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From Pastor Daniel

Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for he is going to say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Mt. 25:35)

- Rule of St. Benedict 53:1-2

In the Rule of St. Benedict, every stranger is to be welcomed as the face of the divine. Christine Valters Paintner in *The Soul of a Pilgrim*, writes, "Hospitality calls us to see God through risk. It shows us that God doesn't just appear in familiar faces, people who make me feel comfortable and safe. God sends us people that challenge our little worlds to make them bigger. When we invite others into our lives, it changes our view on how things should work."

As we welcome visitors on Sunday mornings and guests who are renting our facilities, we encounter and meet strangers. Each of these encounters provides an opportunity to see things differently as we offer hospitality.

In these days, we are busy planning for the arrival of our German friends on July 19. The life we share together when we are in Germany or when they are visiting us in the USA opens up possibilities for seeing our lives, our families, our country, and the world in new ways.

I invite you to maintain openness to the strangers who come into your life and ponder how God may be present and speaking to you.

Barbara



FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We were pleased to award the following high school graduates who applied with ERUCC scholarships:

- Trevor Weakley
- Alex Cumber
- Erin Gohegan
- Lucy Clark Adkins

Reapplication scholarships were awarded to Maureen Huetting, Ben Mercier, Kendall Johnson, Aiden Baldree and Colleen Huetting.

We hope you enjoy photographs of our 2022 graduates within this issue of *Trinity Chimes*.

WORSHIP NOTES: JULY 2022

Scripture notes from Seasons of the Spirit

JULY 3

In Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, Jesus sends out 70 followers, perhaps recalling the story of Moses choosing 70 elders in Numbers 11:16. Jesus tells them how to behave as they spread the gospel to other towns. God reaches out to all people with a message of peace. In Galatians 6:1-16, Paul speaks to the Galatians about the importance of caring for others, especially those within the family of faith. We are to bear one another's burdens.

Communion will be served at the chancel rail this morning.

JULY 10

The gospel lesson from Luke 10:25-37 emphasizes that people on the edges of the society in which the gospel was written - the outcasts, the lonely, the sick, women, children - are included in God's reign. Indeed, the reign of God is open to all who know the love of God and respond to it. The gospel of justice and compassion is bearing fruit and growing in the members of the church in the city of Colossae. In Colossians 1:1-14, the author describes the world as a place of shadows and of light. The Colossian believers have been brought from the shadows into light by God's grace.

Today we celebrate Kim Sexton and her 20 years of ministry with ERUCC.

JULY 17

We are called to listen to God's word of grace, and then let it shape our living. Christ changes all priorities, cutting through distracting social expectations. Colossians 1:15-28



Lucy Adkins, Governor Thomas Johnson High School

portrays Christ at the center of everything; the universe is being reconciled to God through Christ. The Gospel lesson, Luke 10:38-42, tells the story of Jesus' visit to the home of Mary and Martha.

JULY 24

The disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray in our Gospel lesson for today, Luke 11:1-13. In this passage Jesus teaches his followers the prayer we know as The Lord's Prayer, Jesus' Prayer, The Our Father, or The Prayer Jesus Taught. Prayer shapes the heart of a disciple's relationship with God. As Jesus taught and modelled, prayer keeps us nourished to live and share the good news of God's love in Christ. In Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) we are encouraged to be planted and built up in Christ.

The Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg will be preaching and leading us in worship today.

JULY 31

Our Gospel lesson is from Luke 12:13-21. When a person comes to Jesus to settle a question about inheritance, Jesus refuses to be drawn into the role of a rabbi settling disputes. Jesus' mission is not to enforce the Law, but to show a new way. Paul gives the Christians at Colossae instructions about how to live in ways that are rich towards God. In Colossians 3:1-11, Paul exhorts them to set their minds on things above, where Christ is enthroned and exalted.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

is on hiatus during July.



Basil Frances Davis, Towson University

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION: JULY

LET'S TALK

9:30–10:15 a.m. (Community Room)

*Let Freedom Ring:
Celebrating the Frederick Community*

JULY 3

Generations! Dawn Lagrotteria will lead in an exploration of differences across generations. Why do differences exist and what can we do about it? The focus will be on traditionalists, baby boomers, generation X, and millennials.

