
REFORMATION TIMES

August 2021

WORSHIP UPDATE

8:30 & 10:00 Sunday Worship In the Sanctuary in August

Beginning on Sunday, August 1, both the 8:30 and 10:00 am worships will be in the sanctuary, Congregation Council recently decided.

Both services will be livestreamed to our website. Masks will not be required for people who are vaccinated but are strongly encouraged as a way to show our love and concern for the most vulnerable among us (such as children and immuno-compromised adults).

Live music (organ/piano at 8:30 and piano/band at 10:00) will be part of worship. Worshipers are asked to sing only if they are masked. The church nursery will be staffed during both services. Pre-registration is requested.

There will not be an outdoor service in August.

SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Clothe Those in Need

The National Giving Alliance (formerly the Needlework Guild of America) is once again collecting underwear for men, women, and children of all ages. Donations may be placed in the bins labeled "Underwear Collection" which will be located outside the main church entrance. The collection will begin August 1 and continue until September 15. Help will also be needed on October 6 to sort the donated items for distribution. Contact Sally Burkam for the October 6 time and location, or with any other questions.

SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Keep Feeding God's People

In June 2021 the 51 jars of peanut butter and 45 jars of jelly you donated helped to provide 1,250 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those who live with hunger! The generosity of Reformation members and friends once again impacts and sustains life. Thank you for serving our neighbors!

If you would like to help serve weekly with Bread Drop as a sandwich maker or be part of a delivery team, please reach out directly to the Bread Drop Administrator, Lou Farrell at lou.farrell@gmail.com.



Lou Farrell (Bread Drop), Summer Intern Vivian Long, Cathy Farrell (Bread Drop), and Deacon Beth pick up the PB&J donations collected at Reformation - enough to make 1250 sandwiches!



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

1 Corinthians 12:26

Dawn Andreoli and Jody Goughan, Adam and Katie LeGrand and children Audrey and Parker, Carol Mueller, Barbara Ross, Diana and Stephen Stroffolino and children Adam and Grace, Michael and Cynthia Vernacchio were welcomed as new members during worship on July 11, 2021.

Emily Black and Zack Nelson were joined in marriage on July 17.

Kristen Chorney and Brian Forster were engaged on July 17.

Join Our Worship Team

As we prepare for indoor worship and the programmatic year, we are building our worship team schedule for September—November.

Please contact the office if you are interested in serving as an assistant minister, acolyte, crucifer, greeter, reader, usher or if you want to volunteer at the welcome table.

Thank you for being an essential part of worship!

Prepare for First Communion

It is our practice at Reformation that children receive their first communion at the desire of their parents. This can be done for any age (or ages if you wish for siblings to receive first communion together).

First communion instruction is an at-home lesson set that can be completed at your own time and pace. Any time we celebrate communion as a congregation is a date that can be chosen.

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

Vacation Bible School—Thank You!

Thank you to all our VBS leaders and participants for a great week on Adventure Island! Reformation collected \$544 for The Bread Drop – which is being matched by our Holiday Offering Fund! Thank you for helping us to invite all people, serve our neighbors, and build a living faith together at VBS!



Membership Information Session in August

The next session of Reformation Connect, our program for persons interested in membership at Reformation, will be held on Sunday, August 15, at 12:00 noon. Please contact the church office or a pastor or deacon if you are would like to attend or would like more information.

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**FUN IN THE
SUN-DAYS!**

Join us this summer for some extra-special fun on Sundays!

Punch on the Lawn

August 1 at 9:30 and 11:00 am

Grab a cup of punch and enjoy some conversation with friends outside after each worship.

Drum Circle

August 8 at 6:30 pm

Join master drummer Joe McGuth and Erik Flaten in Reformation’s East parking lot at 6:30 pm for one hour of engaged drumming. No previous experience is necessary. All ages are welcome! Bring your own drum or that which represents a drum to you, your lawn chair, and a spirit for shared learning. Additional rhythm instruments and drums will be on site for use as well. If you have questions, contact Erik Flaten (erik.flaten@relcmedia.org).

Reformation Connect

August 15 at 12:00 noon People interested in membership at Reformation are invited to enjoy some Philly favorite foods and learn more about the mission and ministry at Reformation. Contact Pastor Wayne with any questions.

Thank you, Molly and Vivian!

