



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

A Yearbook of our 75th Year

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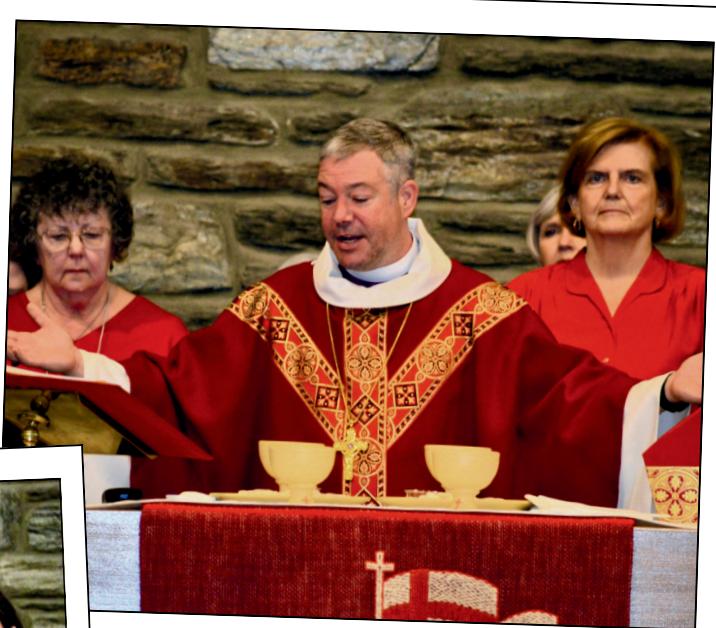


MOST LIKELY TO: INVITE ALL PEOPLE, SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS, AND BUILD A LIVING FAITH

75



Young members celebrated with confetti!



Bishop Penman presided at our festival worship service.



Former Pastor Leah Schade preached, and former pastors and deacons assisted in leading worship.

**MOST LIKELY TO: BRING
TOGETHER OLD AND NEW
FRIENDS IN CELEBRATION**

FROM THE PRESIDENT



2025 marked the celebration of 75 years as a Congregation. This provided us the opportunity to reflect upon the clergy and lay people who came before us and built a strong foundation. Just walking around the church provides us all the opportunity to take notice of these faithful servants.

We have a strong congregation who support our Clergy, Staff, Church Council, and our mission statement. I am in awe and gratitude with the amazing gifts Reformation has received. We all should be proud of the gifts that Reformation has been able to give, and this is because of you, our faithful generous members, and friends. Together we are making a difference in the lives of people both locally and around the world.

If you look at the Monthly Newsletter or Weekly bulletin, you see a vibrant congregation. There are so many activities which range from Pre-School, Sunday School, Youth Group, Choirs, Senior Lunch Bunch, Connection Groups , Support Groups; God has done and continues to do amazing things!

Our successful Capital Campaign allowed us to complete the Pavilion ahead of schedule. We enjoyed many activities which included a Son-Rise service along with a wonderful place to gather for fellowship after the anniversary service. Reformation Sunday was a truly remarkable day!

I want to personally thank you in advance for your continued generous support of our mission at Reformation in 2026. Thank you for the privilege of serving with you as we strengthen our connections with God and each other.



John serves Communion alongside Bishop Bryan Penman at Reformation's 75th Anniversary worship.

Together in Christ,
John Grantland
Council President

MOST LIKELY TO: JUMP IN TO AN OPEN ROLE, JOB, OR TASK



FROM THE PASTORS

God's mercy is from age to age... (Luke 1:50)

Dear Reformation,

What an honor it is to be a part of the Reformation community at the same time as each of you! This year we joyfully celebrated Reformation's 75th Anniversary on Reformation Sunday, as well as our 75th Christmas. We saw former clergy, members, and friends from ages past. We were reminded that we are but one small part of what God is doing in this place then, now, and into the future. And above all, we believe that God is with us in every age.

It's a privilege to both see where Reformation has come from, and to help shape where it is going. Reformation has increasingly become a community far beyond our Sunday morning crowd - we are Reformation the congregation, whose parishioners span many counties and three states; we are Reformation School, with multiple programs educating hundreds of children each year; we are the physical space used by 16+ outside community groups, from Scouts to 12 Step groups and everything in between.

Reformation means many things to many people. We are grateful for all that it has meant to us, and to you, this year.

As we continue our Anniversary year, we look forward to our 75th Easter, and to the continued projects supported by our Capital Campaign.

May God continue to work in and through each of us in this, and every, age.

