073 (just north of Gradyville Road on Route 252). Come for coffee, come for conversation, come for prayer.

Souls Seek Singers+

Thinking of joining Souls, the 11:00 am choir? We are especially in need of those who can sing alto. If you are an instrumentalist, you need not be here every Sunday, but can offer your gifts for special services. See Erik if you are interested in making a joyful noise with the contemporary service. Erik.Flaten@relcmedia.org.

We are *Always Rejoicing!*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4

2017 has been another rewarding and successful year at Reformation Lutheran Church, especially as we prepare to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation that began in October 1517. Reformation has and will continue to accomplish great things as a congregation, but as you know we need your continued financial support to make it all possible and sustainable.

To that end, we are pleased to share with you the theme of our annual stewardship campaign – Always Rejoicing! We rejoice that God has blessed us at Reformation through the time, talent, and treasures of the members of our congregation who share these gifts abundantly. We are all “Called by Christ” into the fellowship and family of faith at Reformation where we carry out our mission of Inviting, Serving and Building...all to make a faithful response to rejoice in the Lord always.

As always, we hope and anticipate that you will give prayerful consideration to some level of increased giving for the coming year to support the ever-increasing cost of the church's operations and its various ministries and to help Reformation continue to grow as a congregation throughout the coming year.

Standing Together

'Bega Kwa Bega' standing 'shoulder to shoulder' is the Swahili phrase used to both describe and celebrate our Reformation companion relationship with the Pangani Parish of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT).

At its heart, *bega kwa bega*, affirms the joint ministry between numerous communities of faith in the ELCA and ELCT, whose purpose is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, extend Christian hospitality, and strengthen relationships with one another through the shared practices of prayer, presence, and partnerships.

During worship on Sunday October 1, 2017, we celebrate our Reformation – Pangani bega kwa bega by welcoming guest preacher, The Rev. Brad Burke, Assistant to the Bishop for Youth, Young Adult and Spiritual Formation who recently traveled to Tanzania. Our partnership celebration continues during the 9:45 am education hour with an adult forum in Creighton Hall. Come one, come all!

Women's Connection

Women's Connection is a group that meets most Sundays when there is Sunday School from 9:45-10:45. Women of all ages and stages of life are welcome to attend. The purpose of the group is to foster connections between the women of Reformation, provide time for female fellowship and faith exploration in a caring supportive environment. Generally, each meeting starts with a care check time followed by a short devotional or some other discussion material and then ends with prayer. Topics and discussion material are chosen by the group. Meetings are led by various members of the group and are held in the Women's Connection room In between the library and the R.O.C.K youth room. Come every Sunday or just every once in a while. New members are welcome at any point in time!

PANGANI PARTNERSHIP

Letter of Gratitude

Note received from Herbeth Jumanne, Scholarship Recipient, Pangani Parish Partnership

Please receive my greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I would like to thank Our God almighty for his grace. I wrote this letter to you so that I can express my deepest thanks to all members of the



Reformation Church. You have given me a future, you have hold me up in the academic stream, and God bless you all. The mark which you have put in my heart will never be erased by any kind of situation. I will always remember it forever and ever.

I thank God for his mercy during my studies, without his grace I could do nothing. He helped me from the beginning until now, but my thanks won't be complete if I will not recognize your presence, your prayers and the effort you made for the scholarship during my secondary studies. Apart of this scholarship you did not left me alone when I was in Dodoma University pursue my bachelor of Petroleum Engineering, you were still beside me. God bless you.

I don't see what kind of words I should use to express my greatest thanks to you for what you have done to me. Let me encourage you that your effort is not for nothing, it has brought a lot of success to some of us, and am sure that I am a good example among those who benefit from your scholarship. For each and anything which you have given to us, let God replace it abundantly

Lastly I would like to request for your prayers, so that God should open the way for me during this time of searching for a job. I know nothing is impossible under the hands of Jesus. I love you all and be blessed.

Herbeth Jumanne

Lunch Bunch on the Move

Save the date, Wednesday, October 18, for our trip to the American Treasure Museum in Oaks, PA. This museum, which was established in 2010, is housed in what was once the B.F. Goodrich Tire Factory and features an enormous collection of Americana and memorabilia begun by a private collector. It has tens of thousands of items that cover an area of 3 acres.

Participants will be treated to a 1½ hour tour via tram which begins at 1 pm and the cost is \$20 per person with a group of 15 or more.

Oaks, PA, is located just off Route 422 outside King of Purssia and it should take around 30 minutes to get there. Meet at the church at noon to carpool. After the tour we will meet for coffee and treats. We look forward to a great turnout and wonderful outing.

