



# Trinity Chimes

Evangelical Reformed Church United Church of Christ  
Frederick, Maryland USA

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## From Pastor Daniel

ERUCC continues to be a blessing and support for our younger adults as they explore their faith through a variety of ways – worship, Sunday School, youth group activities, community service, and travel. In 2020, we were unable to travel to the UCC National Youth Event or welcome our German partners. We hoped and prayed that 2021 would provide the opportunity to engage in travel once again.

While on vacation, the travel restrictions to Germany changed and I am happy to announce that **WE ARE GOING TO GERMANY!!**

We will depart for Germany on July 22nd and travel through Reykjavik, Iceland. This is a rapidly evolving plan with more details to follow.

We are confident our youth will be immersed again in a transformative experience and are very excited to travel again..

Due to COVID, we have been unable to do our usual fundraisers. While each family provides financial support for their son or daughter to participate, we count on our fund raising efforts to make these trips as affordable as possible.

I am asking you to consider making a gift towards our summer activities. I am asking you to continue to invest in our youth by contributing online and marking your gift “youth” or write a check to ERUCC and put “youth” in the memo line.

Thank you.



## PACKET DELIVERY OPTION

Packet mailing will cease beginning in September. If you are attending services in-person or just wish to stop receiving packets (bulletins are available on-line) prior to that time, please email Amy at [aaguilar@erucc.org](mailto:aaguilar@erucc.org) or call the church office 301-662-2762.

*If you wish to continue receiving packets, please call or email the office.*

*This is an **OPT-IN** program. Packets will only be sent to those who request delivery. For questions, please contact Amy in the office.*

Thank you.

## JULY WORSHIP NOTES

(Worship from Season of the Spirit)

### July 4

In contrast to last week's episode in Mark where Jesus' miraculous gift of healing was powerfully demonstrated, the gospel passage for this week in Mark 6:1-13 shows us the limits of Jesus' power in ministry. These two stories of Jesus returning to his hometown and sending out the disciples to further his work show Jesus placing God's work within some very human constraints.

*The Rev. David Cooney and Rev. Robert Manthey will be leading worship this morning as we share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. For those of you worshipping online, please prepare your worship centers with some bread or crackers and a cup of water, juice, or wine.*

### July 11

Psalm 85: 9-13 is a psalm of praise. In Mark's gospel, Mark 6: 14-29, John the Baptist's preaching of repentance threatens the established power and he is killed.

### July 18

This Sunday we read from Ephesians 2:11-22. Christian communities throughout Asia Minor were finding their way. They consisted of people from different backgrounds, and the old animosities and traditions that existed between them were hard to shift. These words remind us that all are welcome. The early church is called to build something new and unprecedented around the cornerstone of Christ. The story in Mark 6:30-34 & 53-56, in which Jesus and his disciples pause for some respite and prayer in a quiet place. In a lovely invitation, Jesus calls the disciples to "come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile."

### July 25

Our first reading is from 2 Kings 4: 42-44 and contains the story of Elisha feeding 100 people. In Ephesians 3:14-21, we are reminded that we have been given all that we need to live our faith. In our scripture reading from John 6:1-21, Jesus feeds five thousand with five loaves and two fish. This week's readings illuminate both the fragilities and possibilities that dwell within each of us. They remind us that God is with us, working through our long-

## STEWARDSHIP/GENEROSITY



*More about Our Mission Spending to OCWM*

You know that ERUCC is generous in our giving and dedicated to supporting local groups, but Did You Know that UCC's OCWM receives the largest percentage of our mission spending?

Last month, we wrote about the global outreach of OCWM; this month we are focusing on the national and local programs. As Esther Zeigler has said, OCWM is the financial life-blood of UCC's Conference and national programs.

UCC's Conferences and Associations play a critical supportive role to local churches. Conference staff assist churches in pastoral searches and vetting candidates, help churches in trouble, provide staff leadership, pastoral training and pastoral care, provide visioning processes, help with disaster funds and projects, and give grants to youth and families. Our mission projects to Franklinton Center and Puerto Rico have been supported as well as our arrangement with Germany. Our youth have received grants to attend General Synod. We are currently being assisted in our search for an assistant pastor.

UCC's national staff leads in areas of justice and witness. It provides training for justice leadership and advocates for LGBTQ and women's rights and health, immigrant justice, racial, social, and environmental justice. UCC's office in Washington near the Capitol creates a presence from which to be heard.

The national office produces publications, many of which we use at ERUCC- such as the "still -speaking" education and Bible study curricula and social justice studies, including the anti-racist curriculum we studied this year, webinars on wide-ranging topics, and other resources. The banners in front of our church come from the national office.

These are just some of OCWM's many resources; you can go to the UCC web site for more information.

As a UCC church, we are in covenant together with over 5,000 local congregations across the country together with the wider movement of UCC agencies and international partners. Donations to OCWM from local churches are voluntary with each congregation deciding how much to give. Our congregation has been generous in its giving. In 2015, ERUCC was the top donor to OCWM in the United States. The dollars that you give, combined with those from other UCC churches, are being used to transform lives in amazing ways.



