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From Pastor Daniel



There is power in telling our stories. On Sunday, February 6, Patricia Coates visited ERUCC to share the story of her mother's survival at the Ravensbruck Concentration Camp. In a world where some people still deny that the Holocaust ever happened, there is power in sharing the story of survival with people who listen and believe. If we do not tell these stories, or if we do not listen to these stories, we may forget the horrors of that time.

On February 4, Joe Adkins, Marc Kline, and I visited Uplands Retirement Village in Tennessee. Our youth will spend an afternoon

and evening with the residents, many of whom held leadership roles in the UCC, including pastors, professors, and missionaries. It became clear as we met with some of the residents that they wonder if anyone still wants to hear the stories of their lives and ministry.

Stories help us make sense of the world. Stories help us process our experiences. Telling our stories to a compassionate listener validates our experience. Telling our story is powerful when it is heard with loving attention by others who care.

In the life of ERUCC, there are numerous times when we share our stories—after worship on a Sunday morning, in Bible Studies, support and study groups, and after-church fellowship. In person and online, sacred space is created when we share our stories.

Barbara



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 *A Sanctified Art on Sundays* as we journey through Lent this year.



Full
to the
Brim

An expansive lent

MARCH 2

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

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.

MARCH 6

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Even in the desert, Jesus expands our definitions of a full life. It's not the life the Tempter presents: a life defined by excess power, control, or reign. Jesus sees beyond this facade and says, even in the midst of fasting, "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4:1-13). Excess is not abundance, but there is more. There is a fuller life we are called to live. Even in the midst of struggle, oppression, hardship, and grief, God's promises spill over, like fruits from the ground. Even in the desert, you are called to the river side to be washed by grace. (Deuteronomy 26:1-11)

We will be sharing in Holy Communion this morning and baptizing Iris Zsofia Kershner, daughter of Benjamin and Grace Kershner.



A Sanctified Art is a team of artists in ministry who create multimedia resources for worshiping communities of all shapes and sizes. We work collaboratively to bring scripture and theological themes to life through visual art, poetry, liturgy, curriculum, worship installation art, coloring pages, graphic design, and more.

We founded A Sanctified Art with dreams to fill the Church with more art, inspiration, creativity, and God-breathed mystery. Our mission is to provide spiritual nourishment for church leaders and the communities they serve. We're committed to expanding imagination around the divine image and providing resources with inclusive and affirming theology.

MARCH 13 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



God is our refuge. There is nothing that can separate you from God or keep God from gathering you in, protecting you fiercely. (Psalm 27). Jesus' lament for Jerusalem is seemingly counter to how he is treated in Jerusalem. And yet, we receive grace upon grace, even if not deserved. Jesus as a mother hen is an image of fierce love and protection. You are a precious child of God. God longs for you. God will gather you in. No matter how much we try to separate ourselves from God, God will run to protect us. God's love for us is fuller than we can imagine. (Luke 13:31-35)

Scout Sunday.

MARCH 20 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Focal Scriptures Luke 13:1-9 | Isaiah 55:1-9

Like the fig tree, you are worthy. You're not a lost cause. You're not a waste of resources. You deserve audacious hope. You deserve to be nurtured. Your fruit will come. Like the gardener, you are invited to see others with audacious hope and budding potential. The lesson of the fig tree invites us to unpack the source of our worth in a system and society that often measures worthiness by commerce, production, output, success, status, achievement, ethnicity, and/or gender identity. We might ask, "Can the fig tree have worth even if it never produces any figs?" What does that mean for us if the answer is "yes"? Patience, a nurturing spirit, asset-based thinking, and audacious hope are counter-cultural practices needed for an expansive life.

MARCH 27 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



The word "prodigal" is commonly used to describe the son who squanders his inheritance. Yet, this parable (Luke 15:1-3,11b-32) invites us to consider how God's grace is also prodigal – extravagant, lavish, illogical. This parable disrupts and expands our definitions of grace. Once again, grace is not earned. After wasting his resources, the younger son becomes destitute and returns home to his father, saying, "I am no longer worthy." In response, his father welcomes him with a celebration and the fatted calf. The older son, in contrast, has done everything "right" – he's tried to perform, work hard, check all the boxes – but he forgets how to celebrate. How might you receive and extend prodigal grace?