Reservations and money can be given to Joanne Horton or the office no later than October 14. Contact Joanne at 610-566-7192 or jhortonbyo@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP

Arasapha Haunted Hayride

All youth in grades 6-12, and their friends and families, are invited to attend Arasapha Haunted Hayride and Bates Motel on **Sunday, October 8**. For youth, the cost is \$35 for the hayride, the motel, and the corn maze. For adults, the cost is \$40 for all three (\$20 for the hayride only). We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm. Please sign up using the SignUpGenius link that will be emailed out to families. See Pastor Alina with any questions.

Donate Blood

October 25, 2017, 2-7 pm in Creighton Hall
Share with a friend and help save a life.
Sign up at www.redcrossblood.org
Enter sponsor code: Reformation

Linvilla Halloween Hayride



Families are invited to a Halloween Hayride at Linvilla to the Witch's House for some Halloween treats on **Sunday, October 15**, at 5:30 pm. This is not a

Haunted Hayride and is great for children up to ages 10 or 11 and their parents. The cost is \$9 per person. We will meet at the church at 5 pm. Please sign up using the SignUpGenius link that will be emailed out to families. See Pastor Alina with any questions.

Underwear Collection

Reformation is teaming with the Needlework Guild of America (NGA) to collect NEW underwear and socks. NGA is a grassroots charity dedicated to providing NEW toiletries, linens, and clothing (that's TLC) for new tomorrows. These items will be distributed to 10 agencies on October 6. If you would like to come out to the Concord Senior Center, 817 Concord Rd. Glen Mills, on Wednesday, October 4, to help haul bags of clothing, sort, separate for the agencies, and count, your help would be greatly appreciated. For further information, please contact Sally Burkam, 610-566-8737, or e-mail spburkam@yahoo.com.

Shop for Reformation Books

We are hosting a Reformation Book Fair featuring books on Luther and the Reformation from Augsburg Fortress. During the month of October, stop by the display in front of the Library bulletin board (outside the Choir Room) to see samples and place your order. Please see Pastor Alina with any questions.

FROM THE DEACON

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Perhaps you have heard the phrase, "We came in the side door." It is often used to describe how someone becomes connected to a place such as a school, a business, or a community of worship in a nontraditional manner. The concept of 'side door' is not a new one. However, we often forget that some of our newest worshippers do not come in our front doors. New people come in through our side doors: doors of invitation, programs of care, and community outreach.

Charles Arn and Kwasi Kena remind us in their book *How to Open Your Church to Reach More*

People, that a side door is a church-sponsored program, group or activity by which a first time or returning visitor can comfortably engage in church life on a regular basis. Side door activities cover the spectrum of human experience thus providing opportunity wherein participants develop friendship and gain a deeper sense of being and belonging.

As we enter the fall programmatic year at Reformation, there are many wonderful ongoing side doors and new exciting side door actions taking place. This month this newsletter highlights many: a new book study, *Christianity after Religion* by Diane Butler Bass, Lunch Bunch fellowship, God's Work, Our Hands day of service, "Luther and the Reformation" movie discussion, Rally Day, Backpack Blessing, the launch of fantastic concert series, and much, much more!

Let's live abundantly our mission to invite all people, serve our neighbors, and build a living faith through both our side doors and front doors, to the glory of God!

Deacon Beth Barkhau



Library News

Keep the Donations Coming. It's exciting to have a dynamic library like ours, enriched by generous donations. Thank you, Christine Corson, Sally Phillips and Laura Reiter for recent contributions. To access our library homepage and see the extent of our collection, just go to relclibrary.org.

Want to Learn More About Luther and the Reformation? Martin Luther's spiritual journey, his times and his profound impact have helped shape who we are. Watch for the October display on the library bulletin board on Luther and the Reformation for books that can satisfy curiosity and deepen appreciation of the man and our faith.

Love to Read? Love Good

Conversation? Come to the next Book Club meeting on October 17 at 7pm. The book is *Orphan*



Train by Christina Baker Kline. Goodreads calls it "a captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers to questions no one has ever thought to ask."

Discussions are lively, opinions are diverse and the snacks are great. Hope you'll attend -- come even if you haven't read the book. Everyone is welcome!

Chancel Choir News

Come and sing with the Chancel Choir this year! New members are always welcomed. Our rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 30 at 7:30 pm in the choir room. September 10 will be our first Sunday back singing at the 8:30 service. If you would like to get in touch with me, Contact me by email, varozek@gmail.com, cell phone, 440.478.8163, or a message in my mailbox in the church office.

