

The Reformation

Reformation Evangelical
Lutheran Church
3670 Perkiomen Avenue
Reading, PA 19606

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Summer Worship 8:00 and 9:45 a.m.

No Sunday School

Until September 13th

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Reformation's Staff

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 Treasurer: Rod Kline

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West Berks Mission District
www.westberksmissiondistrict.org

NEPS Website: www.godslove.org

ELCA Website: www.elca.org

Health Ministry

Our blood pressure checks will continue throughout the summer on the third Sunday of the month. The next one will be July 19th in the Library. It has been received well by our Reformation family. Some local physicians have stated that this is a wonderful service that we are providing.

A special thank you to Judy Dorner for the donation of the automatic digital blood pressure monitors to provide the best blood pressure checks that we can. Thank you to all the nurses who have been volunteering their time for this ministry.

JULY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**Ushers**

July 5
 July 12
 July 19
 July 26

8:00 a.m.

Jim & Nadine Pizzola
 Bruce Seiz, Dave Shirey
 Greg & Teri Stoddard
 Randy & Muffy Reinecker

9:45 a.m.

Gerry Wegman, Haag Family
 Dave & Tammy Moser
 Bob & Kathy Galbraith
 Glenn Melanie Bechtel

Acolytes

July 5
 July 12
 July 19
 July 26

Sarah Galbraith
 Cade DiGuardi
 Eric Blackburn
 Michael Kern

Nathan Reinhart
 Michael Fost
 Sarah Galbraith
 Emily Moser

CD Recording Assistants

July 5
 July 12
 July 19
 July 26

Scott Galbraith
 Evan Reinsel
 Mike Kern
 Kevin Blackburn

CD Delivery Volunteers

Pam Schneeberger
 Julie Seiz
 Jane Farrell
 Blanche Link

Readers

July 5
 July 12
 July 19
 July 26

KC Kohler
 Greg Stoddard
 Tina Stanton
 Cal Booser

Angela Smith
 Lisa Sokoloff
 Anastasia Fantilli
 Angela Smith

Communion Assistants

July 5
 July 12
 July 19
 July 26

Aaron Hinnershitz
 Carol Kohler

Jon Howell-Clarke
 Judy Plica

Nursery

July 5
 July 12
 July 19
 July 26

Teri Stoddard
 Cindy Shirey
 Muffy Reinecker
 DeeDee Werner

Mosers, Robin Schaeffer
 Nadine Blackburn
 Chrystal & Maddie Fost
 Chris & Wendy Richards

Counters

Russ Clauser, Darren Remlinger, and Sara Lambert

Delegate Report of the Synod Assembly

Notice to the congregation: In order to conduct an effective public relations program, Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church shares news about activities and events that occur at the church with the local newspaper and our website. To do this, names, photos and video images could appear in the local media. Respecting the right to privacy, parents/guardians are asked to notify the church office if there are any objections to their child's name, photo, or video image appearing in any publication. Unless notified in writing, the church will assume it has consent for the release of a child's name, photograph, or video image. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Flower Chart- is located on the Bulletin Board outside of the Library. We are still in need of sponsors for Sundays throughout the church year. When you sponsor, you need only sponsor one vase at the cost of \$35.00 per vase. When you sponsor, you may put the flowers in memory, in honor of, or to the Glory of God. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the second service or take them to a shut-in. The office can provide you with a list of shut-ins who may be one of your neighbors. You could brighten their day with the altar flowers and a bulletin.

Directory Corrections

Eric and Cheryl Larson-1002 Owls Nest Dr, Reading, PA 19606

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Dorothy Pettit Phoebe Village, 1 Heidleberg Dr. Womelsdorf, PA 19565

JULY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

| <u>Altar Guild</u> | 8:00 a.m. | 9:45 a.m. |
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| | Cindy Shirey | Judy Zettlemyer |
| <u>Greeters</u> | | |
| July 5 | Melissa Howell-Clarke, DeAcostas | Joanne Reinhart, Barb Weir |
| July 12 | Greg & Teri Stoddard | John & Renee Donovan |
| July 19 | Schaeffers, Kathy Miller | Jim & Nancy Rhoads |
| July 26 | Linda Moyer, Darren Remlinger | Bob & Blanche Link |

Bulletin Helpers the week of

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| June 28 | Jean Lombardi |
| July 5 | Harriet and Russ Clauser |
| July 12 | Joanne Reinhart |
| July 19 | Cheryl Hadley |
| July 26 | Jane Humbert |
| August 2 | Richard and Dolores Noble |

As lay delegates to this year's Synod Assembly on June 5-6, 2009, we had a wonderful opportunity to serve Reformation Church. The assembly was held in Reading at the Sovereign Performing Arts Center.