JULY 10

Frederick First Responders! Regardless of the emergency, we rely on first responders to be there when we need them. Sean Sexton will share information about becoming a first responder, what the job entails and what led him to choose a life of community service. Maybe we will even get to see some cool gear!

JULY 17

The Frederick Center! The Frederick Center exists to support and advocate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) people and our families so we thrive, and are accepted and affirmed, in the broader Frederick community. Kris Fair will fill us in on the resources, strategies and activities of the Frederick Center and how ERUCC supports that work.

JULY 24

Frederick and ERUCC History! ERUCC has been creating community since 1748. Join Bud Rossig for a tour of Trinity Chapel with great stories about Frederick through the ages. From the chimes to the secret stained-glass window to the town clock and steeple, Trinity Chapel is brimming with Frederick history. Don't miss this opportunity to tour with one of our best church historians. Meet in the community room at 9:30 to join the tour.

JULY 31

Grappling with our Challenging History. The ERUCC youth and our German partners will report on their trip to Memphis and the Freedom Journey program as well as lessons learned while traveling together bridging language and cultural barriers.



ERUCC

**Recognized as a
5 for 5 Church!**

Congratulations

At the May 14 Spring Meeting of the Catoclin Association, ERUCC was recognized as a 5-For-5 Church, an honor reserved for congregations that contribute in one year to each of 5 critical financial funds which together lift up the Good News of Christ in the Church and throughout our global society:

1. **Our Church's Wider Mission** (annual contribution) – Provides funding from congregations for conferences and the national ministries of the UCC.
2. **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** (4th Sunday of Lent) – Supports the UCC's humanitarian and development needs in the world.
3. **Strengthen the Church Offering** (Pentecost) – Reflects the shared commitment of people across the UCC to cooperatively build up the denomination.
4. **Neighbors in Need Offering** (1st Sunday in October) – Supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.
5. **The Christmas Fund Offering** (4th Sunday of Advent) – Provides direct financial support to those who serve the church and are facing financial difficulties.

Well done ERUCC, good and faithful servants.

~ Michele Beadle



Michele Beadle, Quynn, Fiona and Julie Clark prepare to greet visitors at the ERUCC table at Frederick PRIDE.



YOUTH SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

By Pastor Daniel and Trevor Weakly

When we baptize a child into the life of the church, we as a congregation promise to nurture them in faith. I hold the child and walk through the congregation, introducing you to this newly baptized child and reminding us of all of the promises we have made. I invite us to imagine that child in our Sunday School classes, choirs, and youth group.

On May 24, at our youth-led worship service, we witnessed firsthand the impact we can have on their lives. I was so proud of their confidence as they led the liturgy and shared their thoughts and aspirations on a variety of topics.

One of these youths was Trevor Weakly, who is graduating high school and heading to college in the fall. Trevor spoke about how ERUCC helped him to understand the concept of peace—and how to achieve a more peaceful life. When I imagine the impact the church can have on our young people, this is exactly the kind of thing I hope for. Here's what Trevor shared:

My time at ERUCC has really helped me focus on what peace is and how to spread it. From my days in Sunday school with Mr. Jim, when we learned about Christianity and prepared for confirmation, to now, where I get to use the skills of peace that the church has taught me in everyday life. ERUCC has encouraged me and my friends to speak up in favor of peace, no matter what opposition we face. At the two UCC General Synods I have attended; the youth have been given a chance to speak in favor of a topic related to a resolution facing the church. We spoke out against the horrors of gun violence and the tragedies of the Israel-Palestine conflict. Even though we are “just kids”, our words must have had some impact, because the Synod had many thoughts about our words, and not all were supportive. Despite the backlash we faced, PD and other adults in the church defended us and encouraged us to always use our voices – ERUCC supports its youth by advocating for peace.

ERUCC has not only helped me discuss peace within the church bubble, but it has also ensured that I have the skills to speak up for peace in the real world. I have had the opportunity to attend rallies on our front steps speaking out against gun violence and to attend the Black Lives Matter March in 2020 with my church friends. These protests showed me that there are people outside of ERUCC who also care about peace and that the work done at the church has a wide impact.

