
REFORMATION TIMES

OCTOBER 2018

ALL are Welcome!

Reformation has a new welcome statement! In September, the Congregation Council passed a resolution adopting a new Welcome Statement for Reformation! This welcome statement is one way we are living out our mission to invite all people into the ministry we share together.



Called by Christ, we invite and welcome all people. We welcome all because God

welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, age, abilities, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or employment status. We welcome all without regard to religious belief or identity, citizenship, political views, or anything that might divide us. Our unity is in Christ.

Our welcome statement has enabled us to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, welcoming all without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity. We look forward to celebrating this welcome for ALL people here at Reformation!

You can learn more about what it means to be an RIC congregation and the ReconcilingWorks program in the Lutheran Church at this website: reconcilingworks.org



Throughout this program year at Reformation, we will be looking to our theme *Walk by Faith*.

Many of our opportunities to learn, serve, and worship will be centered on this theme as together we celebrate how it is that our faith guides us through every day. We will be reminded how God continues to lead us through each moment of our lives, even the times when we struggle to see or know what is coming next.

We invite you to join us on this faith walk this year as together we build a living faith.

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 20**. Sign up in the lobby. Help us to continue our stewardship of God's creation together.

Free Jazz Concert

Join us on **Sunday, October 14**, at 4 pm for Jazz Night right here at Reformation! This fun-for-all-ages and free event will kick off this season's Media

Performing Arts Series. Joe McGuth, Matt Murphy, and Michael Hagarman will serve up some of your favorite jazz standards.



Faithbuilders

Walk with Me, Peace Is Every Step



Starting **Sunday, October 21**, at 9:45 am in Creighton Hall, the Faith and Life Connections class begins a new three-session, video-

based study. This class features the collective works of Zen Buddhist master Thic Naht Hanh. Participants will view segments of the groundbreaking documentary, *Walk With Me*, explore traditions associated with monastic life, and gain exposure to a variety of mindful practices. Questions? Contact Carolyn Hathaway, hathaway1@gmail.com, or Bob Barkhau, rabarkhau@gmail.com.

Be Still - Holy Interruptions

Through poetry, art, music and guided mediation, reflection and invitations into silence, Deacon Beth invites you into intentional quiet space to help you explore and further learn to notice and embrace unexpected, holy moments that happen each day. Holy Interruptions takes place on **Saturday, November 3**, 9 am to noon at Reformation. Sign up in the lobby or contact Deacon Beth.

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

In November, Faith and Life Connections class asks, "Who is my neighbor?" as they explore the life and ministry of Fred Rogers. Yes, Mr. Rogers! Join this engaging 4 week class led by Laura Reiter in Creighton Hall each Sunday at 9:45 am.

Celebrate Our Confirmands

On **Sunday, October 21**, during the 11:00 worship, seven students will affirm the promises made at their baptisms during the Rite of Confirmation. This year's Confirmands are: **Julia Biordi, Arianna D'Italia, Joelle Hacik, Valerie Issa, Kelsey Schaub, Jordan Sharer, and Maia Simmons**. Together, we continue to pray for these young members as we celebrate what God is doing in their lives!

Make a Difference - Donate

Please consider helping your community by donating blood at one of our upcoming mobile blood donation events right here at Reformation. It only takes about an hour of time and can make a real difference to up to three people who need blood in an emergency.

Did you know...

- The need for blood is constant.
- One donation can save up to three lives.
- Every two seconds someone in the US needs blood.
- Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.

Even if you've never given before, now is your chance because we are making it so easy! The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Reformation:



Sunday, October 28 - 9 am – 2 pm
Sunday, January 20 – 9 am – 2 pm

Schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org. For information call 800-RED-CROSS.

For more information, contact: Jessica Reitano, volunteer coordinator, at 610-308-6506.

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St. Luke Celebration

On **Sunday, October 14**, we will commemorate St. Luke the evangelist in worship. Tradition says that Luke was a physician by profession. As such, commemorations honoring him often include a rite of healing. During our worships that Sunday we will include a full Rite of Healing with opportunities for prayer and anointing.

STEWARDSHIP

Walk by Faith

Every day we walk by faith. Every day we are surrounded and supported by the presence of our loving God. We give thanks that God has blessed us in our faith walk through the time, talent, and treasures of the members of Reformation who share these gifts abundantly.



2 Corinthians 5:7

As we consider our financial stewardship over the coming weeks,

you will be asked to think about your use of money and possessions as part of your faith walk. We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with money is very much a part of our relationship with God.

In the weeks ahead we will hear from members of Reformation who will share experiences from their faith walk as together we grow in our relationship with God. Our annual stewardship campaign will culminate with Commitment Sunday on November 18.

As we walk by faith we can constantly grow in our generous response to God's abundant blessings. Thank you for your faithfulness which enables us to fulfill our mission to Invite all People, Serve our Neighbors, and Build a Living Faith.



