

ATONEMENT IN ACTION

from Pastor Katie

Council has been working on a strategic plan yet feeling uncertain about how to carry it all out. Your Pastor and other staff have been feeling overextended and tired, especially as we journey through Lent. And then along comes Pastor Molly Haggerty and the Holy Spirit! Pastor Molly has experience with strategic plans and so much of what Atonement has been leaning into these days, like infusing new life into our ministry with youth and young adults, small groups, and social/emotional health. So, it only felt right to enter into an agreement with her for 18 months as our Director of Community Engagement, with the possibility of expanding it into a more permanent call. She will begin her work with us on April 20. Look for more info on this new position and Pastor Molly in the coming weeks after we finish our Lenten journey with our Easter celebration and Pastor Molly wraps up her current call. In the meantime, know that the Church Council and staff are so excited for this new opportunity, and we look forward to sharing this excitement and vision for the future with all of Atonement.



Peace and love,
Pastor Katie

April Worship Highlights

Easter—April 5

Worship at 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Everyone is welcome!



**Preschool Sunday—
April 12**

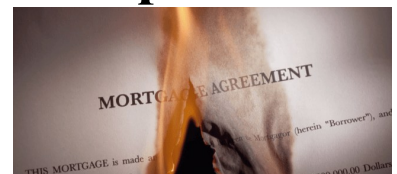


See page 2 for details.

**Bear Creek
Sunday—
April 19**



**Burning
of the
Mortgage—
April 26**



Atonement Groundskeeping Team Volunteers Needed

After five successful years, our landscaping team is gearing up for another season! We are a team of more than twenty volunteers who come weekly in smaller groups to cut grass, weed whack, trim, weed, prune, cut and remove plants and trees, plant, hedge trim, fertilize, sweep, and power blow. We encounter the challenges of weather, plant disease, leaves, and equipment operation, but overcome them with the blessings of resourceful volunteer members.

Our volunteer staff is well represented by experienced gardeners, young and old, female and male, and new members!

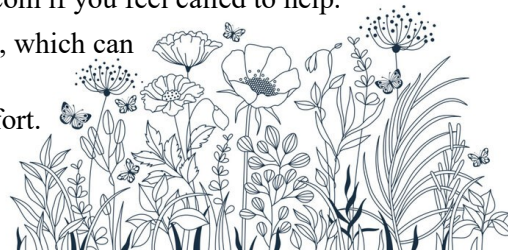
Our equipment is well maintained and enables us to complete the tasks needed to beautify our property.

I would like to extend an invitation for new volunteers as some of the team become less physically able to dedicate the time for this ministry. Contact the church office or me at johnh.lehr@gmail.com if you feel called to help.

It has been estimated we save our budget over \$30,000 in expenses annually, which can then be used for helping others in need.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have participated in this groundskeeping effort.
Peace!

Respectfully submitted,
John Lehr



Mark Your Calendar for Family Promise

Family Promise Monday Meal Ministry—April 13, April 20, July 13, July 20

April sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E49A9A822A4F94-61814679-family>

July sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E49A9A822A4F94-61814653-family>

20th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser Breakfast—Saturday, April 25, 8:30am to 10am, at Atonement

Buy a ticket or make a donation at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/20th-anniversary-celebration-and-fundraiser> or you can be a sponsor for the anniversary event.

“FAIRWAY TO HOME” Golf Tournament—July 20.

Watch the Family Promise of Berks County website events page <https://familypromiseofberks.org/news-and-events/> for sponsorship and participation information for both events.

Atonement Back Scholarship Awards 2026

Reading Musical Foundation has announced the winners of this year’s Atonement Bach Scholarships. Each year, we sponsor this award for Berks County’s brightest and best high school musicians. Each student will come to Atonement this spring to play for us in worship. Please welcome these talented young people and encourage them in their future endeavors.