ERUCC has taught me methods of maintaining internal peace, such as prayer, and has prepared me to enter the world as an advocate for peace. As I head to college, I hope to work towards resolving international conflict as part of my career, and the skills I have learned from my friends and from adults at ERUCC will help me speak up and promote the words of Jesus who reminds us, “do not let your hearts be troubled.” Even as Jesus faced crucifixion, he reminded his disciples that peace is key.



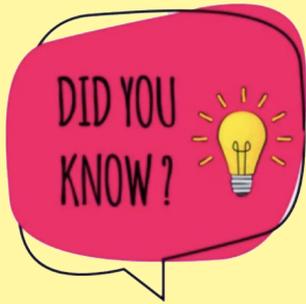
GREEN TEAM NEWS

Did you know that the Monocacy River is Maryland's largest tributary of the Potomac River? Now's your chance to do your part on behalf of our beloved Monocacy, the Potomac, and the Chesapeake Bay beyond. Green team member Scott Harris is a volunteer team lead with the Potomac Conservancy, hosting waterway cleanups throughout the Potomac watershed. Now, for the first time, the Conservancy will have a cleanup here in Frederick County! Sign up below to join us July 16 at Pinecliff Park in Frederick from 9-11 a.m. A good turnout will help convince them to do more cleanups here in the future!

Here's the link to sign up: tinyurl.com/5cwbyh4f



Trevor Weakly, Urbana High School



TWO MORE WAYS TO GIVE

From the Stewardship and Generosity Committee

Last month we wrote about giving through cash or checks, automatic withdrawal from your bank, and online donations through our website, via PayPal and VANCO; now,

Do you know about these ways of contributing to ERUCC?

1. **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** from your IRA. This option is available if you are over 70 ½ years old. A QCD is an otherwise taxable distribution of funds from an IRA (other than from an ongoing SEP or Simple IRA) paid directly to a qualifying charitable organization.

Benefits include:

- a. The distribution is not included in your taxable income, meaning you pay no tax on the transferred amount
- b. A QCD counts toward satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- c. A QCD generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction so you receive a benefit even if you do not itemize tax deductions.

2. Gifting through a **Donor Advised Fund (DAF)**. A DAF can be thought of as a charitable savings account. Money or investments transferred to the DAF are deductible as a charitable contribution in the year the transfer occurs if you itemize your taxes. This deduction is allowed whether or not any funds transferred to the DAF are distributed to a charitable organization in that year. Large investment firms and other organizations provide the vehicle for starting the DAF. This can be a useful option if your income is unusually high one year and if it is expected that you will be in a lower tax bracket in future years. It also allows you to establish a charitable legacy. Funds in a DAF can continue to be distributed following an individual's death.

ERUCC does not give financial advice. If you are interested in either of these options, we encourage you to speak with your financial advisor for detailed information. Please contact our Treasurer, Rodney Martin, treasurer@erucc.org if you have questions. More options to come later. ERUCC is grateful for your generous support of its programs and its mission to live out God's love.

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

NOVEMBER 12-19



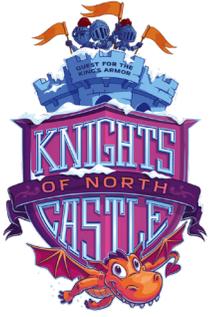
ERUCC members and friends will be traveling to Kentucky to work with Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders, a 501(c)(3) Christian organization dedicated to serving the victims of major disasters in the United States. They were organized in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and have supported rebuilding in all the major hurricanes since then. Their clients, homeowners, are low-income and underinsured. The Fuller Center uses

volunteer labor to make our rebuilding effort more affordable and are financed from donations and grants.

On December 10th, 2021, Kentucky was hit by record-setting, catastrophic tornadoes. A “long-track” twister was on the ground for almost 200 miles and hit 11 counties, including the small towns of Dawson Springs and Bremen. The Fuller Center is partnering with First Christian Church of Madisonville, centrally located between Dawson Springs and Bremen, to house volunteers and begin rebuilding these communities.

You can visit the Fuller Center Facebook page to keep up with current happenings: <https://www.facebook.com/FCHDisasterReBuilders>.

We will be leaving on Saturday, November 12 to drive to Kentucky to enjoy a free evening and Sunday prior to starting work on Monday, November 14. Please contact Keith Stickley (keith.stickley@montgomerycountymd.gov) or Pastor Daniel (bkdaniel@erucc.org) for more information or if you are interested in going. While construction-related skills are welcome, we need all kinds of skills to make the trip work, please do not hesitate to consider this opportunity.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School, for many of us, was a highlight of our young years with the church. Learning Bible stories and new songs, playing games, and having cool snacks made it a special week. We also learned about giving because a part of every VBS program is a giving project that young people support.

