



# Trinity Chimes

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ  
Frederick, Maryland USA

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## From Pastor Daniel

March will mark a year since we officially entered into pandemic protocols, including not gathering in large crowds, wearing masks, hand sanitizing and sanitizing everything.

The pandemic has taken a toll on our physical, emotional and spiritual lives. Many of us are experiencing the effects of the months and months of isolation and lack of physical contact with family and friends.

As we emerge from the pandemic, learn more about how the virus is truly spread, and begin to gather in groups again, we have some work to do to overcome fear and anxiety. In the early days of the pandemic, when we knew so little about how the virus was spread, we took extra caution such as leaving groceries outside for days and wiping down our mail. We know now that there is a very slim chance to catch the virus from food and/or mail and packages. Yet, the preponderance of information that has bombarded us and the changing nature of that information causes us to question any change that comes along.

There is no magic day when we will feel comfortable gathering together at one time. Integrating ourselves back into the wider culture of gathering will take some time. For some of us, it will take longer than for others.

On Super Bowl Sunday, our youth gathered to receive food donations and monetary donations for the Frederick food bank. The kids hadn't seen each other in months. It was a beautiful day to be outside. There was snow from the morning providing the perfect opportunity for making a snowman and making snowballs and tossing them at each other. The joy of seeing them together, wearing masks and staying physically apart, was a gift in an otherwise weary time.

I see that same joy whenever we have seen one another over these months. When we gather for worship, when we meet for a Spiritual Walk, when people are delivering worship packets or stopping by the church office, I see the joy in being together.

In our hearts and minds, we know there's always a risk when people gather. Even before the pandemic, we recognized the need to have clean bathrooms. When serving food, we pulled our hair back, washed our hands, and made sure we had gloves on. When we did not feel well, we did not attend worship or a church gathering.

Our church and its leaders are committed to creating a safe space for gathering. We will continue to honor your decision to come to activities in person -- and to remain at home until you feel comfortable doing so. I ask you to remember these values as part of our love of neighbor and to respect one another's decisions to connect in a socially aware manner in person or online, understanding that, while different in approach, are both valid.

*Barbara*



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## MARCH WORSHIP NOTES (Scripture notes from Season of the Spirit and Pulpit Resource)

### March 7 • Third Sunday in Lent

#### *Contemplate God's Glory*

Psalm 19 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O God."

With the image of God as a rock, the end of Psalm 19 uses an image from Creation for God that alludes back to the Creation language at the beginning of the psalm. Skies and rocks speak of God. The individual or leader who prays this psalm prays to live in dependence on God, and in harmony with all Creation.

John 2:13-22 speaks of Creation and justice in a different way. In the ancient world, the temple was understood as a microcosm of Creation. This relationship to Creation is evident in the architecture and decorations of the temple. Jesus cleansing the temple is a cleansing of Creation from injustice. In calling his body the temple, Christ holds together spirit and matter. The body is spiritual, is God's temple. Christ's body is a microcosm of Creation. If this is so, then Creation could be understood as the body of God.

*We will share in Holy Communion this morning.*

### March 14 • Fourth Sunday in Lent

#### *One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday*

Isaiah 49:8-12 articulates a stunning vision for a world of justice and equity; a world where everyone has enough, and all live in safety and abundance. It is also a vision for a world of interconnectedness. In this vision, what is good for you is also good for your neighbor; what is good for one country is good for the whole world; and what harms any one of us harms us all.

This morning we will be receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

### March 21 • Fifth Sunday in Lent

#### *God's Love is on Our Hearts*

Jeremiah 31:31-34 "I will write it on their hearts."

Jeremiah's words in 31: 31-34 offer assurance that deep in our hearts we will know God's word and ways. This is a week where we hear the words of hope spoken to a people wondering about their future. In John 12: 20-22 we look at covenant and recognize that being in relationship requires more than simply the legalities. Choices about living in God's way are required. However, God's grace is continually offered.



### March 28 • Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11 "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

This week marks the beginning of the week when we tell the story that is central to our faith. It begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and continues with his arrest, trial, and death. Next comes the Resurrection. We will hear of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we read from Mark 11: 1-11 and then of his passion as we read from Mark 14 and 15.

