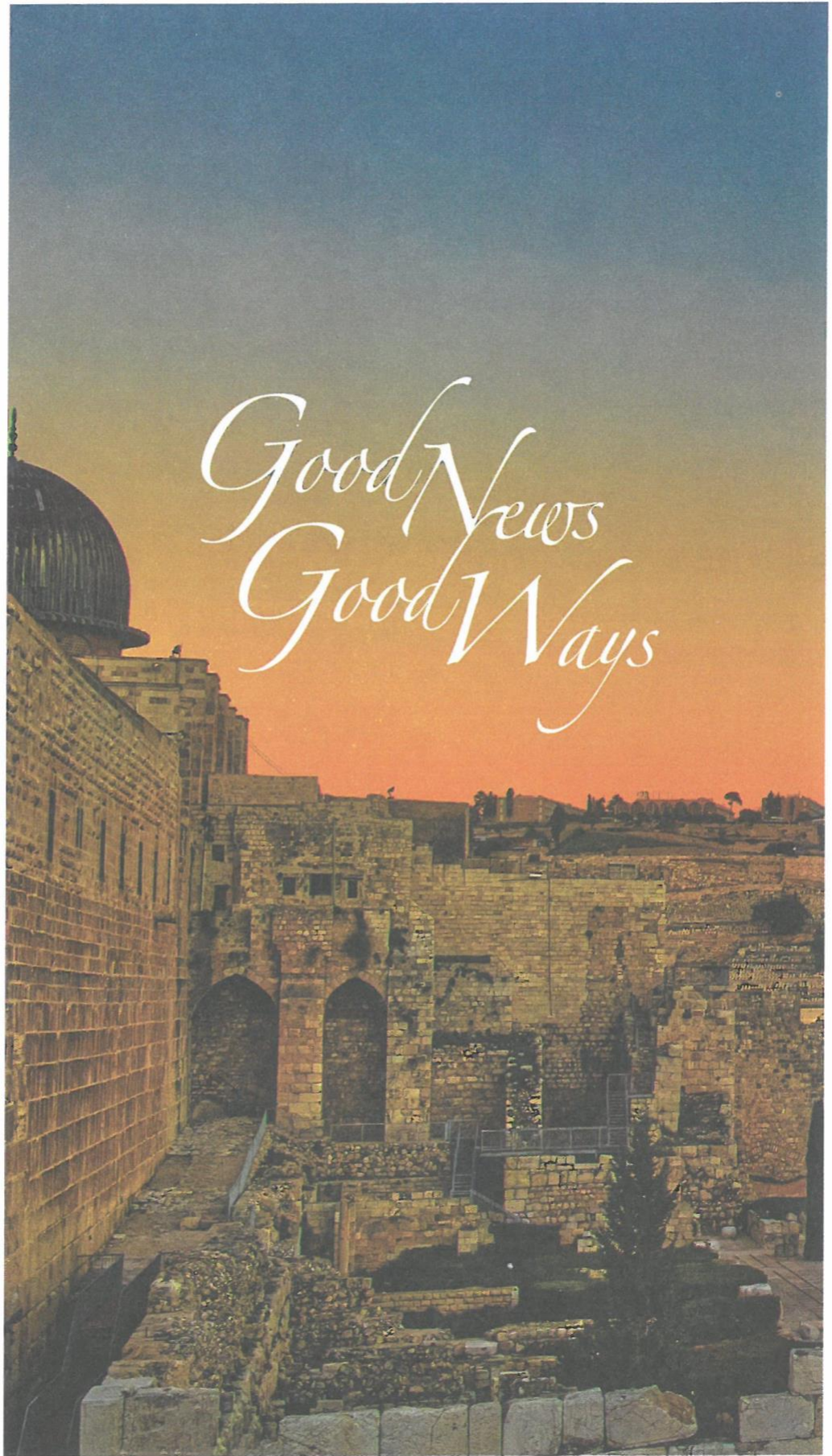


*Good News  
Good Ways*



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

**F**or 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.



**H**ymn 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.

**W**e 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.

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**EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH**  
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January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand

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

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

This day is holy to our Wise God!

**We gather to listen for God's word, to discern God's will,  
to worship with God's people.**

This day is holy to our Joyful God!

**We are members of Christ's body, Christ's family, Christ's church.**

This day is holy to our Powerful God!

**The Spirit of God is upon us, and we have been anointed to  
bring good news to all.**

This day is holy to our Sweet God!