Thank you to our 2021 Summer Interns, Molly Gray and Vivian Long, for making summer extra special and wonderful at Reformation! Throughout their weeks of working at Reformation they helped to organize our Fun in the Sun-day events, plan and lead Vacation Bible School, coordinate support for the Bear Creek Camp staff, support our serving ministries, and be an incredible part of the Reformation Team! We are grateful for their work and wish them well as they return to college for the fall semester! Thank you, Molly and Vivian!



ECO Tip

 Saving water saves money but it also minimizes the amount of additional water resources being taking out of our rivers and aquifers, especially as demands are rising. There are a number of ways to save water at home or during our holidays such as:

- Don’t overwater your garden.
- Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap
- Don’t leave the tap running freely when you brush your teeth or wash your hands.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two.
- Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.
- Collect water from your roof to water your garden.

2021-2022 Mark E. Davis Scholarship Recipients

The Mark E. Davis Scholarship is a one-year scholarship to a four-year college or university awarded to a member of Reformation Lutheran Church. The ELCA Foundation administers the scholarship fund with a variable award based on the fund's yearly performance.

The Rev. and Mrs. William Davis established this scholarship in memory of their son, Mark. Mark died in December 1961 after surgery to remove a brain tumor. This scholarship honors the memory of Mark—a good student, active church participant and friend to all animals and people in the community. Mark loved God's creation. For the six years Mark lived on this earth, he made a positive impact on those around him.

To reflect Mark's love of God and learning, awards will be based upon the demonstration of academic, religious and community-oriented commitment and achievement. These values and criteria honor Mark's attributes and memory.

The 2021-2022 scholarship recipients are:

Brett Conley
LaSalle University - junior

Stuart Davis
West Chester University – junior

Megan Gress
Elizabethtown College - freshman

Danielle Hathaway
Elizabethtown College - freshman

Lauren Niss
University of Michigan - freshman

Backpack School Supply Collection 2021

It's not too late to support filling backpacks for students in the Chester and Upper Darby Communities. Last year we filled just over 300 backpacks. Over the past two years, this has become an interfaith effort with several faith communities joining what was started with the Lutheran Churches in Delaware County.

You can support the collection this year by using the links below to the Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assemble the backpacks.

Links to Wishlist:

<https://tinyurl.com/DelcoSchoolSupplies>

or



You can also make a monetary contribution. Checks can be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall. Dave Ehret is again serving as Treasurer of this effort.

Finally, as in past years, you can do the shopping and drop off supplies at Reformation.





The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. *Isaiah 40:8*

The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life. *Revelation 7:17*

This summer has brought us a succession of excessive heat waves. Meanwhile, more than 90% of the land in 11 western states suffers through a historic drought. In a drought, the grass withers, the flower fades. It is a powerful reminder that water is essential for life.

Water is essential not only for physical life, but also for spiritual life. Just as the grass and plant life become dry and brittle without water, our faith life can become dry and brittle without the refreshment of the water of life.

Worship, daily prayer, and a life of service and gratitude help us return continually to the life-giving power of the water of baptism. They help keep our faith life from becoming dry and withered, like the parched grass in a drought.

Jesus is the living water, “a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” (John 4:14) As you enjoy or endure the heat of the summer, may your spiritual life not become dry like a desert. Drink deeply of the living water of Christ whom we meet in word and sacrament and service.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Wayne Matthias-Long

Prison Ministry - Thank you!

In February and March 2021 members and friends of Reformation wrote letters to inmates at SCI-Chester prison. Anne Metz, coordinator of Letters for Chester, has provided responses written by the recipients. In the coming months, we will share these notes of gratitude from the inmates who receive our letters. To learn more as to how you can participate in future prison ministry in our region, please reach out to Linda Bucher at lindabucher1@verizon.net

“ I would like to thank the person and persons who sent these letters to us. Not only is it a blessing but wonderful to know there are people who do care and are willing to pray for us to become better. I would like to personally thank the woman whom I had the pleasure to receive her card. It states:
“Dear Friend – Three thoughts for you.

1. You are loved!
2. You are strong inside.
3. You can do this.

Cheering for you and sending prayers. Please pray for me too.”

