

Great Service

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

October 17, 2021

21st Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

***All who are able may stand.**

GOTTESDIENST

In Remembrance of our German Roots

Klaviervorspiel

Willkomm

Greetings from our Altmark Partners and Friends

Pfr. Alexander Schwartz and René Schernikau

Eingangslied *Nun Danket Alle Gott*

Nun danket alle Gott, Mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,
Der grosse Dinge tut An uns und allen Enden;
Der uns von Mütterleib Und Kindesbeinen an
Unzählig viel zugut Und noch jetztund getan.

Der ewigreiche Gott Woll uns bei unsern Leben
Ein immer fröhlich Herz Und edlen Frieden geben,
Und uns in seiner Gnad Erhalten fort und fort,
Und uns aus aller Not Erlösen hier und dort.

Job, Ehr und Preis sei Gott, Dem Vater und dem Sohne,
Und dem, der beiden gleich Im höchsten Himmelsthronen;
Dem dreimal einen Gott, Wie es ursprünglich war
Und ist and bleiben wird Jetztund und immerdar.

Now thank we all our God With heart, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers arms Hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
To keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, The Father, now be given.
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The One Eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Schriftlesung Exodus 16: 1-6, 14 – 18, 31

Sie kamen in die Wüste Sin, die zwischen Elim und der Wüste Sinai liegt. Das war am fünfzehnten Tag des zweiten Monats, seit sie aus Ägypten gezogen waren.²In der Wüste rebellierte die ganze Gemeinde gegen Mose und Aaron.³Die Israeliten sagten zu ihnen: »Hätte der Herr uns doch in Ägypten sterben lassen! Dort saßen wir an den Fleischtöpfen und konnten uns satt essen. Jetzt habt ihr uns in diese Wüste geführt, wo wir alle vor Hunger umkommen werden.«

Der Herr sagte zu Mose: »Ich will für euch Brot vom Himmel regnen lassen. Das Volk soll hinausgehen und einsammeln, was es für den Tag braucht.

⁶Da sagten Mose und Aaron zu allen Israeliten: »Heute Abend werdet ihr erkennen: Es war der Herr, der euch aus Ägypten geführt hat. Am nächsten Morgen lag Tau rings um das Lager.

¹⁴Als der Tau weg war, lag auf dem Boden der Wüste etwas Feines. Es war körnig und fein wie der Reif auf der Erde. Mose

sagte:»Das ist das Brot, das der Herr euch zu essen gibt.16Der Herr hat geboten:Sammelt davon so viel, wie jeder zu essen braucht.Einen Krug pro Kopf sollt ihr holen,jeder so viel wie Personen zu seinem Zelt gehören.«17Das taten die Israeliten. Der eine sammelte viel, der andere wenig.18Dann maßen sie nach, was jeder gesammelt hatte.Wer viel gesammelt hatte, hatte nicht zu viel,und wer wenig gesammelt hatte, nicht zu wenig. Jeder hatte so viel gesammelt,wie er zu essen brauchte.

31Die Speise war weiß wie Koriandersamenund schmeckte wie Honigkuchen. Die Israeliten nannten sie »Manna«.

16The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. 2The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’ 6So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt..

14When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the

ground. 15When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. 16This is what the Lord has commanded: “Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.” 17The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. 18But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

31 The house of Israel called it manna; it was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

Glaubensbekenntnis

Ich glaube an Gott, den Vater, den Allmächtigen Schöpfer Himmels und der Erde.

Ich glaube an Jesus Christus, seinen eingeborenen Sohn, unsern Herrn, der empfangen ist vom Heiligen Geist, geboren von der Jungfrau Maria, gelitten unter Pontius Pilatus, gekreuzigt, gestorben und begraben, niedergefahren zur Hölle, am dritten Tage wieder auferstanden von den Toten, aufgefahren gen Himmel, sitzt zur Rechten Gottes, des allmächtigen Vaters, von dannen er kommen wird, zu richten die Lebendigen und die Toten.

Ich glaube an den Heiligen Geist eine heilige, allgemeine, christliche Kirche, die Gemeinschaft der Heiligen, Vergebung der Sünden, Auferstehung des Fleisches und ein ewiges Leben.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered

under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the one holy universal Christian Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Meditation

Pfr. Daniel Müller Thór

Gebette

Die alte Ordnung vergeht; deine neue Ordnung, Herr, hat bereits begonnen, und wir zählen zu ihren Zeichen. Du hast uns durch deinen Geist, den du in unsere Herzen gabst, frei gemacht und hast uns gelehrt, dich Vater zu nennen.