The Senior Choir will be presenting the Cantata, "A Little Jazz Mass," during worship. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received this morning.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

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

Noon – 12:15 p.m.

Service of Prayer in Trinity Chapel

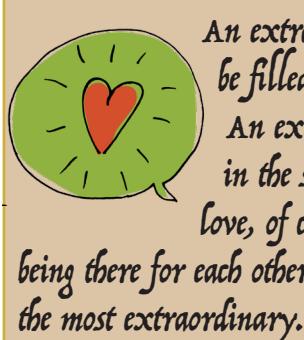
12:15 – 1 p.m.

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)



An extraordinary life doesn't need to be filled with just accomplishments. An extraordinary life is often found in the simplest of moments - times of love, of courage, of empathy, of simply being there for each other. Truly the ordinary is often the most extraordinary.

Original words by Rachel Marie Martin *The Brave Art of Motherhood*

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

LET'S TALK

9:30 – 10:15 a.m. (*Community Room*)

CREATION JUSTICE MONTH

Let's talk about ways we can care for the Earth through personal choices in how we eat, shop, dispose of waste, and care for our landscapes. Join us in exploring ways to live more sustainably.

March 13 ~ Sharing Sunday

Reduce waste, save money, and create a more sustainable lifestyle by sharing. Bring your books, puzzles, clothes and other good stuff to swap. Share your ideas for transforming old things into new. Get information on recycling all kinds of things.

~ Terry Logee, Nancy Jones and Linda Coyle

March 20 ~ Composting ABCs

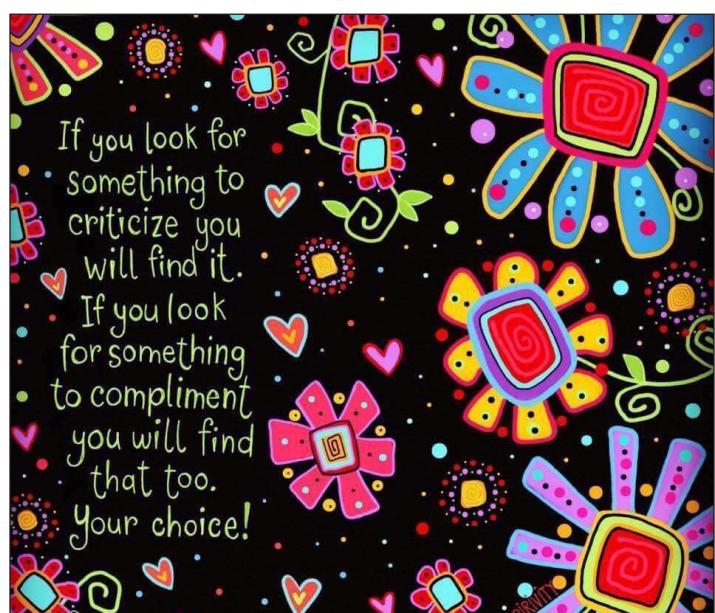
Find out why ERUCC is composting and what it has to do with creation justice. We'll share how to get started at home as well as how to sign up for a composting service. If you already compost, come share your experience and technique.

~ Terry Logee, Linda Coyle, David Howard and Cliff Barr

March 27 ~ Landscaping for Biodiversity and Creation Justice

Learn how simple landscaping practices help our streams and rivers, why planting native plants improves biodiversity, and why what we do matters.