There was a lot of lively, but civil discussion on the proposed social statement, *Human Sexuality, Gift and Trust*. This statement will be considered by the ELCA Churchwide Assembly this summer. With a majority of "yes" votes, the assembly encouraged the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to adopt the social statement and the Ministry Policy Recommendations.

Dawn Baxter, currently the director of the West Berks Mission District, was elected to Vice President of the Synod Council. Dawn will be taking over for Priscilla Kinney, who is finishing up her 2 terms and cannot be re-elected. The Vice President of the Synod Council has the same responsibilities as a traditional council president, reporting to the Bishop, as the Synod Council does not have a position for president.

Our own Don Smith was re-elected to Synod Council for an additional 3 year term.

In addition to the "business" sessions of the assembly, we were also given the opportunity to attend workshops. We participated in two workshops – one introduced us to the ELCA's new stewardship resource, "Make It Simple," and the other explored creative ministry programs and how to get funding. We obtained lots of information and ideas which we hope to share with the congregation in the coming months.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask when you see us, or call us.

Steve and Elisha Barnett— 610-301-9900

Join Us for Together @ 9

Summer Together @ 9's – Beginning on Sunday, June 21st, we will be gathering weekly between services for a time of fellowship and of course, some food. There is a list of all serving committees on the kiosk. Please plan on joining us each Sunday for good food and fellowship.





Summer Choir Is Back

SUMMER CHOIR

As summer approaches, the rhythms of your daily life may change also. Summer Choir offers a more relaxed musical opportunity and a great opportunity for fellowship. No need to sign up, just come.

Summer Choir welcomes everyone in grade seven and older. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 8:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Summer Choir provides special music and choral leadership at both services throughout the summer. Those choir members who want to attend the early service can attend the early service. Those who prefer the late service can attend that one.

You don't need to read music to be part of the choir. You can take time out for your own summer vacation. Summer Choir is an opportunity to learn and to grow. It's a chance to have some fun and fellowship. It's also a great opportunity for youth and adults to join together in making music.

To learn more, speak with Kathryn Fellman in person, email ReformationMusic@msn.com, or call 610-777-4894.

Church Website

Visit our new and more user friendly site at www.reformationlutheran.org. You can find up- to- date information about the church. There are many things that can be downloaded and printed right from your computer including Vacation Bible School applications, Scholarship applications and building usage forms, to name a few. Check out all the great pictures. You may just see yourself in one.



Use your values to guide financial decisions

Your values serve as an important foundation for how you manage your money. They're the things that are most important to you—for example, your faith, family, friends, health, education or giving back. Your values give you a rock-solid sense of who you are and what you believe in.

Your values come from experiences in life. They also drive your decisions and actions. For example, if you value your health, you may exercise daily. If you value learning, you may continue your education by attending classes.

Developing a clear and compelling list of your values makes it easier to choose how you want to use your time, talents and treasures.

When it comes to your money, you have three choices:

1. share
2. save
3. spend

As a steward of your resources, having a guideline for how you use your money can be helpful.

What's more, your values can be a clear, consistent guide to who you are and what you want to become. Investing time and energy to define your values and then aligning your actions with your values is a powerful way to achieve your financial goals and live the life of your dreams.

For more information on how your values can help you achieve your financial

August Newsletter Deadline — July 19, 2009

Please use the green forms for newsletter and bulletin articles. They are available in the narthex and library or e-mail mail@reformationlutheran.org. Articles received after the due date will not be able to be included in that newsletter. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Deadline for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Deadline for committee reports for council is July 15th.

Tanzania Update

Plane tickets are purchased, visa applications are in, preparations have begun for Pastor Steve and Teri Stoddard to travel with St Paul's - Fleetwood to the South Central Diocese of Tanzania in September. Five congregations are sending representatives to visit their partner congregations. The congregations are: Reformation, St. Paul's - Fleetwood, Friedens, St. John's - Whitehall and St. Peter's - Bethlehem. The trip will last from September 15 through September 30.



The itinerary is:

- Sept 15 - 17 - Travel Reading to Dar es Salaam
- Sept 17 - 18 - Travel over land to Bulongwa. Night of Sept 17 is spent at Mikumi Game Park
- Sept 19 - 26 - Live with partner congregations
- Sept 27 - 28 - Travel back to Dar es Salaam
- Sept 29 - 30 - Travel back to Reading.