Adam Crotty, Bass (Voice)
Exeter Township Senior High School, Grade 11
Parents: Melissa & Brian Crotty
Teacher: Rod Nevin

Artemis Drake, Oboe
Conrad Weiser High School, Grade 12
Parents: Laura Shepler and Paul Drake
Teacher: Jonathan Blumenfeld

Joshua Mitten, Trombone
Fleetwood Area High School, Grade 12
Parents: Kathryn Mitten
Teacher: Sarah Nygard

Mia Perezous, Percussion
Wilson High School, Grade 10
Parents: Jen and Ted Perezous
Teacher: Brent Behrenshausen

Cole Peticca, Classical Guitar
Berks Catholic, Grade 12
Parents: Chris and Karen Peticca
Teacher: William Peters & Ken Gehret

Matthew Spiegel, Piano
LCDS, Grade 10
Parents: Jodi and Adam Spiegel
Teacher: Maria Asteriadou

Naomi Tam, Violin
Homeschool, Grade 10
Parents: Shelby and Timothy Tam
Teacher: Inna Eyzzerovich



Financial Corner

As of February 28, 2026

General Fund – “Reach IN”

The General Fund provides funding for all of the on-going routine activities of the church.

Year-to-Date Results:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income:	\$108,306	\$112,053	(\$3,747)	\$1,241,900
Expenses:	(\$95,919)	(\$121,929)	\$26,010	(\$1,241,900)
Net Income (Loss):	\$12,387	(\$9,876)	\$22,263	\$0

Fewer miscellaneous offerings and memorial donations received. No major capital, preschool playground or snow removal expenses recorded yet for the year.

Mortgage Balance: \$0

Mission Endowment Fund – “Reach OUT”

The Mission Endowment Fund provides funding to support mission outreach to the congregation and the broader community.

Schwab: \$1,949,976

Mission Investment Fund CD : \$ 126,481

Total: \$2,076,457

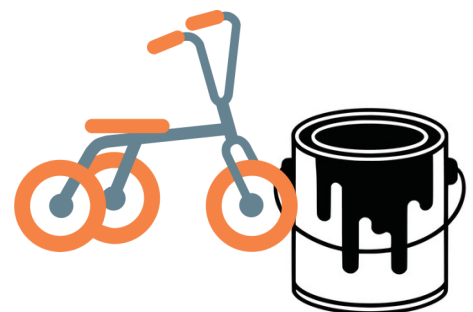
Types of Gifts and Assets Accepted:

There are many different ways to give to Atonement and we would be glad to provide guidance on what types of gifts and assets are accepted. Please reach out to the church office if you have any questions.

Atonement’s Grateful Upgrades

During the life of the congregation, various needs are identified that provide additional opportunities for giving. Atonement’s Grateful Upgrades has been developed as an on-going means of communicating such needs. You may pay any portion of the cost that you feel called to do and can also donate in honor or memory of a loved one. Checks may be made out to Atonement with the item in the memo. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity in supporting the mission of our church!

- **Preschool Playground Resurfacing – \$37,500**
To replace the woodchips with a rubberized foundation to allow all ages of children to participate—almost \$17,000 has been raised so far!
- **Replacement of the Nave and Narthex Wall Indirect Lighting – \$18,985**
To replace the current incandescent lighting in the wall sconces with LED lights that are more efficient and effective
- **Repairing and Painting of the Walls in Lundin Hall - \$6,655**
To prevent deterioration
- **Replacement of the Lundin Hall Chairs – \$15,340 or \$102/chair and dollies to hold them**
To promote safety and reduce the risk of tripping
- **2 New Microphones for Nave \$186 each**
- **“Spot bot” Carpet Cleaner \$200**
To clean up spills and stains on carpeting.
- **Preschool Items:**
 - 2-3 new scooters - \$139 each
 - 1 small trike - \$249
 - 1 medium trike - \$279



Free Things!

Have you ever heard the saying “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure”?