**May the words in our mouths and the thoughts in our hearts  
delight you, O God.**

**Let us worship our Holy God!**

**\*Opening Prayer (in unison)**

**You gather us from our separate lives, Great God,  
to hear your word and respond to your revealing.**

**You have appointed us for the work of your church.**

**We seek your guidance, your wisdom, your way.**

**Help us to perceive and understand your law,  
and then to follow you faithfully, as your people.**

**Bind us together with you in worship,  
and transform us from distinct persons**

**into the Body of Christ,  
alive with your Spirit in this place.**



**\*Opening Hymn** *Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

#273

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,  
2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,  
3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting,  
4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,  
finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,  
truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,  
mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the  
fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's  
age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the  
one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.  
con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.  
Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.  
yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, we recall the times when your Word feels distant,  
and when we forget how much you love us.  
We forget your words of comfort, love, and care.  
We forget to look to your Word for guidance.  
We forget that you are our ultimate source of joy.  
Forgive us, O God.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Thought For the Day**

## The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever. Amen.

## \*Hymn *Many Are the Lightbeams*

#163

1 Man - y are the light-beams from the one light. Our one  
2 Man - y are the branch-es of the one tree. Our one  
3 Man - y are the gifts given, love is all one. Love's the  
4 Man - y ways to serve God, the Spir - it is one; ser - vant  
5 Man - y are the mem - bers, the bod - y is one; mem - bers

light is Je - sus. Man - y are the light-beams  
tree is Je - sus. Man - y are the branch-es  
gift of Je - sus. Man - y are the gifts given,  
spir - it of Je - sus. Man - y ways to serve God, the  
all of Je - sus. Man - y are the mem - bers, the

from the one light; we are one in Christ.  
of the one tree; we are one in Christ.  
love is all one; we are one in Christ.  
Spir - it is one; we are one in Christ.  
bod - y is one; we are one in Christ.

## The Scripture

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31a

NT page 174

Luke 4: 14-21

NT page 61

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

# Sermon

## Morning Prayers

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

#### Offertory *Many Gifts, One Spirit*

--A. Pote  
ERUCC Singers

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

O God of all gifts, we join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor. Bless our gifts and bless us as we seek to bring joy and comfort to those who are unknown to us, and to those who are near and beloved.  
Amen.

#### \*Closing Hymn *God of Change and Glory*

#177

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.  
you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.  
you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.  
This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

*Refrain*  
C F G C F C  
Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

In our dif-fer-ence is bless-ing, from di-ver-si-ty we praise  
 one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,  
 hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

**\* Benediction** (attributed to St. Teresa of Avila)

Christ has no body but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

**Amen.**

**\*Postlude** (*please be seated*)

The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are from UCC Worship Ways, Thurd Sunday in Epiphany (2019). The Confession, Prayer of Dedication and Benediction are from UCC Worship Ways, were written by Debbie Gline Allen, Commissioned Minister of Christian Formation, who serves as Minister of Faith Formation for the Southern New England Conference, and as the Director of its Faith Formation Leadership Program.

**The flowers on the altar** this morning are in loving memory of Michael Patrick Sexton, Sr. by Mike and Kim Sexton.

**The yellow rose bud** is presented by Peter Brehm and Jack Day.

If you are interested in sponsoring the yellow rose, please contact the church office. We have openings in February through the end of the year.

**Attendance Last Sunday:** 17 at 8:30 a.m. 51 at 10:30 a.m. and 103 online.

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**Today: January 23, 2022**

Liturgist: Tyler L. York

Deacons: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle

Elder: Peter Brehm

Greeters: Rob Peters, Felecia Bishop,  
Sue Pinner

Welcome: Pat Condo

Sound: Tadd Clarkson, Jeff Baker  
Jeff Schaeberle

Chimers: Saturday: Suzanne Morris

Sunday: Robin and David Cooney

**January 30, 2022**

Patti Patterson

Joe Adkins, Matt Davis

Starr Schaeberle

Susan Kulp, David Howard

Sue Pinner

Jeanellen Kallevang

Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker,

Jeff Schaeberle

Dick Williams

Tricia Coffey



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Worship Next Week: Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany**

This week's gospel, Luke 4:21-30, continues directly from the one read last week. Jesus visits his hometown synagogue where he takes leadership in reading and discussion of the meaning of the message from the prophet, Isaiah. Jesus was met with open arms until his commentary challenged the status quo. His statement that the prophecies had been fulfilled, today, and in their hearing challenged their traditional beliefs. It takes multiple visions to see life's paths, to understand its wisdom and to recognize our own calls. In Jeremiah 1:4-10, the prophet is called to ministry with the comforting recognition that he was always known by the Creator.

The ERUCC Singers will be singing.

### **Embracing Joy: An In-Person, One Day Retreat for Adults**

**Saturday, February 5th 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

\*\*\*Due to COVID, this retreat has been cancelled and will be scheduled for a later date.