Du hast uns aus der Finsternis herausgerufen und in dein herrliches Licht gestellt,

Du hast unsere Augen geöffnet, uns die Hoffnung gegeben, dass wir lieben sollen in der herrlichen Freiheit der Kinder Gottes. Doch das soll nicht nur für uns da sein, Herr; nicht, solange andere arm bleiben, zerbrochenen Herzens, eingesperrt, blind und zerschlagen. Doch...

Du hast uns aus der Finsternis herausgerufen und in dein herrliches Licht gestellt.

Darum beten wir. Her, für unsere Brüder und Schwestern, deine Familie, unterdrückt durch Unwissenheit und Armut, gefangen in einem Netz aus Ungerechtigkeit und Apathie. voneinander getrennt durch Sprache, Kultur, Farbe, Klasse und Bekenntnis.

Du hast SIE aus der Finsternis herausgerufen und in dein herrliches Licht gestellt.

Lass die Machtlosen durch Bildung zur Selbstfindung kommen, die Verachteten neue Würde finden, die Besitzlosen fähig werden, ihren Platz in der Gemeinschaft der freien Menschen zu fordern.

Du uast sie aus der Finsternis herausgerufen und in dein herrliches Licht gestellt.

Aber wir neigen dazu, die Finsternis mehr Wir schrecken zurück or der Verantwortung der Freiheit, der Ungewissheit der Wüste, dem Konflikt des Kreuzes.

Rufe uns heraus aus der Finsternis in dein herrliches Licht.

Rufe du uns, Herr Jesus Christus, dass wir folgen mögen. Lass uns dir nicht nur folgen als einem, der voraus geht, sondern als einem, der mit uns unterwegs ist : Herr Jesus Christus, der du uns frei machst, der du uns einst die Bedeutung deines Weges kennenzulernen, indem wir ihn gehen. Lass uns damit zufrieden sein,

Amen.

The old order is passing away; your new order, Lord, has already begun and we are numbered among its signs. Through your Spirit in our hearts you have set us free and taught us to call you Father.

You have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

You have opened our eyes, given us hope that we shall live in the glorious liberty of the children of God. But not alone. Lord; not while others remain poor, broken-hearted, imprisoned, blind and bruised. Yet..."

You have called us but of darkness into your marvelous light.

So, Lord, we pray for our brothers and sisters, your family, oppressed by ignorance and poverty, caught in a web of injustice

and apathy, cut off from one another by language, culture, color, class and creed.

You have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

Through education may the powerless be led to self-discovery, the despised find new dignity, the dispossessed be enabled to claim their place in the community of free people.

You have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

But we tend to love darkness rather than light. We shrink from the responsibility of freedom, the uncertainty of the desert, the conflict of the cross.

You have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light.

Call us, Lord Jesus Christ, that we may follow. May we follow you not only as one who goes ahead but as one who journeys with us: Lord Jesus Christ, freeing us, uniting us! Let us be content to learn the meaning of your Way as we walk in it.

Amen.

Vater Unser

Unser Vater in dem Himmel! Dein Name werde geheiligt. Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe auf Erden wie im Himmel. Unser täglich Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schulden, wie wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern. Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Übel. Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit, Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Angebot

Hymne *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*R. Hillert
(Senior Choir)*

Schlusslied *Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott*

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, Ein gute Wehr und Waffen.
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not, Die uns jetzt hat betroffen.
Der alt böse Feind, Mit Ernst ers jetzt meint;
Gross Macht und viel List Sein grausam Rustung ist,
Auf Erd ist nicht seinsgleichen.

Mit unsrer Macht ist nichts getan, Wir sind gar bald verloren;
Es streit! für uns der rechte Mann, Den Gott hat selbst erkoren.
Fragst du, wer der ist? Er heisst Jesus Christ,
Der Herr Zebao th, Und ist kein anderer Gott,
Das Feld muss er behalten.

Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel war
Und wollt uns gar verschlingen,
So firchten wir uns nicht so sehr, Es soll uns doch gelingen.
Der Fürst dieser Welt, Wie saur er sich stellt,
Tut er uns doch nicht; Das macht, er ist gericht'.
Ein Wörtlein kann ihn fällen.

Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn Und kein! Dank dazu haben;
Er ist bei uns wohl auf dem Plan Mit seinem Geist und Gaben.
Nehmen sie den Leib, Gut, Ehr, Kind und Weib,
Lass fahren dahin, Sie habens kein' Gewinn,
Das Reich muss uns doch bleiben.