~ Rebecca Schillingburg



ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

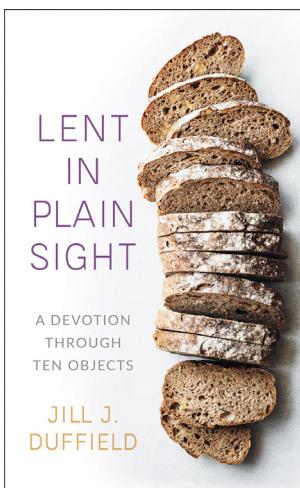
Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Daniel

March 8 – April 12 • 11AM - Noon

Hybrid - In person: *Liz Coffey Room*

Zoom: bit.ly/3K21Hav

Meeting ID: 897 6651 9688 Passcode: 357385



Lent in Plain Sight

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

In this devotion for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, *Lent in Plain Sight* reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.

March 8	Bread
March 15	Cross
March 22	Coins
March 29	Shoes
April 5	Oil
April 12	Coats, Towels, and Thorns

Sunday Morning Online Bible Study

March 27 – April 10 • 9 - 10:20 a.m.

bit.ly/3GEIvhJ Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888 Passcode: 327128

"In the Beginning"

Class Facilitators:

Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg

We will begin a six-week study of the prologue in Genesis (chapters 1-11.) In these texts, a small, unimportant wandering people of the Ancient Near East made an astounding claim: their God, who had no visible image to be worshipped, created the entire world . . . simply by speaking.

Join us for a look at how that claim has shaped us today. 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.

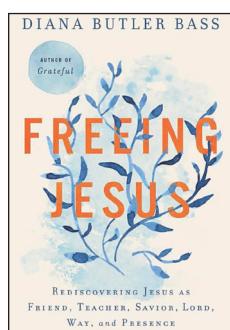
The class will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude about 10:20, allowing time to access the online worship service. (*If you are physically at ERUCC on Sunday morning and would like to participate, gather in the North Room, bring your device and the Zoom meeting will be set up in there for your participation.*)

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

Wednesday Evenings with Rev. Esther Ziegler

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 for 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 planned schedule is:

March 2	No class - Ash Wednesday
March 9	Chapter 4: Lord
March 16	Chapter 5: Way
March 23	Chapter 6: Presence

SHARING OUR STORIES OF ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

How many appeals for donations have you received in your USPS or digital mailbox in the past week? How many of them came from reputable not-for-profit organizations that have been around for over 70 years and have been “vetted” by multiple religious organizations?

In 1949, when many European countries were still recovering from the devastation of WWII, church leaders from several denominations formed an ad hoc committee that became One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Over the years the goal has remained the same: collect special gifts to assist those in need. Although allocation of funds varies, all participating denominations use the funds for disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. In these days of escalating natural disasters and refugees from war and disaster, can you imagine a more necessary fund?

When I agreed to write this article,, I planned to “cut and paste” it from <https://bit.ly/3v8U0LK>, the UCC webpage about One Great Hour of Sharing. (You can go there to see the official stories and get the connection to YouTube presentations.)

But since I’m even a little older than OGHS and I know many people in this congregation who also grew up donating to it, I thought it would be more interesting to collect our stories about OGHS. My quest for these stories began when I thought about the small cardboard boxes each family used to get at the beginning of Lent. The expectation was that coins would be deposited, perhaps

coins saved from something one had “given up for Lent,” and the offering would be brought as a gift of love for those in deeper need. The earliest boxes were quite simple but over the years, boxes were shaped like church buildings. At some point in the 1990s they assumed other shapes, some of them more difficult to pop out of the flat cardboard and fold into a shape. I remember one that could be colored and folded into the shape of a fish . . . I was a pastor at that time and collected them in a fish net.

Rev. Fred Wenner told me that when he was going through archives of his predecessor’s papers, he found notes Rev. Althouse had written about the success the pastor of the UCC congregation in Taneytown had had in promoting their OGHS collection. The funny thing was, Rev. Wenner was the pastor of that congregation before coming to ERUCC as pastor.

Another member told me that when she was in a UCC congregation in another conference, she learned that they had given the OGHS offering to local charities rather than sending it to the national office in Cleveland. She complained to the congregation’s leaders and after that always sent hers “directly to Cleveland” so she knew it would go to national and international partner organizations.

