On Campus

A Journey of the Spirit

The Labyrinth Walk at Penn State Berks is a permanent, outdoor, eleven circuit, Chartres replica labyrinth open to the public daily from dawn until dusk.

The labyrinth is located at the Janssen Conference Center Complex, on the corner of Tulpehocken and Broadcasting Roads, between the Janssen Office Building and Williams Cottage. Parking is available in the Conference Center lot.

Group Reservations

Reservations are necessary for groups who wish to use the labyrinth for a special event or program. The Janssen Conference Center can be rented as a gathering place for related programs.

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All information found in this pamphlet describing the different religions can be found at www.about.com.
Sikh

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji founded the Sikh religion in the fifteenth century as an attempt to reconcile the Hindu and Islamic religions. Guru Nanak was a revolutionary in those times- his teachings that women and men were equal, that caste was unimportant, and that there are many paths to God- were ahead of their time.

A Sikh temple is called a Gurdwara, meaning "House of the Guru," or "Door to the Guru." All Gurdwaras contain a copy of the Guru Granth Sahib, and are open to people of all faiths. The Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) is an important religious center, but is not considered more holy than any other Gurdwara. An important feature of the Sikh Temple is the Langar, a communal vegetarian meal.

Sikh beliefs are an interesting expansion on Hindu and Muslim ideas. Like Hindus, Sikhs believe in Dharma, (the law of Karma) reincarnation, and Samsara (the Hindu cycle of life and death). Like Muslims, they believe in a single deity, and eschew idolatry.

The Gurdwara closest to campus is at 362 Schubert Road, Bethel, PA 19507
Pagans and Witches

The 8 Wiccan Sabbats are celebrated by Wiccans and some Pagans. **Yule** - Dec. 21 (or whenever the solstice is) - The holiday of Yule was celebrated long before Christians adopted the date. Many of the Christmas traditions we see today stem from old Pagan customs. As the solstice, it is the longest night of the year. From this day forward, light begins to return and the rebirth of the Sun God is celebrated. **Candlemas/Imbolc** - Feb. 2 – Imbolc is a day to celebrate the first glimpses of Spring, and it is also dedicated to the Celtic Goddess Brigid. Non-Pagans celebrate today as Groundhog Day. Make new starts in life, as you give your home a thorough cleaning. **Ostara/Eostre** (spring equinox) This is another holiday that has been overlaid with Christian meanings (Easter). Eggs and bunnies are typical symbols, representing new birth and new life. Plant the seeds of long-term goals. **Beltane** - May 1 (or around April 31) – The God born at Yule is now a man, and the sacred marriage between God and Goddess is consummated. Beltane is a celebration of fertility, growth, love and passion. However you celebrate Beltane, do it with joy and happiness. **Midsummer** - Jun. 21 (or summer solstice) Midsummer is the longest day of the year, and the strength of the Sun God begins to wane. The Goddess has left her Maiden form of Imbolc and is now in her Mother aspect. Refill your herb collection for the coming year. **Lammas** – August 2 - As the first of the three harvest festivals, much of the symbolism for Lammas revolves around grains and bread. Sacrifices were common, though mostly symbolic, in order to ensure the continued success of the harvest. **Mabon** - Sept. 21 (or whenever the Equinox is) - Day and night are equal again, and the weather grows colder as winter approaches. This is the second harvest festival. Rituals of thanks at this time have brought about the modern holidays of Thanksgiving. Take some time to think about what you are thankful for. **Samhain** - Oct. 31 is a celebration of the dead, the harvest, and is the Wiccan New Year. Samhain (SOW-en) is the one Sabbat that is also widely celebrated amongst non-Pagans. The God has died, and the Goddess mourns him until his rebirth at Yule. It’s the last harvest festival, and the end of the Wiccan year.

Meetings at Borders every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00pm. Email gunivera@iamawitch.com for more details.

Bahai Faith

There is only one God, the Creator of the Universe. Throughout history, God has revealed Himself to humanity through a series of divine Messengers—each of whom has founded a great religion. The Messengers have included Abraham, Krishna, Zoroaster, Moses, Buddha, Jesus and Muhammad. This succession of divine Teachers reflects a single historic “plan of God” for educating humanity about the Creator and for cultivating the spiritual, intellectual and moral capacities of the race. The goal has been to prepare the way for a single, global and ever-advancing civilization. Knowledge of God’s will for humanity in the modern age was revealed just over 100 years ago by Bahá’u’lláh, who is the latest of these divine Messengers. That is the essence of Bahá’u’lláh’s teachings about God, religion and humanity. Bahá’ís often express these beliefs simply by speaking of the oneness of God, the oneness of religion, and the oneness of humankind. Unity is at all times the overarching theme of Bahá’í belief; in theological terms, it manifests itself in the understanding that the sole Creator has a single plan for the one humanity.

Coupled with these ideas is an understanding that human nature is fundamentally spiritual. Although human beings exist on earth in physical bodies, the essential identity of each person is defined by an invisible, rational, and everlasting soul.

**Monthly Meetings**

**Bahai Faith**

**Address:** (no permanent meeting place) monthly meetings held at 350 South Morwood Ave. West Lawn, PA 19609

**Phone:** 610-678-0859

**Directions:** 222 South, 1st exit onto 422W to Lebanon. Exit takes you onto Penn Ave. Go through 3 lights. 4th light, turn left onto Wyoming Blvd. GO under a bridge. At first light, take a left onto Reading Blvd. Go through stop sign. At second stop sign, take a right onto Morwood ave. Lotfi home is 1st house on right side.

**Days/ Times of Services:** 2nd Saturday of every month, 7pm

**Transportation:** Yes, call Mahvash 610-678-0859

**Other Information:** For more information on Bahai, call 1-800-228-6483 or [www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org) There is also a book in Res Life office.
Buddhism

Foundations, Beliefs, and Rituals
The central figure is Buddha, which in Sanskrit means “the awakened one.”

