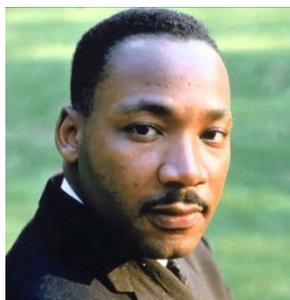

REFORMATION TIMES

JANUARY 2019

Nature Hike at Heinz Refuge

The Eco Committee's nature hike to the Heinz Refuge will be **Saturday, January 12**. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am and proceed to the refuge and we should return by noon. Dogs are allowed on a leash. The refuge will provide binoculars if needed. Dress in layers. Contact Tom Reeves with any questions (267-879-0000 cell, 610-361-8027 home)

MLK Day of Service



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" – Martin Luther King, Jr.

On **January 20** our Sunday School students will engage in a special MLK Day of Service and we invite the congregation to participate as well.

Throughout the month of January we will collect home-made cards in the labeled bin in the lobby for the following purposes:

1. Valentine cards for Nursing Home residents
2. Pediatric Get Well Cards for sick/injured kids at CHOP
3. Thank You cards for our Veterans

Please be as creative as you wish. Make 1 or make 20 - there is no right or wrong. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Troutman at jtroutman2@yahoo.com. Thank you for helping us brighten the lives of others by making this special project a success!

NEW FORMAT

Annual Meeting January 27

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27, 12:15-1:15 pm, in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be available immediately following the 11:00 am service and the meeting will begin promptly at 12:15.

Copies of the Annual Report will be available at the church on Sunday, January 20, and will be sent to all members via email as a pdf attachment.

Those who are interested in an in-depth report on the 2018 finances should attend the Financial Health Forum on January 20 at 9:45 am in Creighton Hall which will provide time for more detailed information than the Annual Meeting.

Financial Health Report

Sunday, January 20, 9:45, in Creighton Hall

Treasurer Tom Conroy will provide a detailed report on the congregation's 2018 financial activity and the proposed 2019 budget (please attend this session if you are interested in details – the Treasurer's Report at the Annual Meeting will provide only a very brief overview).

SOUPer Bowl Sunday

On **Sunday, February 3**, you are invited to help us celebrate SOUPer Bowl Sunday! We will collect cans of soup



for the Media Food Bank. Bring a can (or two!) of soup with you to worship that day. Thank you for helping us tackle hunger right here in Media.



If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

1 Corinthians 12:26

The Rev. William “Bill” Davis entered into eternal life on December 2, 2018. A memorial service was held at Reformation on December 29.

Fern Elizabeth Arnette, daughter of Sean and Allison Arnette, was baptized at Reformation on Sunday, December 16, 2018.

Give the Gift of Life

Register now for the American Red Cross Blood Drive that will take place **Sunday, January 20**, from 9-2 right here at Reformation.

To schedule your appointment sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org. For information call 800-RED-CROSS.

It only takes about an hour of your time and can make a real difference to someone who needs 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 make it easy! Questions? Concerns? Contact: Jessica Reitano, volunteer coordinator, at 610-308-6506.

Commemorating Dr. King

Chester Children’s Chorus – Two winter concerts are scheduled to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The first is **Friday, January 18**, at 6 pm at Congregation Rodeph Shalom (6115 North Broad Street, Philadelphia). The second is **Monday, January 21**, at 6:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 1616 West Second Street, Chester. To learn more visit chesterchildrenschorus.org



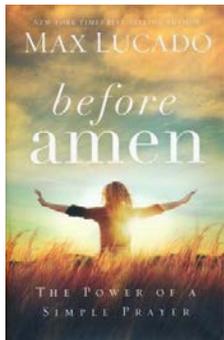
Media Fellowship House– On **Sunday, January 20**, at 3 pm Media Fellowship House hosts the 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at First Church Media (at 350 West State Street, Media). This interfaith event features speakers, music, and a hospitality time. Every aspect of the event is designed to commemorate the life and witness of Dr. King. To learn more visit mediafellowshiphouse.org

New Solar Outdoor Lights!

Have you noticed them? Solar lighting now illuminates our east and west walkways, our front lobby sidewalk, and the handicap ramp each evening. The new solar lighting is designed to help everyone have greater accessibility to Reformation.