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# ERUCC 275<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY in Year 276<sup>TH</sup> CALENDAR OF EVENTS September – December 2021

## SEPTEMBER

25

Book Launch with German Food picnic

## OCTOBER

17 10:30AM

German Service with German partners

24 3:00PM

Organ Concert with Chris Lane

31 10:30AM Worship

Homecoming Celebration

## NOVEMBER

7 10:30AM

All Saints/Totenfest Service including the reading of the names of those ERUCC members who have died in the past year as well as highlighting “saints” of ERUCC since our founding

14 9:30AM

Conversation with Rev. Freeman Palmer

10:30AM Worship

Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister,  
Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ

21 9:30AM

Conversation with Rev. John Dorhauer

10:30AM Worship

Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President,  
United Church of Christ

## DECEMBER

11

Museums by Candlelight

27

Houses of Worship Candlelight Tour

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

Following worship on August 8th, plan to stay after for our great, BIG, celebration to be held outdoors (weather permitting) or in the Community Room. We will be celebrating everything we have missed for the past 16 months - graduations, retirements, birthdays, marriages, anniversaries . . . you name it.

Contact Angela Brittain, chair of Fellowship at [fellowship@erucc.org](mailto:fellowship@erucc.org), to help with this event. We are looking for paper products and decorations to match the celebrations such as “Class of 2020.”

## YOUTH MINISTRY IMPACT

The entire church is organized, from skilled woodworkers down to middle scholars with no clue at all what they are doing, and then we drive down and get to work. A variety of things need to be fixed. One year, I helped fix and tile a floor that was rotting and ended up almost falling through the floor into the basement. Another year, I tiled a roof. All throughout the weekend, adults and people with more experience guide us through the work so that we will be able to do it ourselves and finish as many tasks as possible before we leave.

The most touching part for me is at the end of the trip, where we get to sit down with the community and have breakfast with them. Every year, Pastor Daniel likes to spread all of the teens apart so that we can sit with a new group and learn about them and their life. We get to talk to them about what we did that weekend. It always comes with a new perspective, and allows us to assess our own privileges', especially when talking to the older folk who were alive at a time when segregation was even more blatant than it is now.

Helping a community in need is motivation enough, but I also get to learn new and applicable skills that I can use for the rest of my life. I will constantly be thankful for ERUCC and Franklinton Center at Bricks for being able to provide myself, and the other members of the church with such an incredible and eye opening opportunity.

~ Alex Cumber



## GIFTS RECEIVED

- Debt reduction
- Mortgage assistance
- Contributions toward mail expenses
- Office supplies (labels, pens, markers)
- Youth Group Mission Trip

## Sunday Fellowship Hour Volunteers Needed

We will be looking for families to volunteer to host our Sunday Fellowship Hour beginning in September. We provide everything you need - or you can bring a special treat if you want to dazzle us! A sign-up genius will be forthcoming, but if you know of a week you would like to host, please email Angela Brittain at [fellowship@erucc.org](mailto:fellowship@erucc.org). Thank you.



## God's Kids Club Challenges the Congregation to Donate 50 Boxes of Cereal

God's Kids Club is collecting boxes of cereal to do the domino chain (as seen on YouTube and Facebook) Afterward, we will donate all of our boxes to the Frederick Food Bank. Please bring your cereal boxes to church on July 11 or drop them off at the church office before. We will do a DRIVE-THROUGH DONATION DROP OFF Sunday, July 11 from 11:30AM to 1PM. Enter from Church Street, drop off, and continue out through the back alley.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity.*



Dave, Cliff and Susan at the Community Garden. Working to provide food for our neighbors who are food insecure.



FREDERICK COUNTY  
**HUMANE SOCIETY**  
P.O. Box 3185 • Frederick, MD 21705-3185  
301-694-8300 • [www.fchs.org](http://www.fchs.org)

May 29, 2021

Evangelical Reformed Church  
15 W Church Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Frederick County Humane Society (FCHS), thank you for your donation of \$333.34 on May 5, 2021. We rely on the kindness of people like you to help the Frederick County animals.

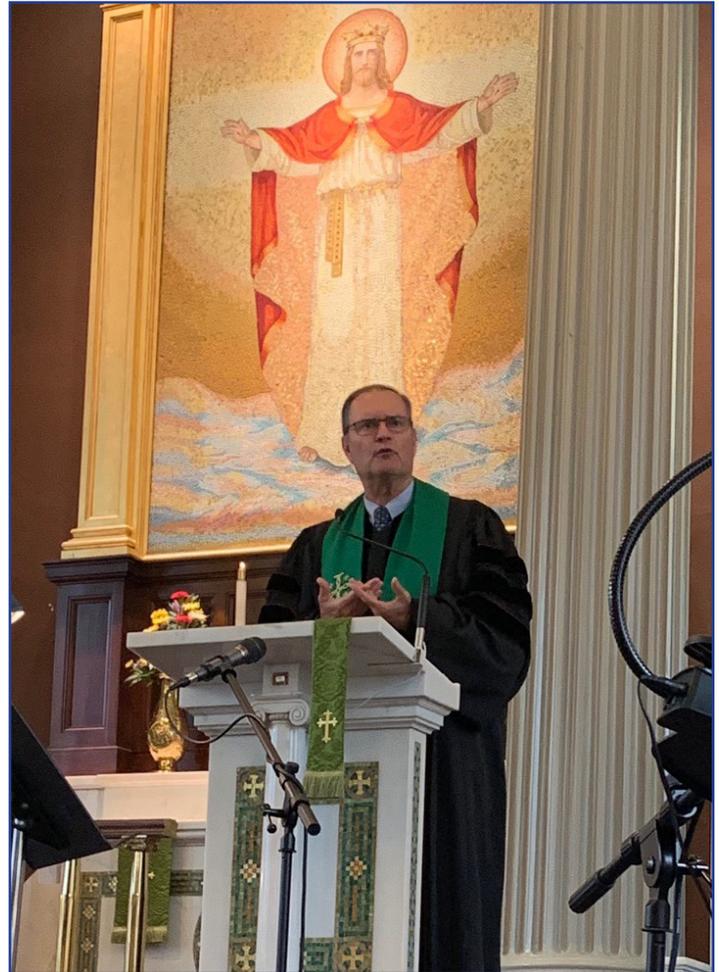
As a non-profit organization, we rely on our members and the public for support. These donations will go directly to ongoing programs: such as our low-cost Spay/Neuter program, Quick Fix for Cats, Unsung K9 Heroes Project, and Emergency Medical Assistance. Due to your kindness and generosity, these programs and many others offered through the FCHS enable pet owners in Frederick County to receive food and affordable medical care for their animals that might otherwise not be available.