Thank you! I would like to extend a special thank you to those who provided special music this summer - Liz Hazlett, Kelsey Schaub, Dick Hughey, Adam Fernandez, Andy Benzig and Penny Herrmann. Thank you so much! You enhanced our worship with your music!

Choral Scholars I am happy to announce that we have four choral scholars this year, who will be singing with the Chancel Choir. Two of them are returning - Zoe Jones and Sara Munson. The two new scholars are Ian Brady, bass, and Jon Lawrence, tenor. All four students are from West Chester University. Both Ian and Jon are Music Education/Music Performance majors. Jon also plays the oboe. I'm looking forward to having their voices and enthusiasm in the choir. Please join me in welcoming them!

Countdown to Reformation!



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DOWN** ↘

We're counting down the days to the 500th Anniversary of the

Reformation which we will celebrate on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Help us celebrate by joining **THE 1517 SOCIETY** – members and friends of Reformation who have included our congregation in their estate plans. Just seven more members will help us reach our goal of 50 members by the 500th Anniversary. Contact the church office or Adam Fernandez for more information.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring Your Pets and Donate

You and your pet are invited to a Blessing of the Animals service on **Saturday, October 7**, at 11:30 am. The service will be held around the back of the church building. If your pet is unable to attend the service, please feel free to bring along a photo of your pet.

You are also invited to bring along a donation for the Providence Animal Shelter. These items are part of their wish list:

1. Gently used sheets and towels
2. Wet dog and/or cat food
3. Unopened dry cat food
4. Soft dog treats
5. Rawhides (not made in China)
6. Dog collars
7. Cat toys

Support Stay and Play

Dear Members of Reformation, Thank you for your support collecting Campbell's Labels for Education. Unfortunately, this program has ended after almost 30 years.

Below are ways you can continue to support Stay and Play:

- Bring in your empty ink and toner cartridges. We are able to turn in 20 cartridges a month to Staples for a credit to purchase ink for the computers students use for homework. There is a large green bin at the bottom of the main entrance stairwell leading from the church to the lower level.
- Sign up for A+ Rewards through Giant food stores. If you signed up previously you do not need to sign up again. Log on to www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus to designate our school (ID# 24989) using your GIANT BONUS CARD, OR Call the A+ Hotline at 888-448-4642 for assistance.

Diane P. Bullen, Director
Marion Boas, Assistant Director

Martin Luther's German Bible

What version of the Bible do you hear and read? Just in English, we have many to choose from. They range from translations that aim to be as accurate as possible (such as the New Revised Standard Version) to others whose main objective is to be easy to understand, even if certain details get lost.



Title page from an early printing of Luther's translation.

Imagine, though, if there were no Bible available in English—if such a thing didn't exist. What if the only Bible was in a language most didn't know and we had to rely on priests and scholars to tell us what was in the Bible? That was the situation in the Germany of Martin Luther's time. The Bible was most commonly found in Latin, though scholars could read it in the original languages of Hebrew and Greek. An important part of Luther's reforms was recognizing that a German Bible was needed—and then actually creating it!

Sometimes things happen because it's the right time, and that seems to be the case with Luther's Bible. Johannes Gutenberg's invention of printing with movable type had come along a few decades earlier and was coming into widespread use. Luther recognized the need to provide a Bible that ordinary, literate people could read. The many dialects of the German people were beginning to coalesce into a form that was widely understandable. Luther even had an artist friend, Lucas Cranach, who could provide illustrations for the Bible, aiding people's understanding. And finally, Luther had the time to devote to the project.

The dispute with the Roman Catholic hierarchy that had begun with indulgences and Luther's Ninety-Five Theses had expanded and now came to a head with the imperial council (or "diet") held at Worms. Luther strongly defended his writings but still was condemned as an outlaw (in addition to already being named a heretic). He could have been arrested and executed, but his prince, Frederick the Wise, "kidnapped" him in April 1521 and hid him away in the Wartburg Castle. There the reformer had little to do, so he set out to begin his translation of the Bible.

He started with the New Testament. He had learned New Testament (*koine*) Greek, the original language, and so began with that, not Latin. Since the German language was still evolving, Luther would make trips into nearby towns to hear how people actually spoke. Luther returned to his home in Wittenberg in 1522, and within six months, his New Testament was published. After that he worked with other pastors and scholars to prepare the Old Testament. The complete Bible, with 117 woodcut illustrations, was first published in 1534. He revised it several times up until his death.

Luther's work on a German Bible was a landmark achievement. It influenced others in many countries, including England, to do the same. He brought the scriptures into the language of his people, and in so doing spread the gospel.

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Prevent Suicide!