Plans are to send gifts to Utanziwa with our travelers. Some will be for the church, like a multi-colored altar cloth, communion chalice, and communion glasses. Some will be for the people and children such as the sewing kits, prayer shawls, notebooks and pens, craft items and an album about Reformation. They will carry as many as possible and ship the rest. There will be opportunities to be involved for all interested. See a member of the Tanzania Partnership Committee if you can help. They are: Steve Fellman, Carol Kohler, Alison Reinsel, Shelby Rutherford, and Teri Stoddard.



Opportunity House July 16

Food Preparers: Please meet at the church by 2:00 p.m.

JoAnn Smith , Bonnie Claycomb, Ted Wickert, Cheryl Hadley

Shopping Duty: Ted Wickert

Substitute: Nancy Hemberger

Servers: 6:30 p.m.at church or 6:45 p.m.at the shelter

Jerry Centofanti, Patti & Rod Kline and Becky & Mick Schaeffer

Substitute: Terry Adams

Bakers: Melodie Burkey, Bonnie Claycomb, Misedy Howell-Clarke & Minnie Kemp

Substitute: Alison Reinsel



To All Volunteers:

Please call Frances Stuebner if you can or cannot prepare, serve, or bake on the designated date. (610) 320-0296.



ADOPT-A-FLOWERBED!

Remember to sign up !

It's that time of year again!

The mulch is down, flowers are planted but weeds continue to grow. To maintain the flowerbeds, we need continued help.

Please consider adopting a flowerbed on our property and helping to maintain it until the Fall season. Look for the chart hanging on the kiosk.

With much appreciation,
The Property Committee



WELCA'S Bible Study – In July we will continue to look at Mary's life, especially the intergenerational friendships and blessings she had. And in August we will look at Mary as a single widowed woman. Come and join us. We start at 7:00 p.m. and close our session around 9:00 p.m. with light refreshments. The Bible study is found in Lutheran Woman Today magazine, but you need not have one to come. We will gladly share ours with you. The study can also be found online at <http://lutheranwomantoday.org>.

Prayer Shawls—We are not meeting for the summer, but we are working on shawls for Utanziwa. The shawls will be our gifts from Reformation. Pastor Steve and Teri Stoddard will deliver them when they visit this fall. We need the shawls by early September, so keep knitting and crocheting, and God Bless.

Summer Bible Studies:

July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

August 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Office Help Needed



Please consider using your gifts to volunteer time in our church office. We need help in all areas. Some examples are answering phones, filing, typing up newsletter articles, folding bulletins and putting together the news-



letter for mailing, calling weekly service participants and doing general office duties. We also need help with our website. Call the church office with any times that you can help. (610-779-0534)

REFORMATION PARTNERS WITH HOPE TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Our partner congregation, Hope Lutheran Church, in northwest Reading conducts a food pantry to serve those in need in its neighborhood.

During May, 227 households were served. Those households included 566 children, 461 adults and 46 elderly who received food.

Our financial contributions help Hope with this very important ministry. Please participate in the special offering that is taken on the second Sunday of every month.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink’.....’Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’.....’I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matt. 25:35-40)



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Social ministry will be collecting underwear this July for those in the shelters in our area. Although, we are fortunate enough to not have to think about underwear for ourselves, consider a purchase for the people in the shelters. The most urgently needed items are men's sizes, but women and children are needed as well. If you choose to purchase socks, we will also be collecting them. Please consider our brothers and sisters less fortunate at this time.

Thank you for your continued support of this very important ministry. Please look for our Christmas tree and boxes in the narthex of the church.

Thank you
Social Ministry Committee



NEW SESSION BEGINNING

As many of us here at Reformation know from painful personal experience, grieving the death of a loved one is difficult. Often we find ourselves feeling like we're being pushed into rushing a process that truly has no timetable.

Because of this, I encourage you to consider GriefShare. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall. Topics vary from week to week and each session "stands alone" so that if your schedule doesn't permit attendance each week, you can still benefit when you can come.

In addition to being Bible based and Christ centered, one of the best things about GriefShare is that we talk and share together with others who are experiencing loss. As a result, there is no sense of being uncomfortable with each other's thoughts and feelings. We practice confidentiality in the group and pray each other through the rough times.

The next cycle of GriefShare will begin on July 30th. I invite you to come and even bring extended family members with you if possible. I will look forward to journeying from mourning to joy with you.