If you would like to find out more about our organization please follow us on Facebook and our website [www.fchs.org](http://www.fchs.org) to learn about our many fun events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Connie E. Graf, Director, Frederick County Humane Society

*This week we helped a single Mother receive care for their dog with a serious illness. With your continued support and kindness this would not be possible. Thank you!*



Thanks to the Rev. David Cooney for sharing his gift of preaching with ERUCC June 1-July 4.

1 Peter 4:10

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

## 2021 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Religious Coalition will help provide school supplies for the 2021-22 school year to Frederick City families in need!

**MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES.**

Checks payable to The Religious Coalition. Please mark: School Supplies.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED PER CHILD IN EACH GRADE:

In an effort to streamline the way in which we organize the upcoming school supply drive, please find below a list of basic supplies for each of the three educational levels (elementary, middle and high). The list applies across all schools county wide at each level and is intended to cover the basics for all grade levels within the divisions. While individual schools may still request donations that are in addition to the items listed below, Principals understand that the below referenced school supply list is a request for donations. As such, they are prepared to provide any items students do not have using funds from the individual school budget.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Backpacks  
Composition Books  
Crayons  
Dry Erase Markers  
Earbuds  
Folders - 2 pocket  
Glue Sticks  
Headphones  
Kleenex  
Markers  
Pencils  
Pencil boxes  
Pencil sharpeners  
Scissors  
Ziplock baggies

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Backpacks  
Binders  
Calculators  
Colored pencils  
Composition books  
Dividers  
Earbuds  
Folders - 2 pocket  
Glue Sticks  
Headphones  
Highlighters  
Markers  
Paper - loose leaf  
Pens  
Pencils  
Pencil sharpeners  
Rulers  
Scissors  
Spiral notebooks

### HIGH SCHOOLS

Backpacks  
Binders  
Calculators  
Colored pencils  
Earbuds  
Folders  
Highlighters  
Paper- college ruled loose leaf  
Pencils  
Pencil sharpeners  
Pens  
Rulers  
Spiral notebooks

### Additional donation items:

Quart and Gallon size bags  
Tissues and Hand Sanitizer

More than  
**1 in 3**  
Frederick County  
households struggle  
to afford basic  
necessities.





# ERUCC BOOK GROUP 2021

## Join the Conversation via ZOOM at 7PM

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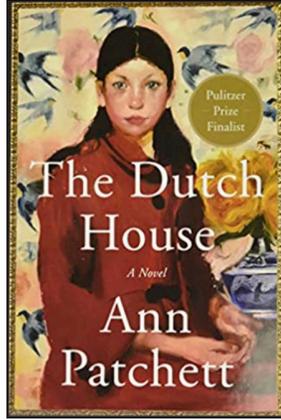
Meeting ID: 899 6928 7938 • Password: 685141

**July 27**

### *The Dutch House*

Ann Patchett

Ann Patchett, the number-one New York Times best-selling author of *Commonwealth*, delivers her most powerful novel to date: a richly moving story that explores the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go. *The Dutch House* is the story of a paradise lost, a tour de force that digs deeply into questions of inheritance, love, and forgiveness, of how we want to see ourselves, and of who we really are.



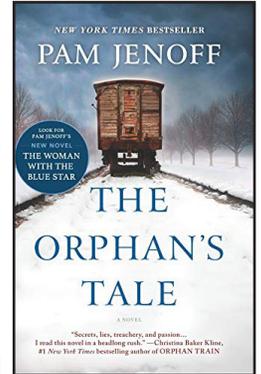
**August 24**

### *The Orphan's Tale*

Pam Jenoff

A powerful novel of friendship set in a traveling circus during World War II, *The Orphan's Tale* introduces two extraordinary women and their harrowing stories of sacrifice and survival.

Sixteen-year-old Noa has been cast out in disgrace after becoming pregnant by a Nazi soldier and being forced to give up her baby. Noa finds refuge with a German circus, but she must learn the flying trapeze act so she can blend in undetected, spurning the resentment of the lead aerialist, Astrid. Whether their friendship is enough to save one another - or if the secrets that burn between them will destroy everything.