Faithbuilders

Before the Amen (Faith-Life Connections Class)



A new short course for the New Year starts Sunday, January 6, at 9:45 am in Creighton Hall. *Before the Amen* is a four week video based course on writings of New York Times bestselling author Max Lucado. Each week participants discuss

what it means to be in daily conversation with God through prayer. Questions? See any of the Faith-Life short course leaders: Doug Gaston, Carolyn Hathaway, Bob Barkhau, Laura Reiter, or Deacon Beth.

Coming in February – Embracing a Life of Meaning features the works of award winning poet and author Kathleen Norris. Norris' numerous books of spirituality and daily life continue to resonate with millions of readers. The Faith-Life Connections class is a place of hospitality and learning. It is an ever-evolving open group where people of all ages can engage in short studies that connect world events with Bible, faith, and every day life.

If you would like to facilitate a short course in the Faith - Life Connection class, please speak to Pastor Wayne, Pastor Alina, or Deacon Beth. Join us!

Art in the Heart of Worship Task Force

Planning is now underway for the Summer 2019 Art in the Heart of Worship summer engagement activities. If you would like to help make Art in the Heart of Worship happen again, join in the planning **Monday, January 14**, at 7 pm, in the Alyce Thompson Room. Questions? See Deacon Beth

Sermon on the Steps in Epiphany

Beginning on **Sunday, January 6**, when we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, and continuing throughout the season of Epiphany, the Sermon on the Steps will include receiving a sermon BINGO card. The children will be invited to join a pastor for the Sermon on the Steps and then will receive a BINGO card made up of words from that week's sermon. The goal is to mark off all of the squares whenever the words on the squares are said during the sermon.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Wednesday, January 9**, at 12:30 pm at Fellini Cafe (106 W. State Street, Media). All are welcome. Sign up on the clipboard in the lobby if you are interested. See Edna Bogert, Karen Chorney, or Linda Bucher with any questions.

Music Together at Reformation

Tempo! Music Therapy Services, an internationally recognized early childhood music program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, and the adults who love them, is back for the Winter Session, offering a Music Together Family Class at Reformation! Classes will start **January 10** and run for 10 weeks on Thursdays, 4:30-5:15, and meet in the Choir Room. Tuition for 10 weeks is \$195 and includes a CD and digital download of the session's songs, a coordinating songbook, and access to the Family Music Zone online portal. Register at <http://tempotherapy.com/register/pa-musictogether/> For more information, see Kara Fontes.



Help Feed the Homeless

Reformation provides meals to the homeless at the Life Center five dates per year: the fourth Thursday of each January, March, May, July and September. We usually provide at least 150 meals each time we go. It is a very much needed service and one that helps us in our mission to "serve our neighbors". All are welcome to enjoy dinner and fellowship together afterward at a local restaurant.

Our next opportunity for you to participate in this rewarding mission is **Thursday, January 24**. There are several ways you can help:

1. Make a meat casserole – The recipe and aluminum pans can be found on the counter in the lobby.
2. Help pack meals on January 24, 5:15-5:45 pm in Creighton Hall.
3. Join the car pool on January 24 at 5:45 pm to the Life Center to help serve meals.
4. Make a donation to support this work using the special envelopes in the lobby.

Sign up in the lobby. Contact Brett Norton btnorton1@gmail.com for more information.

All Aboard – Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfast for **Saturday, January 12**, is changing location from the

Reformation kitchen to Dave Chorney's home. Dave has invited Reformation Men to have coffee and breakfast with him and see his extensive Model Train Display. Dave's address is 276 S. Ridley Creek Rd, Media. Dave has suggested that we car pool to the house because of limited parking space. Coffee and Fellowship begin at 8:30 am, breakfast is served at 9:00 and the trains roll out of the yard at 9:30 am.

Mark E. Davis Scholarship

The Mark E. Davis Scholarship was established by The Rev. William and Irene Davis, following the death of their son, Mark. The scholarship is a one-year scholarship to a four-year college or university awarded to a member(s) of Reformation Lutheran Church. Applicants can be high school seniors or students currently attending college or university. The scholarship is awarded to an applicant(s) who demonstrate a high level of academic, religious, and community-oriented commitment and achievement. The scholarship is awarded annually in July.

Applications for the 2019-2020 academic year may be obtained from the counter in the church narthex or by contacting Gary Kamin by email at gdkamin@verizon.net. All applications and support materials must be received or postmarked by the **May 1, 2019**, deadline. **Applicants should be aware that requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation can take extra time and should plan accordingly in order to meet the deadline.**

Applications can be left at the church office c/o Mark E. Davis Scholarship Committee to the attention of Gary Kamin, or emailed to Mr. Gary Kamin at gdkamin@verizon.net, or mailed and postmarked by May 1, 2019. Applications not received by this deadline will not be considered.

