



Trinity Chimes

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From Pastor Daniel

Gifts and Services Inventory

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts ... (*Romans 12: 5-6*)

Last year, Darryl Glick suggested that we compile a directory of services, a list of members of ERUCC who possess a variety of skills that other members of the congregation may need (like handyperson service). The directory would be a combination of people who would offer services for a fee or donation. The directory would also include those who are willing to give their time for things like driving someone to the doctor or to the hospital for a procedure.

While we did not get far with our list last year, the pandemic has reminded me that this list is needed even more than ever. As more members of our congregation have become ill with the Coronavirus, we have more people calling for support or assistance with meals and transportation as their usual sources are unavailable. Many folks look for advice and recommendations of who might come over to their house and take a look at a problem before they call a contractor.

We had a first gathering of a group of ERUCC folks who have recovered or are recovering from COVID-19. It was so helpful for folks to hear that their symptoms were shared by others and it was especially comforting to know that people are doing well. Out of that gathering, Holly Davis and Marj Berkheimer offered terrific information from their experiences and are continuing to provide support to others. ERUCC member Jacqueline Messner, a nurse practitioner, is also willing to answer your questions about COVID and point you in the right direction for services.

How great that we can support one another in these ways.

So, I am making the appeal again. What service might you be willing to offer? I'd like to prepare a list with contact information so that we can call one another directly and know that there is support out there. This is a directory for ERUCC. We will only share it with those on our contact list.

Here's a list of some of the requests that come my way or to Kim or Amy in the church office:

- Babysitters
- People willing to drive to local doctor's appointments and appointments to Baltimore hospitals.
- Handyperson services – caulking windows, removing bushes, spreading mulch, painting.
- Computer assistance

I know that many of you have already provided these services for members and for this we are grateful. If you are one of those people, please let me know if we can share your contact information in a directory.

We often suggest names of our members who are contractors or have their own businesses. If you would like to have your company or business listed, please confirm that with me or Amy.

Thank you for the many ways you are caring for each other during these days and always.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP NOTES

(Scripture notes from Season of the Spirit and Pulpit Resource)

February 7 • Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

The readings today affirm the importance of prayer in keeping our focus for ministry. Restored by God's transforming love, we are reshaped as messengers of good news. In our Gospel lesson, Mark 1:29-39, as Jesus is seeking rest at the home of Simon and Andrew, he is called upon to heal Simon's mother-in-law. Crowds begin to press in around the house, demanding more words and deeds of power from Jesus. Isaiah 40:21-31 calls God's people to remember that God - who created the universe and rules everything within it - is their source of strength. *We will share in communion this morning.*

February 14 • Transfiguration Sunday

The Season after the Epiphany ends with the story of Jesus' transfiguration in Mark 9:2-9. This revealing of Jesus' glory is a turning point, marking the end of Jesus' ministry in Galilee and the beginning of the journey towards Jerusalem and the fate that awaits Jesus there. Just before today's reading, Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah. But Peter does not understand Jesus' teaching about the kind of Messiah Jesus has come to be. I John 4:7-19 reminds us of the gift of love. Norman Ross* will be preaching this morning. *Bio Page 10.



Ash Wednesday Services February 17

Noon in Trinity Chapel (in-person)

7:30 in the Main Sanctuary
In-person and Live-Streamed

*Services will include the Imposition of
Ashes and Holy Communion*

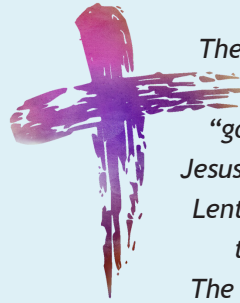
February 21 • First Sunday in Lent

During the Season of Lent, we reflect on what it means to journey through life as God leads us. The first lesson this morning, Genesis 9: 8-17, is the first description of a covenant in the Bible. God promises Noah never again to destroy the earth. After a period of preparation and testing in the wilderness, Mark 1: 9-15, Jesus begins his ministry, proclaiming the good news that God's reign is breaking into the world in a new way.