## ERUCC BOOK GROUP 2021

**October 26** *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

**September 28** *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins

**November 30**

*Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of My Hasidic Roots* by Deborah Feldman



## July Birthday's

- |    |   |    |  |
|----|---|----|--|
| 1  | Jo Ann Fritz  | 15 | Ro Higinbothams, Zoe Perlet, Eric Weakly         |
| 2  | Kali Chappell, Barba Speak                                  | 18 | Linda Coyle                                      |
| 3  | Becky Martin, Tom Perlet, Sean Sexton                       | 22 | Patti Patterson                                  |
| 4  | Hillal Eastburn   | 23 | Allen Flora                                      |
| 7  | Gerry Blessing, Keith Stickley, Gareth Weakly, Terri Wenner | 24 | Wes Baker, John Yetter                           |
| 8  | Kate Fromknecht, John Hane                                  | 26 | Stacey Collins                                   |
| 9  | Joe Adkins, Dwayne Johnson, Chris Spear                     | 27 | Charlie Garst, Ann McGreevy                      |
| 10 | Linda Kline   | 28 | John Hendricks, Jonathan Rushbrook               |
| 12 | Joseph Baker, Trevor Mens                                   | 29 | Jaci Clayton, Nancy Jones, Abby Spear, Ben Spear |
| 13 | Garrett Jett, Jacqueline Messner                            | 30 | Kendall Hoffman, Bud Rossig                      |
| 14 | Robert Fisher, Jr   |    |  |



## MISSION & SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

*“Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) funds the work the United Church of Christ does in its Associations and Conferences, and in the national and global church. OCWM funds are invested in programs, resources, and the tools needed to keep local UCC churches strong, effective, and growing.”*

That statement can be found on the Our Church’s Wider Mission section of the UCC website and that placement of the apostrophe, before the s, is the official version of the name.

But, you can also think of OCWM as standing for Our Churches’ Wider Mission in the sense of how individual UCC congregations do mission work through the national denomination.

The problem with using initials as shorthand for a name is that the value of the name can be lost or confused. In the UCC we use a lot of initials and sometimes the term OCWM can be confused with Wider Church Ministries which is one branch or sector of the UCC national structure. Wider Church Ministries, abbreviated to WCM, focuses on mission beyond the UCC and beyond the USA. It partners with the Disciples of Christ Denomination to act as Global Ministries in doing that mission work. OCWM funds Wider Church Ministries as well as the other 3 branches of the National Office but it also funds the Central Atlantic Conference which is our local conference. Central Atlantic Conference (CAC) geographically covers New Jersey, Delaware, most of Maryland, DC, and parts of West VA & VA. On a map it sort of looks like a gerrymandered Congressional District.

The Catocin Association, made up of congregations mostly in Frederick, Washington and Carroll Counties, is the level of organization between the local church and the Conference, and it is funded by a separate financial line called Association Dues. Association Dues are a relatively small amount requested by the Association because most of the Association work is done by a volunteer Council, committees and commissions. But part of the work of the Association is done by staff from the Conference office so in that sense OCWM also pays for the work of the Association. The Conference recently called Rev. Shereesa Simpson Rice to serve as our new Associate Conference Minister and she will begin her work in August. Like Pastor Werner, Pastor Barbara and me, she is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary so we have high expectations of her.

Although the term used for funding the Association is “dues” both Association Dues and OCWM contributions are voluntary. As a denomination whose theology and polity are heavily influenced by the concept of covenant the “higher” levels i.e. national, Conference, and Association are voluntarily funded by the local congregations because of shared faith, values and goals rather than because of

“top down” demands or legal requirements. Explaining that more specifically would take courses on UCC polity and UCC theology which the Conference does require all UCC pastors to take before being ordained. Those courses are also funded by OCWM contributions. Can you begin to see why information about OCWM can be represented better by a collage than by a flow chart?

Although I started with a question of grammar, and as a preacher and teacher tend to use a lot of metaphors, my first career was in nursing so I also think in terms of anatomy and when Susan Kulp called me a couple of weeks ago to ask for a more understandable explanation of OCWM than she could find on the flashy but sometimes confusing UCC website I told her, “Think of it as the financial lifeblood of the denomination and all of its work. Yes, there are endowment funds from past large gifts and there are funding appeals to individuals in the congregation such as One Great Hour of Sharing and Strengthen the Church that support specific missions and outreach. But OCWM is the fund that pays for the entire infrastructure.”

If OCWM donations shrink, staff gets shrunk, educational resources provided to congregations get shrunk, funding for advocacy and social justice shrinks. Like the human body, the volume of financial blood flowing through the church at the National, Conference, Association and local congregational levels can only be shrunk so much before the system begins to lose its vitality. I don’t want to suggest that the UCC is close to that point but over the past 30 years, as in most denominations, a lot of shrinking has been done. On the positive side, like this congregation, National and Conference staff have been trying new ways of functioning and new means of encouraging stewardship. They have been open to the guidance, and maybe even prodding, of the Holy Spirit in doing so. I hope that you will be too as you engage in conversations with the Stewardship/Generosity Team about the funding of this congregation and through it, OCWM...no matter where you put the apostrophe.

~ Rev. Esther Ziegler



# ERUCC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## God's Kids Club

Please note **God's Kids Club** is now only meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5PM. JUNE themes and topics are listed below.

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Meeting ID: 854 6302 7021 Passcode: 252332

### WEEK OF JULY 5

July 5 No God's Kids Club - lesson on own  
July 7 Fireworks in a jar (*please note this is a change from what was previously published*)

### WEEK OF JULY 12

July 12 Ephesians 1:3-14  
July 14 Domino fun/math

### WEEK OF JULY 19

July 19 Ephesians 2:11-22  
July 21 Sidewalk Chalk

### WEEK OF JULY 26

July 16 A Marvelous Picnic John 6:1-14  
July 28 Science Fun - Edible Slime  
(*was in July 7 supplies in May/June bag*)

### WEEK OF AUGUST 2

August 2 Ephesians 4:1-14  
August 4 Summer Bingo

## God's Kids Club in Person

Sunday, July 11 - 11:30AM to 1:30PM

Back Patio

Come help us collect the boxes of cereal donated by the congregation and see how long we can make our domino chain. Please bring a box of cereal to donate. After the event the cereal will be donated to the Frederick Food Bank.