Kim Sexton, definitely the youngest of my contributors and ever the Christian educator, emphasized how she had been influenced in her family to put her own money in the box even as a child and that she and Mike continued that tradition with Catie and Sean. I’m pretty sure she’ll pass that lesson on to the children of the congregation even though the little boxes are no longer a part of the appeal.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a worthy and even beloved part of our church history. Your donation to it is just as necessary today as it was all those years ago when it was focused on restoring the ravages of war. Please give generously whether by coins, check, credit card, or maybe even bitcoin.

~ Esther Ziegler

Click here to watch the video
OGHS 2022 Love Remains

<https://youtu.be/Dth4m-MtHEo>

And now these three remain:
faith, hope and **Love**.
But the greatest of these is
Love.

1 Corinthians 13:13



GREEN TEAM NEWS

LET'S TALK! *Caring for our Beautiful Planet!* March 13, 20, 27 9:30 -10:30 a.m.

The Green Team will host a series of discussions on ways to live more sustainably during the Sunday Let's Talk forum. Join us in the Community Room. Topics will include tips for reusing and repurposing our stuff, why and how to dispose of food waste through composting and the benefits of native plant landscaping. See the full descriptions under **Let's Talk**.

SHARING SUNDAY March 13

Do you have books, puzzles, games and clothes that you no longer use but are still in good condition? Do you have any repurposing hacks or crafts that you can share? Bring them in to swap, trade or give away! At **Let's Talk**, from 9:30 – 10:15, we will share ways to reuse, repurpose and recycle.



SPIRITUAL WALK Sunday March 13 2:00 – 3:30 pm

2250 Bear Den Rd. (*condo parking lot*)

Join us for a walk in Wormans Mill. Marj Berkheimer helped us plan a beautiful route along Tuscarora Creek and through wetlands and woods. Many birds and other wild creatures create a joyful spiritual atmosphere here. In addition, we will walk past the ruins of the Mill Pond House. Jennie Russell, our ERUCC historian will come along to fill us in on the story behind the ruins. The trail is paved and accessible.

Directions from ERUCC: Take Market St. north through Frederick, merge onto Rt 26. Follow Rt. 26 past the shopping areas. Turn left on to Waterside Dr. Turn right onto Rippling Brook. Turn right on to Bear Den Rd. Drive to the end where the road meets the condo parking lot. Park on the far left side of the parking lot.

LENTEN GREEN CALENDAR – This calendar gives you a different way to reflect as you observe the season of Lent. Some paper copies will be available at church or you can access it through this link: <https://bit.ly/35apXIt>

SOLAR ENERGY FOR A CREATION JUSTICE CHURCH

By now, you have certainly seen solar panels on homes and businesses. But what about churches? There are some, but have you ever considered whether solar energy could be generated by ERUCC? As we discern our plans for replacing the roof of the main sanctuary in 2023, we should consider this opportunity to include solar panels in our planning.

A leading reason to consider solar panels is our mission and call to be stewards of God's creation. When we voted to become a Creation Justice Church we adopted a covenant which reads in part:

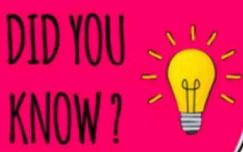
As a church, and as individuals, we pledge to care for our planet and to seek justice for those whose lives have been adversely affected by the neglect of our environment. This also means that we will recycle responsibly, use the earth's resources with as little waste as possible, support efforts at reducing the effects of climate change, help protect endangered species, reduce our carbon footprint and stop air and water pollution.

Solar panels would be a significant action our congregation could take to demonstrate our dedication to creation. We currently purchase some of our energy through a community solar model, but direct solar would expand our impact.

Another reason to install solar panels on our main building is to save money! Our building would be able to generate some of its own electricity rather than receiving it from the grid. Money saved could be reinvested elsewhere.

There is much to consider and your input is invaluable. Please join the Property Committee for more information and a conversation about the possibilities of harnessing energy from the sun on Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/eruccproperty> Meeting ID: 842 2471 9533 Passcode: 306203

Contact Owen York, owenjyork@gmail.com or 301-401-4947.