Serving Jesus,
Judy Plica



Worship Leadership & Church Volunteers Booklet- Please pick up a copy of this new booklet in the narthex. The booklet covers April to October. If for any reason you are not able to help on your assigned date, please find a replacement for that Sunday and let the office know by the Wednesday before you were scheduled. Please submit any changes to the booklet by July 30th. We will be printing the new booklet that will consist of November through December worship Leadership and church volunteers. Call Patti Kline or the office. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

FAMILY PROMISE TRAINING

Sunday, July 12 at 10:45, Gwen Didden will help us to be prepared for our guests. Even if you have attended a training in the past, this is an opportunity to receive updates about the program and hear about the new things they have recently added to the program. It is also a great time to ask any questions you may have for the director about the program. Please try to attend. We will set the bedrooms up after the training.

JULY 12th to the 19th FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Please help us welcome the families into our church family. There are many opportunities that are part of this ministry. Please visit the table in the narthex and consider what you can do to support the families.

Things that we are in need of for the families include men's and women's deodorants, chapstick, hair combs in individual pkgs, small tissue packs, feminine hygiene articles, nail clippers, and emery boards. We make up hospitality baskets for each bedroom with toiletries for the families. We also need single sheet sets with pillow cases.

If you can help with setting up the bedrooms for the week, please call the church office 610-770-0534.

If you are able to bring any of these items, please sign the list on the table in the narthex. These are some of the foods needed for the week for breakfast and lunch:

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| Individual yogurts | Bagels |
| Individual juice boxes | Bread |
| Lunchbox snacks (individual) | Butter |
| Orange juice | Cream Cheese |
| Fresh fruit | Milk |
| Individual fruits or applesauce | Lunch meat |
| English muffins | Paper Products |
| Cereal | Pudding cups |

Thank you for your continued help with this ministry.



Prayer List for July



Please keep the following in your prayers for the coming month. If you would like to place a name on the prayer list, please call the information to Cheryl Hadley at 610-779-7901 or email her at chrylhdlly@yahoo.com. To place someone's name on the list please be sure you have their permission to do so. We will keep their name on the list for one month. If the name needs to remain on the list for the next month, just call Cheryl with an update.

Reformation Family: Jayne Phillips, Reynold Miller, Mildred Arner, Marion Henne, Dorothy Oswald, Dorothy Pettit, Grace Sanna, Marguerite Scholl, Pearl Gerth, Skyler Reed, Dorothy Arndt, Steve Barnett, Barney Bombay, Genevive Cloak, Hazel Cosentino, Sue Wood, Jay Yerger, Julia Seiz, David O'Leary, and friends and family of Lucille Strause.

Friends of Reformation: Ethel Keller, Lori Koehler, Dennis Herwerden, Ann Schaeffer, Dolores Hilbert, Ryan Weber, Paul O'Leary, Patricia Pillion, Daniel Heffner, Michael, Matthew Tobias, Ronald Roland, Rita McHale, Bob Korn, Joe & Deb Gargiulo, Krista Stone, Bryant Domina, Tori Jones and family, Terry Keiser, Elvia Cataldo, Kate Schimmel, Connor McKemey, Ronald Hawk, Woodrow Warren, Liz Rothermel, Karen Heck, Melissa Bennett, Don and Joan Hinkle, Michael Swartz,,Maureen Manzella, Miriam Nein, Marilyn Hoogenboom, and family and friends of Francis Gilbert.

Please contact Cheryl Hadley if you are interested in helping with this ministry. Please call the church office at 610-779-0534 or Cheryl at 610-779-7901.



Tips for Healthy and Safe Family Reunions

“Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live **safely** in the land.” Leviticus 25:18

Plan healthy meals, snacks, and drinks.

Eating and exchanging recipes is a big part of family reunions. Use this opportunity to adapt recipes, snacks, and beverages to incorporate healthier options that are lower in saturated fat, salt, and calories.

Prepare food safely.

Make the most of the fun by making sure your food remains safe.

- **Cook** meat, poultry and eggs thoroughly.
- **Separate:** don't cross-contaminate one food with another.
- **Chill:** refrigerate leftovers promptly.
- **Clean:** wash produce and hands.

Report: suspected foodborne illnesses to your local public health department.

Know and share your family health history.

Family health history is one of the most important things that may increase your chance for health problems like heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer. Use the family reunion as a time to talk about family health. Let members know about health issues that are common in the family. Add steps that can be taken to help prevent or control health issues into activities at the family reunion.

Travel safely, and be prepared.

Be prepared no matter how far you are traveling. Avoid drinking and driving, and make sure adults and children are buckled up in motor vehicles. If you are taking a cruise, check ship inspection scores. Make sure you've had all appropriate vaccinations for your destination.

Be safe.

Have lots of fun, but take precautions to make sure that family and friends are safe, especially outdoors and while traveling. This includes leaving fireworks to the professionals, avoiding heat-related illness, practicing sun and water safety, wearing appropriate safety gear and more.

Be active.

Some reunion plans may involve walking, hiking, dancing, tennis, bowling or other fun activities. All of these activities can contribute to our daily need for physical activity to stay fit. Adults should get 2 ½ hours a week and kids should get 1 hour a day of physical activity. Include activities that raise breathing and heart rates and that strengthen muscles and bones.

Go green.

Use products that can easily be reused or recycled. Reduce or prevent waste. Recycle items, such as glass, plastic and paper. *I suggest a 5 gallon water cooler instead of plastic bottles. Each person can have their own reusable cup.*

Info from www.cdc.gov Judy Laubenstein, Director of Senior Adult Ministry Atlantic North east District Church of the Brethren

The Tulpehocken Creek

O the peace of a country setting,
Rolling hills and valleys too
With God's carpet of green beneath our feet
And above,—a sky of blue.

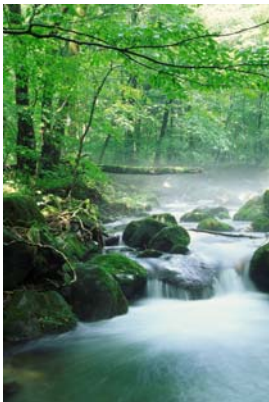
O the calm of a peaceful river
In the meadow, flowing by
Filled with fish, and turtles, and watercress
And with jewel-weed growing nigh.

With everygreen upon the hills
With maples and sycamores,—
I'd like to remain forever
Forget about earthly chores.

With programs, music, and picnics
Amphitheater, Red Bridge, Grings Mill
The Heritage Center, or travel the towpath,—
God's world is out there still.

'Tis a garden that's prepared for us
Beautiful, peaceful and free,
By the lovely Tulpehocken.
Take time to go and see.

By Catharine Reed



The Shed Has Arrived!

Habitat for Humanity dropped a shed kit off on our property on June 22 . We are going to build it and have it finished by Nov.1st, and then they will pick it up and deliver it to one of the houses that they are building on Monroe St. in Reading. A schedule will be posted in the Narthex for work sessions throughout the summer. The sessions will involve the 7th-9th graders and their family/mentors, but everyone is welcome to help with this project. The men's group has raised \$750 toward the \$1,000.00 shed kit price. VBS is giving any monies during their program offering on the last day. If any one is interested in contributing to this project, it would be appreciated.



Submitted by Jeanne Gochauer

OUR YOUTH NEED YOUR HELP

For the past few years Kathy Galbraith and Nadine Blackburn have been serving as advisors for the Jumping Juniors youth group (Grades 3-6). We thank them for their dedicated service to our youth. Their Jumping Juniors children will now be in seventh grade, and Kathy and Nadine have volunteered to be advisors for the GGGs Youth Group (Grades 7&8).

Carole Miller has volunteered to be an advisor for the Jumping Juniors, and we thank her for being willing to serve in this position. But she will need your help. If you are interested in working with the Jumping Juniors and helping Carol, call Terry Trumbauer (610-582-5950).

Thank you,
The Youth Ministry Committee



PICNIC THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made our Picnic such a success. It was a beautiful day for our worship to be outdoors. The music provided by our choirs was excellent, and our charming dance that concluded the service was very unique. We had a great meal provided by our Reformation family and our cooks (Rich Hawk, Gary Phillips, and Tate Dewalt), our Beverage Provider (the Gochnauer Family) and our Set-Up and Clean-up and/or table & cooler providers: Jane Humbert, Shelby Rutherford, Tim Dewalt, Gerry Wegman, & Scott & Brenda Haag. We want to thank The Hospitality Committee especially Shirley Harner and Joanne Scattergood for such a great job in organizing the meal. For making the day more complete, we would like to thank the Exeter Community Band for such a wonderful concert that they preformed for us all. It was a great day blessed by God.



West Berks Mission District

Dear Members and Friends of Reformation,

Thank you for sharing your gifts and hospitality with the participants of 2009 Synod Assembly. May God continue to guide the mission of the church as we serve.