## God's Kids Club Zoom Game Night

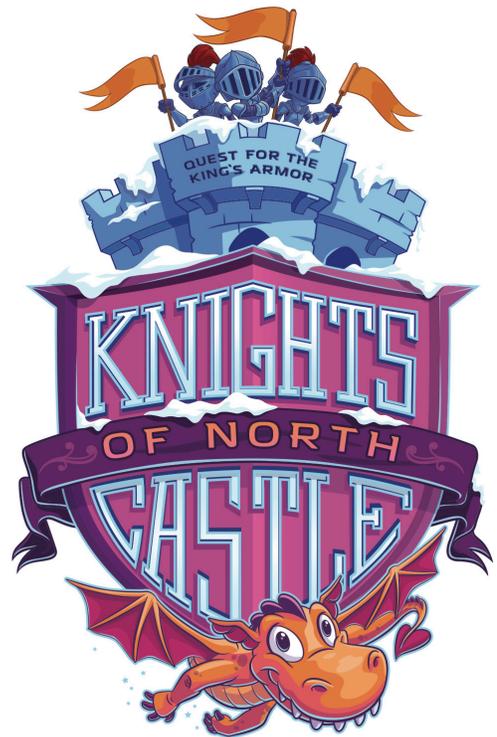
July 23 ~ 7 - 9PM

We will play Scattergories

You will need a set of lists and a pencil

<https://bit.ly/3wKaLe8>

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723 Passcode: 668761



## Vacation Bible School August 9 - 13

**Be strong in the Lord and  
in the strength  
of his power.  
Ephesians 6:10**



**4 years old through 6th grade  
9 to 11 AM on the Back Patio at ERUCC  
5 to 6 PM on Zoom**

<https://bit.ly/3wRkGP6>

Meeting ID: 854 6302 7021 Passcode: 252332

A donation of \$25.00 per child is suggested.

Registration forms in worship packets.

### Vacation Bible School Help

There will be a meeting for those wishing to help with VBS on Thursday July 8th at 10AM on the back patio of ERUCC. Youth helpers must have completed sixth grade.

Questions contact Kim Sexton at [ks Sexton@erucc.org](mailto:ks Sexton@erucc.org)

# THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UCC *(in a nutshell)*

Churches in the United Church of Christ have a great deal of autonomy. They control their own ministries (and finances) and call their own pastor(s). There is no Pope or Bishop. Beyond the individual UCC churches, there are Associations.

ERUCC is a member of the Catoctin Association which is comprised of the UCC churches in our region. There is an Associate Conference Minister, who works with our Association, and, much like our Consistory, a Catoctin Association Council which is made up of clergy and laity drawn from member churches. The aim of the Association is to provide support to the member churches and their staffs. One example of this is in-service training programs. Perhaps the most important function is to assist churches in filling clergy vacancies or dealing with conflicts between church and staff.

The next “level” is the Conference. We are a part of the Mid-Atlantic Conference which includes the Catoctin Association and four other Associations in the mid-Atlantic region. There is a Conference Minister and a Council (drawn from the member churches) to set policies and carry out the work of the Conference.

Funds to support the Association and the Conference come via an assessment paid by member churches based on the numbers on their membership rolls.

ERUCC has been well represented in both the Association and the Conference. John and Rebecca Shillingburg, Bob and Esther Ziegler, Doug and Jill White, Jo Ann Fritz and I have all served in various rolls in the two bodies.

Lastly I should mention the Synod. That is a bi-annual gathering of the entire United Church of Christ. Here the direction for the church, during the next two years is examined and lifted up to all of the churches and instrumentalities.

**So now you know.**

~ Cliff Barr

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**  
No matter their mental health challenge.  
No matter their immigration status.  
No matter their sexual orientation.  
No matter their economic status.  
No matter their gender identity.  
No matter their disability.  
No matter their religion.  
No matter their race.

**Love your neighbor. No exceptions.**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

# ERUCC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



It is so very special to have three or more generations of one family as members of ERUCC! Linda and George Kline are the parents of Marc Kline and wife, Renae, and the proud grandparents of Ethan and Alyssa. Retired and living in Green Castle, Pennsylvania, they enjoy their garden, but hope to do some traveling in the near future.

Alan and Heather McCarty moved to Maryland in 1978, and now live in Sharpsburg, but hail from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. After 46 years of marriage, they are the proud parents of two children and three grandchildren. Now retired, their quiet life by the C&O canal includes gardening, cross country skiing, bicycles, kayaks and spoiling grandchildren.



The youth were happy to gather in-person for a retreat at Bethany Beach.

# 2021 CONSISTORY AND LEADERSHIP RETREAT

*Attended by almost every new and returning ERUCC lay leader, the May 23 ERUCC Retreat began with lunch and a team building exercise before covering a range of topics pertaining to the governance of the church.*

**The first part of the afternoon focused on the basics of leadership and chairing a meeting, asking questions and having conversations on topics that included:**

- What is Consistory and what is my role as a leader of the church?
- Role of elders, deacons, and committee chairs
- Role and responsibilities of others present: Personnel, Evangelism, Fellowship
- How might leadership be the same in the church as in other spheres of my life? Different?
- What do members of the congregation expect from us? What do we expect from each other?
- How do we conduct business as a church leadership team?
- What are the values we bring to our meeting together?