A word for you -

Stewardship

Last month we thought about the meaning of the word consecration. This month we are thinking about the meaning of stewardship. What does it mean to you?

Herb Miller writes that Christian stewardship uses the life God gave you for God's purposes. Your money is a tangible extension of that life. God does not so much call you to give your money as to give yourself. Yet genuinely giving yourself always involves giving that financial extension of who you are.

The dictionary says stewardship means management. If you call yourself Christian, you are in charge of managing God's financial resources. If you view your resources as "mine," then you find it difficult to give money to God's ministries. If you see your money as God's resources, you much more easily decide how much to give to God's ministries through your congregation.

Stewardship is not just an opportunity to enter into God's service but an opportunity for God to enter into you. Thus, the foundational challenge of stewardship education is not getting people to give their money. Rather, the challenge is helping people to understand that if they genuinely give themselves to God, their money is not their money. It is God's money. They manage it. They do not own it. So their role as a responsible manager involves deciding how to invest God's money in something that accomplishes God's eternal purposes in God's world, God's people, and themselves.

Thoughts to consider:

1. In what ways do today's Christians affirm and live out the theme that with financial giving they act as God's steward?
2. In what ways do today's Christians sometimes disregard this theme?
3. In what ways do today's church leaders sometimes disregard this theme?
4. How does this financial giving theme apply to you personally?

(From Herb Miller's Stewardship Nuggets
<http://www.theparishpaper.com>)

~ From the Stewardship and Generosity Committee

ERUCC Youth Group ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast

Special toppings bar, sausage, bacon and beverages included!



SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, 8 AM TO 10:30 AM
ERUCC COMMUNITY ROOM



JOIN US FOR GOOD FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY!
PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIPS & PROJECTS.



The ERUCC YOUTH have several exciting opportunities to participate in mission trips and other service-related projects this summer. Participating in these trips can be expensive, and we would love your support!

Please join us (and tell your friends and family!) for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, March 6 from 8-10:30 a.m. in the Community Room.

The youth will be serving pancakes with toppings, bacon, sausage, and beverages. Prices are \$7 for adults/youth and \$4 for children 8 and under (children 2 and under are free).

All funds raised will help defray costs associated with the youth programs planned for this summer. The ERUCC YOUTH thank you for your continued support!



We had some extra time one Sunday and allowed the kids time to be kids. They worked together to build this. They are so proud it's still in the Classroom.

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.

March 2022

All classes ZOOM unless otherwise indicated.



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.

Lego Day In Person!

(no school)



Join us in the Community Room.

Bring a bag lunch, water bottle and gently used toy or book for a bingo prize. Middle or high school volunteers welcome. **Please sign up by March 23.**

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

ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE

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

March 6

Pancake Breakfast

March 18-20

Franklin Center

March 27 after church

Baking cookies for first responders (Paige)

March service project.



Matthew Mercier donating food for SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY

CALLING ALL SCOUTS

All Scouts are invited to come in uniform on Sunday, March 13 for a combined Scout Sunday.





FRANKLINTON CENTER WORK TRIP MARCH 18-20

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

(Rescheduled due to COVID)

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

A former plantation, Franklin Center traces its beginnings to the founding of Franklin Christian College in 1871 and the Congregationalist Bricks School in 1895. A merger of those two schools in the 1950s formed Franklin 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 programming and meeting the needs of people.

SCHEDULE

Friday, March 18

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

Saturday, March 19

7:00 a.m.

Breakfast & Morning Reflections

Work Projects

Lunch

Work Projects

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



ERUCC EVENTS

Seeking your help for event hospitality!

It's a fantastic way to meet and greet people using our space!

Wedding season is fast approaching!

You can sign up here:

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

ERUCC Spring Native Plant Seminar

Sunday, April 24 - 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Hosted by the Frederick Food Security Network and ERUCC

Native plants are the building blocks for a healthy ecosystem. Join Jenny Willoughby, Sustainability Manager for the City of Frederick, and Jennifer Carpenter, the Greenhouse Manager for the Frederick Food Security Network, for a seminar on the benefits of native gardening.