People are often calling the church, wanting to know if we or someone we know would like an item that they no longer want, hoping it will be someone else’s treasure. Items include office supplies, furniture, pianos, and more! If you have something to add to our Free Things! section, please send a picture, description, and your contact information to cshirk@atonementwyo.org. Items will be listed for one month, and will include the donor’s name and contact information, so that interested people will contact the donor directly. Please note that items will NOT be stored at the church.

This month:

Samsung 2022 Desktop Computer with all parts available to take away. Used only for tax processing and email by professional engineer. Excellent condition.
610-372-1131

Dyson DC 40 Lightweight Vacuum, designed for use on every floor type. There are no bags to replace, and it has washable filters that last the lifetime of the machine. Lightly used, includes manual, hard floor tool, stair tool, combination tool, mattress tool, and multi angel brush. (see photos)
Contact Shirley at 610-777-0189, leave a message if no one answers.



Atonement Book Awards for High School Seniors and College Students*

Atonement is pleased to offer up to three \$2000 book awards to high school seniors who are going on to higher education, as well as undergraduate college students* who are continuing their college educations in the 2026-2027 school year.

Students who wish to apply must fill out an application online. Interested seniors can find the application and filing instructions at atonementwyo.org—click MINISTRIES from the top menu, then select Children / Youth.

Online reader click here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGRaw74mPWQrerBheSL6e_hgWV2jp8lkkW5y8_pjHjcM4Ag/viewform

The deadline to apply is May 1. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Tom (tyenser@atonementwyo.org) or Jen Dauber (jdauber@atonementwyo.org).



Gifts of Stocks or Securities

Gifts of stocks or securities are always welcome donations. If you plan to give stock or securities, please notify the office of the pending donation to Atonement’s Schwab Account at Weik Investments (the office will provide account number, etc.), along with the purpose for which you are donating it, the name of the stock, its value, where it is coming from, and who the donor is.

Don’t forget that your offering can be given by **credit card** on our website or by scanning the **QR code** below.



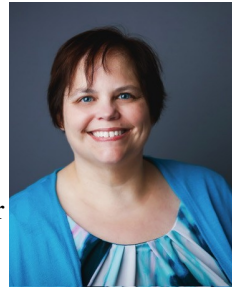
Raise the Roof for Refresh Berks

Refresh Berks will host a “Raise the Roof” fundraiser, Friday, April 17, 7-10pm at the WCR Center for the Arts, 140 N. 5th Street. Tickets include dancing, photo booth, appetizers, dessert, auction items, and surprise raffle prizes. A cash bar will be available. All proceeds will go to the Refresh Berks garage construction. Visit Refresh Berks on Facebook for additional information. RSVP to Amy at 610-741-9003 or Megan at 610-780-0959 by April 1.



Preschool News

from Jen Dauber, Preschool Director



March Recap

- Dads visited the 3's, 4's & PreK classes for Dad's Day.
- Two family events, Atonement Day at the Reading Royals and Family Time with the Easter Bunny, took place.

April Happenings

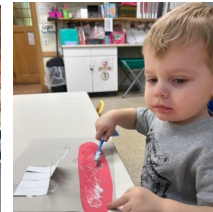
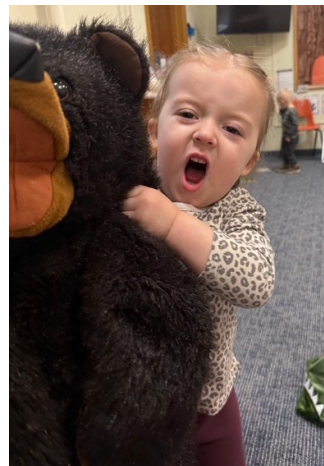
- Preschool Sunday & Open House will be held on 4/12. Children will sing their favorite chapel songs during the service.
- We will host Trike-a-Thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital during gym class.
- Chick-fil-a Fundraiser on Tues. April 14, 10:30am-9:00pm at the Broadcasting Rd. location. Mention preschool so proceeds from sales will benefit the playground surfacing project. All are Welcome!

