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Greetings in the Name of our Lord!

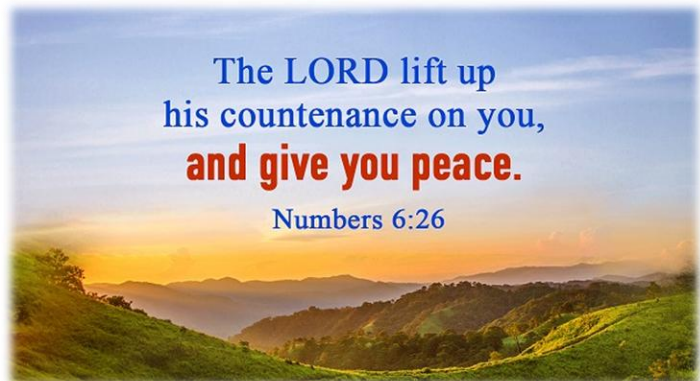
The Peace of Jesus

The Church of Jesus had its beginning with a group of petrified men behind locked doors in a Jerusalem home. They had marched with Jesus for three and a half years; they now were immobilized in fear. They were reluctant, timid, probably speechless and most certainly in shock. Daring to dream that the Master had left them some word, a plan, some direction, they came back and gathered together in Jerusalem.

But little did they know their wildest dreams were not wild enough. As they wait in fear and doubt eventually the living Christ appears among them and says, **“Peace be with you.”** Surprise... the one who was betrayed seeks his betrayers. And what does He say to them? Not **“You guys are a bunch of losers... where were you when I needed you... you’re a bunch of flops!”** No, not one word of judgment... but rather the simple phrase, **“Peace be with you.”** Just one simple phrase—once again the very thing they did not have was the very thing he offered: **PEACE.**

The Peace of Christ be with you. May your journey in His name be filled with His divine presence which manifests with His holy peace.

by Pastor Robert Zimmerman





The 53rd Lancaster CROP Walk October 19, 2025

Registration at 1:00 pm

Celebration Event at 1:30 pm,

Walk begins at 2:00 pm

Meet at The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

64 Hershey Ave Lancaster, PA

ABOUT CWS



The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World

Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Hundreds of religious groups, businesses, schools and others organize local Walk events in their communities each year, while others join the National Walk and choose their own location and experience.

Ending Hunger One Step At A Time!!



Its that time of year!

Shoeboxes are available starting Oct 19th

Must be returned by Nov 16th

You can find shoeboxes in the Narthex and on top of the mailboxes.

Items have been crafted by Westgate ABW so please consider making a donation payable to Westgate Baptist church and we will add a craft to your box!

Fill your minds with beauty and truth. Meditate on whatever is honorable, right, pure, lovely, good, virtuous, and praiseworthy.
Philippians 4:8



Never let evil get the best of you; instead, overpower evil with the good.
Romans 12:21

Ladies Bible Study.

Lead each Tuesday by Lynda Williams at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

We are starting a new study of **“Women of the Bible”**

Join us as we gather for coffee, fellowship, prayer and study. We would love to study God's word with you!

Pictured below are just a small handful of women in the bible. Not all women below will be in our study and other women not pictured below may be in our study.



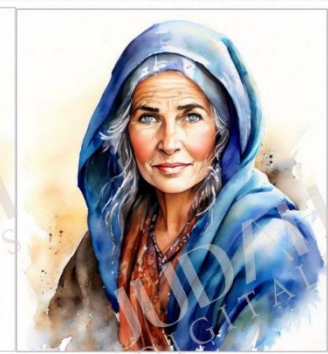
Queen Esther



Mary



The Samaritan Woman



Naomi



Rahab



Ruth



Martha



Deborah

Ruth 1:16-17: "But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death separates me from you.'"



(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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YES I COULD MAKE FIVE THOUSAND OF THOSE,
BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A
BETTER OPTION



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If a pig is sold to the pawn
shop, is it then called
a ham hock?

Everyone has a
photographic memory.
Some don't have film.

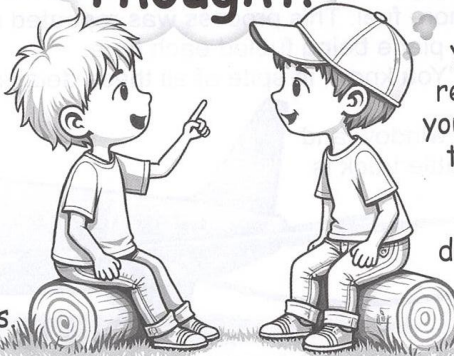
He who laughs last,
thinks slowest.

A day without sunshine
is like, well, night.

On the other hand,
you have different fingers

Back up my hard drive?
How do I put it in reverse?

That's an
Interesting
Thought!



I just got lost in thought.
It was unfamiliar territory.

Seen it all, done it all,
can't remember most of it.

She's always late.
Her ancestors arrived
on the "Juneflower."