February 28 • Second Sunday in Lent

Our first scripture reading for this Second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, and speaks to trust in God's promises. Abram and Sarai are childless; yet God makes a covenant, promising Abram he will be the ancestor of many nations. In Mark 8:31-38, Jesus and his disciples are near Caesarea Philippi. For the first time, Jesus teaches that he will suffer and die. *Today we will be honoring our young people and their families involved with Scouting.*

LENT AT ERUCC



THE SEASON OF LENT

The late Representative John Lewis of Georgia talked about stirring up "good trouble" that leads to justice.

Jesus stirs up a lot of good trouble in the Lenten Gospels this year; we are called to prepare ourselves and follow.

The traditional color for Lent is purple.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

12-12:30PM, Wednesdays

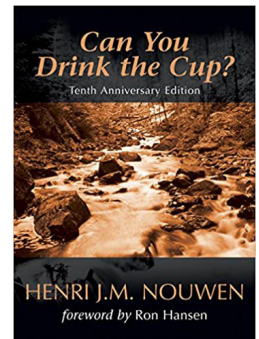
February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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Can You Drink the Cup?

Henri Nouwen begins his deeply personal book, *Can You Drink the Cup*, with the story of his early vocation to the priesthood and his ordination in 1957, at which time his uncle, a priest, gave to Henri the gold chalice that he had used for many years. In his later years, while living and working at the L'Arche Daybreak Community, Henri reflects on Jesus' question to James and John: "Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" The cup becomes a metaphor for life, and the question for all of us becomes "Can we hold the cup of life in our hands? Can we lift it up for others to see and can we drink it to the full?"



February 24	Holding the Cup: The Cup of Sorrow
March 3	Holding the Cup: The Cup of Joy
March 10	Lifting the Cup: The Cup of Blessings
March 17	Lifting the Cup: The Cup of Blessings pt. 2
March 24	Drinking the Cup: The Cup of Salvation
March 31	Can You Drink the Cup?

Do you have palms at home?

Donate them back to the church. If you have any palm branches or crosses from previous years, would you consider bringing them to the church so that we can burn them in preparation for Ash Wednesday?



ADULT EDUCATION

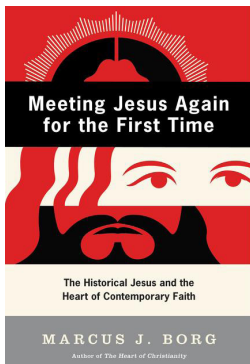
Tuesday Morning with Pastor Daniel

February 16 - March 23

Tuesdays at 11AM via Zoom

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MEETING JESUS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME

Of the many recent books on the historical Jesus, none has explored what the latest biblical scholarship means for personal faith. In *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, Marcus Borg addresses the yearnings of those who want a fully contemporary faith that welcomes rather than oppresses our critical intelligence and openness to

the best of historical scholarship. Borg shows how a rigorous examination of historical findings can lead to a new faith in Christ, one that is critical and, at the same time, sustaining.

Drawing on his own journey from a naïve, unquestioning belief in Christ through collegiate skepticism to a mature and contemporary Christian faith, Borg illustrates how an understanding of the historical Jesus can actually lead to a more authentic Christian life—one not rooted in creed or dogma, but in a life of spiritual challenge, compassion, and community.

In straightforward, accessible prose, Borg looks at the major findings of modern Jesus scholarship from the perspective of faith, bringing alive the many levels of Jesus's character: spirit person, teacher of alternative wisdom, social prophet, and movement founder. He also reexamines the major stories of the Old Testament vital to an authentic understanding of Jesus, showing how an enriched understanding of these stories can uncover new truths and new pathways to faith.

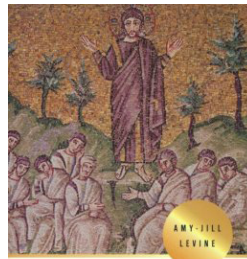
February 16	Meeting Jesus Again
February 23	What Manner of Man? The Pre-Easter Jesus
March 2	Jesus, Compassion, and Politics
March 9	Jesus and Wisdom: Teacher of Alternative Wisdom
March 16	Jesus, the Wisdom of God: Sophia Become Flesh
March 23	Images of Jesus and Images of the Christian Life

Contact Pastor Daniel if you are interested in participating in this study.



