
REFORMATION TIMES

June 2022



Changes at Reformation

At the April meeting, the Congregation Council approved a number of projects that are bringing some big changes to Reformation! Many of these projects are being funded from our Endowment Capital fund. Other projects were budgeted.

- Tree work is being done on our property. A number of trees needed to be removed for safety reasons. This work began in the middle of May.
- Additional landscaping work is being continued around the building. Several older, overgrown plants are being removed and newer plants are being added.
- Parking lot work is being completed in July on the east lot. This work will help to “square off” the lot and repaint spots and lanes. This will bring our parking lot up to code and help with the safety of traffic through our lot, particularly for school pick up and drop off during the week.
- Painting is being done in the upper level in July. The ROCK Room, Alyce Thompson Room, and the pastors’ offices are being repainted. Sadly, the ROCK Room mural has to be removed. However, the image is being saved – it will be printed and placed on the wall where the mural is currently to maintain that part of our life together! The ROCK Room and Alyce Thompson Room will also be getting recarpeted this summer.

Thank you to our Property Team and all our local contractors who are helping to make these improvements at Reformation!

Council Installation June 5

The members of the 2022-2023 Congregation Council will be installed during worship on **June 5**. Officers and members include the following: John Grantland, President; Debbie Conley, Vice President; Laura Reiter, Secretary; Tom Conroy, Treasurer; Jamie Anderson, Rachel Bingeman, Kristen Chorney, Marian Filtz, Eric Hathaway, Mike Polito and Tyler Troutman.

We are grateful for the faithful service of the Council members whose term expires on May 31, 2022: Bev Norton and Uli Neubert.

Welcome Vicar Eileen!



Greetings, beloveds! My name is Eileen Ruppel-Doan and I will be beginning at Reformation as Pastoral Assistant in June. A little about me: I’m originally from the Chicago suburbs and have lived in Pennsylvania since starting at United Lutheran Seminary in 2018. I currently live in Philadelphia with my husband Ethan and our infant son, Luca. I love the beach, art and design, and coffee! You’ll often find me with a bit of fun color in my hair like blue or pink. I’m passionate about ministry that shares God’s radical love with all people, and inspires us to see Christ in even the most unexpected places. I very much look forward to starting my time at Reformation and to getting to know you!

Summer Schedule

Just a friendly reminder that our summer schedule has begun.

Worship times are
8:30 am and 10:00 am.
No Sunday School





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

1 Corinthians 12:26

Capri Ann Caruso, daughter of Brianne and Dave Caruso, was baptized on April 24.

Rowan Wayne Caruso received his first communion on April 24.

Our high school seniors were recognized in worship on May 1. This year's graduates are **Julia Biordi, Arianna D'Italia, Joelle Hacik, Valerie Issa, Kelsey Schaub, Jordan Sharer, Maia Simmons** and **Benjamin Strain**.

A memorial service was held for **Karin Kress** on Saturday, May 7 at Reformation.

A memorial service was held for **Paul Frieberg** on Saturday, May 7 at Reformation.

Noah James Young, son of Lauren Young, was baptized on May 8.

REGISTRATION OPEN!

Vacation Bible School



VBS will be **July 10-14**, 6-8:30 pm. Registration is open to age 3 to completed grade 5.

Go to myvbs.org/relcmedia to register.

Volunteer at VBS!

Want to help our children and youth have a great week at Vacation Bible School? Contact Pastor Alina to volunteer! Volunteers are needed to lead class groups and activities during the week. Child care is provided for children who are too young to participate in VBS if parents are volunteering at VBS. VBS is July 10-14, 6:00-8:30 pm.

New Worship Team Scheduling System

Thank you to all who have started using our new Ministry Scheduling system! We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we transition and work out all of the kinks.



If you haven't been able to login yet, are having technical difficulties, or don't have access to a computer, please reach out to Andrea in the office at amenta@relcmedia.org.

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.

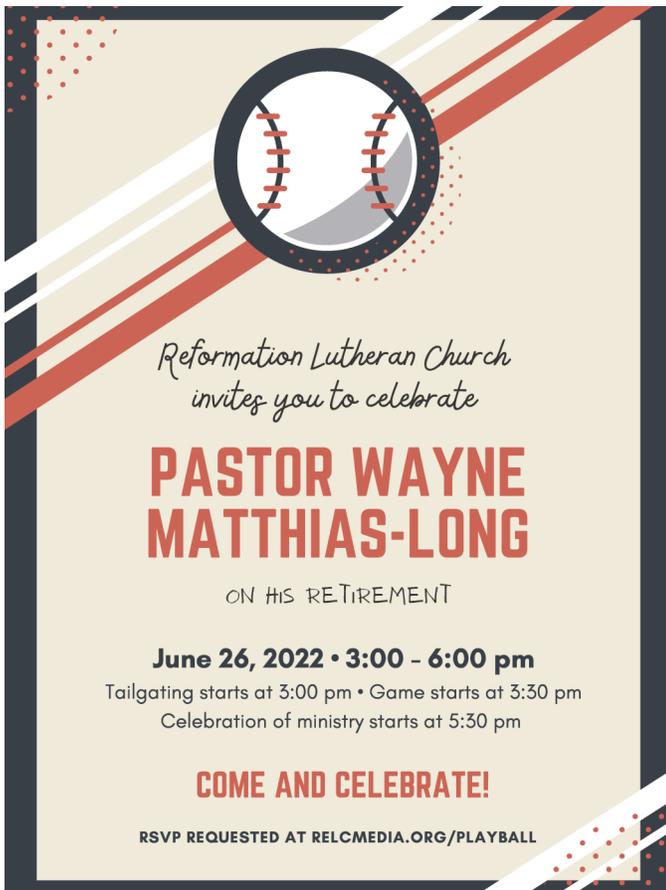
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Celebrate Pastor Wayne!