I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, and meals while I was recovering from cancer. It was a blessing that I found the cancer while it was very small and surgery was the only treatment I needed. My follow-up testing has been stable. The prayers from the congregation were certainly helpful. I also appreciated the meals from Bocians and Troutmans after my surgery when I was not feeling up to cooking. Thanks again for the support during a difficult time.

Talitha D'Italia

ARTolerance Visits Media

Help spread the word and invite your neighbors and friends. ARTolerance will be in Media on **Sunday October 28**, at 3 pm, with an international ensemble of multi artistic disciplines following successful tours around the globe, including China, the Middle East and across the USA. This interfaith initiative, Dialogue in Three Movements, shared as an artistically driven approach to conflict transformation, takes place at Congregation Beth Israel located on Highway 352 in Media. Sponsored by Reformation and Congregation Beth Israel, Media, and led by Udi Bar-David, cellist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, ARTolerance invites you to an afternoon of engaged participation, learning and interfaith friendship.

Come and meet Udi, global percussionist, Rolando Morales Matos, and master storyteller, Charlotte Blake Alston. ARTolerance performances strive to create common ground between peoples of different national, cultural, social and religious backgrounds using artistic tools. Questions? See Deacon Beth or Erik Flaten.

Picture The Bible



The main stairwell is home to a new art installation titled Picture the Bible. This 36-image set was created by

First Congregational Church in River Falls, Wisconsin, and is a biblical pictorial timeline. These images give us an opportunity to see scripture in a new way and celebrate the beauty of these Bible stories as they come to life through these pictures.

We invite you to take time to look at the pictures, find your favorites, and picture the Bible in new ways!

Loss and Grief

Beginning **Monday, October 22**, at 7 pm, Deacon Beth and Nurse Pat will lead the three-week class, "All Our Losses, All Our Grief" in the Alyce Thompson Room. Loss happens. Grief, our emotional response to loss, can arise from a variety of major life changes like moving to a new location, the death of a loved one, coworker or friend, job change, or retirement. Participants will engage in guided activities, storytelling, and prayer. Questions? Contact any member of the Reformation staff. Register by contacting Deacon Beth or Nurse Pat in the Church Office.

Augsburg Fortress Book Fair

We are hosting a book fair! Books from Augsburg Fortress will be available to order. 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.

Conference Annual Meeting

Lutheran congregations in the Delaware Conference will be gathering for the Annual Fall Conference Assembly on **Monday, October 15**, at 6:30 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Springfield (400 Lynbrooke Rd.). Members of Reformation are invited to attend this meeting of our Conference.

Calling All Brewmeisters

The Men's Breakfast group meets this **Saturday, October 13**, for their annual Oktoberfest "bring your favorite brew". The Reformation Brewmeisters Association is inviting all men for an early morning happy hour and Bratwurst food festival. Be prepared to taste the best brews in Media. Lots of coffee and fellowship begins at 8:30 am with breakfast at 9:00. Happy hour starts promptly at 9:30 and could last all morning. Uber is available for the ride home if needed.

Blessing of the Animals

You and your pet are invited to a Blessing of the Animals service on **Saturday, October 6, 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 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

Youth Group Trip to Arasapha

All youth in grades 6-12, and their friends and families, are invited to attend Arasapha Haunted Hayride and Bates Motel on **Sunday, October 7**. 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 be meeting at the church at 6:30 pm. Please sign up using the Sign Up Genius link that will be emailed out to families. See Pastor Alina with any questions.



Hayride to the Witch's House

Families are invited to a Halloween Hayride at Linvilla to the Witches House for some Halloween treats on **Sunday, October 14, at 5:30 pm**. This is not a Haunted Hayride and is great for children up to ages 10 or 11 and their parents – but all are welcome! The cost is \$9 per person. We will meet near the gazebo in Linvilla by the ticket booths. Please sign up using the Sign Up Genius link that will be emailed out to families. See Pastor Alina with any questions.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Help Sort Socks and Underwear

The items collected for RLC/NGA's underwear and socks drive will be distributed on October 11. If you would like to help haul bags of clothing, sort, separate for the agencies, and count, please come to the Concord Senior Center, 817 Concord Rd. Glen Mills, on **Wednesday, October 10**. For further information, please contact Sally Burkam, 610-566-8737, or e-mail spburkam@yahoo.com.

All Saints Sunday

Remember a loved one - Ribbons of Remembrance - All Saints Sunday is a time when the church celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. So too, it is a day for us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. Again, this year at Reformation we will remember those we love by creating a temporary art installation entitled, *Ribbons of Remembrance*. On **Sundays, October 14, 21, and 28**, there will be a station in the lobby where you can make your ribbons. Stop by and use the materials provided to create a remembrance ribbon with the name of the person you would like to have remembered. **Ribbons made last year will be on display again this year.** Your personalized ribbons will be hung in our worship space on All Saints Sunday, November 4.

