



Trinity Chimes

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Frederick, Maryland USA

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From Pastor Daniel

Staffing Update



I am pleased to welcome Tyler York as our office administrator. Tyler began his service with ERUCC on Tuesday, January 18th.

In addition to his new staff role, Tyler is and will continue to be an active member of the congregation. He currently serves as a member of the Stewardship/Generosity Committee, previously served as an elder, enjoys helping with fellowship, and was a recent confirmation mentor.

Professionally, Tyler was a special education elementary teacher for the past nine years. He most recently led his school's Special Education department as its instructional coach.

Prior to working in education, Tyler's career was in the arts. He held administrative positions at Boston Lyric Opera and Emerson College, his alma mater, before moving to the DC area in 2013. He moved to Frederick in 2018 with his husband, Owen, and sister-in-law, Margrett (affectionately called Chicky). Tyler and Owen became members at ERUCC in January 2019. Tyler and Owen are licensed foster parents who are currently caring for three wonderful children.

Serving as our part-time administrator will give him flexibility as a parent and an opportunity to continue to help ERUCC carry out its vision and mission.

Please Note: Sundays are not a work day for the office administrator. If you have church business, please contact the office administrator during regular business hours. We really want to protect Tyler's ability to worship with his family on Sunday mornings.

Barbara



FEBRUARY WORSHIP NOTES

(Worship from Season of the Spirit and Pulpit Resource)

FEBRUARY 6

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Isaiah has a vision of heavenly splendor in Isaiah 6:1-8 and hears a voice from heaven: “Here am I; send me!” Jesus teaches beside the sea in Luke 5:1-11, and then commands his disciples, “Put out into the deep water.”

This morning communion will be served to you as you are seated in the pews.

If you are worshipping at home, please prepare your worship centers with bread or a cracker and wine, juice, or water to participate so that we can all participate in communion together.

FEBRUARY 13

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Luke 6:17-26 repeatedly intones: “Blessed are you who.” What does it mean to be blessed? Jeremiah 17:5-10 reads that to be blessed is to look for the long view, to feel oneself planted in an eternal stream of past, present, future, and infinity, and to trust that no mortal alone is in charge of our outcome.

FEBRUARY 20

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

In Luke 6:27-38, Jesus relates to the wisdom of the day and interprets God’s commandments for his time. Jesus teaches disciples that it’s not enough to love what is easy to love.

FEBRUARY 27

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

In this week’s Gospel lesson, Luke 9:28-43, Jesus invited three individuals, part of his inner circle of disciples, to go to



the top of a mountain with him to pray. While Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white. We call this moment, The Transfiguration of Jesus.

When Moses came down from time with God on Mt. Sinai in Exodus 34:29–35, “the skin on his face was shining,” and the people were afraid to come near to him. What is so intimidating about radiating God’s love?



LENT 2022 AT ERUCC

Full to the Brim

Full to the Brim is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It’s an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God’s lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

We will be using material from Sanctified Art and Worship Design Studio on Sundays as we journey through the Lent this year.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 2

Noon at Trinity Chapel

A Time of Fellowship and lunch will follow the service

7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary

Services will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.



In Gratitude

We are pleased to announce that we have received gifts supporting the live streaming of our worship services to cover 2022. Thank you to our generous donors, who are grateful for the service and the impact and value it has for their lives and others.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

Noon – 12:15 p.m.

Service of Prayer in Trinity Chapel

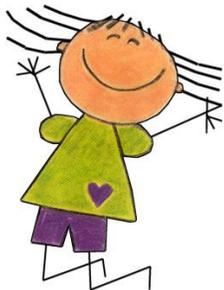
12:15 – 1 p.m.

Lunch and Bible Study Reflection

Theme: For the Beauty of the Earth

Drawing on the beloved hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth,” each week of this 40-day Lenten devotional focuses on a different aspect of the splendor of nature, how God nurtures our spirit through creation, and how we must protect our precious home. As we walk with Jesus along shorelines, through gardens, and among trees, we learn from “the birds of the air” and “the lilies of the field.” When our Lenten journey takes us into the heart of Earth itself at Jesus’ tomb, we anticipate the resurrection with eager longing and active hope. Each five-minute devotional includes a scripture, reflection, and prayer. Every Wednesday, we will reflect on the previous week’s devotions. Please contact Pastor Daniel for a copy of the devotional book.