Questions? Contact Jen (jc32@hood.edu) or Gina (gohl@hood.edu) with FFSN, or Linda with ERUCC at (lkcoyle@yahoo.com)



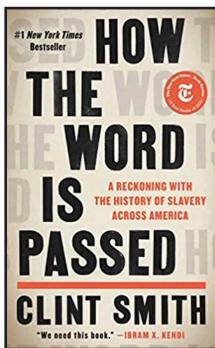
March Birthdays

- 1 Melanie Anderson 2 Gaylon Cornell, Holly Davis**
5 Tom Frazier, Rob Smith 6 Lynn Morgan 8 Sienna Schmid 9 Susan Johnston 10 David Howard 11 Jeff Schaeberle 12 Daniel Ireland, Susan Moxley, Fred Wenner 16 Starr Schaeberle 18 Judy Peterson
19 Denise Flora 21 Emma Baker, Nathan Chappell, Cathie Duncan, Andy Johnston, Keith Mercier Jr.
22 Peggy Richman 24 Anne Hoffmann 25 Jill Kline 26 Callie Baker 29 Linda Marsh 30 David Wenner 31 Eli McNay



ERUCC BOOK GROUP

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

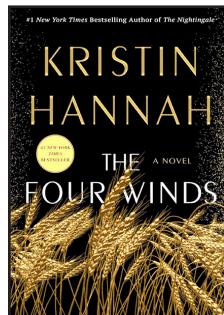


March 22

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 history and ourselves.

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—whether in places we might drive by on our way to work, holidays such as Juneteenth, or entire neighborhoods like downtown Manhattan, where the brutal history of the slave trade in men, women, and children is deeply imprinted.



April 26

The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah

In *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, Elsa Wolcott is a woman trying to raise two children on a farm in the Great Plains during the Dust Bowl following the Great Depression. She watches as the lands around her crack in their perpetually parched state, and the hopelessness threatens to break the spirit of those around her.

As the situation worsens, Elsa is forced to make a decision: stay and fight or leave for unfamiliar lands in the West.

The Four Winds is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it, the harsh realities that divided the nation, and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots.

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



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.



APRIL 12

Daniel Pink: What regret can teach you about living a good life

Regret is one of our most powerful emotions—and also one of the most misunderstood. Over the past two years, author Daniel H. Pink has collected a trove of more than 16,000 regrets from people in 105 countries in an effort to better understand this mysterious emotion. He shares the key patterns that emerged (it all boils down to the same four core regrets, he says) and explains how to transform your own regrets in order to create the life you've always wanted to live.



*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

APRIL 10: MOONLIGHT

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>

Meeting ID: 827 3834 9903 Passcode: 604359



THE CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE AN ICONIC STEEPLE

Part of Frederick's Fabric Since 1763

Trinity Chapel's steeple — the oldest steeple in Frederick — dates from 1763, when its stone base was built. About thirty years after the original stone steeple was erected, a clock was installed that marked the hours in Frederick for more than two centuries. John Greenleaf Whittier would have had Trinity steeple and its clock in mind when he wrote his famous poem invoking the “clustered spires of Frederick.”

What is Needed

The steeple is in need of significant repairs. Areas of deterioration in the steeple need refurbishing to assure it will continue to stand strong against the elements. The repairs will protect the upper portions of the steeple, which houses not only the historic clock but the ten bells of the Trinity Chimes that are played every Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Repairs will include inspecting and replacing slates on the two front slate roofs, coating façade stones used in the tower's base, inspecting and replacing spire shingles, and most significantly, evaluating and replacing belfry and clock tower wood framing, which has deteriorated through years of exposure. Contractor Steeples Plus alerted us that failure to take action on the framing could, in fact, cause the clocks to fall out of the clock openings in a strong wind.