**Some key take-aways:**

- Leadership at church draws in a spiritual and religious foundation that prompts us to consider how our effort is serving the church and God. In a business setting, this is instead how our effort is serving the business and making a profit.
- Every aspect of our church volunteering efforts is important and interconnected: it is important to be good stewards of our funds (Finance and Budgeting) and equally important to offer radical hospitality (Evangelism Committee and Hospitality Committee), keep the grass cut and roofs from leaking (Property) and provide guidance on our worship and educational endeavors (Worship Committee and Christian Education Committee). And these are just a few of the committees and teams at work!
- Because the pastor is an ongoing presence while lay members cycle into and out of leadership roles, the outside world tends to view the pastor as the “CEO” of the church when contacting the church. Lay leaders need to stand ready to respond to requests from the community that the pastor relays to us to address.
- Church volunteers are donating time and talent, which we must be good stewards of. In business we are renting our time and talents for pay, and our supervisors are responsible for managing this.
- In the German Reformed / Evangelical Reformed / United Church of Christ tradition, it is the lay members who are to establish and lead the church’s agenda, along with the pastor.

**The second part of the session outlined some basics of using meeting time effectively. Tips included:**

- Read emails and preparatory materials in a timely manner. We want to avoid reading reports and concentrate our meetings on those key issues before us.
- Beginning and ending meetings on time.
- Using Dropbox (with thanks to Tyler York for over-viewing this technology)
- Learning how to read a balance sheet (which Will Duncan will cover in a webinar later this year)

**The closing segment, which was facilitated by Ron Terbush (thank you also, Ron), began with a review of key findings from the recent ERUCC COVID survey. Ron then facilitated two brainstorms on our path forward:**

- What is the one hope you have for the coming year and your time as a member of the Consistory and church leadership?
- Find Christian Education members who are creative and energetic.
- Get the choir back.
- Encourage those who are physically able to come back in person.
- See expanded in-person growth in church life; in-person worship helps with personal connections and growth.
- See new young adults and children attend. We need a new generation to start coming into the church.
- See growth and engagement in the Mission and Social Justice Committee.
- Continue having the congregation stay seated and listen to the postlude instead of standing up and leaving.
- For the Property Committee, to communicate regularly with the congregation on planned upcoming projects.
- Committees are not reporting efforts in Trinity Chimes. Suggest every committee submit reports on a regular basis in Trinity Chimes.
- Create a listing of volunteer opportunities and how people can get involved.
- That we be fortunate enough to hire an Associate Pastor.
- That our laughter together continues.
- Develop deeper spiritual growth and increase or pledging both in terms of number of pledges and pledge amounts.
- For the Evangelism Committee, make a list of activities in which new people can become involved (Discussion: this document is in the New Member packets, so perhaps we have a stack of these on hand to give to visitors).

To foster radical hospitality, and promote connections and relationships in this expanded ERUCC community, my committee could (or I could):

- Welcome table: Provide visitors with a yellow name tag and take them to fellowship and actively introduce them to other members of the congregation; remind and encourage everyone to wear name tags to help visitors and new members to connect names and faces; encourage members to seek out visitors wearing yellow tags to say hello and make an introduction.
- Place a camera in every room to support hybrid meetings. Property Committee can assist Jeff in helping people use the technology.
- Property Committee: understand how committee members want to be contacted (phone; email, etc.)
- Communicate to all about room technology capabilities once this technology is enabled
- Clarify other ERUCC FAQs, like why the Sunday morning bell is rung 25 times.
- Not every activity must be hybrid. Some can be only online, some can be only in-person, and others can be hybrid. We need to make sure no one feels left out because they physically cannot participate or because they lack the technology to participate online.
- Stop sending packets to everyone automatically and instead send packets only to those who want them. This approach has already been communicated through the packets. As of August we will need to opt-in in order to receive packets.
- Committees need to balance personal connection fostered by in-person meetings with the convenience of meeting by Zoom. One option is to meet online every other time.
- Evangelism Committee: Have Zoom “stewards” available to welcome streaming viewers to the service in order to promote engagement.
- Finance Committee: Continue to encourage online donations, including donations sent directly from a bank account or via PayPal, while not excluding or minimizing physical donations using cash or checks.
- Finance Committee: Create workshops/webinars on how to read / use a financial statement. Perhaps explore how to simplify these as well.
- Fellowship: Explore whether online fellowship after services are worth continuing for those who are worshipping online.
  - o Has it served its time or is it still needed?
  - o Perhaps talk with people who have stopped attending and ask why and based on that feedback continue or do not continue it.
- Children’s ministry: continue to stay fluid and nimble.
- Keep in mind that some congregants are on Zoom all day and are experiencing Zoom fatigue; the last activity they want to undertake in their personal time is another Zoom
- UCC does not have a “brand loyalty”, meaning we need to be intentional. Because of the church governance, there are few expectations placed on our ERUCC church. The challenge is that we cannot rely on the broader church to do messaging for us and we cannot blame the broader church for failures or shortfalls.