March 9	“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Soil and Land)
March 16	“For the glory of the skies” (Skies and Air)
March 23	“For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies” (Water, Streams, Rivers, Oceans)
March 30	“Hill and vale and tree and flower” (Trees and plants)
April 6	“Friends on earth and friends above” (Animals and Birds)
April 13	“Christ, our Lord, to you we raise” (Humans Caring for the Earth)



EMBRACING JOY: AN IN-PERSON, ONE DAY RETREAT FOR ADULTS

Has been canceled due to COVID. Will be rescheduled.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

LET’S TALK (*Community Room*)

(*Pausing for the moment until COVID transmission rates lower.*)

February - 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Zoom

The Bible: The Book that Breathes New Life

Class Facilitators:

Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg

This is a new, online Sunday morning educational opportunity for adults. Its objective is to offer people attending our Sunday worship service online a biblical study opportunity on Sunday morning, similar to those available for those who attend in person.

The class will meet by Zoom, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding about 10:20 a.m., allowing time to access the online worship service. (If you are physically at ERUCC on Sunday morning and would like to participate, gather in the North Room, bring your device and the Zoom meeting will be set up in there for your participation.)

We’ll begin with a seven-session study on how the Bible came down to us in the form we have, how it’s organized, the types of literature in it, and what it all means. Following the seven weeks, we’ll focus on the foundational stories of the Bible.

No prior knowledge is assumed or needed; all you will need is a Bible and your questions.

To join via Zoom:

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

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888 Passcode: 327128

CARING FOR OUR OLDER PARENTS

Wednesday, February 9 • 7-8 p.m.

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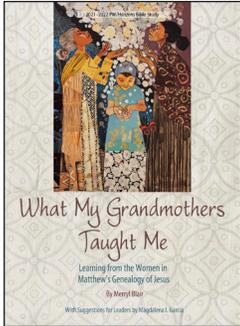
Join members and friends of ERUCC for a conversation about the joys and challenges of caring for our older parents. Our goal is to provide a caring and confidential environment to identify needs and concerns and network with one another for mutual support. For more information contact Pastor Daniel.



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Daniel

Continuing through March 1 ~ 11:00 – Noon
North Room



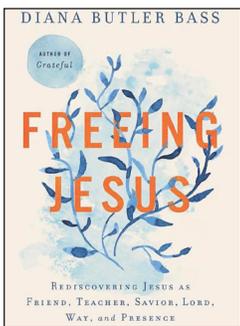
What My Grandmothers Taught Me

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 young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? 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 Evenings with Rev. Esther Ziegler

The Wednesday Evening Study Group will begin meeting in Trinity Chapel again at 7 p.m. on February 2. We will hear a presentation by Bill Steigelmann on evidence developed by researchers at the UVA 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 9 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

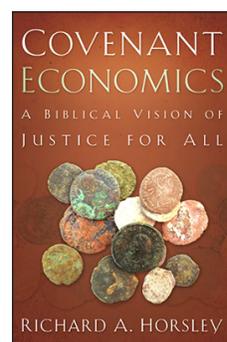
doctrines about Jesus, but this book is more about relationship with Jesus. Participants will be expected to read about 30-50 pages of the book each week, but the print is fairly large and generously spaced. The books will be ordered through the church office so please let Esther

Ziegler (estherrziegler@gmail.com) 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 Evenings with Rev. Richard Leslie

Continuing ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ North Room



Covenant Economics

by Richard Horsley
<https://bit.ly/3szJMTf>
Meeting ID: 832 3432 9329
Passcode: 135141
Covenant Love, Liberation
Theology, and Social Justice
(2000 BCE-2000 AD)

We have meandered through five books of the Hebrew Bible, following the strands of Covenant. Part I is behind us but not forgotten. You can watch from your living room using Zoom. We will spend the next eight to nine 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, tea, or your favorite drink, and join with us. Everyone is invited and welcome.

