



RISK AND RESTORATION

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

For Children: We have trained nursery staff (paid nursery attendant as well as adult volunteers) for ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor outside of the Community Room. (Accessible by the stairs from the Church Street Entrance or via the elevator). Children ages 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are located in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table.



Hymn selections can be found in the black hymnals in the pew racks or printed in the bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates for offering will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you.

We ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

There is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

Donate online by scanning this code:
or download the **GivePlus Church** application and
make your donation via the app. Thank you.



Ministers - All the People of Evangelical Reformed Church

Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel, Senior Pastor (bkdaniel@erucc.org)

Rev. Fred Wenner, Pastor Emeritus (faw500@msn.com)

Kim Sexton, Associate for Children's Ministry (ksexton@erucc.org)

Alison E. Shafer, Music Director • Tricia Coffey, Head Chimer & Children & Youth Choir Director

Sherry Murray, Nursery • Jaci Clayton, Facilities Mgr.

Bonnie Hilton, Office Administrator (erucc@erucc.org) • Jenna Duranko, Social Media Coordinator

15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701 • 301-662-2762 • www.erucc.org

EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

United Church of Christ
- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

November 7, 2021	Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 a.m.
------------------	--------------------------------------	------------

All Saints' Sunday
Tables of Abundance: The Gifts of the Past

Chimes Concert at 10:00 a.m. from Trinity Chapel's steeple

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. God calls us to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the company of all the saints we cry: Praise God! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God!

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

God of all ages: we thank you for the faithful witness of your apostles, prophets, and martyrs throughout the history of your church and throughout the world even today. Through their witness we see and hear your truth. We bless you for all who bless your name through their writing, speaking, art, and music. Through their work we glimpse your beauty. We praise you for all who serve you without recognition or honor, offering encouragement to the lonely, the sick, and the fearful. Through their lives we see your faithfulness and sense your comfort. Now we pray that you will use even us to reflect the glory we see in Christ. May the voices of all your saints, made holy in Christ, swell in joyous praise to you, the giver of all good gifts, through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *"For All the Saints"*

#299
stanzas 1, 2, 3

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. Have mercy on us, your faithful servants. Keep before us faithful for us to follow so that, living with courage and love, we may inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ, and reign with him forever. Amen.

Thought For the Day for Children

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed by 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, for ever. Amen.

Hymn "Take My Life, God, Let It Be"

#448

The Scriptures

Mark 12: 38-44

NT Pages 49-50

Reader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Special Recognition

Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

Offertory "I'm Goin' Up A Yonder"- W. Hawkins

*arr. P. Read
(Senior Choir)*

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

God of Wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. Amen.

Litany for All Saints Day

All Saints Day gives us an opportunity to celebrate and remember those in our community who have gone before us.

Their presence in our community has shaped our work, life, character and story

We remember those whose faithful witness proclaims the gospel and commandments of Jesus Christ in words loud and soft, in actions great and small.

We gather before you, God, and remember the saints who have told your stories of your people, and witnessed to their faith in times gone by.

Indeed, we remember those who died in the past year:
(a bell will chime for each one mentioned).

For all their gifts, great and small, we give thanks.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen!

(Following this time of remembrance, you are invited to come forward and light a candle as you remember a loved one this day. Candles can be lit from the Christ candle in the middle of the table. It has been said that it is better to light one candle than it is to curse the darkness. Yet a candle burning in the night can bring us comfort, peace and even hope. May the light of the candles remind us that even though our loved ones are no longer present with us in body, the life of their spirit has not been extinguished.)

Service for Holy Communion

The Lord be with you in your joy and your sorrow.

And also with you.

Though sometimes they be heavy, lift up your hearts to God.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God, for God is always present.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth,

Breaking of the Bread and Lifting of the Cup

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:

“This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat.”

And pouring the wine:

“This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

God of all, send your Spirit to this place
so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment,
may know your presence.

As we eat the bread and drink of the cup,
make us one with the saints,
and with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world.

Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives.

Help us to know you,

To be guided by the Holy Spirit,

And to live Christ. Now and forever. Amen.

Call to the Feast

This is the feast prepared for you. All is ready.

(Communion will be served to you in the pews this Sunday. Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served so that we can commune together.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of
Christ;

From child-like faith, to youthful energy,
from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom..

We thank you for this time, this remembrance.

Increase our faith.

Boldly!

Help us to love.

Boldly!

Encourage us to act.

Boldly!

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

#565
stanzas 1, 2

*Benediction

And I now I pray blessings on our feasting:
the feast of life
the feast of love
the feast of grace
the feast of mercy
the feast of grief
and the feast of acceptance
the feast of letting go
and the feast that is moving forward.