Statistics reported at a suicide forum relate that 43,000-44,000 people die in the US by suicide each year. That is 117 people each day! More die from suicide than from car accidents. It is time to decrease the stigma surrounding suicide and learn what all of us can do to save lives and change these statistics. Each year, the month of September is designated to raise awareness and learn what we can do to prevent suicide.

The first step is to examine our own feelings about suicide. I have been told that if someone really wants to kill themselves, there is really nothing we can do. WRONG! We can educate ourselves on the warning signs that someone is going through a personal crisis that could lead to suicide. Stay with that struggling individual and really listen and refer them to help! Know the warning signs of suicide as listed by The Delaware County Crisis Team. If a person:

- Threatens to hurt or kill themselves.
- Appears to be looking for a way to kill themselves, like looking for firearms or asking about medications that could be lethal.
- Talks about, writes about or looks for movies that show suicide.
- Gives away prized possessions.
- Feels hopeless or worthless and tells you about it.
- Feels rage or uncontrolled anger.
- Shows decreased interest in school.
- Acts very recklessly or seeks risky activities.
- Expresses a loss of energy and disinterest in normal activities.
- Expresses feeling trapped, anxious or agitated.
- Increases use of alcohol or drugs.
- Withdraws from family or friends or seems unable to sleep or sleeps all the time.
- Has dramatic mood changes.
- Expresses that there is no real reason for living.

If you notice any of these signs in your friends or in yourself, call these help numbers. Don't worry about offending people or mistakenly referring someone to help. Delaware County has a Crisis Helpline and a Crisis Team that can help free of charge at 1-855-889-7827. If you are in Chester County call 1-800-273-8255, or 1-800-SUICIDE. If you are a veteran call Vets4warriors at 1-885-838-8225.

Just reading this list will not give you all the tools to help someone contemplating suicide. We need to join others in learning more. A task force is forming in our church to help with this crisis. Call Deacon Beth Barkhau or me for more information. There are walks in Philadelphia to increase awareness soon - join people who are looking for answers to this crisis. For information on a walk you can join, see the information in the box below.

Pat Woerheide, RN



Out of the Darkness Philadelphia Walk

sponsored by

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
(AFSP)

Sunday, October 1, 8:30 to 11:00 am

Registration and Check-in begin at 6:30 am
at Philadelphia Art Museum

Contact Sarah Hart at Sarah.Hart@afsp.org or
215-907-0088. Online registration until Friday,
9/29, or before the walk after 6:30 am.

To raise awareness and funds that allow the
AFSP to invest in new research, create
educational programs, advocate for public
policy, and support survivors of suicide loss.

Sign Up to Discuss Book by Reformation 500 Speaker



As previously announced, Dr. Diana Butler Bass, a leading church historian, will speak on Saturday, October 28, at 7:30 pm. She will address the role of the church in a changing

religious and cultural climate as we observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This program is jointly sponsored by Swarthmore College Partners in Ministry, Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, and Reformation Lutheran Church. Please see the poster below.

As part of this significant anniversary of the reformation which began in October 1517, all members of Reformation Lutheran Church are encouraged to read her book, *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a*

New Spiritual Awakening. Copies of the book are available at the church or you may wish to order it online as an e-book. You are also encouraged to join a small group to discuss the book. There will be two such groups – one will meet on Monday evenings at 7:15 pm on Oct. 9, 16, and 23 at Reformation. The other group will meet on Fridays at 10:00 am (October 13, 20, & 27) at Reformation. Please help us plan by signing up to be part of one of these groups. You can sign-up by sending an e-mail to the church office or by using the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

You will be challenged and encouraged by this fresh interpretation of the “spiritual but not religious” trend and the hope-filled vision for a renewed faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus.

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Dr. Diana Butler Bass

500th Anniversary of the Reformation Speaker

Saturday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.
at Swarthmore Presbyterian Church

Diana Butler Bass is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture.

Diana Butler Bass is one of the leading church historians with a keen eye for where the church is now and where God is calling it to be. The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is the perfect opportunity for her to speak about the role of the church in a changing religious and cultural climate.

Dr. Butler Bass holds a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University and is the author of nine books, including *Grounded: Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution*, and the widely influential *Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening*. She regularly speaks at conferences, consults with religious organizations, leads educational events for religious leaders, and teaches and preaches in a variety of venues.



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Return Service

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.
Summer Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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REFORMATION TIMES

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Called by Christ, we

INVITE all people

SERVE our neighbors

BUILD a living faith

Sunday, September 10
Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks

Fall Schedule Resumes
Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am

Sunday, September 17
God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Sunday, September 24
Homecoming Sunday

Saturday, September 30
Hike & Bible Study