In gratitude,

Pastor Alina and Pastor Eileen



**MOST LIKELY TO: BE JUGGLING
MOVING PARTS OF WORSHIP**

INVITE ALL PEOPLE

MOST LIKELY TO: BE INCLUSIVE



BY THE NUMBERS...

 **12** NEW MEMBERS

 **10** BAPTISMS

 **10** FUNERALS



9 BIBLE PRESENTATIONS



9 FIRST COMMUNIONS



1 CONFIRMATION



1 WEDDING



VBS teaches children about our neighbors around the world, and that God's table has a place for everyone!

Pastor Eileen speaks to a Catholic school class about women in church leadership.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MOST LIKELY TO: ASK BIG (AND SMALL) FAITH QUESTIONS

At Reformation, we celebrate that children are the church here and now, not just the future of the church! This year we engaged with them in many ways:

Our youngest disciples (birth to age 3) met for monthly Small Stars infant and toddler faith formation class. Our elementary aged children participated in weekly Sunday School, summer Vacation Bible School, and group activities like Trunk or Treat and the Easter Egg Hunt. We engaged children in worship leadership in new ways this year, and created new tools and toys to help little hands, hearts, and voices worship God.

Our Youth were involved in many ways this year, from Confirmation to Breakfast Club to Youth Group! In addition, three of our teens participated in Interfaith Philadelphia's "Walking the Walk" leadership program throughout the year. We held Youth Service Camp and learned about justice issues and advocacy alongside hands-on service projects. We traveled to Tuscarora Retreat with congregations across the synod, and held an annual "Lock In" at Reformation for our middle and high school students.

Many thanks to all our adult leaders who have chaperoned, taught, and mentored our youngest disciples this year.



SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

MOST LIKELY TO:
BE GENEROUS



This year we continued to serve our neighbors near and far! Some highlights include:

- Packing 225 meal kits for our neighbors and food pantries in need.
- Providing groceries and gift cards to Second Time Around Parents & Migrant Ministries.
- Sharing Christmas gifts with the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Migrant Ministries, Lutheran Settlement House, Chester Eastside, Caring for Friends, & KenCrest.
- Supporting Phoenix Recovery Houses in toiletry kits and grocery gift cards.
- Teens making “pocket hugs” for Free Mom Hugs and sending notes of encouragement to Eastern PA Trans Equity Project.
- Teens packing sun safety kits for the Welcome Church and the unhoused community.

In addition to in-kind giving and service, we also practiced financial generosity, including:

2025 GENEROSITY

*as of December 31, 2025

Local
\$52,862

Synod
\$51,764

Global
\$48,279

TOTAL

\$152,905*

GLIMPSES OF THE FUTURE

MOST LIKELY TO: SUPPORT
FUTURE LEADERS

This year we saw many glimpses of the future Church! Our congregation was served by future and current seminary students, as well as celebrated current and past interns, as they continued in the path to rostered leadership in the ELCA.



Kendyll Ward served a third year as our Summer Intern before heading back for her senior year at Susquehanna University. Kendyll hopes to attend seminary after graduation.



Vicar Bruce completed his internship as he prepares to become a Deacon, focusing on accessibility and sustainability.



Vicar Megan came to us as a Reinhard Scholar and decided to stick around! She will serve as our Seminarian through the 2025-26 school year.



Our former intern Paula was ordained as a Deacon and called to Grace, Broomall to run their Wellness Center ministry.

MOST LIKELY TO:
LIVE OUT OUR FAITH

BUILD A LIVING FAITH



2025 marked our 30th anniversary of partnership with Pangani parish, Tanzania. Visitors from St. Luke, Devon's companion parish stopped by Reformation during their travels this year.

The Finding Spirituality in Nature Connection Group visited new places and strengthened new and old relationships.



A Community Action Collection Cabinet was installed and dedicated in memory of Steve Bingeman. This drop off site is a great place to leave donations when our office is closed!

CAMPAIGN SNAPSHOTS

MOST LIKELY TO: GO ABOVE AND BEYOND



2025 was Year 2 of our Life Abundant Capital Campaign! Work was done on landscaping, as well as installing a bench dedicated to Dave Chorney for all his work with campaign projects. The area for the Reflection Garden began to be prepped. Photo credit to Andrea Menta!



A flagpole area was installed near the pavilion to center secular events in the space, such as Scout ceremonies.



Dave Chorney crafted the cross at the pavilion that is the focal point for outdoor worship. It was front and center for Easter Sonrise service!



The pavilion got electricity this year and began to be used for events, such as the Lunch Bunch pictured here! It also held Easter worship, Palm Sunday celebration, a synod picnic, and a few private events.



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