Reformation Lutheran Church
invites you to celebrate

**PASTOR WAYNE
MATTHIAS-LONG**

ON HIS RETIREMENT

June 26, 2022 • 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Tailgating starts at 3:00 pm • Game starts at 3:30 pm
Celebration of ministry starts at 5:30 pm

COME AND CELEBRATE!

RSVP REQUESTED AT [RELCMEDIA.ORG/PLAYBALL](https://relcmedia.org/playball)

Reformation will be hosting a retirement celebration for Pastor Wayne on Sunday, **June 26** from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please RSVP at relcmedia.org/playball.

Shopping Can Benefit Reformation



Planning to shop on Amazon? Remember to use smile.amazon.com and specify Reformation as the charity to benefit from your shopping.

Hazardous Waste Collection

Delaware County is staging a hazardous household waste collection at Rose Tree Park on Saturday, **June 11**. This is for items such as pool chemicals, yard weed control chemicals, etc. You must pre-register for this event by going to www.eventbrite.com and click on "Free". No electronics or latex paint will be accepted. Call 610-892-9627 for more details.

Welcome Jim Harrington

We are pleased to welcome Jim Harrington as our Sunday Morning Hospitality Assistant. He will work behind the scenes to help make our building as welcoming as possible and provide support to staff and volunteers on Sunday mornings. Duties of this position, which was approved by Council, include opening/closing the building, setting up/cleaning up rooms for Sunday morning groups, setting up/cleaning up refreshments for fellowship hour, and being available throughout the morning to address needs as they arise. Please welcome Jim when you see him on Sunday mornings.

Join the Lunch Bunch

Share good food and good times with the Lunch Bunch on Thursday, **June 2** at 11:30 am at Charlotte's restaurant in Newtown Square. Contact Edna Bogert to RSVP or for more details.



Members of the Lunch Bunch at a recent outing at Barnaby's in Aston.

June ECO Tip



One way to create an eco-garden is by going organic. You can grow fruits, vegetables, flowers, and lawn in a more organic manner by avoiding chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Instead, focus on using non-GMO seeds and organic compost and mulch in your garden. You can also utilize techniques such as companion planting to reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides in your garden.



Julia Biordi



Julia is graduating from Penncrest High School where she was a member of the National Art Honor Society. Outside of Penncrest, she was also a member of the PPAC Competition Dance Team, and performed in numerous ballet & dance recitals including The Nutcracker for 14 years. This Fall she will be attending Temple University's Tyler School of Art & Architecture

Arianna D'Italia



Arianna was baptized and confirmed at Reformation Lutheran. She attends Garnet Valley High School and has been very active in the music program there. Arianna plays saxophone in the Marching Band and was a Field Major this past season. She has been in ten performances by the Drama Club. Arianna truly enjoys singing and is Student Director of the Women's Ensemble and Co-President of the Chorus. This year, she was selected to be in District Chorus as well. Arianna has been in Girl Scouts for 13 years and STEAM Buddies for two years. Arianna is an honors student and was named a National Merit Finalist. She loves writing and will be majoring in English at Oberlin College.

Joelle Hacik



Joelle will graduate from Delaware Valley Friends School on June 13, 2022. During high school Joelle played soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. She worked on the yearbook staff, performed in school plays, and currently serves as a Co-Activities Chairperson for the Upper School. One of her accomplishments in this role was to organize the first-ever Homecoming Dance at DVFS. During her junior year Joelle was honored to receive the DVFS Quaker Life Award, given to the single student in her class who exemplified the Quaker values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship. Joelle's passion to help people led her to become a certified EMT in April of 2021 and she now serves as a junior EMT for the Goshen Fire Company. She plans to attend LaSalle University to study nursing. Her goal is to be an Emergency Room Nurse.

Valerie Issa



Valerie is in Honor society at Sun Valley, school choir, she was involved in Theater, decades shows. Valerie plans on going to college to study law at the University of Delaware.