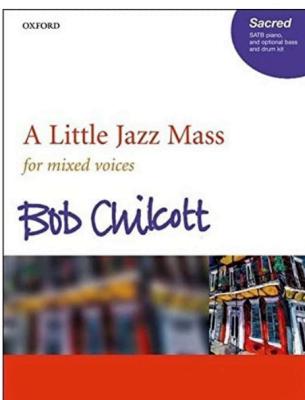
What's Ahead

We're initiating the Campaign to Restore an Iconic Steeple. We will have a special luncheon presentation on Sunday, March 27, after church, that will include a speaker on the project. The presentation will take place in a hybrid manner for those who cannot attend in person. A booklet describing the effort will be available during that event as well. Please plan on joining us at this March 27 event. So that we can plan for the meal, please let us know about your plans to attend by emailing an RSVP to erucc@erucc.org.



Marlene Young from the Delaplaine Foundation presents Peter Brehm a \$25,000 check to kick off the Campaign to Restore an Iconic Steeple.

MARCH 27 CANTATA: A LITTLE JAZZ MASS BOB CHILCOTT (1955 -)



Bob Chilcott is one of the busiest and most popular choral composers and conductors in Britain today. He has been involved in choral music for most of his life. He was a boy chorister and then a tenor choral scholar in the choir of King's College, Cambridge, and later sang with, composed with and arranged for the celebrated King's Singers.

Since 1997 he has worked as a full-time composer. Today, Bob is in great demand internationally as composer, conductor and choral consultant. He has been invited to appear at many important international festivals, and has worked with some of the world's leading choral ensembles. At home, he is currently Principal Guest Conductor of the BBC Singers.

Bob Chilcott's singing experience has given him an inside knowledge of an exceptionally wide range of music, and this is reflected in the eclectic nature of his own compositions which, whilst remaining within the mainstream English choral tradition, are variously inspired by folk-

songs, Gregorian chant, Anglican hymns, spirituals, jazz, close-harmony, gospel, and African music.

During his time with the King's Singers, Chilcott had the good fortune to work with such jazz luminaries as George Shearing, Richard Rodney Bennett, and John Dankworth. His wonderful setting of the Latin Missa Brevis, *A Little Jazz Mass*, was composed for the 2004 Crescent City Choral Festival, New Orleans. A relaxed, easy tempo Kyrie is followed by a Gloria with driving, upbeat outer sections enclosing a lyrical central section. The music of the Sanctus could be described as a 'jazz lullaby'; the Benedictus ups the tempo a little, building to a strong forte for the 'Hosanna'. Clearly inspired by the blues, the Agnus Dei reaches a powerful climax at 'Dona nobis pacem' before arriving at a peaceful conclusion. It says much for Chilcott's skill that he has successfully brought together two very diverse traditions – the Latin mass and the jazz idiom – in such an expressive and entirely unforced way, an achievement that has generally eluded other composers who have tried something similar.

-John Bawden

ERUCC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



ERUCC is fortunate to have several scholarship programs available to our members as they seek education to develop knowledge and skill and realize their full potential. The McCardell Scholarship Fund was established by Mr. Robert McCardell in honor and memory of members of the McCardell family. The Kieffer Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Henri L.G. Kieffer, pastor of this church from 1910-1946. The Liz Coffey Scholarship Fund was established in memory and honor of our beloved youth Liz Coffey. Also included are funds given in memory of Tina Baker, a long-time educator and member of the ERUCC

Scholarship Committee.

Contributions to these Scholarship Funds by members and friends of the church are always welcomed.

These scholarships are gifts to church members for post-secondary undergraduate education and are awarded by the Scholarship Committee. The awards are based on the quality of the candidate's plan for use of the funds, the ability and promise of the applicant, and the need for financial assistance. The aid may continue for subsequent years after an interview with the Scholarship Committee, submission of intent to reapply, and a transcript of grades for the current year.

Scholarship applications are available through the Church Office for new applicants 301-662-2762 or erucc@erucc.org.

Students wishing to renew scholarships must also contact the Church Office providing the information requested. All application materials must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee through the Church Office by April 30.