## LENT AT ERUCC

### MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays 12-12:30PM

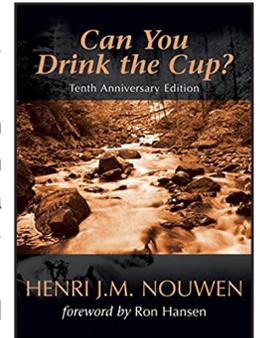
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

<https://tinyurl.com/qxo5jzie>

Meeting ID: 844 2538 4958 Passcode: 103720

### *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?"

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?

# ADULT EDUCATION

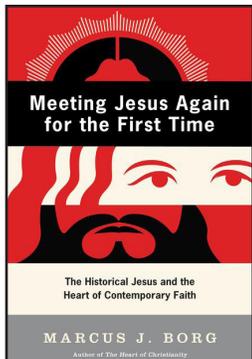
## Tuesday Morning with Pastor Daniel

Tuesdays 11AM via ZOOM

Through March 23

<https://tinyurl.com/1mfvc496>

Password: 588188



### 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.

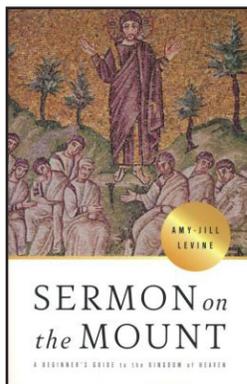
In straightforward, accessible prose, Borg looks at the major findings of modern Jesus scholarship from the perspective of faith, bringing alive the many levels of Jesus's character: spirit person, teacher of alternative wisdom, social prophet, and movement founder. He also reexamines the major stories 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.

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| 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



We will finish the *Sermon on the Mount - A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* series by Amy Jill Levine, on Wednesday March 17. After that, we will study *Entering Holy Week* by the same author. 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](mailto: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](mailto:estherrziegler@gmail.com) or Amy Aguilar in the church office know your email address so you receive the link each week.

WHAT IS ERUCC'S  
STEWARDSHIP/  
GENEROSITY TEAM  
UP TO THIS  
WINTER?



Susan Kulp, David Howard, Peter Brehm, Tyler York, Jeanellen Kallevang and Julie Clark are in action this winter strategizing ways to celebrate and educate our congregation. We are looking forward to a fresh new year at ERUCC!

We would love to hear from you if you have a story to share about how your service to ERUCC has impacted you or another person. Also, watch for details on study sessions on what Consecration Sunday means to our church. We can't wait to have conversations with you!

**BE A BLESSING** PRACTICE PEACE.  
LEAD WITH LOVE.  
BE JOYFUL. PRAY OFTEN. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.  
DO GOOD. HAVE COURAGE. WORK FOR JUSTICE.  
BE THE LIGHT. ENCOURAGE OTHERS. UNITED CHURCH

## ADULT EDUCATION *continued*

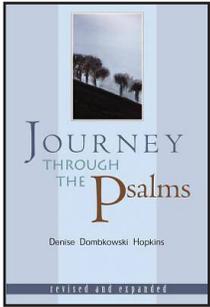
### Thursday Evening Bible Study

<https://tinyurl.com/2k75c58d>

Meeting ID: 896 7236 9983 Password: 427069

#### *Journey Through the Psalms*

Through 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://tinyurl.com/vvuos3f3>

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Password: 313735



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.



Tuesday, April 13, 6-7PM

“The radical act of choosing common ground” with Nisha Anand.

To achieve lasting change sometimes requires the hard, even radical, choice of partnering with people you’d least expect. Justice reform advocate Nisha Anand shares her story of working with her ideological

opposite to make history and save lives -- and urges us all to widen our circles in order to make progress with purpose.

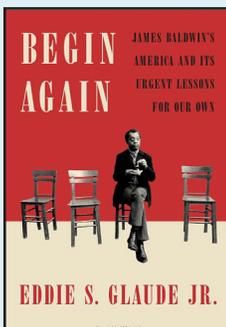
## HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST: Engagement, Conversations, Opportunities

*“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)*

*“White Privilege: Let’s Talk—A Resource for Transformational Dialogue”*

March 7, 14, 7-8:30PM ZOOM <https://tinyurl.com/vqehny8f> Meeting ID: 885 9942 4600 Passcode: 913700

*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.*



### BOOK DISCUSSION

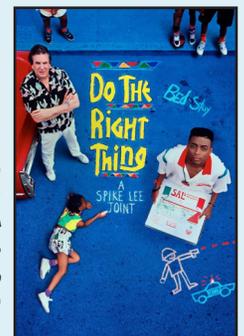
March 15, 7PM ZOOM

*Begin Again: James Baldwin’s America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own*  
By Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.