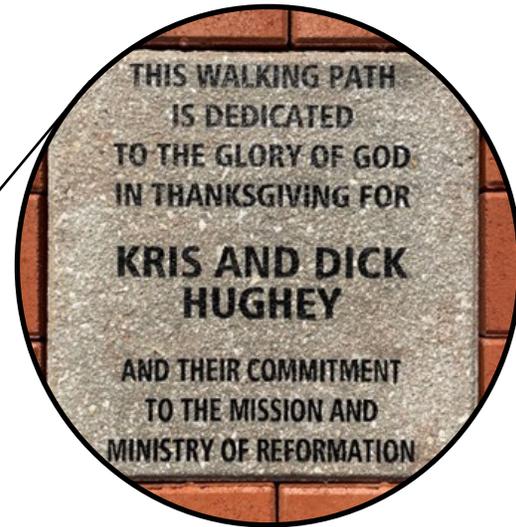
I'm very grateful to have received a card from her. For in receiving this, I look at Matthew 7:7 and 8 and will continue to pray for Sara and thank her for this card.

“ Please relay my gratitude to the organization that sent us inmates positive letters.

Walking Path Dedicated as “Hughey Way”

On Sunday, July 18, after the 8:30 worship, the Walking Path was dedicated and named Hughey Way in honor of Dick and Kris Hughey, an action taken by Congregation Council at its June 2021 meeting. Thanks were expressed to Dave Chorney for his tireless work planning and supervising the installation of the gazebo and walkway.

There will be a formal dedication of the Gazebo in memory of Deb Felton later this year.



Resolution Naming Hughey Way

WHEREAS, Kristine (Kris) and Richard (Dick) Hughey joined Reformation Lutheran Church, Media, in 1970; and

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, Dick and Kris Hughey have been involved in all facets of congregational life at Reformation – worship, learning, service, witness, and support, providing leadership in every area of ministry; and

WHEREAS, throughout their tenure as members of Reformation, Kris and Dick Hughey have given tirelessly of their time, talents, and treasure in faithful and selfless service to our Lord Jesus Christ, to Christ’s Church, and to the community, consistently showing this to be the “Hughey way”; and

WHEREAS, Dick and Kris Hughey have been instrumental in developing and implementing the Landscaping Master Plan for Reformation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Walking Path is dedicated to the Glory God in thanksgiving for Kris and Dick Hughey and their commitment to the mission and ministry of Reformation Lutheran Church and is hereby named “Hughey Way.”

Unanimously adopted by the Congregation Council of Reformation Lutheran Church, Media, Pennsylvania, this eighth day of June 2021.

Looking Ahead

Rally Day – September 12

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12! Our regular worship schedule resumes that morning with worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Please plan to join us that morning as we start another great year of life here at Reformation!

Blessing of Backpacks – September 12

Bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, September 12, for a special blessing as we celebrate the start of another school year and God's blessings in our lives every day!

Save the Dates – Help set up the Memorial to the Lost

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, September 4, 9:30 am at Reformation to assist in setting up *The Memorial to The Lost* outdoor t-shirt display sponsored by Heeding God's Call and Reformation. Volunteers will also be needed on Saturday, September 25, at 9:30 am to take it down. To learn more contact Linda Bucher at lindabucher1@verizon.net.

Reformation Book Club

The Reformation Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. We will discuss *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd (Instead of *Crying in the H Mart* which had previously been mentioned).

The last gathering of the year will be Tuesday, November 16. We will discuss *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. The meeting will be possibly in person - location and time to be determined at the September meeting.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER

God's Work, Our Hands

Community Action Ministry team is inviting you to explore a new avenue for faith engagement. In September, we will once again celebrate God's Work, Our Hands. This year we are encouraging you to join with family and friends and volunteer with the agency Kids Against Hunger.

Kids Against Hunger is an organization dedicated to eradicating world hunger. It has food packaging satellite centers throughout the USA and Canada where volunteers pack vitamin fortified soy rice casserole, which is then distributed to 70 countries around the world. They meet local food insecurity needs with food bags and boxes. And currently they are filling backpacks with large donations of school supplies.

One of those satellite centers is right here in Broomall, PA. Our God's Work, Our Hands project this year will be working with this center to pack any or all of these items. Individuals and families can sign up for a work session using the sign up genius link.

For more information about the organization: kidsagainsthunger.org/who-we-are/.

To Volunteer:
tinyurl.com/fillbackpacks

Questions? See Deacon Beth or Linda Bucher



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The Rev. Wayne A. Matthias-Long

The Rev. Alina S. Gayeuski

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MISSION: Called by Christ,
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.

Sunday, August 1

8:30 am Indoor & Livestream Worship

9:30 am Punch on the Lawn

10:00 am Indoor & Livestream Worship

11:00 am Punch on the Lawn

Sunday, August 8

6:30 pm Drum Circle

Sunday, August 15

12:00 noon Reformation Connect