Any further questions can be directed to Sandra Trout, Chairman of Scholarship Committee at troutsandra@aol.com.



Fellowship has returned to the Community Room.

It is exciting that the COVID numbers are decreasing and some of the mask mandates have changed. At this point we are still wearing them at church. Please see the attached SignUp Genius. Copy and paste into your address bar to view the sign up. Please help where you can.

<https://bit.ly/34Y5p6>

COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINICS

Wednesdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

ERUCC is collaborating with The Community Vaccine Coalition to help get more people vaccinated against COVID-19. It's free, safe, and no ID or insurance is required. Please help share the word of these clinics!

QR code to register for March 2 clinic.



Sometimes you face difficulties not because you're doing something wrong, but because you're doing something right.

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SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

♥ MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

Sunday, March 6, April 3

♥ ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sunday, March 27

♥ EXTRA MILE GIFT FOR DEBT REDUCTION

Sunday, April 10

How are these funds used?

Mortgage Assistance: Donations are used to fund ERUCC's mortgages with the Fisher Fund and FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, payments on which are about \$153,000 per year.

One Great Hour of Sharing: Donations help fund international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response. These funds are administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

Extra Mile Gift for Debt Reduction: Donations are used to pay down the principal of the mortgages we have with FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank and Fisher Fund (The Fisher Fund is an endowment funded by former congregation member Mary Starr Fisher for purposes to be decided by the pastor. To cover an unexpected building cost over-run, the congregation borrowed money from the endowment's principal and is now paying that back with interest).

UCC officers share prayer for Ukraine

by UCC Leadership | published on Feb 24, 2022

“There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.” Proverbs 6:16-19

Holy God,

Hear our prayers for all those who will die today because of war in Ukraine and other war-torn countries all over this world. Grant them an end to the suffering of this world and eternal peace that is only found in You.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, and all nations — that war and bloodshed can be avoided and a new, just peace can be forged out of this crisis. We ask God grant wisdom to the leaders of nations, calling them to end provocation on all sides and invest instead in “the things that make for peace” as called for in all our faith traditions (Luke 19:41-2).

We pray for an end to the deep insecurity and mistrust on all sides, and call on leaders to build trust, based not on military might or alliances, but on the basis of our shared future and common humanity. Now is a time in which past harm should be acknowledged and addressed, and new partnerships can be envisioned.

We pray for and call on our leaders to have the courage to take small, verifiable, and independent steps toward peace, inviting others to reciprocate. Now is time to invest in conflict resolution, diplomacy and international cooperation — not more weapons which only escalate tension in the region.

Be with those suffering in ways that we cannot.

Protect them from devastation in ways those positioned in authority will not. Shield and comfort them as they confront the terror of violence that surrounds them. Hold them close to your heart and stay the hand of the enemies against them. Give us the courage and the strength to cry aloud against wickedness in high places that dare to harm others made in your image.

Comfort the children and heed their cries to be saved from harm in this world.

Make us a people who love our children, all of our children, more than we love greed, power, and control. Overturn governments of tyranny wherever they are found. Disrupt the intentions of evil and give us power to stand against demonic forces of greed and control. Grant that peace and justice come to warring nations by the hands of those courageous enough to stand and study war no more. Let Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven, we pray.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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COME ONE, COME ALL

ERUCC's Second Annual

EGG-STRAVAGANZA

An Epic Easter Egg Dyeing Party

Saturday, April 16

1 - 2:30 PM

Outside Back Patio

Come join us for fellowship, fun and surprises dyeing Easter eggs. We will have an Easter lesson, refreshments and goodies. All you need to bring is yourself, your own drink, maybe an apron and a basket or empty egg carton to bring your works of art home with you.

RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/3hdI82U>

Can you help us with supplies for the Easter Egg-Stravaganza?

Please have donations to the Church office by 4 p.m. on 4/13/22

Donations: <https://bit.ly/3lUanr>

For more information contact Kim Sexton at ksexton@erucc.org

We will be following our Love Thy Neighbor policy for COVID.

Please have a mask handy to wear as needed.