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Dost seek to work us woe;

His craft and power are great; And, armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for Him;
His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

Segen

Klaviernachspiel

The flowers on the altar are given by the Doll children in honor of Jane's 94th birthday on October 3, and in memory of Jack's birthday on October 29th.

The yellow rose bud on the stand is placed by Jeanellen Kallevang in honor of her recently discovered half-brother, Master Sergeant Michael Joseph Dremel (USAF-Retired), who served in the Iraq War.

The red rose is in celebration of the birth of Chloe Ann Fromknecht on September 22nd. Chloe is the daughter of Kate and Andy Fromknecht and sister of Henry. Blessings.

If you are interested in sponsoring the yellow rose, please contact the church office.

Today: Oct. 17, 2021

Next Week: Oct. 24, 2021

Liturgists: Daniel Mueller Thor, Alexander Schwartz	Austin Byrd
Deacons: Joe Adkins, Betsy Selby	Chuck Baldree, Andrew Beadle
Elders: Cathie Duncan	Peter Brehm
Greeters: Jo Ann Fritz, Linda & Tony Lafianza	Rob Peters, Felicia Bishop, Randi Wallace
Welcome: Jeanellen Kallevang	Pat Condo
Sound: Tadd Clarkson, Jeff Baker, Jeff Schaeberle	Ethan Kline, Jeff Schaeberle Kelly Esslinger
Chimers: Saturday: Dick Williams	Suzanne Morris
Sunday: Tricia Coffey	Kelly Esslinger

Attendance Last Sunday: 20 at 8:30 a.m. and 102 at 10:30 a.m.



Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

<https://sundaystreams.com/go/ERUCC>

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YouTube channel:**



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w

You can get to the link on our homepage at www.erucc.org

Worship Next Week: October 24^h Faith and hope will not be silenced in the face of need, whether our own or other's. When we risk speaking and acting with persistence for the sake of mercy, we may take heart. God listens to our cries and acts with saving power to bring wholeness. Today's Gospel lesson from Mark 10: 46-52 is the last story before the account of Jesus' return to Jerusalem for his final days. Bartimaeus, described as a "blind beggar," takes the risk in calling out to Jesus for healing. Psalm 34:1-8 is a song of blessing and praise. God does not guarantee a life without challenge, but God is present in the midst of trials. It takes faith to bless God at all times. The Senior Choir will be singing.

Hospital and Prayer List – Your pastor wants to be available when members of ERUCC are in the hospital. Please let us know so that we can visit with you and your family and provide support. We always ask permission before adding a name to be included in the prayer list or in the verbal announcements on a Sunday morning. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

Prayer List - Prayer List – Please remember the following people in your prayers: Katharine Alley, Jean Fish, Barb Biser, Pat Hanberry, Peggy Githerman, Tom Frazier, Jeannette Johnson, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle) Bonnie Devilbiss,, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), Trish Carey, Betsy Fisher, James “Jimmy” Sutphin (friend of Dan Smith), Danielle Hankey (friend of Ben Mercier), The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Barbara Lee (sister of Milt Crutchley), Alyce Schimd (sister of Dennie Schmid), Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Mary Remsberg, Susan Matesa (friend of Dan Smith & Austin Byrd), Susan McCauley (niece of Jack Stush), Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Terry Smiley (uncle of Scott Smiley), Shawn Smiley (cousin of Scott Smiley), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Frank Tymczyszyn (brother in law of Nancy Jones), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Jess Pautz (friend of Sean Sexton)

Season of Stewardship – Consecration Sunday Update



Our Season of Stewardship culminated last Sunday, Consecration Sunday. After a four-week period of reflection, we dedicated our pledges and shared acts of love that we have experienced or that we will carry out during the coming year.

Your love and generosity are expressed in those pledges and gifts that you have given and that you continue to send supporting our church. Thank you for your faithful support!

After the 10:30 service we celebrated together at the Ice Cream Social hosted by the Stewardship and Generosity Committee. The Community Room was filled with color from the ribbons and displays of the 4-H youth who were sharing our space and from images of our logo and Consecration Sundaes projected on the walls. Delicious sundaes, topped with whipped cream and a cherry were created and enjoyed.

The S/G Committee will report the number of pledges and amount pledged in later Thursday Thoughts and Sunday Bulletins for your information as those figures are tallied.

We are the church together, living out God's love in joy and gratitude.

If you haven't pledged yet, it is not too late. You can still make a pledge by completing the online pledge form at www.erucc.org or by returning a completed pledge card to the church. Thank you.

Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Daniel (North Room)

11:00 – Noon. *God's Promise: I Am with You* takes readers on a journey through scripture to consider circumstances in which God articulated God's promise of presence. This study does not delve deeply into manifestations of God's presence but rather on God's articulation of God's promise. We will see anew that God offered these words of profound comfort and commitment to individuals and communities from the time of the patriarchs to that of the prophets; from the judges to the kings; before, during, and after the exile; into the New Testament and beyond, to the end of the age.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY with Esther Ziegler (Trinity Chapel)

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We will be using curriculum based on *The Greatest Controversies of Early Christian History and How Jesus Became God* both written and presented in lectures by Bart D. Ehrman, the James S. Gray Distinguished Professor of New Testament at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The format of the sessions will include a recorded lecture by Prof. Ehrman, followed by discussion facilitated by Esther Ziegler. The sessions cover a variety of topics spanning approximately the first 325 years of the Christian era. They range from questions about what the Bible really says about Jesus' birth to how the discovery of the Gnostic Gospels cast light on diverse Christian theologies from the 1st and 2nd centuries to how the Council of Nicea in 325 BC was influenced by Emperor Constantine. Join us in learning how Christians from the earliest days struggled to understand who Jesus was, and who he is to us as a result of 2100+ years of evolving faith.

THURSDAY EVENING STUDY with Richard Leslie (North Room)

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Text: Richard Horsley, *Covenant Economics* (no need to purchase unless you want to – it is a bit of a hard read).

Walking in interstellar space requires a tether. It's a lifeline that is attached from the walker to the mother ship. Among other things, it keeps the space walker from drifting away. It is a necessary connector. "Our hearts were made to find their rest in God, and they are restless until they do" (Augustine). Many of us try to go it alone, in effect cutting the tether that links us with the mothership that is our mother/father God. We are drifters. This course will patiently and deeply explore the concepts of Covenant Love, Liberation Theology, and Social Justice (2000BCE-2000AD), and how they connect. Ambitious journey? Sure! Come with me. Let's travel together.

Richard Leslie jalrl@comcast.net

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83234329329?pwd=MitIYXNQZTRVK0VmNkNUbzNka1VUUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 3432 9329

Passcode: 135141

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults October 17

LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE (*Flora Room*) 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

In this class, we will seek to draw out the major themes found in the lectionary scripture texts on which the sermon will be based. Exploring the lectionary scriptural texts before the Sunday morning worship (10:30am) service will help prepare participants to be more fully involved and more present in worship. Led by clergy members of the congregation. Rev. Rob Peters will be leading on October 17.

LET'S TALK (*Community Room*) 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

October 17 Conversation with our German partners

October 24 Chi Gong with Susan Kulp

October 31 Homecoming

November: ERUCC and UCC connection

November 7 Saints of ERUCC

Come and learn about the impact of some of our church members. Offered by Rev. Fred Wenner

November 14 Conversation with Rev. Freeman Palmer

November 21 Conversation with Rev. John Dorhaeur

November 28, December 5, 12, 19 **Advent Study** with Pastor Daniel

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

October 26 at 7 p.m.

(At the Church)

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, Odie O'Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, Albert, their best friend, Mose, and a brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.

GOD'S KIDS CLUB

God's Kids Club is designed for Children Kindergarten through 5th grade. Youth help for events is always welcome. Masks required for in-person events

Schedule for remainder of 2021

Nov. 12th Zoom Event 7 – 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Pictionary

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81033127723?pwd=N0MzSnVNZFJaSXo1SIVxSUduQ1NMdz09>
Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723
Passcode: 668761

Nov. 21st 5:00-6:30 p.m. Care Package and dinner with the youth group and youthful minds. Bring 25 of something to go in the care packages

Dec. 10th Zoom event 7 - 9 p.m. Decorate Christmas cookies

You will need to have your own cookies, sprinkles and frosting for this event.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81033127723?pwd=N0MzSnVNZFJaSXo1SIVxSUduQ1NMdz09>
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Dec. 19th White Gift our Christmas pageant for the 275th Anniversary

Dec. 20th Breakfast with Santa for dinner 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. As we get closer to the date we will decide if this will be zoom, hybrid or in person

Questions for God's Kids Club send to Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org

In search of addresses

We are looking for the current address for all of our young adults between the ages 18 to 25 years old. Addresses can be emailed to Kim Sexton at Ksexton@erucc.org

Donations Wanted for Care Packages The children and youth will be creating care packages to send to our college students and those serving in the military. We are in need of donations to put in those care packages. Items needed prepackaged snacks, instant soup, popcorn, cocoa, tea, candy and raisins. Monetary donations welcomed and will be used to defray the cost of postage. Items donated can be put in the box in the entrances to both the chapel and main building. Questions contact Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org.