Richard Leslie, jalrl@comcast.net.

Thank you

*Dear ERUCC Family,
Thank you for your
expressions of kindness
and sympathy at a time
when they were greatly
appreciated.*

~ Alison E. Shafer



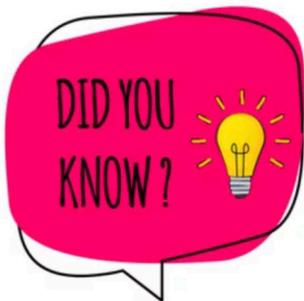
Final Statistical Report on Season of Stewardship Results

The Stewardship & Generosity Team is happy to report the final figures for the Acts of Love Season of Stewardship 2022. In your generosity, faithfulness, and love, 113 members and friends pledged a total of \$437,926.00. In addition, several persons expressed their intent to continue their giving to ERUCC. This figure represents an increase of \$59,812.00 and of 10 pledging households over 2021. The average pledge/unit is \$3,875.00.

These gifts, combined with your special offerings, provide funds for our worship, music, programs for children and adults, fellowship, our pastor and staff, the buildings that house us and serve the community, social action, social justice, and mission outreach locally and worldwide through the UCC's Our Church's Wider Mission. They foster joy and abundant life.

Thank you for continuing to support your church and its mission in the midst of the turmoil of this year. Together, we are the church!

~ From the Stewardship and Generosity Committee



A word for you - **Consecration**

We offered our pledges to the church on **Consecration** Sunday, but what does **consecration** really mean?

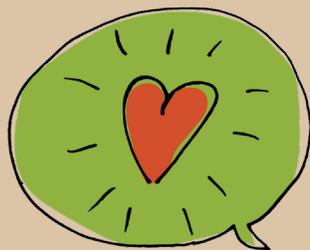
Wordnik.com: **Consecration**

Noun: a solemn commitment of your life or your time to some cherished purpose (to a service or a goal)

Noun (religion): sanctification of something by setting it apart (usually with religious rites) as dedicated to God

How are you using this word in your life? Are you trying to find the best Philly cheesesteak sandwich when you visit Philadelphia? Or would you like to imagine focusing your energy dedicated to God? Join us in 2022 as we talk more about what stewardship and generosity really mean to your life. We had a lot of fun visiting the topics of time, talent, treasure, and intentionality in 2021. Think about how you move into a new year with spirit in mind as you make your daily decisions. Remember, God is with you, stay strong!

~ From the Stewardship and Generosity Committee



Maybe the journey isn't so much about becoming anything. Maybe it's about un-becoming everything that really isn't you, so you can be who you were meant to be in the first place.

~ Paulo Coelho

Paulo Coelho is a Brazilian author. When Coelho was 38 years old, he had a spiritual awakening in Spain and wrote about it in his first book, *The Pilgrimage*. It was his second book, *The Alchemist*, which made him famous. He's sold 35 million copies and now writes about one book every two years.

2022 Mission Spending Plan

Approved

At the December 12, 2021 congregational meeting the 2022 Mission Spending plan was presented by the Finance Committee by Rodney Martin (Treasurer) and Will Duncan (Finance chair). It was approved by a show of hands, with one abstention.

In August (of 2021) each of the committees received a budget worksheet, which is their year-to-date report on expenses compared to their 2021 budget, plus a worksheet for 2022 requests. The committees then filled out the 2022 requests and returned them to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee then compiled the committee budget requests into the full Mission spending plan. The full plan was presented to the Consistory for approval to be recommended to the congregation. Note the following highlights for 2022:

- Mission and Social Justice moving towards pre-building project levels of giving
- All committees planned for pre-pandemic levels of activities
- Includes a full year salary and benefits for an associate pastor or another staff support position
- Property budget includes \$133,000.00 for Trinity steeple repairs

Total Expenses **1,206,371**
23% increase over 2021

On the income side, the Finance Committee considers historical data for giving, projected income from investments and building use to develop income figures. 2022 will be the first year that our mortgage expenses (principle & interest) are fully covered by annual giving. In previous years those costs have been supplemented by funds from the original building project capital campaign.