The theme for VBS may change each year but what remains constant is the commitment of adults and teenagers to come and help and accompany these children on this part of their faith journey.

If you popped into the Community Room or saw any of the photos on the church Facebook page, you would see six children and twice as many adults and teenagers in the room. A first reaction might be, “Why does Kim Sexton need so many helpers? Do we really need all those people for those six children?” The answer is that Kim has nurtured our children’s ministries such that all of us are encouraged to join with our children and their families in their Christian nurture. The church can never have too many adults involved with the supporting and nurturing faith in our young people. What a gift for the six children participating in VBS this week to have three teenagers and ten adults share this time with them every morning this week.

Whether we have one child or ten children and more participating in the life of our church, our message is that each and every one of them counts. It is not about the numbers. It is about creating a beloved community for all ages.

Many thanks to Kim Sexton, for leading Bible school again this year and to all the adults and the teenagers who helped with games, crafts, music, and snacks and for reminding our children that they are always welcome, cherished, nurtured, and challenged to learn.



Vacation Bible School created thank-you bags for the firefighters.



Vacation Bible School was small in number but large in love and fun this year!

JULY EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Sundays in-person at 9:30 & Wednesday Online GKC Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/3r73nz5z> Meeting ID: 854 6302 7021 Passcode: 252332

JULY 10 - 9:30 A.M. LEARN ABOUT BEING A FIREFIGHTER Community Room

Join the adults for Let’s Talk as Sean Sexton tells us about being a firefighter.

JULY 11 - 10 A.M. TOUR OF THE BRADDOCK HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Join us as Sean Sexton and other firefighters give us a tour of the Braddock Heights Fire Department, 6715 Jefferson Blvd., Frederick. Transportation is on your own. Please sign up so we know how many to plan for.

<https://tinyurl.com/bde7kvtp>

JULY 22 - 7-9 p.m. BIBLE TRIVIA

Join us as we answer questions about the Bible

<https://tinyurl.com/bdd8wjyx> Meeting ID: 810 3312 7723 Passcode: 668761



ERUCC BOOK GROUP

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

The group meets in the Liz Coffey Room at 7:00 p.m. with Zoom option.

<https://tinyurl.com/2s4zsu76> Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574 Passcode: 226669



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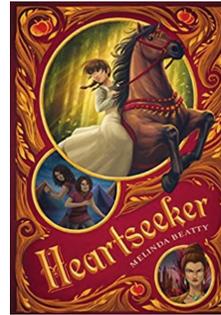
The Last Chance Library

by Freya Sampson

Lonely librarian June Jones has never left the sleepy English village where she grew up. Shy and reclusive, the 30-year-old would rather spend her time buried in books than venturing out into the world. But when her library is threatened with closure,

June is forced to emerge from behind the shelves to save the heart of her community and the place that holds the dearest memories of her mother.

Joining a band of eccentric yet dedicated locals in a campaign to keep the library, June opens herself up to other people for the first time since her mother died to save the place and the books that mean so much to her, June must finally make some changes to her life. For once, she's determined not to go down without a fight. And maybe, in fighting for her cherished library, June can save herself, too.



AUGUST 23

Heartseeker by Melinda Beatty

Mel Beatty is a neighbor of Pam's and has written two published books for middle school aged people and will be joining us for our book group this evening. Her first book is called *Heartseeker*.

Heartseeker is a vibrant fantasy-adventure debut about a girl who can see lies. Only Fallow was just six harvests old when she realized that not everyone sees lies. For Only, seeing lies is as beautiful as looking through a kaleidoscope, but telling them is as painful as gnawing on cut glass. Only's family warns her to keep her cunning hidden, but secrets are seldom content to stay secret.

When word of Only's ability makes its way to the King, she's plucked from her home at the orchard and brought to the castle at Bellskeep. There she learns that the kingdom is plagued by traitors, and that her task is to help the King distinguish between friend and foe. But being able to see lies doesn't necessarily mean that others aren't able to disguise their dishonesty with cunning of their own.