After the Retreat ended, the Consistory met briefly and approved two motions:

1. Election of officers
  - a. Peter Brehm / President
  - b. Marc Kline / Vice President
  - c. Jennie Russell / Secretary
  - d. Rodney Martin / Treasurer
2. Approval of a statement regarding the inclusion of photographs in the updated *Unto Us* book being published later this year that read:

*In preparation for the publication of our updated history book, Unto Us, ERUCC recognizes that it will be including photographs of persons who are deceased and would be unable to give permission for their use. Some of these photos have previously been published. In publishing the photos to be included, reflecting the years from 1964 to 2020, all photos have been previously published in newsletters and social media. The Consistory recognizes that members or friends of ERUCC allow their photos to be published unless they specify they would prefer not to be photographed.*

**Acknowledged by the Consistory of ERUCC**

May 23, 2021

# KINGS, QUEENS, & VACCINES

SATURDAY, JUNE 19  
11AM-5PM  
15 W Church St, Frederick, MD

*Get Dricked*

MADISON ST LAWRENCE  
ADAVA SPAXX  
IVANNA DIGHTS  
SHUNDA LEE

**DRAG PERFORMANCES AT 1:30 & 4:30**

Join The Frederick Center as we do our part to get our LGBTQ+ community vaccinated against COVID-19. Sign up for a shift and after you receive your vaccine, get some food, get a commemorative picture taken, check out the local vendors and see our fantastic drag performances! Everyone is welcome to get vaccinated!

Previously vaccinated folks are welcome to join the party, too!  
Masks are required. ASL Available. #7

Transportation is available by United Way. Call 301-600-7900 (301-600-7905 for Spanish) to make an appointment

The Frederick Center  
Embracing Our LGBTQ+ Community

TheFrederickCenter.org  
facebook.com/thefrederickcenter  
facebook.com/thefrederickcenteryouth

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
LGBTQ+ Foundation

# ERUCC Makes a difference!

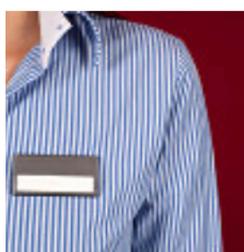
Twenty people were vaccinated, including 13 LGBTQ+ people. According to our health department, this was the largest vaccine event they have held since the middle of May.

Ten people received HIV testing.

Dozens were given NARCAN training and fentanyl testing swatches.

We saw about 150 – 200 people.

Frederick News-Post: [https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/culture/kings-queens-vaccines-rocks-the-crowd-in-frederick/article\\_fdf214dd-586c-59f6-9819-4ce872213758.html](https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/culture/kings-queens-vaccines-rocks-the-crowd-in-frederick/article_fdf214dd-586c-59f6-9819-4ce872213758.html)



## EVANGELISM TEAM

We want to encourage everyone to wear your name tags. If you do not have one, please contact Sue Pinner at pinbenco@gmail.com.

*Thank you*

## ATTENTION LADIES - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Chimes group will resume October 14th at 11AM at Bob Evans Restaurant on the Golden Mile.

*What are Chimes?* We are a learning and service group reaching out to the community. Events and Speakers to be announced. Stay tuned. Questions contact: Sue Pinner at pinbenco@gmail.com.



### GREEN TEAM TIPS

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP THE EARTH

##### **Park the car.**

Reducing by half the number of car trips under a mile could save 2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year. “Walking more isn’t just good for the planet,” says Jonathan Patz, M.D., director of the Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin.

##### **Unplug electricity vampires.**

Many electronics and appliances-including stereo components, phone chargers, coffee makers and charging stations for electric toothbrushes-draw power even when turned off. These “always on” devices eat up 23 percent of U.S. home power, says the Natural Resources Defense Council. Unplug what you aren’t using. For TV’s and computers, use a power strip with an on-off switch.

##### **Eat less meat.**

U.S. livestock cattle are responsible for 3.9 percent of domestic greenhouse gas emissions, the EPA says. Meat eaters who cut back to three servings per week could reduce their greenhouse gas footprint by over 500 pounds annually-the equivalent of driving 600 miles, researchers say. (AARP).

### SPIRITUAL WALKS

With the return of summer travel and many opportunities to connect with others in person, we have decided to take a break from offering our organized spiritual walks for the summer. Whether on your travels or right here in Frederick County, take some time to be in nature and feel God’s presense in the air, rocks, trees and water. Have a wonderful spirit-filled summer!

#### Frederick Food Security Network Garden Volunteer Opportunities starting in June!

The Frederick Food Security Network Gardens are organized by Hood College to grow food for persons in the Frederick community who don’t have access to fresh produce. By volunteering in the garden, we are helping improve the nutrition of our Frederick community while also getting some fresh air, a bit of exercise and a chance to know each other better.

This year we will have three teams: the Youth and Fearless Crew led by Trish Coffey and Kathryn Raab, the “Oldsters” led by Cliff Barr and the Multi-Faith Alliance of Climate Stewards led by Linda Coyle. Although, it sounds like these teams are limited to certain groups that is not the case! We are an intergenerational church and part of a multi-faith community. We encourage you to sign up to work on whichever date(s) suit you best. You might just meet a new friend! We hope everyone will help at least once this summer. There are jobs of all sorts and for all ability levels. The garden manager David Muns is a delightful person who will direct us to whatever needs to be done when we arrive.

There are several FFSN Gardens in Frederick but we will be volunteering at the biggest one on the property of the Frederick News Post off of Ballenger Creek Pike. The address is 351 Ballenger Center Dr. There are restrooms available in the Frederick News Post building. We typically work from 8 am -10 am to beat the heat. Tools are provided so we only need to bring work gloves, water and a helping hand!

Below are sign-up genius links for the FFSN Garden volunteers.

