

Atonement in Action

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Worship service times

Sundays through 9/18:

8:15 and 10:00 a.m.

Fall schedule begins
September 25:

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Worship

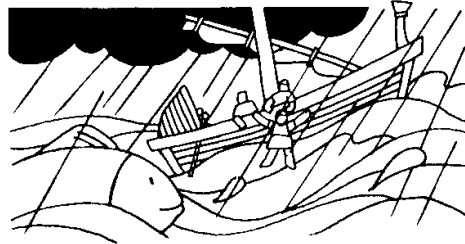
9:45 a.m.

Sunday School



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A Different Kind of Rally Day

Rally Day will take place on September 18 this year. That's not all that unusual. What is different is that it won't take place during the Sunday School hour but instead during the 10:00 a.m. worship service that day. (Notice that our summer hours are being extended a bit because of the anniversary of 9/11 and this different approach to Rally Day.) Worship will be family and children friendly and will focus on the familiar story of Jonah. Rumor is that there will be a big fish present and that the children's sermon will be particularly memorable. Afterward, we are hoping that young and old, single and family alike will make the trek to Happy Hollow for our church picnic activities.

September Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule will extend into September a bit farther this year, so we thought it would be a good idea to provide you with this schedule:

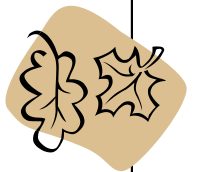
Sunday, September 4
8:15 and 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 7
Common Ground
Recovery Worship
7:30 p.m. in Lundin Hall
All are welcome!

Sunday, September 11
8:15 and 10:00 a.m.
Anniversary of 9/11/01

Sunday, September 18
8:15 and 10:00 a.m.
Rally Day at late worship service
Church picnic at Happy Hollow

Sunday, September 25
Resume regular worship schedule
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
First day of Sunday School and
Adult Studies



Confirmation Info Meeting

The confirmation program here at Atonement is geared for those young people in the 7th or 8th grades. If you are interested in being part of or already are part of the confirmation program, there will an informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Many things have changed from previous years, so all participants should be in attendance. Contact Pastor Lee with questions.

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From Pastor Summy: Summer's Gone

If you are reading this, it must be September.

Where did the summer go? Did you have a chance to relax, renew? Did you get away for vacation? Has the summer left you feeling refreshed and ready to go or are you still wondering how it got away?

Chris and I managed some time in our favorite place, Cape May, and I got to see a couple days of the U.S. Open golf championship and to play some golf myself. Some books were read. Some bike rides were taken. Some good food was consumed. Some long, leisurely conversations were enjoyed.

So, yes, we found some chance to relax and renew. How about you?

Even so, I am aware that too many members of our congregation have died since Easter. The longer I am here the deeper my grief over the deaths of those I have come to know and care for over these last five years. It is perhaps the most privileged part of my call—people entrusting me with the final ritual of a loved one's life. But it also takes some wind out of my sails for awhile while I try to allow some time and energy for my own grief.

Part of the summer was not quiet at all because of our initial offering of the Alpha course. We expected to have, maybe, 15-20 participants which we would split into a couple of small groups. It would be a good way to learn about the process and the course itself, to figure out if we liked it and whether or not we would want to do it again, we thought. Instead, over 80 people signed up. Even with folks away on vacation throughout the summer, we have had well over 60 people participate each week. We filled the building with small groups. The buzz at dinner, in the small groups, in the hallways is wonderful! New relationships are forming. People are thinking about God and their faith in ways they haven't before or haven't in a long time.

As I write this, we are not quite sure what will follow this program. Perhaps several small groups will form as early as October. And maybe we will offer Alpha again in January. Let me know what

you think. Let me know what you want to know. Let me know what you would like to do.

In a couple of weeks a crew of us will be installing flower boxes (and planting fall flowers) on the porches of houses around the Goggleworks as part of a City of Reading and Flower Boxes of Love initiative. The idea is not only to add beauty to the block but also to forge relationships that would not have been possible otherwise. It's not too late to sign up. See the flower box display in the narthex.

The 10th anniversary of 9/11, Rally Day, the Historical Tour and Celebration of the Arts...all coming up, all important opportunities for reflection and action and fellowship.

Yep, for all practical purposes, the summer is essentially gone. But God's love for us in all circumstances of our individual lives and our life together, God's call to us to love one another and to reach out in care, and our gifts and abilities given in response to that call are for all seasons.

Autumn is closing in. Time to rally. Time to worship, learn and serve.

