
REFORMATION TIMES

JANUARY 2020

SOUPer Bowl Sunday

On **Sunday, February 2**, 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.

Annual Meeting January 26

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26**, 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 19, and will be sent to all members via email as a link to view or download the PDF.

Financial Forum

Sunday, January 19, 9:45, in Creighton Hall
Treasurer Tom Conroy will provide a detailed report on the congregation's 2019 financial activity and the proposed 2020 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).

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!

Sermon on the Steps in Epiphany

Beginning on **Sunday, January 5**, and continuing throughout the season of Epiphany, the Sermon on the Steps will be on the move! Held at the regular time, following the reading of the gospel, the Sermon on the Steps will travel around the sanctuary to explore the space where we worship together.

Epiphany @ Home

On **Sunday, January 5**, Epiphany @ Home packets will be available for families to take home. The packets will include a litany and instructions for Blessing your Home and Inscripting your Entryway, a traditional Epiphany practice in the church.

Give the Gift of Life

RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

Register now for the American Red Cross Blood Drive that will take place **Sunday, January 19**, 9 am – 2 pm 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.

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.



If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. – 1 Corinthians 12:26

Fran Rhoad entered eternal life on November 23. A memorial service was held on Nov. 26.



Edna Bogert, Valerie Jeske, Mike Jeske, John Speidel, and Eva Speidel brought music and the joy of the season to Lima Estates resident, Karin Kress (bottom left).

MLK Memorial Service

Join the SEPA Synod African Descent Lutheran Association Philadelphia Chapter as they host their annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service on **Sunday, January 19**, at 3:30 pm at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (600 Edmonds Avenue, Drexel Hill). The guest speaker will be the Rev. Mona Fitch-Elliott, St. John's Lutheran Church, Jersey City, NJ. Music will be provided by guest soloist, Sister Shavonne Edwards. Soup and salad will be served before the service 1:30 – 3:15 pm.

Faith Life Connections Class

What Makes TED Talks Tick? TED Talks



posted their first six videos in 2006 and by 2012 they had reached a billion views. They continue to be viewed at a rate of 17 new views per second. They say this means, "That people want to learn. That people want to be inspired. That people are hungry for ideas, and that there's a bubbling desire not to let the unfortunate truths of our world remain the status quo, but to look for creative solutions."

What can we learn from some of the most popular TED talks? Why are these specific ones so popular? What do they teach us about what people are searching for? How does faith factor in?

Join us to view TED talks that inspire, inform, and call us to action and to consider how answers to the questions above provide insights for our daily lives and out reach into our community. Kathie Leighton facilitates this discussion on **Sundays, January 5, 12, and 19**, at 9:45 am in Creighton Hall.

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Seek Comfort for Grief & Loss



All Our Losses, All Our Grief, a three-week course focusing on loss, grief and ritual, takes place at Reformation on

Wednesdays, January 22 & 29 and February 5, 7-8:30 pm. Join Deacon Beth in the Alyce Thompson Room for a time of awareness, storytelling, and prayer. *All our Losses, All our Grief* is a program that is open to friends and family as well. To register, contact any member of the staff or call the church office.

Tuscarora Youth Retreat

The Tuscarora Lutheran Youth Retreat, for all youth in grades 6-12, will be held **March 27-29**. Registration materials and payment will be due by **Sunday, January 19**. More information has been communicated with parents via email. Copies of the registration materials are available in the ROCK Room. Please speak with Pastor Alina if you have any questions.

Celebrate with Lunch Bunch

Celebrate Chinese New Year with us! Chinese New year is January 25 and 2020 is the Year of the Rat according to the Chinese zodiac. Did you know that the Years of the Rat include 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, and 2008?

Make sure your year is filled with good fortune and join fellow Reformation members at the NEW Margaret Kuo's at The Promenade at Granite Run on **Friday, January 24**, at 12:00. Look for a sign-up sheet in the lobby. All are welcome. Contact Edna Bogert or Karen Chorney with any questions.

Support the Welcome Church

Come out and support The Welcome Church, a ministry that serves people experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia, and its Founders: The Rev. Violet Little and The Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel. The Ardmore Presbyterian Church will host a benefit concert on **Sunday, January 12**, at 3 pm in support of The Welcome Church. The concert will feature Hazelita Fauntroy, soprano. A free-will offering will be received. Ardmore Presbyterian Church is located at 5 West Montgomery Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003.

SERVE Our Neighbors



Deacon Beth, Linda Bucher, Ron Brzowski, Dave Chorney, and Sally Burkam load Christmas dinners and warm blankets (top left photo). Heather Grinar, administrator at Family and Community Service of Delaware County, welcomes the arrival of 20 meals for Second Time Around Grandparents delivered by Keith Bocian, Linda Bucher, Edna Bogert and Dave Smith (bottom right photo).