Building the Beloved Community

ERUCC/ALTMARK Partnership

On July 19, eighteen youth and six adults will be arriving from our partner congregations in the Altmark region of Germany. A major part of our time will be spent traveling to and from Memphis to participate in a civil rights engagement program planned by First Congregational Church. On the way to Memphis, we will be visiting Mammoth Caves. On the way home, we will be spending the night at Uplands Retirement Community, affiliated with the UCC. At Uplands the youth and adults will be engaging in conversation with former missionaries and church executives. One day we will tour Annapolis and enjoy a sailing trip.

Our friends will be with us in worship on July 31 and following the service, everyone is invited to an

ALL-AMERICAN THANKSGIVING DINNER

Bring one or more of your family's traditional sides or desserts to share.

Please bring an index card listing all ingredients. Potluck sign up: bit.ly/0731food

Can you help by setting up, serving, or cleaning up? bit.ly/0731help



ERUCC EVENTS HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT

Join our hospitality crew! It's a fantastic way to meet and greet the community of people using our space. Please review the available slots at the signup genius link to sign up. Thank you! <https://bit.ly/3bpwbYf>



Sydney Main, Urbana High School



Pastor Barbara and Peter Brehm were among many from ERUCC at the courthouse on June 24 after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade.



Cassie Pain, Townson University



David Howard, Susan Kulp and Cliff Bar resemble "American Gothic" at the community garden.



July Birthdays

01 Jo Ann Fritz **02** Kali Chappell, Barba Speak **03** Becky Martin, Sean Sexton **04** Hillal Eastburn **06** Vickie Schroeder **07** Gerry Blessing, Keith Stickley, Gareth Weakly, Terri Wenner **08** Kate Fromknecht, John Hane, Sharon Wenner **09** Joe Adkins, Dwayne Johnson, Chris Spear **12** Joseph Baker **13** Garrett Jett, Jacqueline Messner **14** Robert Fisher Jr. **15** Ro Higinbotham, Eric Weakly **16** Aaron Deckenback **17** Zaydan Fulp, Michael Trout **18** Linda Coyle **21** Brooklyn Njoya **22** Patti Patterson **23** Allen Flora **24** Wes Baker, John Yetter **26** Stacey Collins **27** Charlie Garst, Ann McGreevy **28** John Hendricks, Jonathan Rushbrook **29** Jaci Clayton, Nancy Jones, Abby Spear, Ben Spear **30** Kendall Hoffman, Bud Rossig



DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Created by the StillSpeaking Writers' Group

Did you know the United Church of Christ has an excellent website? It even includes a free Daily Devotional. You can log-in daily or sign up for it!
<https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>



Pastor Barbara, Ron Terbush, Ray Hatch and Mary Ellen Rhoderick enjoy Frederick PRIDE (above.) Kelly Esslinger and Terry Logee are all smiles while volunteering at the ERUCC table (below.)



Erin Gohegan, Waynesboro High School

Max Beadle, The Harbour School



Consider helping with Fellowship! It's a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, births, or baptisms with your church family. We all want to celebrate your joy. This can be as easy as helping during Fellowship or bringing a special treat if you like. Contact Laura Rhoderick or Starr Schaeberle, or sign up to share your gifts of hospitality at bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship.



Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick and Angela Brittain meet at Frederick PRIDE.



Maddie Ireland, Urbana High School

GOD'S CALL AND THE STEWARDSHIP OF LEADERSHIP

In his 2015 article *How Reluctant Leaders Become Confident Achievers For God*, Mark Alan Williams notes that “Our culture in the USA honors bold, confident, even brash leaders. But God doesn’t always work through leaders like that. God often uses reluctant, quiet, humble people. I for one am glad of that since I haven’t always fit the cultural ideal for a leader. Perhaps you can relate.”