Wednesday Evening Group

Wednesday 7PM via Zoom



SERMON on the MOUNT

We will begin studying *Sermon on the Mount-A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, a new seven session series by Amy Jill Levine, on Wednesday January 27. Pastor Barbara led this series in the fall so if you missed it then, you have a chance to participate via ZOOM with a different facilitator and small group of people. Or, maybe you enjoyed Professor Levine's lectures and the richness of the material so much that you want a second helping. It will be necessary to have the book in order to fully participate so please contact the church office to order the book if you have not been participating in the Wednesday evening group and contact Esther Ziegler estherrziegler@gmail.com so you receive the link to the ZOOM call each week.

Since this is a Zoom class, if you have not been getting the link for the Wednesday evening class please let Esther Ziegler estherrziegler@gmail.com or Amy Aguilar in the church office know your email address so you receive the link each week.

The Stewardship/Generosity Team is happy to report the final figures for the Faces of Love campaign. In your generosity, faithfulness, and love,



103 members and friends pledged a total of \$379,494.00. In addition, several persons pledged their intent to continue their giving to ERUCC. This is an increase of \$18,840.00 over the previous year and 9 more pledges.

These gifts, combined with your special offerings, provide funds for worship, music, programs for children and adults, fellowship, our pastor and staff, the buildings which house us, social action, social justice, and mission outreach locally and worldwide through the UCC's Our Church's Wider Mission. They foster joy and abundant life.

Thank you for continuing to support your church and its mission in the midst of the turmoil of this year. Together, we are the church!

ADULT EDUCATION *continued*

Thursday Evening Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark

Thursday, 7-8PM

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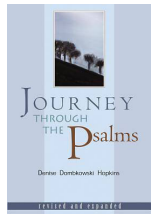
(If you are interested in participating in this study, contact the church office for the materials)

A **Listen Up!** Bible Study from UCC Still Speaking writer, Talitha Arnold.

February 4	Lesson 4	Mark 14:12 - 15:2
February 11	Lesson 5	Mark 15:1-47
February 18	Lesson 6	Mark 16

Journey Through the Psalms

February 25 - April 15



Reclaim the Psalms for true worship, as well as prayer, as you learn how to approach God with the emotional intensity of the ancient psalmists. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins combines the insights of scholarship on the Psalms with artwork, liturgy, song, and poetry to give us a new way to use the Psalms in our life of

faith together, and also to empower our corporate identity and revitalize our worship. She examines how the Psalms formed the worship of ancient synagogues and the earliest churches and how they can do the same for our churches today. Reflective questions bring a new awareness of the power of the Psalms to enrich public worship and private devotions with an honesty that does not turn away from the realities of suffering and anger.

Hopkins' book, *Journey Through the Psalms* will be the primary text supplemented with work by Walter Brueggemann and Eugene Peterson.

Please contact Pastor Daniel if you wish to participate and receive the materials.

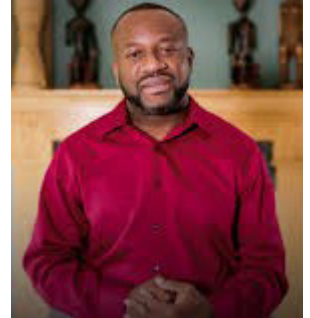
Tuesdays With Ted

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92398918264?pwd=SlVlYzNKUklpczJsMElnOTdtRVdvZz09>

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Tuesday, February 9, 6-7PM

"It takes a community to eradicate hate" with Wale Elegbede. Standing up to discrimination and hate should be everyone's business, says community activist Wale Elegbede. In this vital talk, he shares how his community in La Crosse, Wisconsin came together to form an interfaith group in response to Islamophobia and racism -- and shows why a mentality of caring for your neighbors can make life better for everyone.



Tuesday, March 9, 6-7PM



"Lessons on leaving the world better than you found it" with Sophie Howe, the world's only future generations commissioner, a new kind of government official tasked with advocating for the interests of generations to come and holding public institutions accountable for delivering long-term change. She describes some of the people-focused policies she's helped implement in Wales, aimed at cutting carbon emissions, increasing sustainability and promoting well-being as a national goal.



Cleaning Out Your Attic or Storage Spaces?