The Four Noble Truths are suffering or dukkha—suffering is a part of our lives whether physical, mental, or emotional / craving or tanha—if we suffer it is a result of our selfish desire to satisfy our senses / the end of suffering, Nibbana—when he attained enlightenment, Buddha saw and experienced an end to suffering / The Noble Eight-fold Path is the practical method for obtaining Nibbana. This path requires a development of wisdom, morality and meditation by using right understanding, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration. The moral guidelines for the Buddhist faith are intended to promote harmony between oneself and others and are abstain from harming living things, avoid taking what is not given, avoid sexual misconduct, avoid false speech, and discourage indulgence in alcoholic drinks and recreational drugs.

SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL-USA (SGI-USA)
Contact: Karen Kihurani at 610-396-6080 or come to room #13 Perkins
Meetings: Once a week at different locations
Transportation: Yes, contact Karen Kihurani
Other Information: The SGI-USA is an American Buddhist movement that promotes peace and individual happiness based on the philosophy and practice of the Nichiren school of Mahayana Buddhism. Most meetings are informal and usually small to encourage dialogue.

Judaism

Kesher Zion Synagogue
Address: 1245 Perkiomen Ave., Reading, PA 19602
Phone: 610-374-1763

Days/ Times of Services: Friday-6 PM, Saturday-9:30AM, Monday and Wednesday 7:30p.m., Thursday 8:00a.m.,
Transportation: Yes, contact Rabbi Joel Weintraub at 610-374-1763
Other Information: Available for counseling, home hospitality for holidays

Temple Oheb Sholom
Address: 555 Warwick Dr., Wyomissing, PA 19610
Phone: 610-375-6034 Fax: 610-375-6036
Directions: take Broadcasting Rd. to State Hill Rd. turn left. Take State Hill to second traffic light. Turn right at traffic light. Vista Rd. make a right at 1st stop sign. Temple on left. Entrance to parking lot before building.
Days/ Times of Services: 1st Friday of every month-6:00 PM, Saturday of same weekend 10:00 AM. All other Fridays 7:45 PM
Transportation: no
Other Information: home hospitality for festival and holiday meals available with prior notice. http://www.ohebsholom.org
Judaism

Judaism is a monotheistic religion. The Jewish People believe there is one God who created and rules the world. This God is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all knowing) and omnipresent (in all places at all times). God is also just and merciful. When the Israelites accepted the Ten Commandments from God at Mount Sinai, they committed themselves to following a code of law which regulates both how they worship and how they treat other people.

Rambam’s thirteen principles of faith is the most widely-accepted list of Jewish beliefs.

1. G-d exists.
2. G-d is one and unique.
3. G-d is incorporeal.
4. G-d is eternal.
5. Prayer is to be directed to G-d alone.
6. The words of the prophets are true.
7. Moses was the greatest prophet, and his prophecies are true.
8. The Torah was given to Moses.
9. There will be no other Torah.
10. G-d knows the thoughts and deeds of men.
11. G-d will reward the good and punish the wicked.
12. The Messiah will come.

Christianity

This religion is centered on Jesus of Nazareth, who states the most important commandments of God in the Bible. “And he answering said, Thou shalt love thy Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself,” Luke, Chapter 10.

There are four essentials to spiritual growth within Christianity. The first is to read the Bible every day, the second is to attend church services daily, the third is to get involved in a ministry group, and the fourth is to pray daily.
Baptist

First Baptist Church
Address: 210 South 5th Street, Reading, PA 19602-1817
Phone: 610-375-2211
Directions: Exit 422 Bypass onto Penn Street to Reading. Exit bridge onto 2nd Street. Left on Franklin to 5th Street, right on 5th. Church is one block ahead.
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday school at 9:30am, worship at 10:45am
During July and August and the first Sunday in September – Sunday school at 9:00 and Worship at 10:00am.
Transportation: no
Other Information: Pastor, Rev. Barbara Gela Eldred
Note: This entry last updated summer 2005.

The Bridge
Address: P.O. Box 204, Shillington, PA 19607
Phone: 610-777-5311
Directions: Warren Street Bypass (Route 12) East to Route 222 South. Exit RIGHT toward Lancaster. Immediately turn left onto Route 10. Travel approximately 2 miles to Route 724, turn right. Church is on the left at the intersection of High Boulevard and Route 724. Turn left onto High Boulevard and left into our lot.
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday worship 9:00am & 10:30am; Bible study for young adults at 9:00am; study groups at 6:00pm
Wednesday: 6:30pm prayer meeting
Transportation: Yes, call 610-777-5311
Other Information: College and Career (young adult) Ministry created to grow and develop the “Twenty-somethings” into the Christian leaders of tomorrow through fun and fellowship in Christ.

Islam

Islamic Center of Reading
Address: 18 Noble St.
          Reading, PA 19611
Phone: 610-478-1338 or 484-529-7193
Directions: 222 South to Lancaster Avenue. Turn left at the second traffic light after Queen City Family Restaurant on to Noble St. We are behind Transmission World.
Days/Times of Services: We are open all day every day for our 5 times prayers and Jumaa Prayer at 1PM.
Transportation: no
Other Information: We have Quranic study as well as Arabic study for children and adults. We are open minded for any discussion or dialogue with other faiths.
Note: This entry last updated summer 2005.
Islam

Foundation, Beliefs, Rituals, and The Five Pillars
Islam is the way of life for those who believe in God and want to live a life of worship and obedience to none but God. The reward is forgiveness from God and an everlasting life in heaven. There is one God, Allah. A prophet, Muhammed, received the divine relations over 23 years which comprise The Holy Quran.