Income	
Envelopes & Offering	552,400
Plate Cash	2,000
Direct Donations Trinity Steeple	133,000
Direct Mortgage Assistance	57,000
Building Use	20,000
Investments	238,984
Total Income	1,003,384
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(202,987)
Other Income to offset deficit**	115,000
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(87,987)

** *Houck reserves and a portion of the Alice Brouillet estate.*

The proposed spending reflects our congregation's wishes as it pertains to our four central missions of Music and Worship; Christian Nurture and Fellowship; Mission and Social Justice; and Welcoming Spaces. One cause for the increase has been increasing costs: the rate of inflation is 5%, which affects wages; health insurance costs have increased; cleaning service costs have increased, etc. We know our costs pretty well; we do not know our income with such certainty. We tend to budget income conservatively for this reason. The Mission Spending Plan is a planning tool, and as the months proceed if the Finance Committee and Consistory sees a trend where spending and income are not aligned, we will flex the plan.

While this summary accurately describes the information as of the congregational meeting, December 12, 2021, we are hopeful that a review of our year-end balances may show a surplus. If that occurs, the Finance Committee will provide recommendations for their use(s) to the Consistory for approval and will update the congregation at that time.

If there are questions please contact the treasurer at treasurer@erucc.org.

As always, thank you for your support of the programs and mission of ERUCC!

~ Your Finance team: Will Duncan (Chair), Rodney Martin (Treasurer), Allen Flora, Phil Selby, RaeAnn Butler, Robert Morris, Bob Ziegler, Peter Brehm, Susan Moxley and Barbra Kershner-Daniel



Jaci Clayton helps organize the basement.



GREEN TEAM NEWS

Spiritual Walk

Sunday, February 13 ~ 2-3:30 p.m

Catoctin Creek Nature Center



After a two-month break, our spiritual walks are resuming! With the strain of increased COVID cases, we all need a safe way to interact and spend time together. Mark your calendars!

Bundle up and come out to experience the joys of nature in winter. Silhouettes of barren trees, crisp cold air, and snow awaken our senses to secrets that are hidden in other seasons. Tracks, deer beds, or other clues may help us figure out who lives in the park. Our walk will take us through woods and along Catoctin Creek. (This is a different route from the one we took last year.) An added bonus is that the Nature Center building with animals and nature exhibits will be open before and after the walk (12-5 p.m.). Weather permitting, we can visit the green roof.



Help Set Up Homes for our Afghan Allies

Afghan Allies helped our troops by serving served as interpreters, translators, cultural advisors, drivers, and more. When they became the targets of anti-American violence, the U.S. evacuated tens of thousands to the U.S. We expect 100 Afghans to be resettled in Frederick. The **Resettlement Welcoming Committee (RWC)**, a multi-faith group representing multiple congregations, is working to help as many families as possible. We need your help!

How Can I Help?

Donate: You can donate the following new or gently used items:

Furniture

Couch or equivalent seating/person
Kitchen table & chairs
Dresser
Lamps for each room
Bed frames
Mattress & box springs (new)

Kitchen

Pots & pans
Set of dishes (bowl, plate, cup) & tableware (fork, knife, spoon)/person
Mixing/serving bowls
Knives, can opener & cooking utensils

Cleaning Supplies

Dish soap
Bathroom / all purpose cleaner
Laundry detergent
Sponges or cleaning rags & paper towels
Two waste baskets
Trash bags
Mop or broom

Linens (preferably new)

Blankets/Comforter for each bed
Sheets, pillow, & case for each bed
Bath towel & washcloth/person
Bathmat
Blankets/comforters for each bed
Kitchen towels
Tablecloth / placemats

For more information or a complete list of needs, contact the RWC at RWCFrederick@gmail.com.

Donations can be made at the Asian American Center of Frederick, a 501(c)(3) organization. Please note RWC on your donation.