Mailing address:

Mark E. Davis Scholarship Committee
c/o Gary Kamin
Reformation Lutheran Church
102 West Rose Tree Road
Media, PA 19063

Any questions can be addressed to committee members: Sandy Coll, Ellen Conroy, Evan Davis, Gary Kamin, and Rebecca Prince

Library News



Books Offer Valuable Companions as **We Walk by Faith**. All of life's journeys share some things in common, and our personal faith journeys are no different. We seek a clear destination, a path to follow and a companion along the path -- someone who can share their experience, illuminate the way and encourage us to persist. Books can supply the kinds of companions we need, and our current bulletin board suggests a variety. Here's a look at a few.

Walking the Bible, by Bruce Feiler, is a geographical and spiritual journey through the Middle East. Another Feiler book, *Abraham*, is subtitled "a journey into three faiths," exploring what people of the Book share.

How's Your Faith: An Unlikely Spiritual Journey, by journalist David Gregory, is a memoir of his journey from non-faith to faith, exploring stages of belief.

Sacred Journeys: An Illustrated Guide to Pilgrimages Around the World by Jennifer Westwood explores the literal and spiritual journeys others have taken to affirm and grow faith.

40 Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and *40 Day Journey with Martin Luther*. Each book offers a walk with men who share meditations on faith. (Consider Henri Nouwen, too.)

Places on the Way: Meditations on the Journey of Faith by Martin E. Marty is described by Goodreads as "a pilgrimage of the heart through image and word" -- photographs and meditations for prayer and reflection.

Quarterly Book Club

Mark your calendar now for our 2019 book club discussions on **Tuesdays January 8, April 9, July 9, and October 8 at 7:00 pm**. The book that will be discussed at the January meeting is *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah. Book titles for the rest of the year will be announced in future newsletters. The books are engaging, and the discussions lively and thoughtful. All are invited - even if you haven't read the book.

Eco Tip

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

This month Compact Fluorescent Bulbs: Never throw out fluorescent bulbs-they contain toxic levels of mercury that can seep into ground water. When fluorescent bulbs burn out recycle them at Home Depot, Lowe's, IKEA, or many hardware stores.

Good Neighbors Time Bank

The Good Neighbors Time Bank invites you to an introduction of time banking on Saturday, January 19, at 1:00 pm at Reformation! This



nonprofit is a great way to get involved with the community, meet new people, and volunteer your talents with people in need. At the introduction you will be able to learn what time banking is and how you can get involved while enjoying the company of new and old friends. Snacks will be provided, please come out for a fun time! For more information visit:

goodneighborstb.timebanks.org

NURSE'S NOTE

A New Beginning

For many years I have enjoyed writing a health newsletter but now it is time for me to pursue retirement. Please remember the lessons I have written about. Keep in mind that you are the primary and most important advocate of your health. I am leaving this ministry with a feeling of mixed emotions. However, I will be happy to remain an active member of this congregation and hope to continue to share your friendship. So good bye and hello Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Sincerely and fondly,
Patricia A. Woerheide RN BSN FCN



Media Circle of Aunts & Uncles

The Media Circle of Aunts and Uncles have a vision for a prosperous local economy reflecting the demographics of our population, working in harmony with our ecosystem, supporting vibrant, joyful, inclusive community life. Toward this vision we offer under-sourced new and existing entrepreneurs access to low-interest loans seeded by local donors, as well as advice, business mentorships and connections for creating and building sustainable local businesses. We are recruiting financial donors and social capital advisors.

For more information about joining the Circle please call us at 484-713-4670, email us at info@MediaAuntsAndUncles.org, or visit our webpage at MediaAuntsAndUncles.org. The Media Circle of Aunts and Uncles is a Transition Town Media (TTM) initiative. TTM is a 501c3 and donations are tax-deductible.

Harvey Cedars @ Tuscarora

The Harvey Cedars @ Tuscarora Retreat, for all youth in grades 6-12, will be held **April 5-7**. Registration materials and payment will be due by Sunday, January 20. More information was communicated with parents via e-mail. Please speak with Pastor Alina if you have any questions.

Addresses Needed

Have a student in college? Please send the church office (rlc@relcmedia.org) your student's address at school by **January 15**. Students can expect a surprise in the mail next semester!

Youth Group Important Dates

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Youth Group events in 2019!