### MOVIE

March 29, 7-8:30PM ZOOM

*“Do The Right Thing” (1989), directed by Spike Lee*  
*(Watch the movie at home and then engage in the conversation. If you do not have access to streaming services, call the church office to make arrangements to see the film.)*



<https://tinyurl.com/lslq59m3> Meeting ID: 869 2080 0205 Passcode: 477106



The theme for the **2021 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering is “Let Love Flow.” When you share your gifts to OGHS, you Let Love Flow. Your generosity ensures that, even in the midst of uncertainty, the transforming power of love will continue to change the lives of those who are most vulnerable among us.

The COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare structural inequities that contribute to increased poverty and injustice. On full display is the plight of the working poor who have lost jobs, are on the brink of homelessness, and are waiting for hours in long lines at food pantries. Deadly wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and wars have left people homeless, families grieving loss of loved ones and entire communities awaiting assistance for long term disaster recovery. Refugees and asylum seekers are left in limbo, languishing at borders waiting for welcome. Many have been displaced by economic conditions, war and climate change. Among the millions of refugees are families looking for safe places that they can call home.

In the midst of these despairing moments, the United Church of Christ is able to offer hope as we stand in solidarity and mutuality with communities suffering and in need. Through Wider Church Ministries, the United Church of Christ fulfills its commitment to respond to a variety of global and local concerns by providing advocacy, sustainable development resources, long term disaster recovery support, and assistance for refugee and asylum seekers, working in collaboration with our partners locally and globally.

Sandra, a Congolese refugee, was welcomed and resettled in 2018. She is one of more than a dozen refugee women using skills she learned in RefugeeOne’s Sewing Studio to make face masks as a way of giving back to the place she now calls home. RefugeeOne is one of the partners engaged in refugee and sustainable development programs supported by your generous donations to One Great Hour of Sharing.

With your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are able to be present for the long term in disaster recovery, as we partner with churches and organizations around the world to walk with families as they rebuild their homes and lives.

Thank you for your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, as together we build a just world for all.

With Gratitude and Hope,  
 Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate General Minister,  
 Wider Church Ministries and Co-Executive Global Ministries



# ERUCC BOOK GROUP 2021

## Join the Conversation via ZOOM at 7PM

<https://tinyurl.com/yx8kajtg>

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March 23

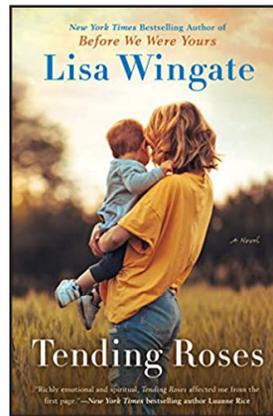
### *Tending Roses*

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 . . .



April 27

### *Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art*

James Nestor

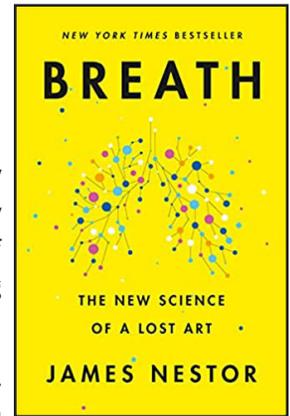
No matter what you eat, how much you exercise, how skinny or young or wise you are, none of it matters if you're not breathing properly.

There is nothing more essential to our health and well-being than breathing: take air in, let it out, repeat twenty-five thousand times a day. Yet, as a species, humans have lost the ability to breathe correctly, with grave consequences.

Journalist James Nestor travels the world to figure out what went wrong and how to fix it. The answers aren't found in pulmonology labs, as we might expect, but in the muddy digs of ancient burial sites, secret Soviet facilities, New Jersey choir schools, and the smoggy streets of São Paulo. Nestor tracks down men and women exploring the hidden science behind ancient breathing practices like Pranayama, Sudarshan Kriya, and Tummo and teams up with pulmonary tinkerers to scientifically test long-held beliefs about how we breathe.

Modern research is showing us that making even slight adjustments to the way we inhale and exhale can jumpstart athletic performance; rejuvenate internal organs; halt snoring, asthma, and autoimmune disease; and even straighten scoliotic spines. None of this should be possible, and yet it is.