Belief in Islam means:
Belief in one God, Allah /Belief in all of God’s messengers, belief that Muhammed is his last /Belief in all books sent down to his prophets: Torah, Zabur, Injeel, and Quran / Belief in the existence of angels / Belief in Day of Judgement, life after death, heaven and hell / Belief in Diving Decree or Predestination

Worship rituals are to create a balance between spiritual and physical needs and aspirations. There are five daily prayers. Giving charity is believed to be a way to seek forgiveness from God for sins. Daily fasting in the ninth month of Ramadam from dawn to sunset is to seek God-fearing and piety.

The five pillars for the foundation of muslim life:
Iman—oneness of God and finality of prophethood of Muhammed / Salah—establishment of daily prayers / Zakah—concern for and almegiving to the needy / Sawm—self purification through fasting / Hajj—pilgrammage to Makkah

Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church
Address: 510 Park Avenue, Reading 19611-1997
Phone: 610-372-7640
Directions: 422 East to Lancaster Avenue. (take Rt. onto 222 south) (pass McDonalds). Make the next left at light (Grace St.) Go up Grace Street to Park Avenue. The church is on the corner of Grace and Park Avenue.
Days/ Times of Services:
Sunday 9:30am service, 11:00am Adult Bible Fellowship
Transportation: Yes, call Church Office-610-372-7640 by Thursday (office hours are 9:00 – 3:30)
Other Information: Other services at 520 Park Ave (College House next door to church)
Sunday 11:00am C.A.T.S (College And Twenty-Something) Bible study, 6:00pm C.A.T.S small groups
Wednesday 7:00p.m. C.A.T.S Bible Study
Note: Last updated summer 2005.

Maranatha Baptist Church
Address: 25 Gaul Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608
Phone: 610-670-1191
Website: www.mbcss.org
Directions: Take 422 West and turn right onto Gaul Rd.
Days/ Times of Services:
Sunday 9:30am Sunday school, 10:45am & 6:00pm worship
Wednesdays 7:00pm Prayer & Youth
Transportation: Yes, call 610-670-1191
Other Information: Emphasis on teaching the Bible and loving people. Place to find a friend/ family. Passion for missions and prayer. Plenty of opportunities to serve.
Baptist

Victory Baptist Church
Address: 1059 Victory Circle, Reading 19605
Phone Number: 610-376-9888
Directions: Take Broadcasting Road to 222 N. Get off onto 183 and make right. Turn right again at the light (Van Reed Road). Proceed to the stop sign at Blessing Lane and follow the signs to church.
Days/ Times of Service:
Sunday Bible classes at 9:30 am, worship at 10:30 am and 6:00pm.
Wednesday Prayer Meetings at 9:30am and 7:00pm.
Transportation: Yes, it may be arranged. Call Bruce Tuttle at 610-372-5904.
Other Information: Each month, there’s one Sunday evening in which we have an activity after the service for teens and college-age youth, usually with refreshments.

Hinduism

Hinduism is believed to be the world’s oldest organized religion, dating back 5000 years. Two types of sacred writings constitute the Hindu scriptures: heard (sruti) and memorized (smriti).
Hinduism believes that there is only one supreme Absolute called Brahman, but it does not advocate the worship of one particular deity. Hinduism can best be defined as a way of life based on the teachings of ancient sages and scriptures like the Vedas and the Upanishads. The word dharma connotes “that which supports the universe” and effectively means any path of spiritual discipline which leads to God. Since religion and culture are nearly interchangeable terms in Hinduism, emotive expressions like ‘bhakti’ (devotion) or ‘dharma’ (what is right) and ‘yoga’ (discipline) are used to depict essential aspects of the religion. Hinduism believes in idol worship, reincarnation, ‘karma’, ‘dharma’ and ‘moksha’. Some moral ideals in Hinduism include non-violence, truthfulness, friendship, compassion, fortitude, self-control, purity and generosity. Human life is divided into four stages, and there are defined rites and rituals for each stage from birth till death.

Pushkå Marigya Vaishnav Samaj of North America
15 Manor Road, Vraj, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972
Phone: 570-754-7067
Email: vraj@vraj.org
Times of Service every day:
Mangala 7:30 – 8:00am; Shrungar/Palna 10:30-11:00am; Rajbhog 12:00-12:45pm; Utthapan 4:15-4:30; Sandyha Arti 5:00-5:30pm; Shayan 6:30-7:00pm
Directions: 183N to 895W. Go 1.5 miles on 895W to Vraj. Straight at stop sign.
United Church of Christ

**Days/ Times of Services:**
- **Sundays:** 8:30am (brief informal), Sunday Church School for all ages
- 9:15am, 10:30am (principal service)

**Transportation:** could be arranged, please call

**St. Peter’s United Church of Christ**

**Address:** 2001 Curtis Road, West Lawn, PA 19609

**Phone:** 610-678-3621

**Directions:** Broadcasting Road, then right onto State Hill Road, then left on Van Reed Road, then left on Dwight Street to the church.

**Days/ Times of Services:**
- **Sunday:** 10:00am worship, 9:00am Bible study
- **Wednesday:** church is open from 5:00pm – 7:00pm for meditation and prayer.

**Transportation:** Yes, contact Chris Hayden at 610-678-3621

**Other information:** Contemporary church with people of all ages, informal and welcoming people, we would be happy to see you!

Christian Church/ Church Of Christ:

**Hillside Christian Church**

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 2105, Sinking Spring, PA 19608

**Physical Address:** 47 Keener RD, Reinholds, PA

**Phone:** 610-777-0317 or 610-334-9866

**Email:** pastorlee@comcast.net

**Directions:** 422 West to Sinking Spring, bear left at Borough Hall on Columbia, 3 miles then turn right on Galen Hall, 1 block turn right onto Keener, right into drive.