Dining for a Cause



St Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wilmington is hosting its 5th Annual Empty Bowl Dinner on **Tuesday, October 23**, to raise awareness of hunger

and food insecurity. Attendees will enjoy a simple meal of bread and soup donated by local restaurants followed by desserts from local churches and synagogues. All who attend receive a handmade bowl made by a local artist as a reminder of families in need.

There are three seatings for this event, 4, 5:30 & 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. www.ststeph.org or 302-652-7623 for tickets or additional details.

Where are those Bandages?

Did you know that there are six first aid stations in the church? If a mishap that requires first aid occurs in the church, would you know the closest place to find the supplies you need? All first aid stations are clearly marked with a sign.

Main Floor:

In the Sanctuary in the back, near the stairs up to the balcony, above the clothing rack, in the left corner.

In the lobby under the TV and below the coat rack. There is an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on the other side of the wall.

In the closet across the hall from the choir room.

Lower Floor

In the hallway beside the double doors to the staircase. There is an AED nearby.

In the Creighton Hall kitchen in the cabinet to the right.

In the small kitchen area near the Community Room in the cabinet above the counter.

The First Aid stations contain the following helpful equipment: a variety of bandages, rolls of gauze, an instant ice-pack, non-sterile gloves, antibiotic ointment, and disposable and expandable masks for use in CPR. Blankets can be found at the two stations near an AED and there is a pillow in the lobby.

Please take a moment to note the location of each of these first aid stations in case you need them in an emergency. These stations are periodically restocked but you should notify me or other staff when we are out of something. We do not stock oral or injectable medications. If you require medications or have an allergy, please carry your medication with you for self-administration.

Pat Woerheide, RN



Library News

October 16 Book Club -- *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

All the books we read in the Reformation Book Club are terrific, but the selection we will discuss **Tuesday, October 16**, is especially rich in love, adventure, and suspense while exploring the joys of freedom, the struggle of reconciling different cultures, and the power of the news. If that sounds timely, it is. But political it is not. Set just after the Civil War, it is a story of a young girl taken by Kiowa being returned to her family and the elderly newsreader who takes on that task. The writing is beautiful and all these themes emerge in just 213 pages. Join us at 7 pm, even if you haven't read the book.

Thanks for the Donations!

We lately received quite a few donations where the source is anonymous or unclear. We like to acknowledge our donors individually, but this time we have to just say a general thank you.

Eco Tip



Ten surprising things that can be recycled will be reviewed one per month. This month:

Aluminum Foil. Aluminum foil can be recycled easily. Unfortunately we throw away enough aluminum foil to build a fleet of aircraft. Many cities recycle aluminum foil once it is washed and placed in a recycle bin with the rest of your aluminum cans.

Next Month Athletic Shoes.

Send in your ideas - As the waste crisis continues to grow, we need to find new ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. What changes have you made to create less waste? What are some ideas you learned from the generations that lived before disposable everything became ubiquitous? Send your ideas to newsletter@relcmedia.org.



FROM THE PASTOR

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being. – Job 12:7-10

When Reformation began its most recent renovation project, decisions were intentionally made to build in a way that would be environmentally responsible and invest in this stewardship opportunity.



In 2010, as a result of these decisions for energy efficiency, Reformation earned an Energy Star designation. We are the first and only faith community in the state of Pennsylvania to achieve that designation. (You can check out our Energy Star plaque right inside the main doors!) You can learn more about Energy Star at energystar.gov.

On September 27, Reformation was privileged to host a stop on the Energy Star Pennsylvania Stewardship Tour. This gathering of religious leaders, led by representatives of Energy Star, was an opportunity to resource other faith communities to make energy efficient decisions for their buildings. Reformation was chosen for this event as a result of our Energy Star designation and our ability to share our commitment to these principles. We were grateful to welcome interfaith partners and community leaders to be a part of this time of learning and resource sharing and we rejoice in the witness that we as a congregation were able to offer.

This is just one way that Reformation continues to be committed to the care and concern of our earth and the resources we have been entrusted by God. What a great way to celebrate the abundance of God's blessings!

Blessings!
Pastor Alina Gayeuski

INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA Seeking "Visionary" Women

'Visionary Women: Rooted in Faith, Committed to Justice' is an interfaith and intergenerational program of women who seek to increase their religious literacy while exploring their own identity as women of faith and social justice advocates. The next session will begin in January, 2019, and is an amazing opportunity to meet women from a wide variety of faiths and backgrounds at gatherings hosted by Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Baha'i, Sikh, and other faith communities throughout the region. During these sessions, participants are introduced to each faith community and different themes of social justice and the role of women are explored. Register at <https://www.interfaithcenterpa.org/visionary-women>.

Pastor Alina and Deacon Beth have both participated in the program and can answer any questions.





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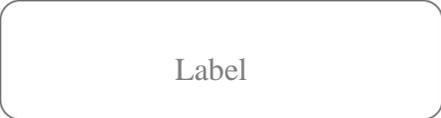
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