Kelsey Schaub



Kelsey is very involved in many activities. She belongs to the Theater on Ice team at Ice Works and received the platinum award for graduating seniors from US Figure Skating. She earned her third gold medal for US figure skating tests and has one to go before the end of senior year. She plays Tennis and does Track and Field with Marple Newtown, and also did Stage Crew for their spring musical Matilda. She sings with Bel Canto for Kennet Square Children's Chorus. She volunteers with Special Olympics - Montgomery County - teaching others ice skating skills. In school, she is a member of the National Honor Society. Her various activities and high grades helped her receive the Faculty Scholar Award at Lycoming College in the fall. She attended the ELCA youth gathering in Texas back in 2018 and has attended the youth retreat many times. She is very active at church filling in wherever needed. Reformation has been her home since birth and she has many fond memories to look back on.

Jordan Sharer



Jordan is a senior, graduating from Penncrest High School. She has been involved in the National Honor Society, dance, soccer and coaching cheerleading, as well as service clubs at Penncrest. Jordan is planning to attend Saint Joseph's University in the fall to study business.

Maia Simmons



Following a high school career kept busy with marching band and Dance Haven, Maia will be graduating from Strath Haven High School in June. Outside of school, Maia's interests include dance (ballet, jazz, modern), horseback riding, hiking, photography, and spending time with friends. Maia will be attending Suffolk University in Boston in the fall and is considering a sociology major.

Benjamin Strain



Ben will be going to George Crothers Memorial School in Swarthmore in September.



FROM THE PASTOR

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens ... - Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Reformation,

We are about to enter another season of transition as we prepare to say goodbye to Pastor Wayne at his retirement at the end of this month. While we wish him well and know he will be missed, we also continue to look towards the future God is calling us to.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving with you here at Reformation. I give thanks to God every day for the ministry we have been called to do together and I look forward to all that is yet to come.

Please know that the Council leadership and I are working hard to continue our ministry with the same energy and vitality we all love during this time of transition. As part of that, we are excited to have Vicar Eileen Ruppel-Doan joining our staff as the Pastoral Assistant. Vicar Eileen will be assisting in all areas of pastoral leadership at Reformation. You will begin seeing her at worship on Sunday, June 12. Take an opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome her to Reformation!

I am grateful for your continued support of our mission at Reformation and for the ways you make God's love known through the world every day as you live out your faith.

With gratitude,
Pastor Alina

Seen Around Reformation



Pastor Wayne and Lillian Fontes - Thanksgiving for Baptism.



The bell group including (l-r): Dick Hughey, Kris Hughey, Kirsten Olson, Marie Moffett, Paul Jann, Donna Jann, (back row): Jennifer Breen, Joyce McNally.



Pastor Wayne, John Grantland, Council VP and Pastor Alina present Emma Wagner from Lutheran World Relief with our donation check.

From Sanctuary to Street, From Lament to Action

On Thursday, **June 9**, at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter &



**Interfaith
Philadelphia**

Paul in Philadelphia, the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia and Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence sponsor *From Sanctuary to Street, From Lament to Action*.

We come together as one community of faith to honor the memory of those taken by gun murders and work to end the sin of gun violence.

The Day's Events Include:

- City-wide interfaith worship service honoring the memory of those taken by gun violence in Philadelphia in 2021
- Memorial to the Lost Tee-shirt Display
- Witness Walk in Center City
- Remembrance moment and consecration at gun murder site
- Advocacy Opportunity

Join local faith institutions, The Religious Leaders Council, and Heeding God's Call for this important, communal event. For more details, contact Bryan Miller at (251) 238-8550 or contacttheheeding@gmail.com.

Library Book Club



All are invited to join the next Church Library Book Club discussion on **July 19** at 7:00pm via Zoom. We will be reading *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman (author of *A Man Called Ove* - a previous book club selection we all

enjoyed). Contact Laura Reiter at longreiter@gmail.com for more details.

About *Anxious People* from Amazon: "From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* comes a charming, poignant novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined."



Summer Camp Registration

Registration is now open for all summer programs at Bear Creek Camp. To register, visit bearcreekcamp.org.

Bear Creek Camper Blessing

Are you heading to Bear Creek Camp this summer?

On **June 12**, during our worships, we will be blessing all campers preparing for a week at Bear Creek sometime this summer. We will also have a little camping essential for each camper to take along as a reminder of their Reformation family who is praying for them. Please let the office know if and when you are headed to Bear Creek Camp this summer.



Delco Covid Quilt Project



You are invited to participate in the DelcoPA Covid Quilt Project which will honor the lives of loved ones lost because of the Covid-19 pandemic. More than 1,800 families in Delco have lost loved ones because of the virus.

Created by two long-time Delco volunteers, this quilt project provides a way to celebrate the departed lives through the expression of love and respect on an 8"x 8" Memorial Square which will be incorporated into a quilt. Families can create their own square or submit information for the quilting crew to create for them.

For more information about the project and how to submit a square, visit the website at delcopacovidquiltproject.com or contact the church office for a flyer.



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Sunday Worship: 8:30 am Indoor & Online Worship
10:00 am Indoor & Online Worship
Worship services are livestreamed to our virtual church page.

Pastors

The Rev. Wayne A. Matthias-Long
The Rev. Alina S. Gayeuski

Return Service Requested

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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, June 5
Council Installation

Sunday, June 12
Bear Creek Camp Camper Blessing

Sunday, June 26
Pastor Wayne's Retirement Party