**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** - Please remember the following people in your prayers: Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Frank Torduff (Kim Sexton's father), Mack Johnson, Starr Schaeberle, David Howard, Paige Coffey, Al Peden, Barbara Prescott, Ginny Peters, Jane Doll, Michael Rhoads (son of Barbara Rhoads), Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone, Peggy Githerman, Jeannette Johnson, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle) Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), Betsy Fisher, James "Jimmy" Sutphin (friend of Dan Smith), The McCarty family, Nikki Keller, Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Mary Remsberg, Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser).

## Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults – January 2022

### Let's Talk (Community Room)

January 23 and 30. We will gather to discuss Isabel Wilkerson's book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. Discussion will be led by Pastor Daniel.

### Online Bible Study Class - "The Book that Breathes New Life."

With Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg. To join using a computer or other internet-enabled device, go to:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89386705888?pwd=N2tBY3VoZldnSWJkalg5ZHIITmNVUT09>

If you are asked for the meeting ID and passcode, they are:

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888 Passcode: 327128

### Environmental Rights are Human Rights!



ERUCC has signed on as a supporter for the Campaign for Maryland Environmental Human Rights Amendment (MEHRA). If passed, the amendment would give each person an inalienable right to clean air, water and land and make the state of Maryland the public trustee of these natural resources.

It is a moral imperative to protect the basic human dignity of having a healthful environment. Environmental pollution and degradation is disproportionately concentrated in communities of color and low income neighborhoods, which results in health disparities and increased rates of chronic heart and lung disorders, cancer and now covid19. A constitutional right would empower Marylanders, state and local governments to protect and defend this right. A constitutional right would be the foundation for improved laws and regulations, and act as a true guardrail to prevent the most egregious forms of harmful actions now and for future generations, providing environmental justice in our state. <https://mdehr.org/actions/>

To sign an individual pledge of support for the MEHRA go to <https://bit.ly/3ezaDq9>

### Let's Talk About It!

**Sunday, January 23**

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3pyQ1EO> Meeting ID: 834 9094 7305 Passcode: 353477

Join us for a discussion about the Maryland Environmental Human Rights Amendment

- Why do we need it?
- How does it relate to environmental issues in Frederick?
- What's the process for passing an amendment?
- How can I help?

## Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Daniel (North Room)**

11:00 – Noon Through – March 1 **What My Grandmothers Told Me**

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus's grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY with Esther Ziegler (Trinity Chapel)**

The Wednesday Evening Study Group will begin meeting in Trinity Chapel again at 7 pm on February 2nd. At this time we will hear a presentation by Bill Steigelmann on evidence developed by researchers at the U of VA Medical School that reincarnation has been actually happening for at least the past 100 years. Bill is a member of Christ Reformed UCC in Middletown and joined us for our sessions titled The Greatest Controversies of Early Christian History. The idea of reincarnation has been a controversial subject in Christian doctrine so this will be an opportunity to learn a bit about how the topic is being approached in medical research.

On Wednesday February 9th we will begin discussing the book *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. The subtitle of the book is “Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence” and Dr. Butler Bass presents a chapter on each of those titles and descriptors used for Jesus. Our fall sessions were fairly academically oriented as we explored doctrines about Jesus but this book is more about relationship with Jesus. Participants will be expected to read about 30 to 50 pages of the book each week but the print is fairly large and generously spaced.

The books will be ordered through the church office so please let Esther Ziegler [estherrziegler@gmail.com](mailto:estherrziegler@gmail.com) know if you plan to participate. Pastor Barbara led a class on this book last year so if you missed participating in those sessions, you will have the opportunity to do so in the coming weeks. The planned schedule is:

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| February 9  | Introduction: Liberate Jesus and Chapter 1: Friend |
| February 16 | Chapter 2: Teacher                                 |
| February 23 | Chapter 3: Savior                                  |
| March 2     | No class - Ash Wednesday                           |
| March 9     | Chapter 4: Lord                                    |
| March 16    | Chapter 5: Way                                     |
| March 23    | Chapter 6: Presence                                |

**THURSDAY EVENING STUDY with Richard Leslie (North Room)**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Text: Richard Horsley, *Covenant Economics*.

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

Meeting ID: 832 3432 9329                      Passcode: 135141

*Covenant Love, Liberation Theology, and Social Justice (2000BCE-2000AD)*

We have meandered through 5 books of the Hebrew Bible, following the strands of Covenant. Part I is behind us but not forgotten. Part 2 will begin on Thursday eve, January 6, at 7:00pm. You can watch from your living room, using Zoom. We will spend the next 8/9 Thursdays, searching the Prophets for the way in which Covenant was/or was not lived-out in the land of Canaan. Please grab a cup of coffee or tea or your favorite drink, and your most comfortable chair and be with us. Everyone is invited and welcome to learn with us.