A Lutheran Pilgrim in Italy



What does a pilgrim look like in the 21st century? More specifically, what is a Lutheran pilgrim? And what is a Lutheran pilgrim doing in Italy, of all places? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Tom Yenser shares some of the adventures, oddities and awe-inspiring moments from his Italian sojourn. He promises that his PowerPoint presentation will not be just another boring travelogue. After all, while in Florence, he crossed paths with Snooki! This adult forum will meet on Sunday, September 25, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Lundin Hall.

Council Corner

In the absence of Council President, Ed Hein, Pastor Summy led the meeting.

Highlights:

It was noted by Ed Kern, finance chair, that our budget continues to be positive even in the normally slower summer months. Giving is ahead of budget and expenses. August's numbers are not yet in, of course, but, overall, there is a sense of cautious optimism.

Funds from the endowment fund to support our two seminarians, Tom Scornavacchi and Tony Setley, were approved.

Approved a recommendation to increase Common Ground Recovery worship service from the first Wednesday of the month to first and third Wednesdays. The third Wednesday service will take the place of the more traditional communion service that was held in the past. Yet to be determined is whether there will sometimes be a fourth Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer service.

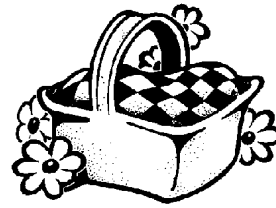
Approved hiring seminarian Tom Scornavacchi part-time (approx. 25 hours per month) through the end of the calendar year.

Agreed to supplement, if needed, the purchase of at least 20 flower boxes for the Flower Box Project in Reading. (It appears at this juncture that we will have sufficient donations to cover the purchase of at least that many boxes.)

It was noted that Director of Music, Tom Yenser, would be serving as a voting member at the Bi-Annual Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Returns October 23

Because of the vagaries of the schedule this fall, the Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will not resume until Sunday, October 23. We will start with a look at the Passion story in all four gospels and then move on to a study of the Acts of the Apostles. Pastor Summy leads.



Church Picnic

The Atonement community is invited to a picnic on Sunday, September 18 at Happy Hollow. The picnic will begin after the 10:00 a.m. Rally Day worship service that morning.

RSVP by Sunday, September 11 with the number of adults and children in your party by signing up on the clipboard in the narthex or contacting the church office or Bryan Wang at bryan_s_wang@yahoo.com or 610-743-3982.

Barbeque chicken and drinks will be provided (a free will offering will be collected to help cover costs), along with entertainment and games for all. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. (Label your dishes and serving utensils.)

In the event of inclement weather the picnic will held in the church. We look forward to seeing you for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship!

Kate Aurentz, Linda Lengle, Tom Shirk,
Randy Skokowski, Bryan and Karen Wang



CROP Walk

Save the date!!

The 30th annual Reading Crop Walk will be held on Sunday Oct. 9th at Gring's Mill. When everyone gives a little, we can help a lot.



The Top Six Reasons for Joining the Church Choir

6. You're running out of clean clothes and the robe saves on laundry.
5. You want to make sure that nobody ever takes your seat in church.
4. You've just received notice that you have jury duty, and you want to get used to sitting with a large group of people.
3. The offering plates are never passed to the choir.
2. There's a clock in the back of the church, and you want to time the pastor's sermon.



And the number one reason for joining the church choir:

1. For years you have wanted to know who sits in the back of the church, but you were afraid to turn around and look!

Even if these reasons don't apply to you, please consider joining one of Atonement's musical ensembles this year. All of our music groups provide members with opportunities to increase musical skills, learn more about our faith, participate in a small group that offers friendship and support, and serve God by leading in worship. Check out the groups below and find the one that's right for you!

Atonement Choir

College-age and adults
Meets Thursdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
First rehearsal: September 22
Sings weekly in worship

Youth Choristers

Grades 7-12
Meets Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
First rehearsal: September 28
Sings monthly in worship

Treble Choir

Grades 3-6
Meets Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15 p.m.
First rehearsal: September 28
Sings monthly in worship

Flute Ensemble

Youth and adults
Meets Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
First rehearsal: September 20; for more information, contact director John Shuman, 610-375-1776.