As many of you know, I like to clean, and I am very proud of the cleaning we have done throughout our buildings over the years. I am most proud of the cleaned-out basement of Trinity Chapel. In March of last year, we cleared out and organized that space into a well-organized storage area. It took three runs to the dump and numerous trips to the Restore, Goodwill, and recycling but it is done. While we do not want to bring unneeded items into the building, there are things you may be cleaning out from your homes that we can use. For example, we are most appreciative of arts and craft items that we can use for Sunday School, Confirmation Class, and Vacation Bible School. We continue to need coffee cans or containers that peanuts come in for placing the altar flowers after worship for delivery. New office supplies are another donation we often use. *We would appreciate your contacting us first, to make sure we have a ready use for the items and can be available to receive the donations.*

The other welcome donation includes copies of our history book, *Unto Us*, or other ERUCC memorabilia. Most recently, we received several boxes of items from the Best family including two copies of the out of print, *Unto Us*. So, if you are cleaning out and find a piece of ERUCC history, think about donating it to the church.

~ Pastor Daniel

HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST:

Engagement, Conversations, Opportunities

“Becoming an anti-racist is a life-long journey. It happens in community with other committed people who journey together and commit to decentering whiteness, leaning into practices to decolonize socialized patterns of thinking and behaviors. The process includes relearning history, correcting false narratives, and working towards radical shifts in policies and structures that harm black lives.” ~ (Velda Love)

February 15 ~ 7PM

Watch the movie **RIDERS** (2010), directed by Stanley Nelson at home and then engage in the conversation that will be held by Zoom call at 7PM on the designated dates. If you do not have access to streaming services, call the church office to make arrangements to see the films.

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WHITE PRIVILEGE: LET’S TALK:

A Resource for Transformational Dialogue

February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14 ~ 7-8:30PM

This adult curriculum has been designed to invite UCC members and others to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race, and we invite you to continue the conversation here. The six-week program will include six weeks of conversation, meeting on Sunday evenings beginning February 7th and continuing through March 14th from 7-8:30PM.

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Passcode: 913700

Please contact Pastor Daniel for a copy of the materials for these sessions.

Why Does My Trinity Chimes Look Different?

We hope you like the new look of **Trinity Chimes**. When considering the re-design, we were delighted to discover that the **United Church of Christ** offers a webpage dedicated to our particular “branding”, including typefaces, printing colors and logos. You are encouraged to visit their page to find out more: <https://www.ucc.org/who-we-are-2/about/brand-guidelines/>. As the recommended fonts, **Gill Sans** (created by British designer Eric Gill in 1928) and **Trebuchet MS** (a humanist sans-serif typeface designed by Vincent Connare for the Microsoft Corporation in 1996. It is named after the trebuchet, a medieval siege engine) were both sans-serif, we added the classic face **Baskerville**, (a serif typeface designed in the 1750s by John Baskerville in Birmingham, England, and cut into metal by punchcutter John Handy) for its aesthetic beauty. Specific PMS colors and UCC logos are also discussed on the site.

From UCC General Minister and President John C. Dorhauer: A vision of a just world for all people will guide and shape the future work of the United Church of Christ. I can’t even begin to express how proud I am of our beloved United Church of Christ for articulating not just a purpose, vision and mission – but this purpose, vision and mission. I call upon every covenant partner to embrace fully this call to love and justice. Creating a consistent identity for the United Church of Christ is essential to living into the world we envision and fulfilling the mission God has set before our church. Our updated visual identity, including the new UCC logo and the various other marks are our most visible expression of who we are in reminding the world why we matter. The proper use of these Identity Standards is important in moving our work forward. I urge every UCC covenantal partner – from the National Setting, Conferences and our nearly 5,000 churches, to use our identity properly, and consistently.





ERUCC BOOK GROUP 2021

Join the Conversation via Zoom at 7PM

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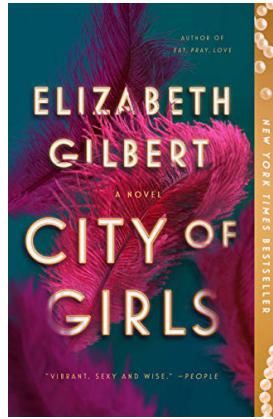
February 23

City of Girls

Elizabeth Gilbert

Beloved author Elizabeth Gilbert returns to fiction with a unique love story set in the New York City theater world during the 1940s.

In 1940, nineteen-year-old Vivian Morris has just been kicked out of Vassar College, owing to her lackluster freshman-year performance. Her affluent parents send her to Manhattan to live with her Aunt Peg, who owns a flamboyant, crumbling midtown theater called the Lily Playhouse. There Vivian is introduced to an entire cosmos of unconventional and charismatic characters, from the fun-chasing showgirls to a sexy male actor, a grand-dame actress, a lady-killer writer, and no-nonsense stage manager.



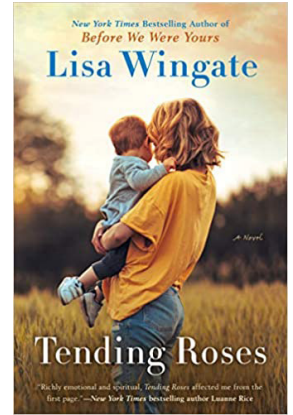
But when Vivian makes a personal mistake that results in professional scandal, it turns her new world upside down in ways that it will take her years to fully understand. Ultimately, though, it leads her to a new understanding of the kind of life she craves - and the kind of freedom it takes to pursue it. It will also lead to the love of her life, a love that stands out from all the rest.

March 23

Tending Roses

Lisa Wingate

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours* comes a heartfelt novel about the bonds of family and the power of second chances.



When Kate Bowman temporarily moves to her grandmother's Missouri farm with her husband and baby son, she learns that the lessons that most enrich our lives often come unexpectedly. The family has given Kate the job of convincing Grandma Rose, who's become increasingly stubborn and forgetful, to move off her beloved land and into a nursing home. But Kate knows such a change would break her grandmother's heart.

Just when Kate despairs of finding answers, she discovers her grandma's journal. A beautiful handmade notebook, it is full of stories that celebrate the importance of family, friendship, and faith. Stories that make Kate see her life—and her grandmother—in a completely new way . . .

ERUCC BOOK GROUP 2021

April 27	<i>Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art</i> by James Nestor
May 25	<i>The Island of Sea Women</i> by Lisa See
June 22	<i>The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride</i> by Joe Siple
July 27	<i>The Dutch House</i> by Ann Patchett
August 24	<i>The Orphan's Tale</i> by Pam Jenoff
September 28	<i>American Dirt</i> by Jeanine Cummins
October 26	<i>This Tender Land</i> by William Kent Krueger
November 30	<i>Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots</i> by Deborah Feldman

a note from

New Watchers Online

Hello ERUCC and Pastor Daniel,

Thank you for the kind note in response to our recent donation. We have been tuning into your weekly services online since August, and have enjoyed your messages and the way your church interprets and enacts our shared faith.

We've attended another local church since moving to Frederick in 2016, but have felt increasingly convicted to find a church that focuses on social justice, empowers women to participate and lead at all levels, and is open and affirming. We are happy to have found ERUCC.

We look forward to meeting you and attending in person in the (hopefully) near future.

Online services have been a great way to connect new people to the church and its mission. Would you consider sharing a link to our services with your friends, neighbors and family?

Thank You's from Pastor Daniel

We thank Rev. Carolyn Roberts for her service as chair and co-chair of the Generosity Committee. Under her leadership, a new team of energetic members gathered who have led us well in gaining new understanding and appreciation for giving.

With appreciation for all who have been assembling our worship packets, putting on labels, stamping the return address, and delivering them. Special thanks to Charlotte Henderson who spent hours assembling the materials for "Lent in a Bag" and Bob and Nancy Manthey who affix labels and stamp and Kathryn King for stuffing them full!



To the 20 of you who wrote notes and letters of appreciation to the Delaplaine Foundation for their multiple gifts to ERUCC. Marlene Young sent this note to me, "I wanted to let you know that your words of encouragement to your caring and compassionate congregation at ERUCC to drop notes and cards of gratitude to Delaplaine Foundation for our grant funding were well received and acted upon. We have received to date close to 20 heartfelt notes expressing sincere appreciation and both George and I have greatly appreciated the time, sincerity and kindness of each one."

Consider Sponsoring a Monthly Live Stream in 2021

We have updated our weekly live streaming of Sunday services and other events with an additional camera, higher speed transmission, and a no advertisement platform. This has been a great service for our members who have been hospitalized or homebound as well as for those traveling who want to check in. We know they have enjoyed watching the service and being able to participate on a Sunday morning when they're not able to be here. On occasion, we have folks watching from Germany and other places.

Like the altar flowers and yellow rose, we are looking for sponsors for this valuable service. Would you considering sponsoring the live stream service for \$50 a month? We would acknowledge your gift in the bulletin and it can be donated in honor or memory of someone.

Contact the church office if you are interested.

WELCOME TO ERUCC



ALBERT H. MANUS

Albert H, Manus and his wife Joyce reside in Jefferson, MD. Albert has two daughters and three granddaughters. Joyce has one daughter and twin grandchildren.

Al was employed 38 years with the federal government, 3 years U.S. Army and 35 years Internal Revenue Service and is currently retired.

His father and paternal grandfather were ministers in Presbyterian Church USA. His paternal aunts served as missionaries in Lebanon, China and India.

He is a member of Jefferson Ruritan Club (Inactive), American Legion Frederick, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Appalachian Mountain Club and Sierra Club.

SCOTT HARRIS

Scott Harris is delighted to be a brand-new member of the church! He relocated to Frederick approximately three years ago and loves the city. He was walking by the church one day and wanted to go in, but the coronavirus pandemic had other ideas. He looks forward to attending in person once the time is right. In the meantime he works as a freelance writer and plays with his two daughters.



ANGELA BRITTAIN



A Washington DC native, she was raised a cradle United Methodist in Arlington, VA. Angela graduated high school in 1979 and worked as a typesetter and graphic artist for many advertising agencies and associations in DC. She and husband Jim married in 1996 and moved to Sterling, where they were members of Sterling Park Christian then St. Matthew's Episcopal. They have two boys, Jimmy (19) and Jayden (18). They moved to Walkersville in 2005 and joined Walkersville United Methodist. At WUMC, she sang in the choir and served on the Missions Committee. She has been involved in cat rescue and TNR (trap/neuter/return) for over 30 years. She met Alison Shafer in June, after the sudden death of a mutual friend, who introduced her to ERUCC and invited her to join the ERUCC Singers.











February Birthday's

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|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Maria Lagrotteria | 16 | Eli Baker, Colin Gohegan, Ken Pryor |
| 2 | Julie Clark, Natalie Vetter | 17 | John Higinbotham |
| 3 | Patricia Garst, Mitchell Hoffman | 19 | Kenneth Grim, Jeanellen Kallevang,
Thomasa Pomeroy |
| 4 | Isabella Fisher | 20 | Kendall Johnson |
| 5 | Coria Bowen | 21 | Cathy Gannon, Suzanne Marsh |
| 6 | Phil Selby | 22 | Mark Brown, Barbara Rhoads |
| 8 | Matt Hueting | 23 | Peter Brehm, Patrick Castellucci,
Susan Kulp, Michael Poole |
| 9 | Cris Jocum, Kathy Johnston | 24 | Mary Ellen Baker, Ken Miller |
| 10 | Jim Brittain, Justin Chappell, Abbie Niehoff | 25 | Kate McDermott, Jim Weitz |
| 11 | Mary Remsberg*, Mark Ulrich | 27 | Adam McCarty |
| 12 | Veronica Beadle, Ed Hoffman | 28 | Alec Pain, Al Peden |
| 13 | Quynn Adkins, Annie Powell | 29 | Barb Barry |
| 14 | Kathy Higinbotham, Emily Spear | | |
| 15 | Quinn Coffey, Gable Higinbotham III | | |

*Mary Remsberg, 5331 Mountville Road, Adamstown, MD 21710 (2/11).

Please consider sending cards to our members that can no longer attend church services.