You have the right to
remain silent. Anything
you say will be misquoted,
then used against you.

I wonder how much
deeper the ocean would
be without sponges?

If a lawyer can
be disbarred, can a
musician be dissnotted?

Those falling autumn leaves don't just look beautiful, they may also bring you good luck. That is, if you're a superstitious person. According to [The Encyclopedia of Superstitions](#), there's a popular belief that "as many falling leaves as can be caught in the hand in autumn, so many happy months will follow."

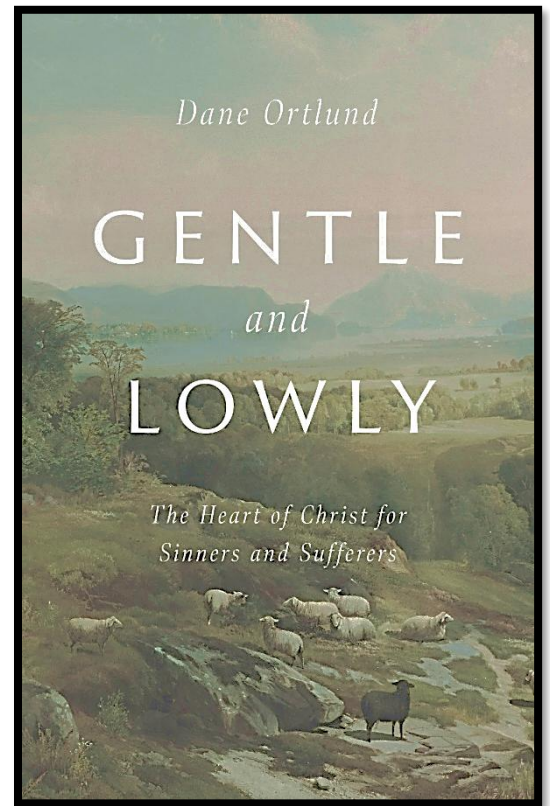


Sunday School

Please join us starting Sunday September 14 at 9:15 am for coffee, fellowship and learning as we spend time with the book Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortland. Quoting from the book's inside cover "Christians know what Jesus Christ has done - but who is he? What is his deepest heart for his people, weary and faltering on their journey toward heaven? Jesus said he is 'gentle and lowly in heart'. This book reflects on these words, opening a neglected yet central truth about who he is for sinners and sufferers today."

Stephen Appleby will lead the study utilizing both video and discussion. Hope you can join in.

Book Summary: Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortland



The book Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortland is a profound exploration of the character of Christ, focusing on His gentleness and lowliness in heart. It draws from biblical texts to reveal Christ's affections for sinners and encourages believers on their journey. The book is written with pastoral gentleness and quiet beauty, offering comfort, strength, and rest to readers. It is a timely work that directs attention back to the person of Jesus, centering on the Scriptures and drawing upon the best of the Puritan tradition. Ortland reminds readers of Jesus's promises of rest and comfort, as well as the Bible's vision of Jesus as a kind and gracious King.

Upcoming Events

***Board Meeting will be held on
Monday, October 20th at 6:30 PM***

*Our next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be on Tuesday, October 21st at 9:00 am.
We will meet at Bob Evans Restaurant,
215 S Centerville Rd. PA 17603 for a casual Christian Men's fellowship time.*



Challenge yourself with Bible Trivia.....

answers on last page but no peeking!

1. What four books tell about Jesus' life on Earth?
2. Which book did Jesus directly write?
3. What is the first book in the Bible?
4. How many books are in the Bible?
5. How many books in the New Testament?
6. Which NT book has Jesus' Sermon on the Mount?
7. What is the shortest book in the Bible?
8. How many books in the Old Testament?
9. What is the longest book in the Bible?
10. What is the last book in the Bible?
11. How many days did God take to create the world?
12. What day did God create man?
13. Who was the first man?
14. Who was the first woman?
15. Where did they live at the beginning of the world?

16. Who were their three sons listed in the Bible?
17. Who did God tell to build an ark?
18. Who were Noah's three sons?
19. How many people were saved on the ark?
20. Who was Abram's wife?
21. Who was Abram's handmaid?
22. Who did Isaac favor of his two sons?
23. Who was the first son he had?
24. What was Abram's name changed to?
25. What was Sarai's name changed to?
26. What was the second son Abraham had?
27. Who did Abraham have his second son with?
28. Where did Hagar and her son leave to?
29. Who did the servant choose?
30. What were Isaac's sons' names?

No matter where you are in the world, you'll be able to find a pumpkin (unless you plan to visit Antarctica). These [squash grow on every single continent](#) except the southernmost one. The top producers of pumpkins include China, India, Ukraine, the United States, Egypt, and Mexico. And, fun fact, the top pumpkin-producing U.S. state is Illinois.