Drawing on thousands of years of medical texts and recent cutting-edge studies in pulmonology, psychology, biochemistry, and human physiology, *Breath* turns the conventional wisdom of what we thought we knew about our most basic biological function on its head. You will never breathe the same again.



## ERUCC BOOK GROUP 2021

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



# ERUCC MINISTRY REPORT

Peter Brehm, *Consistory President*

## ERUCC KITCHEN MISSION

One ERUCC ministry is assisting small businesses who need a friendly, affordable, and licensed commercial kitchen to support their food product launch. In the past we hosted Fathom Sauce (maker of hot sauce) before it grew large enough to set up their own commercial kitchen operation. As a signal of optimism in these times of pandemic, ERUCC is currently hosting three food entrepreneurs:

- **Sara Kep's Kitchen** (the company offers catering and weekly meals. Contact Sara and her team at sarakep-skitchen@gmail.com)
- **Alexandria's Bakery** (the company makes baked good, including cheesecake. Contact Alexandria and her team at alexandrias.bakeries@gmail.com)
- Hippy Chick Hummus (the company, which has a retail outlet at the top of Market Street, makes - wait for it - hummus. Contact Erika and her team at hippychickhummus@gmail.com)

Though an agreement has not yet been finalized, there may be a fourth tenant using this space starting in Mid-March.

## ERUCC COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

ERUCC's web page states, "Since our founding in 1745, Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ has used God's blessings to be the hands and feet of His love throughout Frederick and the wider world." One manifestation of these "hands and feet" is exemplified by the time and treasure ERUCC devotes to mission trips and financial support of local and UCC efforts coordinated through the Mission and Social Justice Committee. Another is the outreach we have encouraged our Senior Pastor to undertake with Frederick organizations and United Church of Christ. Past and current elements of Barbara's ministry have included her serving as:

- A member of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek since 1993
- Coordinator, Frederick City School Supply Drive, 2009 - present (serving 1700 youth and children in 2019 and 2100 in 2020!)
- Chaplain, Junior Fire Company, 2010 - present
- Treasurer, Frederick Area Ministerial Association, 2013 - present
- Member of the Y.M.C.A Board starting in 2020
- Co-Chairing the Beyond Shelter Capital Campaign for the Religious Coalition

- Member of the Frederick Trauma Response group starting in 2020
- Member of the Franklinton Center Board of Directors and Chair if its Governance Committee
- Member of the Evangelical Reformed Historical Society Board, which holds ERUCC's oldest church records in trust
- Former member of the UCC Pension Board of Director
- Stage Manager for the UCC General Synod (pre COVID assignment, now not needed since the event will be virtual)

*Why is this community outreach ministry important? Starting with the basics:*

The Gospels compel us to evangelize the Good News. This means each of us is asked to go out into the world and share God's love. Stated another way, we need to go to "them" to accomplish this; we cannot wait for "them" to come to us. Barbara is sharing the Good News and ministering to these organizations.

As one put it, "If you want to be visible, you need to show up." While ERUCC certainly has an impressive physical presence on West Church Street, in order to be heard when the City's (or UCC's) civic, religious, and elected leaders gather in formal and informal conversation, we need someone to be present at the meetings, Zoom calls, conference calls, and other in-person and online gatherings. Barbara is that person, and as such can share not only ERUCC values but also help shape the values of these organizations.

It's not always what you know but also who you know. All of us have been in a conversation where a question is raised about who to contact about some specific issue. Who do I talk to at FCPS about the 2021 school schedule? Who do I talk to at City Hall about my broken street-light? And for purposes of this article, who do people in Frederick contact when they have a question about ERUCC, including when they are seeking a church family, or want to know ERUCC's stand on some social issue, or our ability to offer support for some group, or rental of space? By being out in the marketplace and interacting with these organizations and their members, Barbara is able to make these connections so that members of these groups—and by extension, their network of family, neighbors, and friends -- know who to contact at ERUCC when the "who do I talk to" questions arise.

Being a church deployed in these times includes having a Senior Pastor who is deployed. This is a part of how we roll!