And know that God goes with us, Christ walks beside us, and the Spirit lives within us— now and always. Amen!

Postlude *(remain seated)*



We Remember

William H. Brehm II
Janet Cover
Robert Eikel
Marie Hueting
Helen Magaha
Gerri Wilson

Worship Notes: Today's liturgy has been adapted from Worship Design Studio, the UCC Book of Worship, and Seasons of the Spirit.

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Dorothy D. and E. Earl Remsberg and Emory E. Remsberg Jr. by Tom and Rachel Ford and Mary Remsberg.

The yellow rose bud on the stand is placed by Peter Brehm and Jack Day in honor of all those currently serving in the military.

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 18 at 8:30 a.m. 128 at 10:30 p.m. and 73 online



Every Sunday at 10:30

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

Want to listen to the sermon again? Visit our Youtube channel:

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

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



Today: Nov. 7, 2021

Deacons: Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
 Elders: Tyler York
 Greeters: Drew Jones, Cathie Alschuler, Sue Pinner

Welcome: Jeanelle Kallevang
 Sound: Tadd Clarkson, Amanda Spencer,
 Ethan Kline
 Chimers: Saturday: Suzanne Morris
 Sunday: Kelly Esslinger

Next Week: Nov. 14, 2021

Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy
 Peter Brehm
 Starr Schaeberle, Jo Ann Fritz,
 Sue Pinner
 Betsy Shelby
 Rodney Martin, Jeff Baker,
 Jeff Schaeberle
 Dick Williams
 Robin/David Cooney

Worship Next Week: November 14, 2021

The readings for today are filled with promise-bearing words that urge us to pursue just and hopeful lives. The story in 1 Samuel 1:4–20 speaks of one who experiences a life which is different from cultural expectations, or even her own dreams. Hannah trusts that the temple is the place to bring her life, to voice her needs. In Mark 13:1-8 Jesus speaks of the birth pangs to come when God disrupts what had been the one stand in Israel’s religious community, the Temple. As part of our continuing celebration of our 275th Anniversary as a congregation, today we welcome the Rev. Freeman Palmer, Central Atlantic Conference Minister, as our preacher this morning.

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: Terry Logee, Bob York (grandfather of Tyler York), Michael Rhoads (son of Barbara Rhoads), Katharine Alley, Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone) 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)

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

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.

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

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

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 packages for college students and those serving in the military.

A joint activity with the Youth Group.

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>

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723

Passcode: 668761

Dec. 19th White Gift 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 include prepackaged snacks, instant soup, popcorn, cocoa, tea, candy and raisins. Monetary donations welcome and will be used to defray the cost of postage. Donations can be put in the box in the entrances to both the chapel and main building. Questions contact Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org.

ERUCC Youth Soup Fundraiser

For just \$5.00 a quart, you can purchase delicious, homemade soup lovingly made by our very own ERUCC youth (with just a little help from the adults). All proceeds will benefit the ERUCC youth and their service projects planned for the Summer of 2022. Look for an order form available in the next week. Soup will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 14th. We will have extra quarts available for purchase then as well. The youth thank you for your gracious support!

Thank You for Supporting Ovarian Cancer Awareness

On behalf of the Frederick Chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) I want to thank you for supporting Together in TEAL Everywhere as ONE and helping to make it an extraordinary event! After many months of planning and hard work in raising funds and building awareness we truly turned this community TEAL! I am proud to say that the Frederick Chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition raised over \$145,000 and we raised \$1.9 million nationally. As a 9 year survivor, I know first-hand how important it is to raise funds for women and their families in order to provide programs, resources, meals, and counseling. Again, thank you to my ERUCC family for your continued support of this important cause and helping us to End Ovarian Cancer. - Cathie Duncan



Sunday, December 5, 2021 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to celebrate the Holiday Season with Religious Coalition staff and Board Members at the future home of our new Emergency Family Shelter. See our progress as we work towards welcoming families in the early part of 2022.

White-Hayward Farmhouse
7516 Hayward Rd. Frederick 21702

Putz Construction

Church Family, we are so happy to be entering the holiday season. One of the church's long held traditions is the Putz. The Putz is a miniature of the whole Christmas story. We will need help with the setup in the sanctuary. Over the next few weeks we will setup the houses and figurines after 5pm from Nov. 15th through the 19th. You can also help by donating the following next week:

small pinecones
pebbles
bark from trees

Spanish moss
dried moss (both brown and green)

If you would like to help we would love to have you. Text or call Holly at 301-639-5702

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 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

Chimes Group will meet **Nov. 11th** at 11:00 a.m. in the North Room. Our guest speaker will be Nancy Bodmer.