Resettling Afghans in the US: How Can We Help?

Many of us have been asking how we can welcome Afghans who are arriving in our country. Because they are not legally classified as refugees, they do not have access to resources our country provides refugees. Pastor Daniel and the Mission & Social Action Committee are exploring ways that ERUCC can help.

We are currently working with our friends in the interfaith community to find out how we can help Afghans resettled in the Washington, D.C. area. We anticipate some families being resettled in Frederick. We will keep you posted on how we can help.

TED TALK 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Daniel

Via Zoom

<https://bit.ly/3iWG1SJ>

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 • Passcode: 313735



November 9th MIRACLE JONES: The radical, revolutionary resilience of Black joy. In the face of trauma, happiness is resilience: a revolutionary act of thriving despite all odds, rather than wilting or surrendering. Community organizer and activist Miracle Jones offers a heart-to-heart meditation on the role of joy as a form of radical resistance, survival and protection for Black

folks in the US and across the world. A warm reminder to embrace affairs curator Whitney Pennington Rodgers. Recorded March 23, 2020.

ERUCC 275TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

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| 24 | 3:00 p.m. | Organ Concert with Chris Lane |
| 31 | 10:30 a.m. | Worship - Homecoming Celebration, Followed by a turkey dinner |

NOVEMBER

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| 7 | 10:30 a.m. | 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 ERUC since our founding |
| 14 | 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. | Conversation with Rev. Freeman Palmer
Worship: Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister, Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ |
| 21 | 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. | Conversation with Rev. John Dorhauer
Worship: Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President, United Church of Christ |

ERUCC HOMECOMING

October 31, 2021 - 9:30 a.m. Community Room

Gathering in the Community Room for conversations with friends old and new. (Bring some of your favorite ERUCC photos with you to show as you share your stories). 10:30 a.m. service followed by lunch. As part of our 275th anniversary celebration, we hope to see friends old and new as we give God thanks for these many years of ministry. Following the service, we will have a traditional turkey dinner. RSVP to bkdaniel@erucc.org by October 17. If you are unable to attend in person, we invite you to send a photo of yourself and some words of greeting that we can share with the congregation.

ERUCC History Book Available

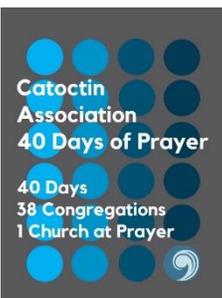
To commemorate the 275th Anniversary of ERUCC, the history book *Unto Us* has been updated to reflect our church history through 2020. The 8x11 hard backed history book, with color photo sections is available for purchase. Thanks to a generous donor, the cost of the book for purchase is \$20 per book.

If you are interested in ordering a book, please call the church at (301) 662-2762 or email the church at erucc@erucc.org



As part of the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ's (ERUCC) 275th Anniversary Celebration, Frederick native Christian Lane is performing an organ concert in the ERUCC Sanctuary located at 15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD, on Sunday, October 24, beginning at 3:00 pm. The event is open to the public. There is no admission fee. Chris is the son of Bert and Dayna Lane, formerly of Walkersville, MD.

The event is being underwritten through support from the ERUCC congregation, The Frederick Mutual Insurance Company, and a Community Foundation of Frederick County FY 21 Impact Grant.



The Catoctin Association is 38 churches - a wide diversity of geography, faith, and practice, and yet one body. Separate and together, we labor side by side for a more just and generous world. That work is rooted in prayer - the prayers of our people, congregations, and the wider church.

On October 6, 2021, the Association launched 40 Days of Prayer, where we will pray for each congregation, by name. We want to kneel in prayer as one association in prayer for each other through 40 days, to practice our covenant commitments to each other to love and support one another as siblings in Christ, to strengthen and encourage each other as a new chapter of faith emerges in our region.

ERUCC'S date is October 25th.