# March Birthday's

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| 1  | Melanie Anderson                          | 21 | Emma Baker, Nathan Chappell,<br>Cathie Duncan, Andy Johnston,<br>Emily Perlet, Keith Mercier, Jr. |
| 2  | Gaylon Cornell, Holly Davis               | 22 | Peggy Richman   |
| 5  | Tom Frazier, Brady Hill                   | 24 | Anne Hoffmann   |
| 6  | Lynn Morgan                               | 25 | Crystal Kline, Stephen Powell, Jill Kline   |
| 8  | Sienna Schmid, Charles Summers Sr.        | 26 | Callie Baker, Donna Kline   |
| 9  | Susan Johnson                             | 27 | Kevin McKinley  |
| 10 | David Howard                              | 28 | Beth Calabria   |
| 11 | Jeff Schaeberle, Pat Sunday               | 29 | Linda Marsh   |
| 12 | Daniel Ireland, Susan Moxly, Fran Wenner* | 30 | David Wenner  |
| 16 | Starr Schaeberle                          | 31 | Eli McNay, Nancy Perlet   |
| 18 | Judy Peterson                             |    |   |
| 19 | Denise Flora                              |    |   |

\* Fran Wenner, 7401 Willow Drive, #454, Frederick, MD 21702

*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 memory of Janet Cover and Marie Hueting
-  Toward the Religious Coalition Family Shelter 275th Anniversary Fund
-  To offset the mailing cost of the bulletin packets
-  To the monthly livestreaming
-  Souper Bowl Sunday

## 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 meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays of the month at 7PM. Please join the group for fellowship and fun!

**March 5:** Game Night and Create an Easter Card for a Church Member

**March 19:** Murder Mystery

<https://tinyurl.com/3uo4f4eq>

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723 Passcode: 668761  
Please contact Catie Schaeberle if you have any questions at [sexton.catie@yahoo.com](mailto:sexton.catie@yahoo.com) or 240-397-0816.





### BECOMING A CREATION JUSTICE CHURCH

We here at ERUCC have long taken seriously the issues of social justice and environmental stewardship. Our green team is now looking to take that to a new level by becoming a UCC Creation Justice Church.

*What does this mean, and how can you get involved?*

First, here's a review of some of the initiatives undertaken in the past two years:

- Encouraging the use of sustainable products
- Reducing waste including the elimination of disposal cups, plates and utensils
- Adopting a program to compost food waste
- Educational forums and classes on topics ranging from recycling to climate change
- Collaborating with other groups to plant trees
- Participation with the Frederick Food Security Network to grow fresh vegetables for people in need
- Advocacy for the Frederick Climate Emergency Resolution and two forest preservation bills
- Signing up to use community solar at ERUCC and in some of our homes

Becoming a Creation Justice Church will designate our entire community as a "green" church. As a congregation, we will consider environmental and justice issues in all our actions and decisions. Every committee and team will have a part to play. Whether it is looking at green investments, using energy-efficient practices, or considering the environment in our worship and education, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our dedication to Creation. In doing so, we witness to the Frederick community that we are committed to being the church and living out our faith.

*Where are we in this process?*

The congregation must now formally adopt a covenant statement that outlines our commitment to sustainability. Joining this covenant commits our congregation to caring for the Earth, and putting it at the forefront of our thinking as we move forward with our church and life choices.

The Green Team drafted a covenant for consideration by our church and presented it to Consistory. If Consistory approves the covenant, it will then come before the congregation at our May Congregational Meeting for a vote. The covenant reads as follows:

*"We, the members of this congregation, realize that God has given us an amazing planet on which to live. This planet is shared by the rest of humanity and will be shared with future generations as well. As such, it is our responsibility to care for this precious gift and keep it healthy for those who will come after us. Being good stewards of our environment will be at the forefront of our thinking as we plan for, and carry out, our ministries.*

*We further realize that negligence in the care for our planet has resulted in damage to our environment and that this damage has disproportionately affected marginalized people in our country and throughout the globe. Therefore, we commit to advocating for environmental justice so that those who may not be in a position to speak for themselves can reap the rewards of such efforts.*

*As a church, and as individuals, we pledge to care for our planet and to seek justice for those whose lives have been adversely affected by the neglect of our environment. This also means that we will recycle responsibly, use the earth's resources with as little waste as possible, support efforts at reducing the effects of climate change, help protect endangered species, reduce our carbon footprint and stop air and water pollution."*

As this point, we are seeking feedback from you. Is this something you feel we can commit to? Please send your thoughts to Linda Coyle, Chair of the Green Team at lkcoyle@yahoo.com. This feedback will guide the Green Team and the Consistory as we consider future action.

Thanks in advance.