GIFTS RECEIVED

-  Gifts have been received, in grateful appreciation for our live stream worship, from persons joining us for those services.
-  Gifts received for the General Fund and the Building Fund
-  Towards monthly debt reduction
-  In honor of Ed Hoffman
-  In memory of Marie Hueting and Janet Cover
-  Toward the Religious Coalition Family Shelter 275th Anniversary Fund
-  To offset the mailing cost of the bulletin packets
-  To the monthly livestreaming

FEARLESS CREW

The Fearless Crew is a group for 18-35 year olds that participates in social activities at the church. Our purpose is to create a connection with our age group and help the community around us. Currently we are meeting virtually on Zoom. Our activities include game nights, a virtual book club, and over the summer we volunteered at the community garden. The Fearless Crew will be meeting on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of the month, at 7PM. Please join the group for fellowship and fun!

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LENTEN ACTS OF KINDNESS

Watch your packets for a Lenten Acts of Kindness Calendar. Thank you to Dawn and Maria Lagrotteria for helping make the calendar.

ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Week at 9:30AM via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84314617999?pwd=Rkd1N2JyZDFHdmtPYlBMTitkUzhUdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999

YOUTH & YOUTHFUL MINDS

Joint Activity

Sunday, February 7
Noon - 2PM



tacklehunger.org

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

For many years, our youth and children have participated in a national program called **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Youth and children usually collect monetary gifts in big soup pots following the service on this Sunday. We will do a drive thru collection on Super Bowl Sunday on February 7 from noon to 2PM in the church parking lot.

Bring your monetary donations along with your non-perishable food items for the Frederick Food Bank. To get in the spirit, consider wearing your favorite football team jersey. Maybe you want to hang out a little bit and visit with Kim Sexton and Pastor Daniel and the kids as we gather safely outdoors.

Please enter from Church Street and exit the Alley.

*****If you usually receive your worship packet in the mail and will be dropping by on February 7, please let us know so we can hold on to some special things we are preparing for Lent that will be difficult to mail.**

Please note that with all in-person activities masks are required as well as maintaining physical distancing.

CALLING ALL SCOUTS

We will be celebrating all those in scouting on February 28 and would like to include pictures of you in your uniform in the slide show. Please e-mail a current photo of you in your uniform along with your name and rank to Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org by February 21.



Snow was in the Forecast

In January at God's Kids Club Zoom, we talked about winter and did various winter activities. One day Catie Schaeberle lead us in making our own snow. We all were surprised when we made it to find that it was actually cold (we talked about how it must be a chemical reaction).

To make your own snow you will need 1 cup of baking soda, 1 cup of shaving cream, a bowl, a spoon, a tray and some water. Mix the shaving cream and baking soda (if its too dry add a little water).

Dump it out on to the tray and have fun.



Snowy Zoom call in progress.



Who wouldn't want to be Emma making snow? God's Kids Club had a great time getting their hands a bit messy under the "direction" (!) of Catie Schaeberle!

ERUCC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

God's Kids Club

Meet's via Zoom
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5PM.
Preschool thru 6th grade are welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85463027021?pwd=ODYxNnQza2pUd08yMUFKODlxd1k2Zz09>

Contact Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org for meeting ID and passcode.

Week of February 1st

February 1st Music
February 3rd Llama corns
February 5th Llamas



Week of February 8th

February 8th Music
February 10th Valentine's Day Party
February 12th Chinese New Year



Week of February 15th

February 15th Shrove Monday
Pancake Contest goes virtual
February 17th Ash Wednesday
February 19th Dolphins



Week of February 22nd

February 22nd Music
February 24th Tigers
February 26th Giraffes



Sunday School for Children and Youth

JOIN US 9:30AM SUNDAY

Kindergarten - 4th Grade

Teachers: Dawn Lagrotteria, Catie Schaeberle and Kim Sexton

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89653038025?pwd=djRPU05TNDYyczFMVUdOVzdmWnpuUT09>
Meeting ID: 896 5303 8025, Passcode: 667229

5th - 7th Grade

Teachers: Kathryn King, Arthur Slade and Jim Weitz

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97601401216>
Passcode: 647874

High School

Teachers: Pastor Daniel, Stephanie Sites and Glenn Wallace

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84314617999?pwd=Rkd1N2JyZDFHdmtPYlBMTitkUzhUdz09>
Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999, Passcode: 979546

Guest Preacher - Sunday, February 14 - Transfiguration Sunday

NORMAN ROSS

Norman was raised in both Silver Spring, MD and on an island off the coast of Maine, where he still own properties. He was raised and active in the Episcopal Church. Professionally, for over 35 years he served as a director of camps, conference and retreat centers for a variety of Christian faith-based churches and judicatories. He was also privileged to provide consulting services to a wide range of not-for-profit organizations in many areas including leadership, fiscal accountability & enhancement, programming and more. While consulting, he had the opportunity to live and travel throughout the US and abroad.