**Days/ Times of Services:**
- **Sunday:** 9:00am and 10:35am worship

**Transportation:** Yes, if arrangements are made ahead of time with W. Sheldon Lee. Call 610-777-0317

**Other information:** We have home Bible studies 2-3 evenings most weeks.

Catholic

**St. Paul's R.C. Church**

**Address:** 151 N. 9th Street, Reading, PA. 19601

**Phone:** 610-372-1531

**Directions:** Penn Street in Reading to 9th Street, turn left (north) two blocks to 9th and Walnut.

**Days/ Times of Mass:**
- **Sunday:** 8:00am, 9:30am (Vietnamese), 11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish).
- **Saturday:** 4:00pm

**Transportation:** no

**Other information:** We would like to invite all Vietnamese students to share with our Vietnamese community (one hundred families)

**Sacred Heart Church**

**Address:** Lakeview Drive and Franklin Street, West Reading, PA 19611

**Phone:** 610-372-4010

**Website:** www.shrparish.org

**Directions:** Broadcasting Road to State Hill Road, State Hill to Penn Avenue (Left on Penn). Go 2 lights to Park Road. Right onto Park Road to Franklin Street. Left onto Franklin. One block to church.

**Days/ Times of Services:**
- **Sunday:** 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am
- **Monday—Friday:** 7:00am and 8:00am
- **Saturday:** 8:00am and 5:00pm vigil

**Transportation:** no

**Note:** Last update in 2005.
Catholic

*St. Anthony of Padua*
**Address:** 501 Summit Avenue, Reading, PA 19611  
**Phone:** 610-374-1539  
**Website:** www.stanthonyofreading.org  
**Directions:** Broadcasting Road to 222 South to Lancaster Avenue. Make a left onto Grace Street and go three blocks.  
**Days/Times of Mass:**  
- Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am  
- Monday—Friday: 7:00am  
- Saturday: 5:15pm  
**Transportation:** no  
**Other information:** Sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

*St. Ignatius*
**Address:** 2810 St. Albans Drive, Sinking Spring, PA 19608  
**Phone:** 610-678-3767  
**Website:** www.stignatiusreading.org  
**Directions:** Take Broadcasting Road to State Hill Road. Make a right onto State Hill. Make a left onto Van Reed Road. St. Ignatius is 1 block past Austin’s Restaurant on your right.  
**Days/Times of Services:**  
- Sunday Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12 noon.  
- Monday—Friday: 6:30am and 8:00am (5:30 pm during Advent & Lent)  
- Saturday: Mass 5:30pm, Confessions 4:00-5:00pm  
**Transportation:** Yes, Father Tom Bortz, 610-678-3767  
**Other Information:** Catholic resources - www.christusrex.org

United Church of Christ

*Epler’s United Church of Christ*
**Address:** 1151 W. Leesport Road, Leesport, PA 19633  
**Phone:** 610-926-1006 Leave a message  
**Directions:** Take Route 12 heading toward Pricetown. Take the Route 183 exit. At the light, turn left. Follow 183N to a traffic light at West Leesport Road and turn right. Follow signs - approximately 1 mile. Church is on right.  
**Days/Times of Services:**  
- Sunday: 10:30am (Sept thru May); 9:15am (June thru Aug)  
**Transportation:** Yes, Father Tom Bortz, 610-678-3767  
**Other Information:** Many young families in congregation. Warm, welcoming faith family. Sunday school (children & adults) 9:15am (Sept thru May), Summer Sunday School class ages 5-10 9:15am (June thru Aug)

*First United Church Of Christ*
**Address:** 611 Washington Street, Reading 19606  
**Phone:** 610 374-8594 church, 610 370-1336 Pastor’s home  
**Directions:** Downtown - Across the street from County Court House and the YMCA. Parking at the Walnut and Poplar St. garage.  
**Days/Times of Services:**  
- Sunday: 8:45am and 10:45am worship; 9:45am Bible study  
- Tuesday: 12:05-12:25pm worship  
**Transportation:** no  
**Other Information:** Pastor’s wife is Penn State’s librarian Nancy Dewald, 610-396-6243. First Church is very friendly. Call for more information. The church offers excellent music and a concert series. The congregation loves students. The pastor and his wife are Penn State proud!  
**Note:** This entry last updated fall 2002.

*St. Andrew’s United Church of Christ*
**Address:** 1320 Spruce Street, Reading, PA 19602-2161  
**Phone:** 610-375-8637  
**Directions:** Cross Penn Street Bridge into Reading, bear right, then left onto Franklin Street; east on Franklin to end, then right onto Perkiomen Ave.; continue on Perkiomen through traffic light (Chestnut St.), turn right at next cross street (Spruce); Church is ½ block up on the left.
United Church of Christ

Christ Church United Church of Christ
Address: 4870 Kutztown Road and Euclid Avenue, Temple, PA 19560
Phone: 610-929-2020
E-mail: office@ucctemple.org
Website: www.ucctemple.org
Directions: We are located in Temple, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County (which is slightly north of Reading). From Route 222, exit onto Route 61 South, turn left onto Tuckerton Road at the light, turn right onto Kutztown Road at the light, and the church will be on your right. Visitor’s parking is located behind the church building, accessible from Euclid Ave. You may also park at Millen’s Funeral Home, accessible from Kutztown Rd and 8th Avenue. Additional directions and a map is located on our website.

Days/Times of Services:
Sunday worship 8:00am and 10:30am; Sunday school 9:15am
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00-2:00
Transportation: We are happy to offer transportation. Please call or email the church secretary in advance with your request. Please let us know if you have any physical handicaps for which you would need assistance in entering or exiting a vehicle.

Other Information: You are more than welcome to attend worship, Sunday school, and other church activities. Nursery is available at the 10:30 worship services. Upcoming activities and mission projects can be found on our website. We offer fellowship activities such as trips to sporting events, movies, musical performances, amusement parks, and hiking. We regularly welcome visitors from Penn State, Kutztown University, Albright College, and RACC. Persons of any age, ethnic background, family makeup, orientation, denomination, physical/mental ability, etc., are always welcome. Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to take Communion here regardless of their denominational affiliation. Please let us know how we can better make accommodations to meet your needs. Although some persons dress formally, many of our members dress casually for worship, so please feel free to do so, also.

Note: Last updated summer 2005.

Christian

Glad Tidings Assembly of God
Address: 1110 Snyder Road, West Lawn, PA 19609
Phone: 610-678-0266
Directions: Left onto Broadcasting Road, right onto State Hill Road, left onto Van Reed Road, right onto Snyder Road. Church is on the left.

Days/Times of Services:
Sunday Services 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 6:30pm, Sunday school 9:30am
Wednesday 7:00pm
Transportation: Not at this time

Other Information: We have a Young Adult Sunday School class specifically for college-age students Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Our Young Adults also plan activities throughout the year. Contact us for information about upcoming events and to be placed on the mailing list.

Note: This entry was last updated summer 2005.

Fourth Dimension Young Adult Ministry
Location: Glad Tidings Assembly of God
Young Adult Worship Service: Every Friday night – Doors open 7:30pm, service starts at 8:00 pm. Come check out our Café on site! Open from 7:30 – 8:00pm, 9:30 – 11:00pm.
Transportation: Please call if you need a ride and we can make arrangements.

Other information: This is a perfect place for college students! Fourth Dimension is for any young adult between the ages of 18-35. Friday nights are marked by dynamic worship, relevant teaching, and great community. Come check out this great community of young adults!

Praise Christian Fellowship (PCF)
Address: 312 George Street, Reading, PA 19612-3235
Phone: 610-921-9882
Directions: North 5th, just off the Warren St. Bypass at Fairground Square Mall. George St. connect North 5th St. and Rt. 61 (Centre Ave.)

Days/Times of Services:
Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am
Christian

Wednesday 7:00pm Midweek Worship
Transportation: Yes. Call and record message as instructed on answering machine at 610-921-9882.
Other information: PCF has a contemporary style of worship and informal setting. Our message is designed to be practical for real-life issues and situations. We have lots of youth and young folks.

Grace Bible Fellowship Church
Address: 1128 Hampden Boulevard, Reading, PA 19604
Phone: 610-375-2333
Directions: Take Route 12 East to Spring Valley Road exit. Turn right onto Spring Valley Road. (Hampden Blvd.) Travel 1 mile to church at corner of Hampden Boulevard and Marion Street.
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday school 9:30am; worship 10:40am and 6:30pm
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 pm
Transportation: Yes, upon request
Other Information: Sunday school class electives include a Bible book study, a Faith and Doctrine study, and a Christian in the World study beginning September, December, March and June. All are welcome!

Seventh Day Adventists

Kenhorst Blvd, SDA Church
Address: 333 Kenhorst Blvd Reading, PA 19607
Phone: 610-777-5502 or 610-678-2020
Directions: 222-(422) to Lancaster Ave 222 South to Kenhorst Blvd - turn right - in the middle of 4th Block on the right.
Days/Times of Services: Saturday morning - Sabbath School - 9:30 AM, Worship - 11:00 AM; Wednesday Evening - 7:00 PM
Transportation: Yes, please call Fred Morgan at 610-678-2020
Other Information: Note: This entry was last updated summer 2005.
Protestant

Quaker Society of Friends

Reading Friends Meeting
Address: 108 N. 6th Street, Reading, PA 19601
Phone Number: 610-372-5345
Directions: Take 222 Business South to 422 Business, exit onto Penn Street into Reading. Make a left on 3rd Street, make a right onto Court Street. Travel on Court Street for about three blocks to 6th Street, make a left on 6th Street. Cross Washington Street; the driveway is immediately past a red brick church (Trinity), turn left into driveway.
Days/ Times of Services:
September to June: Sunday 10:00 -11:15am;
June to September: Sunday 10:15 to 11:15am in Reading and 10:00 to 11:00am at Maidencreek meeting.
Transportation: Possibly, please call 610-372-5345
Note: Last updated summer 2005.

Eastern Orthodox

The Orthodox Church of St. Herman of Alaska (Russian)
Address: 133 West Broad Street, Shillington, PA 19607
Phone: 610 777-3553
Directions: In Shillington (if coming from South-Lancaster) Follow Route 222 North / Lancaster Avenue. Turn right onto south Wyoming Ave. Turn left onto West Broad Street, the church will be on the left.
In Shillington (if coming from North-Reading) Follow Route 222 south / Lancaster Avenue. Turn left onto South Wyomissing Avenue. Turn left onto West Broad Street, the church will be on the left.
Days/ Times of Services:
Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00am (Sept-May)
Saturday Great Vespers 7:00pm eve of Major Feasts.
Transportation: possibly

St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
Address: 241-243 South 3rd Street, Reading, PA 19602
Phone: 610-375-2946 (215-487-2751-Home)
Directions: Located at 3rd and Spruce about 3 blocks from 3rd and Penn Street.
Days/ Times of Services: Sunday 9:30am
Transportation: No
Other Information: Thank you very much for your interest. Please call at any time. We welcome all to join us. Father Michael Sydek

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
Address: 1001 East Wyomissing Boulevard, Reading, PA 19611
Phone: 610-374-7511
Directions: Take route 422 to the Lancaster Avenue exit. Turn right at the foot of the ramp and proceed on Lancaster Avenue to Hancock Boulevard (the Mason dealer with the large Mercedes logo is on the right hand side.) Turn right and proceed about a mile to the church on the right.
Days/ Times of Services: Sundays at 10:00am
Transportation: Yes, can be arranged. Call the church office.
Other Information: We have a YAL group (Young Adult League)
Note: Last updated 2003
Episcopal