Laudate Choir

Grades K-2
Meets Mondays, 4:15-5:00 p.m.
First rehearsal: September 26
Sings in worship 4-5 times each year

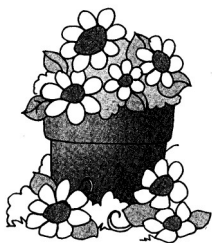
Atonement Ringers

High school and adults
Meets Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
First rehearsal: September 20
Rings in worship monthly

Praise Band

Youth and adults, instrumentalists and singers
Meets as needed, most often on Mondays or Thursdays, 6:15-7:30 p.m.
First worship service: September 18
For rehearsal schedule and more information, contact Tom Yenser, 610-375-3512 or tyenser@atonementwyo.org

Flower Box Project



We will be installing flower boxes on a city block in the Ricktown area of Reading, near the Goggle works, on **Saturday, September 10** at a time to be announced. This is part of a program supported by the Reading Mayor's office called Flower Boxes of Love. The hope is to beautify but also to build relationships that would not likely otherwise blossom. Please see the sign up information at the Flower Box display in the narthex or contact Pastor Summy for more information. A special thanks to the service project committee, Ray Warmkessel, Dorothy Delong, Linda Lengle and Patty Keisel, for their work in making this happen.

The Arts At Atonement 2011-2012

We cordially invite you to attend our new season of arts events. An array of outstanding performances appealing to a broad range of tastes will begin September 2011 and continue through April 2012. Other events may be added later; check the church newsletter or local media sources for listings.

Celebration of the Arts weekend – September 30-October 2 (see more complete information on page 6)

Friday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.

Opening Reception in Lundin Hall, featuring refreshments, music, and artwork for sale.

Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Art gallery is open during Historic Property Tour; food and artwork for sale.

Sunday, October 2, 9:45 a.m.

Adult Forum in Lundin Hall – “Kindness and Compassion” – feature artist Bruce Becker recounts his involvement with the Amish during the time of the shootings at the Nickel Mines schoolhouse.

Sunday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.

The Night of the Divas, benefit concert for The Arts at Atonement (suggested donation \$20) featuring six female vocalists, followed by a reception in Lundin Hall with artwork for sale.

Sunday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.

Glacier Soundscapes, a collection of original music written by Jill Haley, oboe and French horn; with Tom Yenser, piano; Dave Cullen, guitar; and a slide show of scenes from Glacier National Park. Freewill offering.

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 p.m.

Berks Classical Children’s Chorus fall concert: young people ages 7-18 sing the world’s great music. For tickets and more information, call 610-898-7664.

Friday, December 9, 8:00 p.m.

Wheatland Chorale, one of Pennsylvania’s premier choral ensembles, in concert. For tickets and more information, call 610-796-1581.

Sunday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.

Donna Danielski, soprano, presents a concert of holiday music. Freewill offering.

Sunday, February 19, 4:00 p.m.

Reading Choral Society in concert, featuring music of great American composers. For tickets and more information, call 610-898-1939.

Sunday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.

MegaMusicMania: concert presented by youth members and friends of Atonement, grades 7-12.

Sunday, March 11, 4:00 p.m.

Duo Terlano, the husband-wife team of Johannes Dietrich, violin; and Marie-Aline Cadieux, cello; perform a benefit concert for The CatWorks, a nonprofit cat rescue organization.

Sunday, April 15, 3:00 p.m.

Flute Fest IV, featuring flute music by the Atonement Flute Ensemble and the Flutations. Free will offering.

Saturday, April 21, 8:00 p.m.

Wheatland Chorale presents their spring concert. For tickets and more information, call 610-796-1581.

Celebration of the Arts, September 30-October 2

Preparation for our fourteenth Celebration of the Arts has quietly taken place over the spring and summer months, and now moves into high gear. Your help, participation and attendance are most welcome. Some of the highlights are:

Friday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. - Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Several new artists will be joining us this year, as well as some familiar favorites. Once again, both traditional and contemporary works are included, and miniatures will be available. We will also have artists offering hand crafted jewelry, wooden bowls, rock oil lamps, functional woven items and glass work. Most work will be available for purchase. Atonement youth will be providing music at the reception and refreshments will be served.

This year we are setting aside a special place in the art exhibit for two very special painters: Bill Ruhe and the late John Wenrich. Both of these men were instrumental in the founding of the arts celebration weekend, and received much inspiration and support from Pastor Luther Routt .

Our featured artist this year is Bruce Becker, an internationally recognized artist, author, public speaker, humanitarian and teacher. His work will be on display throughout the duration of the exhibit, and he will be speaking at Adult Forum on October 2 at 9:45 a.m. in Lundin Hall.

Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.- Historic Property Tour

This is the day of the Historic Property Tour sponsored by the Historical Society of Berks County. Atonement has been selected to be a stop on this year's tour of properties. The art show will be open at this time.

Sunday, October 2, 9:45 a.m. - Adult Forum- "Kindness and Compassion"

Join featured artist Bruce Becker as he recounts his involvement with the Amish during the time of their tragic one-room schoolhouse shootings in Nickel Mines. This story is inspiring people around the

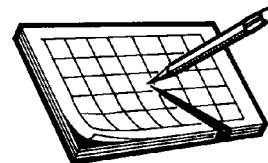
world, and is a unique opportunity to see Mr. Becker's work as a backdrop to this historic event. It is not to be missed!

Sunday, October 2, 7:00 p.m. – The Night of the Divas

Six amazing local female voices sing solos and join together in a program of favorite opera arias, popular songs, duets, trios and several special surprises! Ellen Bryan, Donna Danielski, Betty Koppenhofer, Andrea Langkamer-Smith, Jenny Michalik and Annie Sallade are the divas, accompanied by Tom Yenser at the piano. The concert is a benefit for The Arts at Atonement. The suggested donation is \$20 per person, but any amount will be accepted during the freewill offering at intermission. Following the program, everyone is invited to Lundin Hall to view the artwork and enjoy refreshments.

There are many ways for Atonement members to become involved in this very special weekend. If you would like to help with the exhibit (setting up, monitoring and assisting with sales, take-down), contact Sarah Smith at 610-378-9820 or sjs0716@comcast.net. If you have knack for hospitality, help with the receptions Friday and Sunday evenings will be needed. Sandy Kalbach has graciously volunteered to coordinate Sunday's post-concert reception, but we are still in need of a coordinator for the artist's reception Friday evening. Please contact Ellen Bryan at 610-670-7220 or ebryan@tursack.com if you can help with hospitality. Tour hosts are needed as well as additional volunteers for the property tour on Saturday. If you are interested in being a host or serving in another capacity, please contact Pastor Summy, Pastor Lee or Tom Endy.

Mark your calendars now for this very special weekend as Atonement celebrates its history and artistic gifts with the community.



Men's Breakfasts Resume in September

The increasingly popular Men's Breakfasts will commence Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 a.m. in the main dining room at the Highland's. A small dedicated committee has been meeting to plan a series of breakfasts for the 2011/2012 year.

We are pleased to announce that our leadoff speaker will be John C. Richter, our former senior pastor at Atonement from 1993 to March 2005. John earned his Doctor of Ministry at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and also holds a master of divinity degree from the Union Theological Seminary in New York, and a bachelor's degree from New York University. Upon leaving Atonement, he accepted the position of Vice President for Church Relations with Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries. John will talk about his work and the role of Diakon in the outreach of the ELCA.

Mark your calendar for September 8 and plan to join the fellowship for the breakfasts planned for this upcoming year. Please note that the Men's Breakfast welcomes everyone with an interest in a particular speaker. Just sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex.

September 11 Anniversary Choir

Rehearsal: Thursday, September 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
Sing in worship: Sunday, September 11, 10 a.m.

In our worship on Sunday, September 11 we will observe the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Virginia and Pennsylvania. All youth (grade 7 and up) and adults are invited to join a 9/11 anniversary choir, which will present the first movement of the Ellingboe Requiem and a new hymn from the ELW, "Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil," at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Both choir members and non-choir members are invited to participate – no choir experience is required! The only requirement is attendance at one rehearsal, held Thursday, September 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room. We will warm up and rehearse again in the choir room on Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m.

If you are interested in participating, please sign up in the narthex, so that we will know how many singers to expect.

Tom Scornavacchi to Serve as Senior Seminarian

In a decision not to fix what isn't broken, the Congregation Council decided to hire Tom Scornavacchi, who will enter his final year of seminary in early September, as a part-time employee, at least through the rest of this calendar year. Tom has been working with us this summer, particularly with our Common Ground ministry. In the fall, he will continue working with Common Ground and the coffeehouse ministry that supports not only that ministry but a sense of fellowship for all of Atonement. He also will have occasional Sunday morning responsibilities. We are grateful for Tom's work this summer and look forward to his continuing to be with us this fall.

Common Ground Worship



We're growing! Our Wednesday Common Ground Worship Service will soon be meeting twice each month! Beginning in October we will worship on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Services are held in Lundin Hall starting at 7:30 in the evening. Come as you are and see what all the excitement is about. See Pastor Summy or Pastor Lee for more information or email Tom Scornavacchi at tscornavacchi@atonementwyo.org

Children's SCS Classes begin September 25 at 9:45 a.m.