Richard Leslie, [jalrl@comcast.net](mailto:jalrl@comcast.net)

**Souper Bowl of Caring**

**February 13, 2022**

On this day, the Youth of ERUCC will join in a nationwide youth movement to collect resources to tackle hunger. Our youth will be collecting monetary gifts in big soup pots following the service on Sunday, February 13. We will also be in the parking lot until 1pm to receive your drive by gifts. All monetary gifts and food will be given to the Frederick Food Bank.



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

**ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE**

**Sunday School** Each week at 9:30 am

**January Service Project              Bags for the Homeless**

Throughout the month we will collect items to place into plastic bags to share with those who are sleeping on the street. Alex Cumber is organizing this project.

**Sunday, January 30                      Bowling (Hollie Mercier)                      2:00 pm**

**Sunday, February 6                      (Community Room)                      6 -7:30 pm**

We will welcome, Patricia Coates, whose mother was a survivor of the Ravensbruck concentration camp in Germany. She will share her mother's story along with some documents and artifacts.

**Saturday, February 12                      Sub Preparation and Sale                      9:00 - noon**

This will be one of our major fundraisers for summer trips and activities. Trish Coffey



## **ERUCC Book Group**

*Contact Pam Shepp for more information*

### **January 25 - *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins**

Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable.

Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day, a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy - two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the jefe of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

### **February 22 - *When No One is Watching* by Alyssa Cole**

Sydney Green is Brooklyn born and raised, but her beloved neighborhood seems to change every time she blinks. Condos are sprouting like weeds, FOR SALE signs are popping up overnight, and the neighbors she's known all her life are disappearing. To hold onto her community's past and present, Sydney channels her frustration into a walking tour and finds an unlikely and unwanted assistant in one of the new arrivals to the block—her neighbor Theo.

But Sydney and Theo's deep dive into history quickly becomes a dizzying descent into paranoia and fear. Their neighbors may not have moved to the suburbs after all, and the push to revitalize the community may be more deadly than advertised.

When does coincidence become conspiracy? Where do people go when gentrification pushes them out? Can Sydney and Theo trust each other—or themselves—long enough to find out before they too disappear?



**January's Collection will be shared with Frederick Health Hospice** ([frederickhealthhospice.org](http://frederickhealthhospice.org)) which provides “compassionate support to terminally ill patients and their families, and to those who were grieving. Hospice is not about how you die; it is about how you live.”

Coins for A Cause is a program launched by ERUCC's Mission and Social Action Committee. Through Coins for a Cause, we support organizations that make a difference here in Maryland that are not supported in our annual budget. A different beneficiary organization is chosen each season. Donations can be placed in the two glass collection jars that 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.

## Good News, Good Ways *Ecumenical Sunday*

Today, Ecumenical Sunday, falls smack dab in the middle of the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”. One of the ways that Christian unity has found an expression is through ecumenical councils and associations. Because of our denomination’s prayer that “they may all be one,” members of the United Church of Christ are often deeply invested in these organizations.

The Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) is headed by Executive Director Rev. Kerri Parker, a United Church of Christ clergy member. Like many such organizations, the WCC generally works on a variety of projects and advocacy locally helpful in Wisconsin. When the council began as an informal gathering of (all male) clergy in the 1930’s, those original members could not have imagined that ninety years later their organization would be headed by a woman who would become one of the most dependable nation-wide voices for church leadership during these past years of global pandemic.

The WCC’s guide “COVID-19 and our Christian Witness” is a clear and reliable source of information and support that was widely shared and utilized by churches far outside the WCC’s usual constituency during the pandemic months. As their website says, “Churches around the world are learning how to be imaginative in their ministry in order to be present to those in need in a time of social disruption. From the experiences of communities facing crises around the world, we know that faith leaders can play a transformational role in calming fear, disseminating accurate information, and modifying religious practices to help keep people safe while providing spiritual care and honoring important community traditions.”\*

Today, we give thanks for the Wisconsin Council of Churches and their role in being a voice of faith and reason both locally and nationally during the global pandemic. If you are not in Wisconsin, what do you know about the ecumenical organization in your area? What impact are they having, locally or more broadly? How can you be involved in this important work?

\*“Coronavirus – Wisconsin Council of Churches.” *Wisconsin Council of Churches*, [www.wichurches.org/2020/03/11/coronavirus/](http://www.wichurches.org/2020/03/11/coronavirus/).