Christ Episcopal Church
Address: 5th and Court Streets, Reading, PA
Phone: 610-374-8269
Directions: Take 422 Bypass onto Penn Street to Reading. Turn left onto 5th Street and go 1 block.
Days/Times of Services: Holy Eucharist 8:00am & 10:15am
Labyrinth Walk every 4th Friday 11:30am to 1:00pm & 4:00pm to 6:00pm - in the auditorium

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church
Address: 2848 Saint Albans Drive, Sinking Spring, PA 19608-1028
Phone: 610-678-7001
Directions: Broadcasting Road South to State Hill Road; at traffic light intersection turn onto Van Reed Road. St. Alban's is south on Van Reed Road at junction of Wilshire Blvd.
Days/Times of Services: Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am
Tuesday 7:00pm
Transportation: Yes, contact Karl L. Kem 610-678-7001
Other Information: We welcome you to join us in our worship services on Sundays and throughout the week, as well as to join in participation in organizations such as the choir, Sunday school, Servers Guild, and special fellowship events.

Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
Address: Front and Windsor Streets, Reading, PA
Phone: 610-374-7914
Directions: Take 422 Bypass and exit onto Schuylkill Avenue(RT183) at light turn right, after crossing the bridge turn left onto Windsor Street and follow until you reach Front Street.
Days/Times of Services: Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am; Sunday school and nursery at 10:00am service
Transportation: No

Protestant

The Salvation Army-Hispanic Ministry
Address: 301 S. 5th Street, Reading, PA 19602
Phone: 610-373-7817/610-373-5208
Directions: Follow Penn Street to 5th Street. Make a right onto 5th Street, follow to Spruce Street and make a left.
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday at 1:00pm
Wednesday at 7:00pm
Transportation: Yes, contact Envoy Pastor Eduavdo Pilpe at 610-373-7817
Other Information: Our activities are primarily in Spanish, but all are welcome.
Note: Last update 2003

St. John's Reformed Church
Address: 4001 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring, PA 19608
Phone: 610-678-1446
Website: www.stjohnsrs.org
Directions: Take Broadcasting Road to State Hill Road. Turn right and go to Van Reed Road. Turn left on Van Reed Road and follow to Penn Avenue in Sinking Spring. Turn right onto Penn Avenue (422 West) and follow to first church on right.
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am; second Sunday Praise & Worship 7:30pm
Transportation: Yes, if arrangements are made ahead of time with Rev. Bill Miller
Other Information: Blended worship with large children and youth programs, family oriented, active choir programs for all ages, and Sunday school all year round. ALL ARE WELCOME!!
**Presbyterian**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church*
Address: 1502 Snyder Street, Reading, PA 19601  
Phone: 610-374-7277  
Web site: www.covenantberks.org  
Directions: Rt. 12 East to Rt. 183 North. First light North on 183, turn right. Church is on left.  
Days/ Times of Services:  
Sunday worship 9:00am, 10:45am Sunday school  
Transportation: Yes, Call 610-781-4803  
Other Information: Variety of weekly small groups for Bible Study/Encouragement. Church is largely young families.

*Pennside Presbyterian*
Address: 253 N. 25th Street, Mount Penn, PA 19606  
Phone Number: 610-779-2929  
Directions: 422 East to Mt. Penn exit, left to Perkiomen Ave. Left to N. 25th Street, then right three blocks to stone church on right.  
Days/ Times of Services:  
Sunday 10:45am worship, Sunday school at 9:00am. (Sept. thru May)  
Summer worship 9:30am; Sunday school is in recess  
Transportation: Yes, please call 610-779-2929  
Other Information: Opportunities to participate in younger youth work.

*First Presbyterian Church*
Address: 37 S. 5th Street, Reading, PA 19602  
Phone: 610-375-3389  
Directions: 422 East to Penn Street exit. Cross the Penn Street bridge and continue on Penn Street to the intersection of 5th Street. Turn right onto 5th Street and continue one block to 5th and Cherry Streets. The Cherry Street parking lot is at the intersection and adjacent to the church.  
Days/ Times of Services:  
Sunday 9:00am Prayer and Praise with the Praise Team; 9:30am Blended Worship, 10:45am Christian education for all ages  

**Lutheran**

*Atonement Lutheran Church*
Address: 5 Wyomissing Boulevard, Wyomissing, PA 19610  
Phone: 610-375-3512  
E-mail: atonement@atonementwyo.org  
Web Site: www.atonementwyo.org  
Directions: Broadcasting Road to State Hill Road. Left on State Hill Road, continue on State Hill to the church (intersection of State Hill/ Penn Ave/ Wyomissing Blvd).  
Days/ Times of Services:  
Sunday 8:30am and 11:00am  
Wednesday 7:30pm  
Transportation: No  
Other Information: Bethany is always interested in using the musical talents of interested individuals.

*Calvary Lutheran Church*
Address: 1009 Elizabeth Avenue, Laureldale, PA 19605  
Phone: 610-392-9666  
Directions: N. on Rt. 222, South on 222 Business toward Reading; left at Elizabeth Avenue, (Hess Gas Station); past one light, church is 2 blocks on left.  
Days/ Times of Services:  
Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am, Sunday school 9:15am  
Saturday 5:00pm  
Transportation: No  
Other Information: Totally handicapped accessible. Large print worship materials. Outstanding organ!
Lutheran

*St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church*
**Address:** Corner of North 9th & Green Street, Reading, PA 19601  
**Phone:** 610-375-9216  
**Directions:** Enter Reading on Penn Street. Turn left on North 9th. Church parking is on the right between Buttonwood and Green Streets.  
**Days/ Times of Services:**  
**Sundays:** 10:00 am (English) & 11:30 am (Spanish)  
Holy Communion is offered at both services every Sunday.  
**Transportation:** yes

*Alsace Lutheran Church*
**Address:** 2201 Kutztown Road, Reading, PA 19605  
**Phone:** 610-929-8727  
**Directions:** Take Route 12 East towards Pricetown. Take the 11th Street exit (Albright College) bear to the right. At the end of the ramp is an entrance to our back parking lot and cemetery. When you walk to the church from our back parking lot, Alsace Lutheran is on the right and Grace (Alsace) UCC is on the left.  
**Days/ Times of Services:**  
**Sunday:** 8:15 am and 10:45 am  
Sunday school for all ages 9:30 am  
**Transportation:** No  
**More Information:** Alsace has a varied ministry available to its congregation. Brochures are available with all the information. God welcomes everyone and so does Alsace.  
**Note:** Last updated in 2003.

*Christ Lutheran Church (Glenside)*
**Address:** 1301 Luzerne Street, Reading, PA 19601  
**Phone:** 610-376-0311  
**Directions:** Route 12 East to Route 183, Airport Exit (Schuykill Ave) left on Luzerne Street. (You can ride a bike across the Tulpehocken Creek Bridge.)  
**Days/ Times of Services:**  
**Sunday:** 10:30 am, Sunday school 9:15 am  
**Wednesday:** 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm "CASA DE CRISTO" family program with supper

Non Denominational

*Mountain View Fellowship Church of God*
**Address:** 1255 Hampden Boulevard, Reading, PA 19604  
**Phone:** 610-376-4452  
**Directions:** From the Berkshire Mall – take Route 12 to the Spring Valley Exit. Turn right onto Hampden Boulevard. Go approximately 1 mile. Church is on left next to Hampden Park.  
**Days/ Times of Services:**  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am Sunday school; 10:15 am worship.  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Bible study  
**Note:** Last updated summer 2005.

*Koinos Community Church*
1619 Delaware Avenue, Wyomissing, PA 19610  
**Phone:** 610-373-3690  
Meetings held at Skateaway – 2279 Lancaster Pike  
**Days/ Times of Service:** Sunday 10:30  
**Other Information:** Koinos is a new spiritual community for people who want to seek after God in growing relationships with others. We utilize film, music, art, dialogue and Scripture to connect with God. We attempt to live out the best of different Christian values in an informal, spiritual atmosphere. First time spiritual seekers and veteran Jesus followers are welcome. Come dressed however you prefer – jeans, khakis, shorts, whatever. Yes, we meet at a skating rink!
Non Denominational

St. James Church
Address: 7th and Penn Avenue, West Reading, PA 19611
Phone: 610-372-2034
Email: stjames@aol.com
Website: www.stjameschurchinwestreading.com
Directions: Centrally located on the corner of 7th Street and Penn Avenue in West Reading
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday 8:00am and 10:40am service (May 25 through September) 10:40am service only until end of May
Transportation: Yes, contact Gene Messner at 610-372-2034
Note: Last updated 2003

West Wyomissing Chapel
Address: 2055 Reading Boulevard, West Lawn, PA 19609
Phone: 610-678-1873
Directions: 422W to Penn Avenue in Sinking Spring. Turn left at Redner’s Quick Mart. Left at the next light. Two blocks ahead on left.
Days/Times of Services: Sunday 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Transportation: No
Other Information: Our services are structured to be contemporary in format. In October, we will be offering contemporary evening worship services geared toward college age groups.
Note: Last update 2003

Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church
Address: 210 N. 25th Street, Reading, 19606-2016
Phone: (610) 779-2889; Pastor Diane LaFauci's study (610) 779-3343
Directions: 422 Bypass east to Mt. Penn exit, left at blinker light. Go three lights and make left onto 422 business. Go approximately 2 miles to N. 25th Street between 5th and 6th lights (across from Wendy’s). Make right onto N. 25th Street. Church is down 3.5 blocks on the left.
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday school at 9:15am; worship at 8:15am and 10:30am
Transportation: Yes, occasionally just call the office at 610-779-2889 and ask for Pam.
Note: This entry last updated fall 2002.

Kissinger’s Lutheran Church
Address: 715 Berkshire Boulevard, Wyomissing, PA 19610
Phone: 610-372-5606
Email: kissingersELCA@aol.com
Directions: across the athletic fields to Berkshire Blvd.
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday worship 10:15am, Adult Sunday Education 9:00am (Coffee +) topics vary
Adult Wednesday Education 11:00am (Coffee) Bible Study
Transportation: Yes, call church office at 610-372-5606
Other Information: Rev. Sandy Wisco, pastor. Our congregation is supportive, open and willing to have college students attend and be a part of our congregational life. Members have volunteered to transport students (pick up at dorm parking lot at 10:00 AM for worship), they have also included students in many other events at our church. It is our hope to continue to build a viable and empowering ministry to both students and faculty.

Note: This entry last updated fall 2002.
**Lutheran**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**Address:** 521 Walnut Street, Reading, PA 19601  
**Phone:** 610-372-6950  
**Directions:** 222 South to Penn Street exit into the city. Turn left on 5th Street. Go 3 blocks to Walnut Street and turn right. Church is in second block on left. (parking in rear or on street)  
**Days/ Times of Services:**  
**Sunday** 9:00am Bible Class for students and adults; 10:15am worship; 11:15am German language worship - 1st of month  
**Transportation:** no  
**Other Information:** Historically, this was the “German Lutheran Church.” A service in German is offered once a month on the first Sunday.