God's Peace,

Liz Charles and Pastor Kehler



Thank you

Dear Reformation Family,

Thank you so much for the care package! It was so nice of you to think of me. The care package really helped me get through finals! Thanks again!

Andrea Gochnauer

Dear members of Reformation,

I'd like to thank you for sending me the care package during final exam week this spring. Finding the package at my door was a nice surprise during the stressful week, and it didn't take long for the food to disappear. It's nice to know there are so many people thinking of you when it sometimes seems a prayer is the only thing that is going to get you through an exam! Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Andy Dobroskey

Dear Reformation family,

Words cannot express my appreciation and the appreciation of my family for the outpouring of love and support you offered at the time of my mother's death. Pastor Steve, your tribute was wonderful, heartfelt and true to my Mom. Bonnie, the luncheon was perfect in every way. Please tell your hospitality committee they are awesome. Cindy, you were so easy to work with; no request was too much trouble. When I look back on the day, I feel nothing but pleasure and joy. It was so important to me to give my Mom the celebration she deserved, and without all of you and your volunteers, that would not have happened. It was exactly what I hoped for. God bless you and keep you.

Fondly, Ami Butta

Mrs. Shirey,

Please confer my thanks to those of the congregation who gave me spiritual help with their words and cards, and the gustatory help of their delicious soups.

Harold Strause



West Berks Mission District

OPERATION BOOK-BAG 2009

Once again, we will be collecting school supplies to be donated to the elementary and intermediate schools in the Reading School District. Each year many students arrive on the first days of school without the essential items they need. Our Book-Bag Ministry is greatly appreciated by both the students and the school staff. All items should be brought to the WBMD office by **Friday, August 14th**. (Please call before delivering to be sure someone will be in the office.) Book-bags will be filled and delivered to the schools the following week. Monetary donations are also appreciated; make checks payable to: West Berks Mission District – memo: **“Operation Book-Bag.”**

Reformation will collect these items during VBS.

Any questions? Contact Dick at WBMD via email at Dick@WestBerksMissionDistrict.org or 610-375-8303.

These are the items that are being requested:

Elementary -

Crayons
Erasers
Primer Tablets
Ruler
#2 Pencils
Glue Sticks
Construction Paper
Safety Scissors
Pencil Box or Bag
(Black)
Small packs of Tissues
Backpack/ Book-bag

Middle School -

3 or 5 Subject Notebooks
Notebook Paper
Assignment Book
Highlighters
Tissues
Calculator
Erasers
#2 Pencils
Pens (Blue or
Black)
Colored Pencils
Backpack/ Book-bag



Thanks for your support of this important ministry!

FROM MY HEART TO YOURS

Every now and then something comes to my attention that is soooo good I need to share it with others! I still receive the monthly newsletter from Mikes's "home church" in Western PA, and the following message was included recently. It has given me a lot of "food for thought" to be more aware of how easy "things in this world" (ie, cell phones in this case.) can crowd out "things of God" (ie, the Bible, in this case). So, my brothers and sisters in Christ, may I suggest a self-evaluation and correction/adjustment as needed?? Be Blessed!

Serving Jesus, Judy Plica

Cell phone vs. Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a say?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to our kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

This is something to make you gohmm....where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about the Bible being disconnected.

Jesus already paid the bill.



2009 GRADUATES

Congratulations to all the High School Graduates and College Graduates from our Reformation family. May God continue to bless you in all areas of your lives. We hope to see you soon.

High School

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| Gregory Ballinger | Kristian Kohler |
| Kevin Blackburn | Benjamin Lambert |
| Tyler Broome | Lauren Powell |
| Lauren DeAcosta | Evan Reinsel |
| Sarah Dobroskey | Abby Ryder |
| Erin Donovan | Jordon Seiz |
| Kari Hornberger | Kelly Shirey |
| Sarah Mulvey | Jack DeGroote |
| Tyler Lubas | Colin Shober |

Universities & Colleges

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|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ashley Davis | Millersville University |
| Kelly Dewald | University of Pittsburgh |
| Meghan Dewald | Indiana University |
| Lauren Knockstead | Reading Area Community College |
| Jason Koslow | Reading Area Community College |
| Anthony Marks | Chi Institute |
| Matthew Miller | Elizabethtown College |
| Kelsey Powell | Albright College |
| Alex Smith | Dickinson School of Law |

We are sorry if we have missed anyone; please call the office with the information so we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.