Dear Pastors, Deacon, and Congregation,

Thank you so much for your support and prayers as I underwent prostate cancer surgery at Fox Chase Cancer Center. Inclusion on the prayer list, the prayer shawl presented by Deacon Beth, and the healing prayer two weeks ago at the altar helped me more than I could have ever imagined. My healing is progressing well and my physicians are optimistic about my future health – praise God!

*Your Brother In Christ,
Mike Teske*

Youth Trip to the Big Apple



The Reformation 2020 Youth Summer Service Trip will be to NYC! The trip will be **June 26-29**. This is open to all students who have completed grade 8

and above by the departure date. Join us for an info session on **Sunday, January 12**, at 9:45 am in the ROCK Room. Payment and forms are due to the church office by **Sunday, February 9**.

Join the Men for Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast group is inviting all Reformation Men to our next breakfast on **Saturday, January 11**. Come out and join us for hot coffee and warm food and always interesting discussions. Coffee and Fellowship begin at 8:30 am, breakfast is served by 9:00, and the roundtable discussions begin shortly thereafter.

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 23**.

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 23, 5:15-5:45 pm in Creighton Hall.
3. Join the car pool on January 23 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.



Rev. Zuline Wilkinson, Executive Director of Chester Eastside, preached and led a Faithbuilder at Reformation on December 8. Pictured above are (left to right) Rev. Dr. John Wilkinson, Pastor Wayne, Rev. Zuline Wilkinson, Pastor Alina and Deacon Beth.

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 currently attending a 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 2020-2021 academic year may be obtained from the counter in the lobby or by contacting Gary Kamin at gdkamin@verizon.net. All applications and support materials must be received or postmarked by the May 1, 2020, 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, 2020. 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 the following committee members: Sandy Coll, Ellen Conroy, Evan Davis, Rebecca Funk, or Gary Kamin

Support Cradles to Crayons



Families struggling to pay for rent and groceries often cannot afford anything

else. Basic items for their children—an extra outfit for school, a backpack, shoes, pajamas, a coat for cold weather—are simply not possible. By making our collaborative process as easy and streamlined as possible, Cradles to Crayons enables our volunteers and donors to turn *compassion into action* and provide the essential items that children in struggling families need to thrive at school, to participate more fully in life, to just be a kid.

Reformation partners with Cradles to Crayon's Giving Factory as a Delaware County drop off location. Children's and infant's items (such as boxes of diapers, new bottles, slightly used clean clothing, and other items listed on the Cradles to Crayons website cradlestocrayons.org), may be dropped off at Reformation 8:30-2:30 on Mondays

If you would like to be directly engaged in volunteering with Cradles to Crayons, see Linda Bucher, Community Action Ministry Team chair or Deacon Beth.

YOUTH GROUP

Save The Dates

January 19 – Cooking Class

February 9 – College Care Kit Making

March 27-29 – Tuscarora Youth Retreat

May 3 – Scavenger Hunt and Dessert

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! – 2 Corinthians 5:17

As many of you know, my husband and I recently moved to Narberth to live in the parsonage of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, where Dan serves as the pastor. Moving is one of those times in life that highlights all of the new things that we encounter throughout our days. Right now, I am learning new routes to Reformation, new restaurants, new streets, new neighbors, and what it means to be a part of a whole new community.

While this move and this time in our life together has been full of excitement at these new explorations, there has also been a fair amount of longing for the old and what we left behind. We have found this to be particularly true while grocery shopping. Our favorite items are no longer in their familiar places or are not even stocked in our local store. This probably seems like a ridiculous reason to be frustrated with the newness we are daily encountering, but I'm sure there are moments in life when this becomes fully true for all of us. We can feel the joy and excitement of the new experiences in our life while simultaneously mourning what has been left behind.

The start of a new year can often make us feel the same way. A new year brings with it a new starting point. And yet we can also mourn what has been left behind in the year that is now gone – the people we lost, the ones who have left home, the schools we've completed, the job we left, the home that is no longer ours. Yet, through it all, God comes to us as our constant reminder that God is the one making all things new and bringing us to this promise of new and

everlasting life. That each day is a gift of grace and one where God will be with us through each new moment – even if I still can't find what aisle the cereal is in!

Wishing you peace and joy in the adventure of each new day lived in God's incredible love this year and always!

Pastor Alina Gayeuski

Library Holiday News



Take a break from holiday stress and read a book! Recent studies show that the simple act of reading for pleasure can reduce stress by 68% through the relaxation of your body, the

lowering of your heart rate and the release of tension in your muscles. Stop by the Reformation Library for some great holiday reads and, while you are there, check out our new bulletin board display, "100% Chance of Good Reading" for some book ideas.

Start your reading resolutions for the New Year off by joining our January Book Club discussion of the humorous and touching novel, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, January 21**, at 7:00pm in the Alyce Thompson Room.

Thank you to Joanne Riess and other generous anonymous donors for your recent donations to the library. The Library Committee appreciates your generosity!



HAPPY NEW YEAR

January

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

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we **INVITE** all people,
SERVE our neighbors, and
BUILD a living faith.

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.

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Undecorating the Greens

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Financial Forum @ 9:45 am

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