**Zion (Spies) Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**Address:** 310 Spies Church Road, Reading, PA 19606-9030  
**Phone:** 610-779-1181  
**Email:** zionspies@aol.com  
**Directions:** Route 12 East to Skyline Drive (second right turn after road narrows to 2 lanes) and follow signs.  
**Days/ Times of Services:**  
**Sunday** 8:00am early worship; 9:15am Coffee and Discussion; 10:30am worship  
**Saturday** 6:00pm informal service of Holy Communion  
**Mission Statement:** We, the baptized Children of God, Saved by Christ and directed by the Holy Spirit, affirm that Our Mission is to preach and teach the Good news of Jesus Christ through word, worship, and witness.  
**Note:** Last updated summer 2005.

**Non Denominational**

**Schuylkill Valley Bible Chapel**  
**Address:** 603 Irish Creek Road, Mohrsville, PA 19541  
**Phone:** 610-926-1140  
**Directions:** from PSU Berks – Route 222 North to 183 exit. Turn left onto 183 North. Go 2.9 miles and turn right onto Plum Creek Road. Go 2 miles to a stop sign at a “Y.” Go to the right onto Garfield Road. Go 0.06 miles and turn left onto School Road. Go 0.6 miles to a stop sign. Go straight onto Pony Road. Proceed for 1 mile and turn left onto Belleman’s Church Road. Go 1.1 miles and turn right onto Irish Creek Road. The church is 1 mile ahead on the right.  
**Days/ Times of Services:**  
**Sunday** school 9:15am; worship 10:15 am and 6:00pm  
**Monday** College and Career Small Group 7:30pm  
**Note:** Please contact church for location information

**Total Family Christian Center**  
**Address:** 1340 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading PA 19602  
**Phone Number:** 610-372-1921  
**Directions:** From 422, take the Penn Street exit and stay on for twelve blocks. On 12th Street, bear right onto Perkiomen Avenue. Go three blocks. Church is on the corner.  
**Days/ Times of Services:**  
**Sunday** at 10:30am  
**Tuesday** (Youth Night) at 7:00pm  
**Thursday** Evangelistic service at 7:00 AM  
**Transportation:** Yes, contact B. Jones at 610-478-0291 or 610-372-1921  
**Note:** This entry was last updated Fall 2000.
Mormon

Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints
Address: 3350 Reading Crest Avenue Reading, PA 19609
Phone: 610-921-3339
Directions: Call the church
Days/Times of Services: Sunday 9:00am
Transportation: Call Bishop Rogers (610 777-3175)
Other Information: College age student activities are held on a regular basis.
Note: This entry last updated fall 2002.

Nazarene

Calvary Church of the Nazarene
Address: 3301 Stoudts Ferry Bridge Road, Reading, PA 19605
Phone: 610-921-8998
Email: CalvaryNazarene@verizon.net
Directions: 222 North to 61 South exit. Follow 61 South a short distance to the Tuckerton Road intersection. Turn right onto Tuckerton Road. Turn left onto Stoudts Ferry Bridge Road. Follow for about 1 mile. Church is on left hand side.
Days/ Times of Service:
Sunday School 9:30am Worship, 10:30am Sunday School
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm
Thursday Youth Service 7:30pm
Other Information: Call 610-796-1528 for transportation and about evening services
Note: Last updated summer 2005.

Mennonite

Hopewell Mennonite Church
Address: 45 S. 6th Street, Reading, PA 19602
Phone: 610-373-3907
Days/ Times of Services: Sunday School 9:30am, Worship Service 10:30am
Transportation: No
Other Information: Our service is one which blends contemporary Christian music and traditional hymns. We are a multicultural congregation with a broad-age group. Our Service is a celebration to the King.

Shiloh Mennonite Church
Address: 421 Bingaman Street, Reading, PA
Phone: 610-372-1997
Directions: Take 422 East and take the Penn Street exit into Reading, turn right onto 4th Street and follow to Bingaman Street.
Days/ Time of Services:
Sunday 9:00am Worship, 10:30am Sunday School
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30pm
Thursday Youth Service 7:30pm
Other information: Call 610-796-1528 for transportation and about evening services
Note: Last updated summer 2005.
Methodist

Calvary United Methodist Church
Address: 831 N. Wyomissing Boulevard, Wyomissing, PA 19610
Phone: 610-373-7479
Email: wyocalvary@aol.com
Days/Times of Service
Sunday school 9:15am; worship service 10:30am
Monday Bible Study/Prayer Time 3:00pm
Directions: We are located at the corner of N. Wyomissing Boulevard and Van Reed Road. Take 422 East from the Berks campus to the exit for North Wyomissing Boulevard. Continue on the boulevard to the top of the hill – church located on the left at the top of the hill.
Notes: Church office open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Lincoln Park United Methodist Church
Address: 1 Carlisle Avenue, Lincoln Park, Reading, PA
Phone: 610-777-1422
E-mail: lpcumc@verizon.net or www.lpcumc.org
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday traditional services at 8:15am and 10:45am; contemporary service at 9:15am
Transportation: No

West Lawn United Methodist
Address: 15 Woodside Avenue, West Lawn, PA 19609
Phone: 610-678-5611
Website: westlawnumc.org
Directions: 422 West to Penn Avenue in West Lawn. Church is on corner of Penn & Woodside (diagonal from Redner’s Quik Mart). Parking in lot and across from church.
Days/Times of Services:
Sunday worship at 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am; Sunday school at 9:30am.
Wednesday meal served from 5:30 – 6:30pm (this meal is free with current college ID); Bible Studies and/ or mid week communion service at 7:00pm, Sept thru May
Transportation: N/A
Other Information: Sunday at 9:30am is a Praise Worship Service – the dress is casual, “come as you are”, and the music is upbeat (guitars, drums, keyboards). You are welcome just as you are! Small Group Bible Studies vary, please contact office at 610-678-5611. For Young Adult Ministries dates and times contact Rev. Kerry Bart at the office or at kerry@westlawnumc.org