- To volunteer with the **Oldsters** on the 1st Tuesdays (July 6, August 3), sign up at <https://bit.ly/3ymAKcB>
- To volunteer with the **Youth and the Fearless Crew** on the 2nd Saturdays (July 10, August 14), sign up at <https://bit.ly/3oyeo3f>
- To volunteer with the **Multi-Faith Alliance of Climate Stewards** on the 3rd Wednesdays, (July 21, August 18) sign up at <https://bit.ly/3f2hHwF>



## 2022 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Evangelical Reformed UCC is fortunate to have scholarship programs available to our post-secondary students as they seek educational opportunities to develop knowledge and skills to realize their full potential.

Robert McCardell established the McCardell Scholarship Fund in honor and memory of his family. The Kieffer Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Dr. Henri L. Kieffer, pastor of this church from 1910 to 1946. The Liz Coffey Scholarship Fund was established in memory and in honor our beloved youth Liz Coffey. Contributions to these Scholarship Funds by members and friends of the church are always welcomed.

The Scholarship Committee awarded gifts to church members for post-secondary undergraduate education based on the quality of the candidate’s plan for use of the funds, the ability and promise of the applicant, the need for financial assistance and for active participation in the life of the church. The aid may continue for subsequent years after the interview with the committee, submission of intent to reapply, and submission of their transcript of grades of the current year.

Our committee was very impressed with the academic accomplishments of all of this year’s recipients. They shared their involvement in many extracurricular worthwhile programs during the recent annual interview with committee members.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, the following members were recipients of scholarships.

Cassandra Pain	Senior	Towson University
Maureen Hueting	Junior	Western Michigan University
Kendall Johnson	Sophomore	Towson University
Benjamin Mercier	Sophomore	Indiana University
Aiden Baldree	Freshman	Millersville University
Quinn Coffey	Freshman	Frederick Community College
Emma Davis	Freshman	Towson University
Colleen Hueting	Freshman	Susquehanna University



### ***We are currently at \$19,425 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.***

The White-Hayward farmhouse construction is well underway! Our neighbors will soon have a permanent home that will offer the stability that families experiencing homelessness sorely need. It will allow parents to know where their children will be sleeping that night. It will allow Mom and Dad to cook dinner for their family in the kitchen. We’re incredibly excited to see this project move forward.

If you want to help families impacted by homelessness embrace the path home by creating a permanent home for the Emergency Family Shelter, send your donation to ERUCC and mark it for the Beyond Shelter Campaign.





# UCC General Synod to be Held Virtually this Year

July 11-18

The bi-annual meeting of the United Church of Christ, General Synod, brings together people from across the United States and the world for worship, workshops, special events. It is an

awesome celebration of the diversity of the church and an opportunity for our denomination to speak to issues related to church life and peace and justice around the world.

## ***Among the issues before the Synod this year are:***

- A Declaration for a Just Peace Between Palestine and Israel
- “Who Will speak for the Trees?” A Resolution on the Rights of Nature
- Becoming a Church of Contemplatives in Action
- A Resolution to Declare and Respond to Racism as a Public Health Crisis
- A Resolution to Recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024)
- A Resolution on Protecting Workers at Churches and Other Religious Institutions

To keep everyone safe, the 33rd General Synod will be held virtually. This means EVERYONE can attend! If you’ve always wanted to see our covenantal denomination in action- this is your chance! Save the Date: July 11-18, 2021. Bookmark the website: <https://www.generalsynod.org/>

Members and friends of ERUCC have really enjoyed participating in General Synod as delegates, visitors, and participating in the Youth Program. While Synod is being held virtually, we are opening up the Community Room so that we can gather and experience Synod worship and business sessions together.

Here are the times when I will be present at the church and ready to welcome you as we join with our UCC friends from across the country and the globe.

Sunday, July 11

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Opening Worship

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm Opening Plenary (Plenary 1)

Monday, July 12

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Greeting & Announcements

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm Keynote Speaker

Wednesday, July 14

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm Greeting & Announcements

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm Worship Service

Friday, July 16

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Plenary 2)

Saturday, July 17

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (Plenary 3)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Implementation Conversations

Sunday, July 18

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm (Plenary 4)

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm Break

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Closing Worship



## Evangelical Reformed Church of Christ

15 West Church Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

301-663-2762  
[www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org)



**All hands are needed to assist the youth with parking for the Home Show on August 7-8! This is one of their biggest fundraisers, and they can't do it without you.**

**Please consider signing up for one or more shifts at the Sign-Up Genius link below:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FABA72CA2FE3-youth>

Please contact Shelley Weakly with any questions at [shelley.w.weakly@gmail.com](mailto:shelley.w.weakly@gmail.com) or 301-798-3537.

*Thank you so much for your support!*

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[angela3cats@yahoo.com](mailto:angela3cats@yahoo.com)

### June/July Coins for a Cause!



The Frederick Center exists to support and advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people and our families so we thrive, accepted and affirmed, in the broader Frederick community. Run by an all-volunteer board of community members and funded through community donations and grants, programs include: Youth Group Junior (ages 8-13), Youth Group (ages 13-18), Young Adult Group (ages 18-25), Transgender/Non-Binary Community Group, TransFamily Peer Support Group, TransTeens, Trans Partners, Healing Pride, Recovering Pride, Frederick HIV Coalition and more. Presentation of LGBTQ+ 1010 programs to businesses, non-profits, churches, and other interested organizations. The Frederick Center also organizes the annual Frederick Pride event held in late June at Carroll Creek Linear Park in downtown Frederick; this year the event takes place on October 3.

*ERUCC has supported the Frederick Center since its inception.*

**For additional information, contact The Frederick Center at [tfc@thefrederickcenter.org](mailto:tfc@thefrederickcenter.org)**

*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.*