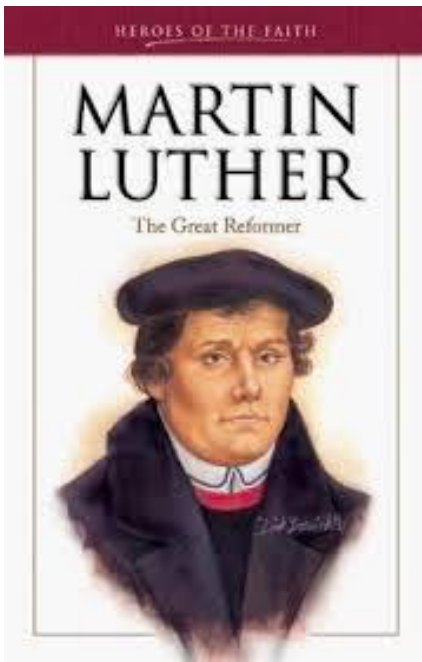


Fellowship together

Upcoming events with Reformation church.

October 11th – Falls Brats Fest

Starts @4:00 pm in the pavillian (indoors if inclement weather)



On Saturday Evening October 25th the Reformation Lutheran Church has invited Westgate Church to join in a viewing of a movie about Martin Luther at 6 p.m. Because of the length of the movie there will be a time intermission and refreshments in the middle of the film. Martin Luther is the sixteenth century priest who led the Christian Protestant Reformation and opened new possibilities in exploration of faith. The movie begins with his vow to become a monk and continues through his struggles to reconcile his desire for sanctification with his increasing abhorrence of the corruption and hypocrisy pervading the Church's hierarchy. He is ultimately charged with heresy and must confront the ruling Cardinals and Princes, urging them to make the Scriptures available to the common believer and lead the Church toward faith through justice and righteousness.

On Sunday November 2nd at 9:15 a.m. the Reformation Lutheran Church will lead a joint worship service with us followed by a fellowship time after the service. We look forward to these shared moments of worship and fellowship with Reformation Church.

More information will follow as the date gets closer

We warmly welcome Nentifitriani (Nenti) to Westgate Baptist Church! Nenti comes to us from Rokan Hulu, Riau, Indonesia — a town located 9,611 miles away. She will be marrying Andrew this November at Westgate. Andrew has been attending our church for the past three years alongside his mother, Lora Shirey, who serves as our Church Administrator.

It has been a long and meaningful journey for Andrew and Nenti to unite here in the United States. They began their journey more than two and a half years ago, officially committing to their relationship on November 14, 2023.

Nenti has a deep love for the Christian faith and regularly attended church with her family in her hometown. She is excited to begin worshiping with us and to continue growing in her faith. She and Andrew will be attending together as a couple, and we look forward to embracing them both in our church family.



IN LOVING Memory

We give special honor in the remembrance of **Reverend Robert McGrath** who was born August 27th, 1931, and passed into his eternal reward on September 25, 2025. Robert has been a much beloved friend and pastor to many of us. Over the past 25 years he served the Westgate Church as a minister of visitation and twice in Interim Ministry roles. Over the years Robert has been a constant support and presence in the ministry of Westgate Church. He will affectionately be remembered for his constant pastoral care, especially in hospital and home visitations. His wife of 59 years (Florence McGrath) passed away in November of 2019. Funeral service details are not yet finalized by family.



10/1 Barbara Adams
 10/2 Kayla Bell
 10/14 Janet Whitehead
 10/15 Braxton Sollenberger
 10/18 Wilson Joseph



10/1/2022 David & Jennifer Ryan
 10/3/1987 Ron & Lynda Williams
 10/11/1975 Paul & Sandy Dour

Answers

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| 1. Matthew, Mark, Luke, John | 11. 6 | 21. Hagar |
| 2. None | 12. 6th | 22. Esau |
| 3. Genesis | 13. Adam | 23. Ishmael |
| 4. 66 | 14. Eve | 24. Abraham |
| 5. 27 books in the NT | 15. Garden of Eden | 25. Sarah |
| 6. Matthew | 16. Cain, Abel, Seth | 26. Isaac |
| 7. 3 John | 17. Moah | 27. Sarah |
| 8. 39 books in the OT | 18. Shem, Ham, Japheth | 28. Into the desert |
| 9. Psalms | 19. 8 | 29. Rebekah |
| 10. Revelation | 20. Sarai | 30. Jacob and Esau |



Why do leaves change color in the fall?

The magic behind this seasonal transformation lies in the chemistry of leaves. During spring and summer, leaves are green due to chlorophyll, which helps plants make food from sunlight. As days get shorter and temperatures drop, trees prepare for winter by slowing down food

production. [Chlorophyll](#) breaks down, revealing other pigments like carotenoids and anthocyanins. Carotenoids give leaves yellow and orange hues, while anthocyanins add reds and [purples](#). This process not only creates stunning landscapes but also helps trees conserve [energy](#) for the cold months ahead. Understanding this natural phenomenon makes fall [even](#) more special.