All children who are currently three years of age or will turn three by the end of 2011 are invited to participate in Sunday school. Nursery for children under three years of age is available in room G.124 during the Sunday school hour so that parents can participate in an adult class or lead one of the children's classes.

All children's classes are held on the ground level of the church building. For the first day of classes on September 25, all children should go directly to their classroom. There will be greeters in the narthex and at the Sunday school entrance on the lower level to provide the room numbers for each class. Beginning in October, we will hold a weekly Sunday school opening in the nave for children from Kindergarten through Grade 6. The openings will be led by Tom Yenser. Children in our three and four-year-old classes will not participate in the Sunday school openings, but instead will experience a variety of activities in their classroom.

All children age three through Grade 6 will be dismissed from their classrooms at 10:45 a.m. Parents, please come to your child's classroom to pick-up your child each Sunday. If you are involved in another church activity and cannot get to the classroom on time, please talk with your child's teachers beforehand to arrange for other adults or older siblings to pick-up your child.

Seasons of the Spirit curriculum will be the basis for our Sunday school classes again this year. The curriculum was new to us last year and very well-received. The focus each week is lectionary-based, meaning that the Bible story for each class will be one of the lessons read in worship on that Sunday. We believe that the curriculum provides a well-rounded approach to helping our children live out the promises that were made for them at their baptism. Please bring your children faithfully to Sunday school and worship each week to help them grow in their relationship with God.



Preschool News

We begin our new Preschool year of 2011-12 with the addition of a sixth classroom (F125). Tom Gresh did a wonderful job of renovation. We also thank Art Smith for building three radiator covers. Our enrollment for the school year 2011-12 is over 200.

The Preschool Board (Joelle Benedict, Julie Cohen, Michelle Geddio, Sue Larkin, and Cynthia Bickley) will send a letter to the parents in September so any suggestions or concerns can be addressed throughout the school year. The board also provides help and support to preschool programs. We are all looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year caring for our young children.

Teaching staff: Nancy Brossman, Jen Crocona, Donna Egan, Sue Harenza, Melissa Hazlett, Debra Hoffman, Debbie Hottenstein, Tama McConnell, Amy Miller, Cathy Schmehl, Robin Searle, Kim Smith, Theresa Williams.

Teachers' assistants: Diane Baldwin, Janine Busack, Regina Doyle, Michelle Endy, Sharon Janiszewski, Jen Napoli.

Substitute helpers: Barbara Kresse, Barbara Leinbach, Carol Lubitz, Jennifer Noll, Pam Shields, Gail Dawson-White, Maureen Wildman, Laura Youngcourt.



Nursery Availability and Guidelines

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings during both worship services as well as during the Sunday school hour in room G124 on the ground floor. During worship, the nursery is open to children from infants through age 6. However, if parents prefer to worship together as a family and not use the nursery, we are pleased to have these young children join us for worship in the nave. Families who wish to worship together but prefer to do so in an environment somewhat separated from the entire congregation in the nave are encouraged to use Room 104, which was designed as an extension of the nave.

Nursery care during the Sunday school hour is available for children too young for Sunday school, including infants, whose parents are either participating in or leading a Sunday school class.

Parents are asked to sign in their children at drop off and promptly pick up their children at the end of worship or Sunday school. If children will be staying for both worship and Sunday school, please stop by the nursery in between to talk with the nursery attendant and check on your child. Please bring labeled diaper bags and bottles for an infant child so that the nursery attendants can provide appropriate care.

Our nursery attendant each Sunday morning will continue to be Ashley Summy. Ashley is a familiar face in the nursery, having served as the attendant last year as well. She enjoys interacting with the children and providing for their care. Several parents have noted that their children are delighted to have the same person greet and care for them each week in the nursery.

To assist Ashley, we will continue to have adult and older teen volunteers in the nursery each

week during the later worship service. More children tend to use the nursery during the late service than at other times of the morning, requiring more hands than one person can provide. We are grateful for all of our volunteers who serve in the nursery about once every two months. If you are interested in being a nursery attendant volunteer, please contact Kathy Yenser or Jo Sturgis in the church office.

Thank You for Supporting Operation Book Bag

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies or money this year for 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. The Book Bag Ministry of the West Berks Mission District helps children by equipping them with basic school supplies. This ministry is greatly appreciated by both the students and the school staff.