- February 10** Valentine College Care Package Making
- March 10** Scavenger Hunt and Dessert
- April 5-7** Harvey Cedars @ Tuscarora

Youth Summer Service Trip

All youth who have completed grade 8 through college students, are invited to participate in our Summer Service Trip to Washington DC! The trip will run from **Friday, June 28, to Monday, July 1**. The cost for each student to participate is \$100. Scholarships are available.

An information session will be held at 9:45 on **Sunday, January 13**, in the ROCK Room. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Registration forms and payments are due to the church office by **Sunday, February 3**.

Contact Pastor Alina with any questions.



Called by Christ, we INVITE all people, SERVE our neighbors, and BUILD a living faith.

On Reformation Sunday, during worship, we had the opportunity to add our signatures to the new Reformation Welcome Statement – a statement that lifts up our mission to invite and welcome ALL people here. One way that we have been living that out in these past few months is through the work of our new Accessibility Task Force.

This group has been working to ensure that all parts of Reformation’s building and programs are accessible to all people.

Some small changes have already been put in place. The drop down bars on the upstairs coat racks enable children and people in wheelchairs to access the coat rack. New signs with braille have been placed throughout the building and braille added to existing signs. New braille toys are now available in the Pray Ground at the back of the sanctuary and a braille hymnal is also available!

Much more is planned as we continue to strive to make sure that all are welcome and can participate fully in the life of Reformation!



**CONGREGATIONAL
ACCESSIBILITY NETWORK**

In the next few months we will also be seeking a certification through the Congregational Accessibility Network (CAN). This designation will enable us to publicly proclaim our welcome and accessibility. (To learn more visit canaccess.org)

In all of these ways we are living out our mission and seeing the radical welcome that God offers to us and to all people!

Blessings!
Pastor Alina Gayeuski

Alzheimer’s Screening/Education

Thursday, January 10, at 3:00, learn about groundbreaking new results and developments for medications that could potentially prevent Alzheimer’s Dementia from Dr. Cherian Verghese at Media Presbyterian Church (301 Baltimore Ave.)

Thursday, January 17, 12-4:30 pm, all are welcome to participate in a screening at Media Presbyterian Church that will help determine any trends that may be prevalent in your mind. Screenings take about 30 minutes and you should register in advance at www.mediapresbyterian.org/aging-forgetting or call the church office at 610-566-3944.

First Communion

It is our practice at Reformation that children receive their first communion at the desire of their parents.

First communion instruction is a take-home lesson set that can be completed at your own time and pace. Once the lessons are completed, the family will set up a meeting with Pastor Alina, and then choose a date for the child to receive first communion.

This can be done for any age (or ages if you wish for siblings to receive first communion together) and can be done at any time of the year.

Families desiring for their child to receive their first communion should contact Pastor Alina.



2019 Scholar-in-Residence Registration

The Rev. Dr. Kristin Johnston Largen

21st Century Insights for God-Talk, Scripture Interpretation, and Following Jesus

Saturday, March 9, 2019, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

The Rev. Dr. Kristin Johnston Largen is a professor of systematic theology at United Lutheran Seminary.

In her presentation Dr. Largen will look at how various contemporary theologians opened up new ways of thinking about sin and human nature, reading the Bible, images and language for God, and understanding Jesus.

The Rev. Dr. Kristin Johnston Largen was born in Colorado and still considers Colorado the home of her heart. She began serving at United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg) in 2006 and teaches in the area of systematic theology, focusing particularly on comparative theology with Buddhism and Hinduism. She also works in 21st century theology, specifically with feminist and liberation theologies. She is the editor of *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, and her most recent books are *Finding God among our Neighbors*, vol. 1 & 2 (Fortress Press, 2013 & 2017).

She also serves half-time as Associate Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life/College Chaplain at Gettysburg College. She is a runner, hiker, avid reader, longtime vegetarian and animal lover, and amateur harp player. She lives with her husband John in Gettysburg and have a very sweet Jack Russell Terrier, Henry.



Registration is \$10 per person and must be postmarked by March 1.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Reformation Lutheran Church; write "S.I.R. 2019" on the memo line. Drop into the offering plate, or mail to **Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 W. Rose Tree Road, Media, PA, 19063**



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MISSION: Called by Christ,
we **INVITE** all people,
SERVE our neighbors, and
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WELCOME: 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.

Sunday, January 6
Epiphany of Our Lord
Undecorating the Greens

Saturday, January 12
Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am
Hike at Heinz Refuge at 9 am

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Blood Drive 9-2
Finance Forum at 9:45 am

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