Asian American Center of Frederick
Enhance. Empower. Enrich

Donate



FEBRUARY 2022 ~ FREDERICK HOSPICE

Volunteer Story

In 2013, I was a volunteer for Frederick Health Hospice. After extensive training that included privacy, mock situations, and general guidelines, I was able to give respite to caregivers in their homes and help at Kline House providing compassionate listening, companionship, emotional support, and practical assistance. I visited people's homes and sat with clients, many which didn't even realize I was there. But the respite given to the caregiver was extremely appreciated. I really enjoyed going to Kline House several times a month. While there, I was able to interact directly with residents and do things like sing hymns, brush hair, file nails, or just sit by their bed and chat. The staff at the Kline House was wonderful and they always appreciated when volunteers came. I also enjoyed just helping out: dusting, straightening, and sweeping the leaves from the front entrance.

This summer, I was able to help my good friend who lost her son to an overdose. She is a member of S.O.U.L. (Surviving our Ultimate Loss). They had an event and she asked me if I could gather a few friends to help out. It was wonderful standing shoulder to shoulder with mothers whose courage amazed me. Frederick Hospice facilitates S.O.U.L.

Our Frederick Health Hospice offers so many services, including music and pet therapy, support for grief and loss, overdose survivors, veteran and pediatric care. They also offer Camp Jamie, free grief camps for children who suffered loss. I know this is very important because my son Jimmy's best friend and his sisters and brothers attended this camp after their uncle was killed in Iraq.

We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful organization here in Frederick. Your donations will enable them to further their invaluable work in our community. Donating information is on the back page of this edition of *Trinity Chimes*.

~ **Angela Brittain**



ERUCC EVENTS

Seeking your help for event hospitality!

If you have time, please contact Pastor Daniel for the details. It's a fantastic way to meet and greet the community of people using our space! Email Pastor Daniel at bkdaniel@erucc.org. You can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3mDHYos>

Saturday, February 5 - 30th Birthday Party
4-11 p.m. Any time during this time period.
Hospitality and general support for staff.

Friday, February 11 - Decorating for Wedding
6-8 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. *Hospitality and general supervision.*

Saturday, February 12 - Wedding - All day
Any time during this time period. *Hospitality and general support for staff.*

Saturday, February 19 - Sweet 16 Party
(5:30 – 10:00 p.m.)



February Birthdays

1 Maria Lagrotteria **2** Julie Clark, Natalie Vetter
3 Patricia Garst, Mitchell Hoffman **4** Isabella Fisher
5 Coria Bowen **6** Phil Selby **8** Matt Hueting **9** Kathy Johnston
10 Jim Brittain, Justin Chappell **11** Mary Remsberg, Mark Ulrich
12 Veronica Beadle, Ed Hoffman **13** Quynn Adkins, Annie Powell
14 Kathy Higinbotham, Emily Spear **15** Quinn Coffey, Gable Higinbotham III
16 Eli Baker, Colin Gohegan, Ken Pryor **17** John Higinbotham
19 Kenneth Grim, Jeanellen Kallevang, Thomasa Pomeroy
20 Kendall Johnson **21** Cathy Gannon, Suzanne Marsh
22 Mark Brown, Barbara Rhoads **23** Peter Brehm, Patrick Castellucci, Susan Kulp, Michael Poole
24 Mary Ellen Baker, Ken Miller **25** Kate McDermott, Jim Weitz
27 Adam McCarty **28** Alec Pain, Al Peden **29** Barb Barry

How to be Anti-Racist

Engagement
Conversations
Opportunities



"Becoming an anti-racist is a life long journey. It happens in community with other committed people who journey together and commit to decentering whiteness, leaning into practices to decolonize socialized patterns of thinking and behaviors. The process includes relearning history, correcting false narratives, and working towards radical shifts in policies and structures that harm Black lives."

~ Velda Love

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Sunday 9:30 a.m. ~ LET'S TALK

Community Room



MARCH 6 & 13

The Sum of Us

MOVIES

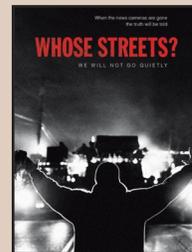
(Watch the movie at home and then engage in the conversation. Conversations will be held by ZOOM at 7 p.m. on the designated dates. If you do not have access to streaming services, call the church office to make arrangements to see the films.)

<https://tinyurl.com/32d33jt7>

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FEBRUARY 20

Whose Streets?



APRIL 10

Moonlight



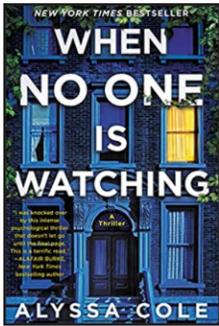
*Walk gently in the lives of others.
Not all wounds are visible.*

~ Unknown



ERUCC BOOK GROUP

(Contact Pam Shepp at pam@vitalsources.com for more information)



February 21 *When No One is Watching*

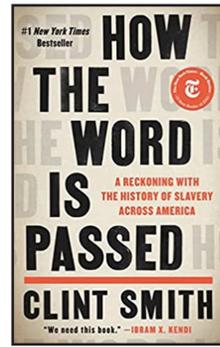
by Alyssa Cole

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 historic 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 from the neighborhood?



March 22 *How the Word Is Passed*

by Clint Smith

Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in

shaping our nation’s collective history, and ourselves. It is the story of the Monticello Plantation in Virginia, the estate where Thomas Jefferson wrote letters espousing the urgent need for liberty while enslaving more than 400 people. It is the story of the Whitney Plantation, one of the only former plantations devoted to preserving the experience of the enslaved people whose lives and work sustained it.

It is the story of Angola, a plantation-turned-maximum-security prison in Louisiana that is filled with Black men who work across the 18,000-acre land for virtually no pay. And it is the story of Blandford Cemetery, the final resting place of tens of thousands of Confederate soldiers.

A deeply researched and transporting exploration of the legacy of slavery and its imprint on centuries of American history, *How the Word Is Passed* illustrates how some of our country’s most essential stories are hidden in plain view.

Tuesday’s With



6-7 p.m.

Participants Can Join the Ted Talk by Zoom

<https://bit.ly/3erWnj1>

Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Passcode: 313735



FEBRUARY 8

Alejandro Aravena: My architectural philosophy? Bring the community into the process

When asked to build housing for 100 families in Chile ten years ago, Alejandro Aravena looked to an unusual inspiration: the wisdom of favelas and slums.

Rather than build a large building with small units, he built flexible half-homes that each family could expand on. It was a complex problem with a simple solution-one he arrived at by working with the families themselves.



MARCH 8

Gregory Williams: Becoming the best version of yourself

This talk examines how individuals can, through the technique of choosing role models, utilize these models in their personal lives and for their professional work. The talk will cover how one can choose role models and begin to follow those models as appropriate. Additionally, we will briefly examine how a company, Apple, can be studied and followed as role models for any of us in the categories of health, education, social impact, and professional impact.



Your day doesn't have to be perfect to have meaning. Showing up matters. Giving matters. Trying matters. Loving matters. Being there matters. Perfection doesn't matter. You matter.

~ Original words by Rachel Marie Mzartin - findingjoy.net



SHOPPING FOR COAT CHALLENGE front to back: Laurel, Zoe, Beatrix, Willa, Justin, Dawn and Beth



The Preschool through fifth grade class collected money and shopped for coats to donate to the Religious Coalition. They collected enough money or were given coats to donate 14.

Front row: Emma, Isaac, Harry, Austin and Wyatt
Middle row: Oliver, Zoe and Laurel
Back row: teachers Audrey and Kim. Accepting donation: Colleen Baldree. Teacher Dawn
Not pictured were Beatrix and Willa

FRANKLINTON CENTER WORK TRIP • MARCH 18-20

Open to Adults and Youth (9th - 12th grades)
(Rescheduled due to COVID)

Franklinton Center, Bricks, North Carolina
 \$80 per person (includes housing and meals)

Housing Hospitality House #2
(This trip is being subsidized by budgeted funds for mission trips.)

The Franklinton Center at Bricks is a conference, retreat, and educational facility in eastern North Carolina with a focus on justice advocacy and leadership development. Franklinton Center is an historic center of transformation where issues affecting the marginalized, the oppressed, and the poor are addressed.