This week we pray for the following churches:

October 18 Jefferson, Jefferson
October 19 St. Stephen's, Highfield
October 20 St. John's, Woodsboro
October 21 Mt. Tabor, Rocky Ridge
October 22 St. Matthew's, Pleasant Valley
October 23 Christ Reformed, Sharpsburg

Sept. 6 – 19, 2022

Camino de Santiago

Walking the Way of St. James

For over a thousand years, pilgrims have walked the Camino de Santiago across northern Spain. Along the "Way" we will enjoy traditional cuisine, historic accommodations, but most of all experience the power of pilgrimage and tracing the steps of those who have gone before us. Throughout our journey, we will explore historic cities and towns that pilgrims entered hundreds of years ago. Enjoy tours of Burgos the 19th-century capital of Castille and Leon, with its many cathedrals and churches; and small villages in Galicia. We will begin our walk from St. Pied-de-Port in France and end in Santiago de Compostela. We will hike into this legendary city, arriving at the cathedral the same way as countless pilgrims before us.

This is an invitation to join our preparation Zoom session on Tuesday, October 19 for a conversation on a walking plan, clothing, and shoes. I hope you can be present in person to feel the energy as well as to have your questions answered. If you are unable to attend in person, I will be recording the meeting and can send you link.

The link for our Zoom sessions will be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260831611?pwd=T1N5SkdxYWJ4Q2syekFnSzhpQ3o2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 892 6083 1611

Passcode: 003521

Contact Pastor Daniel if you are interested in this journey: bkdaniel@erucc.org

ERUCC COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

Situated in a cozy corner of the property is an opportunity to create a tranquil space for contemplation and a place to permanently memorialize members of our congregation. We have contracted with Bruce Zavos of ZA+D—whom we worked with on our new community building—to develop a columbarium and memorial garden for the placement of urns and scattering of ashes. Beautifully landscaped pathways lead to the cylindrical enclosure surrounded by standing partitions of niches and garden fences. Benches will be provided for extended visits around a small planting area where ashes may be scattered. As a tribute to the history of our church building, one of the stained glass windows will be incorporated into the design.

ZA+D quoted ERUCC \$1,500 for the conceptual design, which we shared with the congregation at the annual meeting in May. The congregation asked that church leadership to proceed with the plans. Subsequent steps call for design development, construction drawings, construction administration, City meetings (such as with HPC), a survey, a site design, and a site plan. The cost of all of these subsequent steps is \$29,620. Construction costs for the final plan are not known and will be additional.

Ashes will be able to be placed into wall niches or spread in a memorial garden. The columbarium niches will cost \$5000 each. Each niche can contain two urns and will include a cover identifying the names of those interred. Ashes spread in the garden section will be memorialized on a wall plaque, with this fee not yet finalized.

Those interested in pre-ordering their niche and being leaders for this project and/or making a donation to the project should send checks or online donations to ERUCC. For a prepaid niche, please note “Niche for Name/s” in the memo line. For donations, please note “columbarium donation” in the memo line. Those who have questions or who are interested in this being their final resting place should email to columbarium@erucc.org.

This is an exciting opportunity for our church congregation and downtown Frederick!



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

October 17, 2021

Mark 10:35-45

Great Service
Children's Sabbath/Laity Sunday

Dear Brother Jesus,

We follow you as closely as we can. We listen as carefully as we are able. We believe that we understand what you are asking of us.

But here's what's still hard, Jesus. Even though we pay attention, even though we pray, we still want to know who is first and who is last, we still want to know who is in and who is out, we still want to know who is important and who is unimportant.

We follow. We listen. We believe.

It's funny because, of course we'd like it to be we who are first. And in. And important. But more even than being the exalted ones, we want to know who the exalted ones are. We want to follow you, but we are both excited and comforted by the world's hierarchy. It's a relief to know, even if we cannot be the best, that somewhere there is a best.

But then, we follow. We listen. We believe.

Jesus, all the ways you speak in parable and mystery, of all the water-into-wine and walk-on-water miracles you perform, of all the healing, of all the times that people sat down with you and got up with their hunger fed, their thirst quenched, this is the hardest to understand.

But this is the truth of what you proclaim. There is no in or out. There is no first or last. There is no worthy or unworthy. There is just a big circle of love and abundance, in which all are welcome, and all are equal. All are beloved and all are accepted. All are needed and all are held.

Jesus, we follow. We listen. We believe. Help us, as we honor children today, as we celebrate the gifts of all of your ministers, ordained or not. Help us to live as we see, as we hear, as we believe.

In your many strong names we pray, Amen.



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