### SPIRITUAL WALK AT MONOCACY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD AT WORTHINGTON FARM FORD LOOP TRAIL

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2-4PM

Join us for a Spiritual Walk on Sunday February 21 from 2:00 -4:00PM 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 the history of the land that 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. Then 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.*

# ERUCC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## God's Kids Club

God's Kids Club continues to meet via ZOOM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 5PM.

Children Preschool thru 6th grade are welcome.  
<https://tinyurl.com/y2l69sjz>

Contact Kim Sexton at [ksexton@erucc.org](mailto:ksexton@erucc.org) for meeting ID and passcode.

### WEEK OF MARCH 1ST

March 1st Music with Miss Trish and Miss Kelly

March 3rd Dr. Seuss

March 5th Dr. Seuss

Fox in Socks wear a pair of crazy socks

### WEEK OF MARCH 8TH

March 8th Music with Miss Trish and Miss Kelly

March 10th Dr. Seuss

Bartholomew and the Oobleck

March 12th Dr. Seuss Bingo

### WEEK OF MARCH 15TH

March 15th Music with Miss Trish and Miss Kelly

March 17th St. Patrick's Day Dress in Green

March 19th Symbols of Easter Egg/Chick

### WEEK OF MARCH 22ND

March 22nd Music with Miss Trish and Miss Kelly

March 24th Resurrection Eggs

March 26th Continue Resurrection Eggs



### WEEK OF MARCH 29TH • HOLY WEEK

March 29th Music with Miss Trish and Miss Kelly

March 31st Make Bread for Maundy Thursday

April 1st Maundy Thursday

April 2nd Good Friday



In God's kids club we studied unique and mythical creatures. We made edible Narwhals, Unicorn masks, Llama Valentine's for the congregation and finally Llama corn poop cookies. Harry (above), Isaac and Wyatt (below) are making their cookies.



## ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE

# Sunday School for Children and Youth

JOIN US 9:30AM • ZOOM

### KINDERGARTEN - 4TH GRADE

Teachers: Dawn Lagrotteria, Catie Schaeberle and Kim Sexton

<https://tinyurl.com/euxl35l4>

Meeting ID: 896 5303 8025

Passcode: 667229

### 5TH - 7TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teachers: Kathryn King, Arthur Slade and Jim Weitz

<https://tinyurl.com/1bpa8cqj>

Meeting ID: 929 5515 2861

Passcode: hpQSF1

### HIGH SCHOOL

Teachers: Stephanie Sites and Glenn Wallace

<https://tinyurl.com/uryokvel>

Meeting ID: 843 1461 7999

Passcode: 979546

We honored those in Scouting on Sunday, February 28th. Scouts in our Congregation: Aiden Baldree, Eli and Emma Baker, Austin, Peyton and Zoe Bowen, Kali Chappell, Alex Cumber, Paige Coffey, Alyssa Kline, Debbie Sendall, Laurel and Lucas Powell-Nguyen, and Katie Zander.



### For Your Summer Planning

Vacation Bible School will be the week of August 9th through August 13th. VBS is for children aged 4 though 6th grade



## ERUCC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

ERUCC is fortunate to have several scholarship programs available to our members as they seek educational opportunities to develop knowledge and skill in realization of their full potential. The McCardell Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Robert McCardell in honor and memory of members of the McCardell family. The Kieffer Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Henri L.G. Kieffer, pastor of this church from 1910-1946. The Liz Coffey Scholarship Fund was established in memory and honor of our beloved youth Liz Coffey.

Contributions to these Scholarship Funds by members and friends of the church are always welcomed.

These scholarships are gifts to church members for post-secondary undergraduate education and are awarded by the Scholarship Committee. The awards are based on the quality of the candidate's plan for use of the funds, the ability and promise of the applicant, and the need for financial assistance. The aid may continue for subsequent years after an interview with the Scholarship Committee, submission of intent to reapply, and a transcript of grades for the current year.

Scholarship applications are available through the Church Office for new applicants (301-662-2762) or [aaguilar@erucc.org](mailto:aaguilar@erucc.org).

Students wishing to renew scholarships must also contact the Church Office providing the information requested. All application materials must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee through the Church Office by the April 30 deadline.

Any further questions can be directed to Sandra Trout, Chairman of Scholarship Committee at [troutsandra@aol.com](mailto:troutsandra@aol.com).



# FREDERICK FOOD SECURITY NETWORK

## ANNUAL PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

It is that time of year again! Spring is around the corner and I hope all of you gardeners are planning your spring plantings. Our 3rd Annual Plant Sale is quickly approaching. We would love you to support the Network by purchasing your seedlings through us this year.