Norm's late wife (Melissa) was from the Frederick area, and after her passing and his retirement, he felt comfortable staying in Frederick. Norm currently works part time at Frederick Health Hospital in patient care. Norm also meets with couples to plan, write and officiate their weddings. Over the years he have joyfully married about 1800 people.

Norm became active with ERUCC last year, just prior the pandemic, as part of his desire to find and join a new church home and community. He appreciates the engaging and welcoming congregation, clergy, mission and ministries, preaching, worship styles, and music.



GREEN TEAM NEWS

Spiritual Walk at Monocacy National Battlefield at Worthington Farm Ford Loop Trail

Sunday February 21 • 2-4PM

Join us for a Spiritual Walk on Sunday, February 21 from 2-4PM at Monocacy National Battlefield at Worthington Farm. While we walk along the banks of the Monocacy River near farm fields where Confederate and Union troops once fought, we will contemplate how the history of the land still resonates today. The trail is 1.6 miles long and flat. Please note that the hike is scheduled for 2 hours instead of 1.5 since the distance is a bit longer than other walks we have done. All are welcome!



Directions: From Frederick head south on Rt. 355 (Urbana Pike). You will pass several Monocacy National Battlefield. Soon after crossing the bridge over the Monocacy River, turn right onto Araby Church Rd. A short way further, turn right onto Baker Valley Rd. Turn right into the Worthington Farm National Battlefield entrance. The road ends at the parking area near the Worthington House. This is where we will meet. We will be walking on the Ford Loop trail.



BEYOND SHELTER CAMPAIGN

A Vision for the Future – Helping Our Neighbors Who Need Shelter

A permanent shelter in Frederick that serves twice as many families in need of shelter? This dream is becoming a reality with the Religious Coalition's purchase and renovation of the building pictured above.

After years of hosting families, we have the opportunity to help in new ways. At our December congregational meeting, we voted to meet the challenge to fund a counseling room at the new facility. With \$7,500 seed money, we believe we can meet our goal of \$25,000 over the next three years.

We start 2021 with a challenge gift, a match of \$2,000 giving by the congregation! If we meet this challenge, we will have a strong start to this campaign!

If you wish to make a gift towards this exciting project, you can give online at erucc.org or send a check made to ERUCC. Please indicate that your gift is for the family shelter.



\$7,500

\$25,000

Religious Coalition Family Shelter Campaign

With our goal of \$25,000 we will be a sponsor of one of the counseling rooms, significant since members of our congregation including Melanie Hoffman, Anne McGreevy, Tina Baker, Cathie Duncan, and Cathy Zier worked in that building.

Thanks so much for the generous gifts we have already received.

ERUCC rocks!



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Janet Cover who died January 13th. Janet was an active member of the church for many years. She was most excited about the new building project and we were pleased that she was able to attend the dedication service in October of 2018.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with her sister, Betty Falkenstein at 7407 Willow Road, 106 Meadows, Frederick, MD 21702.



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February/March Coins for a Cause Bag!

supporting the Frederick County Humane Society

www.fchs.org



Collect all your loose coins and place them in your Coins for a Cause bag, then place your bag in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. The Frederick Humane Society is the recipient of our February/March efforts. They are an advocate for animal welfare in the community and they provide affordable services, resources and programs to help responsible guardians keep their pets healthy, happy and in life-long homes. Your support will go directly to the emergency food bank, geared specifically to fulfill the needs of Frederick County pet owners who may be struggling financially. If you need a bag, please contact the church office.

This effort is sponsored by the Mission and Social Action Committee. While many of us still worship remotely, our strong stewardship during this time shows how much we still care. The committee decided to change this program to meet the current reality. Through Coins for a Cause, we will support organizations that make a difference here in Maryland that are not supported in our annual budget.