Thanks to your generosity, we collected the following items for children in need in the Reading schools: 21 backpacks, 90 notebooks, 27 composition books, 14 packs of construction paper, 17 packs of notebook paper, 2 primer tablets, 2 three-ring binders, 20 folders, 19 calculators, 17 pencil boxes/bags, 27 scissors, 25 rulers, 62 packs of #2 pencils, 34 packs of erasers, 40 packs of pens, 18 packs of highlighters, 66 boxes of crayons, 4 boxes of markers, 31 boxes of colored pencils, 123 glue sticks, 7 bottles of glue, 73 packs of tissues, and monetary donations. What a wonderful way for the people of Atonement to serve God's children in the Reading schools!



Third Graders to Receive Bibles

Third graders and their parents will be called forward at 11:00 a.m. worship on September 25 for each child to receive a New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bible presented by his/her parents. The NRSV is the same translation that we use for proclaiming God's Word through the lessons in worship. Receiving a Bible is a faith milestone for our third graders as they begin to explore God's Word in more detail this year.

To help the children become familiar with their new Bibles, the third grade class will undertake a ten week overview of the Bible from October 2 through December 4 during the Sunday school hour. The children will learn how many books are in the Bible, how to find a particular book without repeatedly flipping through the Bible or becoming frustrated, the difference between the Old and New Testaments, and much more. There are numerous activities and games that will help the children become more familiar with the Bible and the amazing stories that it contains. Help your child explore God's word by involving him/her in this class.

Parents of third graders and other interested adults: On October 9 and 16, you are invited to a two-part Bible overview class designed to assist you in helping your children use the Bible as well as to enrich your own connection with this holy book. The class will be led by Pastor Rick Summy and Seminarian Tom Scornavacchi. Join us as we grow together in discovering the richness of God's Word.

Teacher Installation

All teachers of our children's Sunday school, catechetics, high school and adult Sunday morning classes will be installed on September 25 at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Please support the teachers in this important ministry as we come together each week to grow in faith.

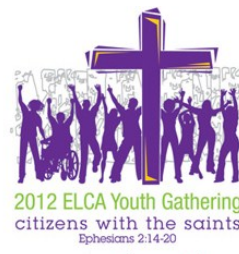
WOA News

Greetings to all women of Atonement. The WOA are working on having Olan Mills update our church member directory. Please schedule your appointment. There is no obligation to purchase photographs. You will receive a free directory and a coupon for a free 8 x10 photo. The photos will be taken September 12 through 17 and October 10 through 15.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual WOA breakfast on Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. We have a delightful program in store for you. Harriet Rauenzahn will give a recital of Bach, Chopin and some special Spanish music for us to enjoy. Harriet is a member of Atonement and a friend of Doris Fraser, who brought her to our attention. Please come and relax and be entertained before we start a very busy fall here at Atonement.

Blessings,
Eva Eisenbrown

National Youth Gathering Meeting



There will be an informational meeting for those interested in attending the National Youth Gathering, July 18-22, 2012 and anyone who is in the 8th through 12th grades is eligible to attend.

Our information meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.** We will discuss many things about the trip, including but not limited to transportation, food, housing, activities, and cost. Contact Pastor Lee for more information.

Memorials

Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund

We are grateful to acknowledge the following gifts to the glory of God and:

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In loving memory of Alfred Weitkunat, by Barbara and Charles Kerper

In loving memory of Wayne Bressler by:
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Walk for Recovery

Please join us for the Third Annual Walk for Recovery on September 17. The kickoff is at 12:00 noon in the Yocum Parking lot at RACC, followed by a walk over to the Reading Public Museum. Food and beverages will be provided for all participants and t-shirts will be available for sale. This year's keynote speaker is Jerry Murphy, radio host on WIOV. Earth Rhythms will host a drumming circle and there will be an open recovery meeting from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. This is a family friendly event that celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. Come out in support of families, friends, and folks around the nation who have found that RECOVERY WORKS!



Common Ground Coffeeshouse

Are you looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? Come relax at our Common Ground Coffeeshouse on the third Friday of each month. Share your musical and poetic gifts or just sit back and enjoy the entertainment. Either way you are sure to have a fun-filled evening for the whole family. The fun begins at 7:30 and ends at 10:00 p.m. For more information contact Tom Scornavacchi at tscornavacchi@atonementwyo.org.

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Our Mission

By God's grace, we strengthen one another in faith and share the good news of Jesus through worshiping, learning, and serving.