Take a look at what you can purchase and **complete your pre-order form by Friday, April 24 now:** <https://tinyurl.com/i5b543u2>

Last year, the Frederick Food Security Network was able to raise over \$4,500 from the plant sale. All funds go toward supporting the mission of the FFSN, which is to organically grow, harvest and distribute produce for free to those residing in food deserts in Frederick City.

### PICK UP:

May 14 Friday through Monday May 17, 10AM - 1PM. (Additional days may be added based on demand).

### LOCATION:

Scott Key Center Greenhouses, 1050 Rocky Springs Rd., Frederick, MD 21703

**PRICING:** Individual Plants: \$4 (size of plants may vary) 6-packs: \$10 (small plants)

**PAYMENT:** We can only accept CASH or CHECKS on the day of pick up. Please write checks to the order of Hood College with FFSN written in the memo line.

*All proceeds benefit the work of the Frederick Food Security Network, which facilitates urban community gardens in low-income, low-access areas.*

If you have questions please contact Jen (jc32@hood.edu) or Claire (hudson@hood.edu)



## ERUCC SOUPER SUNDAY WAS . . . SUPER!

Souper Sunday is a national event that invites church youth groups from across the county to collect food and donations for local food banks on the Sunday on which the Super Bowl is played. In Frederick, neither rain, sleet, snow, or any other barrier prevented ERUCC's youth from organizing and hosting a Souper Sunday Food drive on February 7. Between 12 noon and 2 pm, ERUCC youth of all ages gathered in a socially distanced manner in the ERUCC rear courtyard to accept donations of foodstuffs and cash from congregation members who drove through . . . and occasionally make and throw snowballs at one another!

What was the final score? According to Kim Sexton, ERUCC collected:

- Two carloads of food
- \$900+ in donations

That represents a big win for the Frederick Community Action Agency Food Bank!

Thanks go to Kim for organizing the event, to Keith Stickle for snow-blowing the church driveway to enable the skid-free passage of cars, and to the youth who showed up to accept donations, including Lucy and Quynn Adkins, Eli Baker, Aiden Baldree, Veronica Beadle, Paige Coffey, Alex Cumber, Link and Dessie Hoewing-Moxley, Ethan and Alyssa Kline, and Laurel and Lucas Nugyen-Powell.



Having fun at SouperBowl of Caring: Paige, Alyssa, Alex, Veronica.

**COME ONE, COME ALL**

**ERUCC's First Ever**

# **EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

**An Epic Easter Egg Dyeing Party**

**Saturday, April 3**

**1 - 2:30PM**

**Outside Back Patio**

**Come join us for fellowship, fun and surprises dyeing Easter eggs. We will have an Easter lesson, refreshments and prizes. All you need to bring is yourself, your own drink, maybe an apron and a basket or empty egg carton to bring your works of art home with you.**

**Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/3g35fknn>**

**Can you help us with supplies for the Easter Egg- Stravaganza?**

**Please have donations to the Church office by 4 PM on 3/31/21**

**Donations: <https://tinyurl.com/1ncejt9>**

**For more information contact Kim Sexton at [ksexton@erucc.org](mailto:ksexton@erucc.org)**

*All participants are required to wear masks for all activities and maintain social physical distance.*

## From Pastor Barbara

I highly recommend watching the PBS special on The Black Church.

<https://www.pbs.org/show/black-church/>

The UCC is well represented with Rev. Otis Moss, III, Senior Pastor, Trinity UCC, Chicago; Rev. Dwight Andrews, First Congregational UCC, Atlanta; Rev. Jeremiah Wright, former pastor of Trinity UCC, Chicago; Bishop Yvette Flunder, City of Refugee UCC, and Rev. Traci Blackmon, Associate General Minister of Justice and Local Church Ministries. Lots of coverage of Fisk University, Nashville, sponsored by the American Missionary Association – later part of the United Church of Christ, with which Fisk retains an affiliation today.



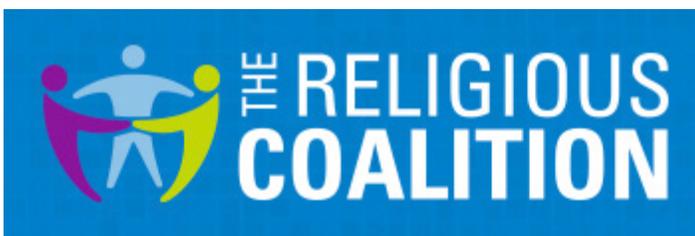
### Let us Know What You Think!