2026-27 Registration Update

- We have 136 students enrolled with many registered in more than one class for a total of 182 filled spaces.
- Morning Availability:
 - Together Time session 1, Wed 9:00-10:15 (18-30 months with a caregiver)
 - Younger Toddlers, Tues/Thurs 9:15-11:30 (2 yrs. by 9/1)
 - Threes, Tues/Thurs 9:00-12:00 (3 yrs. by 9/1 and potty trained)
- Afternoon Availability:
 - Naturalist, Tues/Thurs 12:00-3:00 (4 & 5 yrs. by 9/1)
 - Stay n Play, Mon, Wed, Fri 12:00-3:00 (3-5 yrs. by 9/1 and potty trained)
- Contact Jen Dauber jdauber@atonementwyo.org to schedule a tour.

Summer Camp 2026

- Registration is OPEN online! www.atonementwyo.org =>Preschool => Preschool Classes
- June 22-26 – Sports Week
- July 6-10 – Wild, Wild West
- July 20-24 – Around the World
- August 3-7 – Down on the Farm
- August 3-7 – Kindergarten Kickstart





from Lauryn Lacis, Director of Children's Ministry

Faith Formation

Our Faith Formation classes continue every Sunday during the school year. We meet at 8:45am for our large group gathering, followed by classroom time from 9:00am to 9:45am. Our age groups are broken down as follows: 3's and 4's, Kindergarten-2nd grade, and 3rd-6th grade. All classes are instructed by our wonderful volunteers. All are welcome. We are continuing to add more adult leaders and teen helpers for instruction. If you are interested in volunteering 1-2 hours per month, please contact me directly at llacis@atonementwyo.org.

April 19: Collin Grooms with Bear Creek Camp will be leading Faith Formation in the church from 8:45am to 9:45am. Children and adults are welcome to enjoy his lesson, as well as sing songs together. Regular Faith Formation classes will resume April 26.

Celebration May 17: Our last Faith Formation class will be held on May 3. Our end of year Faith Formation celebration will be May 17 in the choir room at 8:45am.

Nursery

During the 10am service, preschool age children and younger are supervised in F126.

*Please note that the nursery will not be staffed Easter Sunday, but the privacy room will be available for families who need a little extra wiggle room.

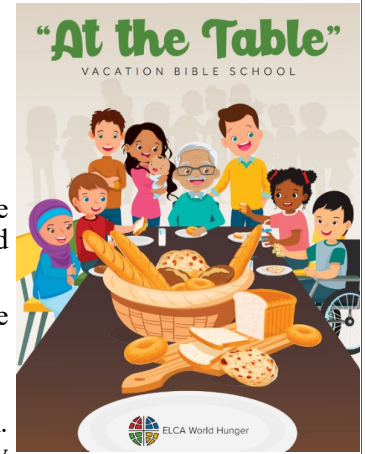
Chapel Time:

During 10am service children aged 3 to 2nd grade have an opportunity to experience worship geared just for them. After the children's message, the children are supervised in the privacy room for a story, craft, and activity based on the gospel story of the day.

Lenten Event: We had a nice turnout for our Lenten Event, held March 1. Attendees were able to make crafts and snack on some sweet treats.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will take place Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19 from 9 to 11:30am. Signups are open for ages 3 through 5th grade. You may find them online or you may



Atonement Business Directory

Health Services

Penn State Community Medical Group, All About Children
655 Walnut Street, West Reading, PA 19611
Phone: 610-372-9222
Fax: 610-372-0232

Stephen Fehnel, MD, Gynecology and Urogynecology
740 Penn Ave, West Reading PA 19611
610-376-3700
Stephenfehnelmd.com

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Business key man insurance, estate planning, disability insurance with a 43 year history of serving clients in Berks and beyond.
kofkeassoc@comcast.net
Cell: 610-207-7124

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Marathon Capital Advisors
Offers business succession services to company owners who wish to sell their business and to business persons who wish to buy a business. Also assist business owners and executives with obtaining business financing. Also serves as interim, part time, transitional business leadership and management as CEO, COO, or other executive level role.
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