A former plantation, Franklinton Center traces its beginnings to the founding of Franklinton Christian College in 1871 and the Congregationalist Bricks School in 1895. A merger of those two schools in the 1950s formed Franklinton Center at Bricks. The Center is related to the United Church of Christ.

As with all church buildings, the more work a volunteer group can provide to maintain facilities, the more funds that are available for programs and meeting the direct needs of people.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 18

Some adults leave early in the day. Youth leave after school.

Saturday, March 1

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Morning Reflections
	Work Projects
Noon	Lunch
	Work Projects
6:00 pm	Dinner
	Evening Reflections

Sunday, March 20

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 am.	Morning Prayers
9:00 - Noon	Work projects
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - ?	Work Projects
3:00 p.m.	Youth leave for home
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Evening Reflections

Monday, March 21 Finish Up Work Projects

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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. For questions: Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org.

February and March 2022

All classes ZOOM unless otherwise indicated.

February 11 - 7-9 p.m. ~ Winter Movie

<https://bit.ly/3Ey4BAO>

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723 Passcode: 668761

March 2 ~ 5-6 p.m. ~ Ash Wednesday

Have your Candle, bread and juice for the service.

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

Meeting ID: 854 6302 7021 Passcode: 252332

March 11 - 7-9 p.m. ~ Making Pretzels

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

Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723 Passcode: 668761

March 28 - 9 a.m - 2 p.m. ~ IN PERSON

No school. Join us for Lego Day

ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL Each week at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room on the second floor of Trinity Chapel.

Sunday, February 6 ~ 6-7:30 p.m. (Community Room)
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*

Sunday, February 13 ~ Souper Bowl of Caring

We will be collecting monetary gifts in big soup pots following the service on Sunday, February 13. We will also be hanging out in the parking lot until 1 p.m. to receive your drive by gifts. All monetary gifts and food will be given to the Frederick Food Bank.

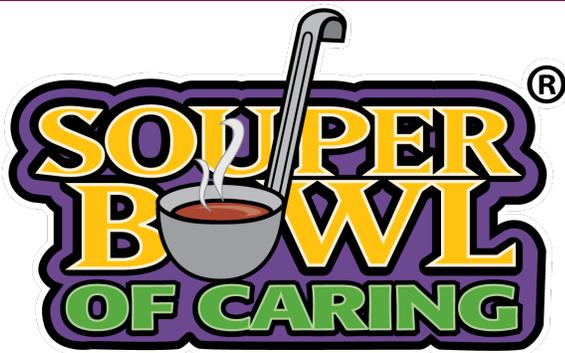
Sunday, February 27 ~ Virtual Reality (Kline's)

March 5 ~ Chili Cook-Off (Trish and Joe)

March 13 ~ Group Games (PD)

March 18-20 ~ Franklinton Center

March 27 ~ After church - Baking cookies for first responders (Paige) This will be our March service project.



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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

The Youth of ERUCC will be collecting monetary gifts in big soup pots following the service on Sunday, February 13. We will also be hanging out in the parking lot until 1 p.m. to receive your drive-by gifts.

All monetary gifts and food will be given to the Frederick Food Bank. On this day, our youth join in a nationwide youth movement to collect resources to tackle hunger.



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WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When winter weather hits, we may be uncertain about what will take place at church and what won't. To take some of the uncertainty out of the quandary, here's our winter weather policy:

You decide whether a drive or walk to the church is safe enough. We do not encourage you to risk life and limb to get to church at all costs, but we expect to hold services for those who can plan to arrive safely, unless the Frederick roads are closed. Our Pastors and Organist can walk to the church, so they will always be present for Sunday morning services.

Evening activities are generally governed by the public school schedule; for instance, if schools are closed on a Monday, there will be no Monday Mess Hall or Children's Music and Movement. The same policy applies to committee meetings and any other church activity.

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photo courtesy Pastor Barbara K. Daniel



FEBRUARY

Frederick Health Hospice

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.

December, January and February donations will be given to Frederick Health Hospice (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 offering plate or added to your online giving.*