ERUCC 275TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- | | | |
|----|-------------------------|--|
| 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 ERUCC 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 |



The Catoclin 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.

This week we pray for the following churches:

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| November 8 | Christ's Reformed UCC, Cavetown |
| November 9 | Church of the Holy Trinity, Hagerstown |
| November 10 | The Keep & Till, Westminster |
| November 11 | Trinity UCC, Manchester |
| November 12 | Christ's Reformed UCC, Hagerstown |
| November 13 | Zion Reformed UCC, Hagerstown |

Workcamp to Franklinton Center at Bricks

December 2-4, 2021

We are looking to take a small group of adults to Franklinton Center, December 2-4, to repair the floor in Hospitality 2, paint in that building, and some other work around the Center. This will also be a preparation trip for the MLK Weekend trip in January. If you are interested in going or want more information, please contact Keith Stickley or Pastor Daniel.

INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT ERUCC

Two opportunities to learn more about ERUCC, the United Church of Christ, and what it means to be a church member will be held on: **Sunday, November 7** following fellowship – in the Community Room. We will start at 12:15 and spend about an hour in conversation.

Sunday, November 14 at 4 pm via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87955512697?pwd=NIBHc0d2YWFnZD1piWkMyOGJBTEFCUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 5551 2697 Passcode: 528796

Choose one or the other of the times available.

Thanks to our newer friends and guests for your participation in the life of ERUCC and for the joy you bring us.

Green Team News

Spiritual Walk Sunday November 21st 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

C & O Canal Lock 26 at Dickerson - Come enjoy the fall weather as we walk between the canal and the Potomac River. The terrain is flat and easily accessible.

Directions: Take Route 85 (Buckeystown Pike) southwest out of Frederick. In about 10 miles Buckeystown Pike becomes Dickerson Road (Route 28). After crossing the bridge over the Monocacy River, continue about another mile. At mouth of Monocacy Road turn right and continue for about another mile (where it ends). You will be at the Monocacy Aqueduct with parking on the left. We will meet there.

Coins For A Cause is going GREEN! No more bags . . . two glass collection jars have been placed at the back of the sanctuary next to the collection plates. The jars will remain there so feel free to drop coins and paper bills any Sunday. November donations will be given to **I Believe in Me Inc.** “I Believe in Me operates an after school program which includes educational activities and mentorship for 24 underprivileged youth.”

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.



Poinsettias

We will be ordering poinsettias from the Frederick High School this year. All funds will benefit the horticultural program and Frederick High FFA Chapter. Each plant will have 4-6 blooms, cost \$10.00. Plants will be placed in the Sanctuary and in Trinity Chapel.

To order, please fill out the form and return with payment to the Church Office by December 1st.

Plants can be picked up after Christmas Eve Services; or if you like, they can be delivered to a homebound individual.

I would like to place _____ poinsettias in the church for Christmas.

Enclosed is _____ (\$10.00 per plant).

If you wish your poinsettias to be listed in memory of, in honor of, or placed by the donor, please indicate which and PRINT the names below.

In memory of:

In honor of:

Placed by:

Donor Name:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 7, 2021

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Risk and Restoration

All Saints Day and All Souls Day are observances of the lives of ordinary people in creating and maintaining the reign of God. This week, we hear the story of generations - a grandmother Naomi, parents Ruth and Boaz, and a child named Obed (who was himself a grandfather and father).

As we celebrate the gifts of these generations, consider being in prayer with the generations this week, using this guide or another.

Monday: Pray for your ancestors in faith. Pray for those whose stories are told in scripture, and those who are known through other stories. Ask to be guided to knowledge by their wisdom, to gain understanding through their errors and to be strong in your faith as they were in theirs.

Tuesday: Pray for the ancestors in your church. Pray for those who founded your congregation, for those who built the building in which you worship, for those - both lay and ordained - who have sustained your congregation through the years.

Wednesday: Pray for the ancestors in your own family. Give thanks for the gifts you have been given by your family and pray to release any burdens you may carry that have been passed to you.

Thursday: Pray for the children in your life. Whether these are children in the church, in your own family or in your neighborhood, ask for God's guiding hand to move with and through them.

Friday: Pray for the children of the world who have no one to pray for them. Pray that God works in their lives and shows them that they are beloved.

Saturday: Pray for yourself as an ancestor. Ask to be given the courage and the wisdom to be a helpful and wholesome ancestor. Ask that you may be a blessing to future generations, as those who have blessed you have been.



8.5" x 14" UCC SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE