

BAOBAB BLAST VBS
God's Great Get Together
July 11- July 15
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Elephants, Monkeys, Giraffes --Oh My!

There will be a zebra and meercat, too, at our Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School. Youngsters from preschool age through grade six are encouraged to gather to experience Madagascar Music, Grassland Games, Kalahari Crafts, Savannah Snacks and fun, fun, fun.

Don't miss out, register now for God's Great Get - Together at our Baobab Blast VBS



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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

Articles for the *Reformation Times* should be emailed to Sandy Niss at ssmlniss@verizon.net by the second Friday of each month.

SUNDAYS IN JULY

July 4 – Celebrating Religious Liberty

Today as our nation celebrates Independence Day, Reformation's worship will focus on freedom of religion as Dr. Henry Muhlenberg is asked to provide the views of Philadelphia area clergy to framers of the constitution. After each worship service we will enjoy hotdogs, popcorn and punch on the lawn. Join us for a festive celebration at 8:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.

July 11 –Pennsylvania-Pangani Sunday – Created for community

This morning we begin an extended preaching series – “Preaching through the Bible.” Essential texts and biblical events will be the focus as we begin with Adam and Eve. It is also a day to celebrate our partnership with Pangani Lutheran Church, an annual event in which each congregation follows a similar worship format and special fellowship times after each service.

Worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

July 18 – Preaching through the Bible – When kids rebel (VBS Sunday)

Our preaching series moves to the story of Cain and Abel and issues of sibling rivalry, rebellion and tragedy as sins grip moves from generation to generation.

Worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

July 25 – Preaching through the Bible – Noah's Ark

One of the favorite stories of the Bible is that of Noah's Ark. What can we learn about God from this watershed moment and what does it mean for us?

Worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

August 1 – Preaching through the Bible – A New Beginning

Abraham and Sarah mark the beginning of a new era of Biblical history as God decides to try a different way to save humanity. We follow the ups and downs of their faith journey.

Worship services at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL NOTES

- Congratulated Evangelism Ministry on its “Magnet Month” worship attendance emphasis and encouraged members to use the car magnets to increase the visibility of Reformation in our community.
- Elected officers for the coming year: Deb Felton for a second year as president; Andy Benzing for a first year as vice-president; Tom Conroy as Treasurer and Carol Steinbrecher as Secretary.
- Noted that special gifts have been given to allow for a computer upgrade in the offices.
- Authorized the president to appoint a task force to develop a proposal to fund the costs of connecting to public sewer and mortgage commitments. Dick Hughey has agreed to chair the effort.
- Noted the Vacation Bible School plans are going well and encouraged members to register their children for the July 11-15 program.
- Reported that the Long-range planning implementation team is refining the goals and will report on final proposals in July.
- Reported that expenses are slightly behind income through May and encouraged members to remain up to date with their contributions during the summer months.



O. W. L. S.

Older, Wiser, Lutherans

On June 21, the OWLs joined with the Middletown Presbyterian Prime Time group for our last meeting. We will not meet again until fall, when Program Director, Tom Gibson, will have some exciting new programs for us.

At Middletown Pres we enjoyed singing and hearing songs, mostly from the World War II era. Gladys Martin and Andy also entertained us with their piano virtuosity. For lunch, Andy and his helpers served a delicious roast beef meal. We hope that the Prime Timers will join us next season at Reformation!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Smoose and Pastor London will be leading two different Bible Studies this summer. Please see below for information regarding both sessions.

A Gardener, Two Travelers and A Cheat

Join Pastor Smoose for four Wednesday’s as we look at Adam, Abraham, Sarah and Jacob – four key figures in the early chapters of Genesis. The interactive studies are designed to help look at how these biblical celebrities have a lot to teach us as we journey through life.

Sessions are self-contained, so you can attend as many sessions as your schedule allows.

WEDNESDAYS on:

June 23: Adam -- 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

June 30: Abraham -- 11:00 or 7:00 p.m.

July 7: Sarah -- 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

July 14 : NO Study – VBS Week

July 21: Jacob – 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Earthbound:

Created and Called To Care for Creation

Join Pastor Anita for this timely series in which we will examine the origins of our call to care for creation as our vocation and how God’s people are living out that call throughout the Church.

**Wednesdays (Aug 4, 11, 18 and 25)
at 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.**

PARISH NURSE



Pat Woerheide

We all know the importance of using sunscreen to protect our skin from the sun's harmful rays, but what about protection for our eyes? July is UV Safety Month and eye doctors across the nation are urging Americans to protect their eyes by wearing sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats. Did you know that 80% of eye damage from UV rays occurs before the age of 18.

Recent studies have shown that prolonged exposure to the sun's invisible, high energy ultraviolet rays without protection may cause eye conditions that can lead to vision loss, such as cataracts and age-related macular degeneration. During the summer months, the level of ultraviolet radiation is three times greater than in the winter. Don't forget the kids-- protect their eyes with hats and sunglasses. Also, try to keep children out of the sun between 10:00. a.m. and 2:00 p.m. when the sun's ultraviolet rays are the strongest

But what type of sunglasses should you buy? Purchase sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of UV-A and UV-B rays. The ability to block UV light is not dependent on the darkness of the lens. UV protection can come from adding chemicals to the lens material during manufacturing or from a chemical coating applied to the lens surface. As for the cost, many \$10 sunglasses provide equal or greater protection than a \$100 pair. With expensive sunglasses, you're paying for style, frame quality and options such as scratch-resistant coatings and not protective UV ray blocking ability.

In addition to the damage caused by repeated sun exposure overtime, you need to protect your eyes from acute damage caused by a single day in the sun. Excessive exposure to ultraviolet light reflected off sand, snow or pavement can burn the eye's surface. Similar to sunburns, eye surface burns usually disappear within a couple of days, but may lead to further complications later in life. Have fun in the sun, but remember to protect your eyes!

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WAYNE NORTON MEMORIAL GARDEN

Everyone who knew Wayne Norton respected him for his dedication to his family, church, work, and community. Last year, after losing his hard-fought battle with lung cancer, people from many areas of his life filled the church for his memorial service. This past June, Representatives from those same groups—family, students, colleagues, friends—attended the dedication of a memorial garden at Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades, where Wayne worked for many years. Wayne's wife, Beverly, and his children (Brynne, Brianne, Brant, and Brett), Pastor Smoose and friends from Reformation heard how the beautiful display of plants and flagstone path surrounding a shady tree will be a teaching garden for future Horticulture students at Williamson. What an appropriate memorial for a man who so loved both gardens and teaching,



FROM THE LIBRARY

Did you see our new bulletin board about summer reading? Reformation's library is the perfect place to find reading material for your summer vacation and relaxation. Sunday is the perfect day to check out new books, magazines, and DVDs and to return the ones you've finished. Just put all materials into the return box under the shelves opposite the choir room. Enjoy a few good books this summer!

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Our Freedom Of Religion**

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(June 23 to August 25... no class on July 14)

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Summer Worship Schedule

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