The Capital Ringers are interested in hearing from those who viewed their virtual concert about their experience. Was it enjoyable? Easy to view? Technical difficulties?

Please click on this link to complete the brief survey which will provide Capital Ringers valuable information as they plan for Spring and Winter 2021 concerts.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/75VS5PZ>

Thanks!

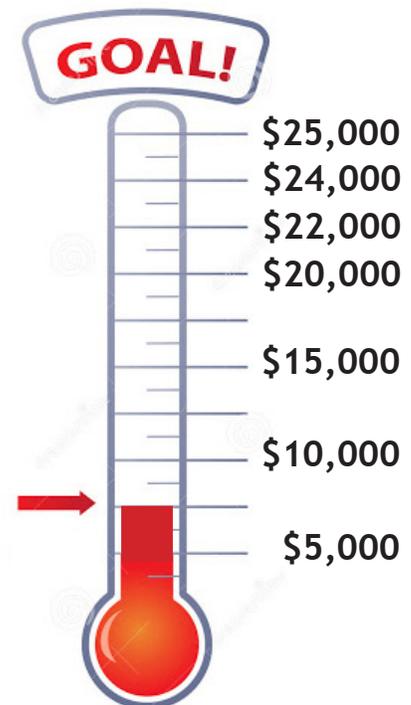


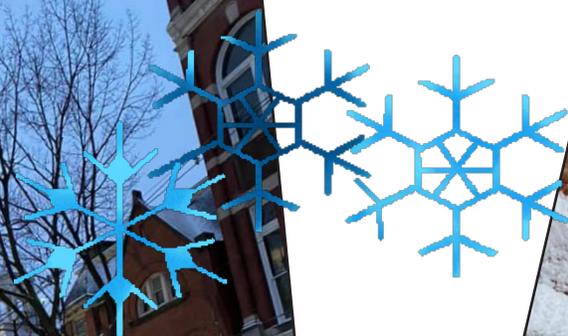
## Religious Coalition Family Shelter Campaign UPDATE

*We are currently at \$7,470 of our 25,000 goal!*

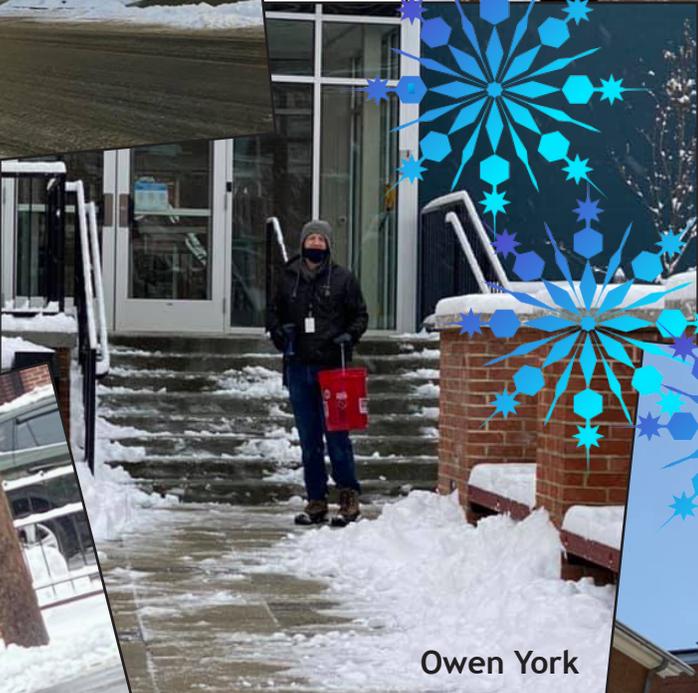
With our goal of \$25,000 we will be a sponsor of one of the counseling rooms, significant since members of our congregation including Melanie Hoffman, Anne McGreevy, Tina Baker, Cathie Duncan, Karl Manwiller, and Cathy Zier worked in that building.

*Thanks so much for the generous gifts we have already received. ERUCC rocks!*





Phil Selby



Owen York



Jaci Clayton



Amy Aguilar





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### March Coins for a Cause Bag!

supporting the Frederick County Humane Society

[www.fchs.org](http://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.*