He then cites how many of the Bible’s leaders resist their call by God to lead, mentioning specifically:

Moses, whom God called by name in a burning bush but who responds, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?” (Exodus 3:11 GW). When God then asserts God’s authority and identity by saying, “I AM that I AM.” (Exodus 3:14) and subsequently validates God’s message to Moses by miracles, Moses thinks up yet another excuse: “Please Lord, I’m not a good speaker; I speak slowly, and I become tongue-tied easily.” (Exodus 4:10 GW)

Gideon is also a reluctant leader. When the Lord tells him that he will rescue Israel, Gideon replies, “Excuse me, sir! How can I rescue Israel? Look at my whole family. It’s the weakest one in Manasseh. And me? I’m the least important member of my family.” (Judges 6:15 GW). Gideon then demanded a sign which the Lord graciously granted. Later he again asked for another sign: a wet then a dry fleece test. (See Judges 6)

Prophets are among those who are reluctant to step forward. God says to Jeremiah, “I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah's response was similar to all the other ones: “Ah, Sovereign Lord, I do not know how to speak; I am only a child.” God answered, “Do not be afraid, for I am with you . . .”

Another reluctant servant is Jonah. God calls him to preach to the people of Ninevah, the capital city of Assyria. Scripture says, “But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish (Spain).”

Finally, and in contrast, there is Isaiah, whom Chris Kempling in his internet article published on Kamloops This Week entitled *You Gotta Have Faith* notes, “Isaiah is probably the best example of one who willingly answered the call of God. Isaiah had a vision, in which he heard the voice of God saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” Isaiah responds simply, “Here am I. Send me!” However, before Isaiah accepts this call, he notes that he feels totally inadequate. He writes: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” (Isaiah 6:5 ESV)

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What do we make of this history of unconfident, frightened, and resistant people being called to lead by God?

1. Leadership is a God-called mission to help our community in its time of needs, including big needs and small needs.
2. This lack of confidence is part of the human condition, and the anxieties and resistance of these Biblical leaders reflect our response to calls to leadership.
3. As Kempling notes, though, God equips those who are called. God not only equips us, but promises to be at our side when facing the difficult tasks assigned to us.

While I certainly appreciate God's equipping me and joining me in any leadership role, I do want to share some most helpful guidance by Mark Alan Williams to give confidence to those who are called to lead. Abstracting his writing:

Reject notions of perfection

A big inhibitor to serving God is our past sins and indiscretions. We think we can't serve God because we haven't been good enough. We need to realize that God delights in using flawed, imperfect people.

Lean into God's Power

Remember that it's not about our abilities but instead about God's empowerment. We are not in it alone—God has sent the Holy Spirit to guide, empower, teach and strengthen us. Importantly, it is not about us: success comes from God's power in us. When we start to think it is about us, we need to back away. Yes, we must work diligently . . . but in the final analysis, we need to trust the Lord.

Don't fight it, pray and accept God's call

How do reluctant leaders become confident achievers? They respond to God's call despite their feelings. What do you feel inclined to do for God?

- Teach a class?
- Go on a mission trip?
- Build an online ministry?
- Begin a community action ministry?
- Lead or support an existing church mission effort, such as Finance, Worship, Christian Ed, or Fellowship?

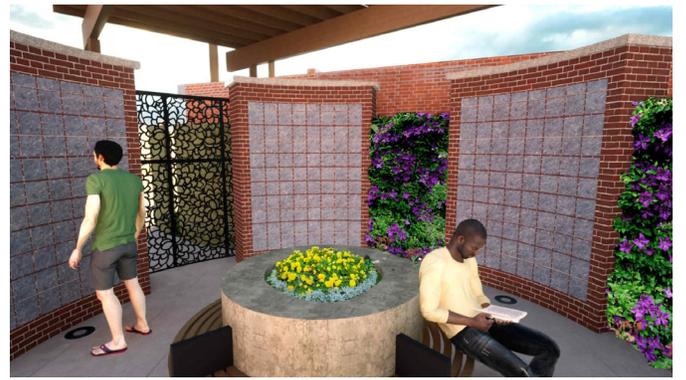
Whatever you feel your heart tugging to do, instead of sloughing it off, move in the direction of the call. The old saying is so true: "God can't steer a ship that isn't moving." Stop fighting the call and start moving.

In closing, and reflecting on our need to discern where God is calling us, we must have the confidence that God will be with us as we follow God's direction, and we need to reject our internal feelings of inadequacy in terms of who we are, what we have or have not done, or what our knowledge and skills may or may not include. God is calling. Are we ready to listen?

ERUCC COLUMBARIUM

Plans are proceeding with the architectural development of our new columbarium and memorial garden. Meetings are scheduled with the Frederick Planning Commission to review the design and scope of the project, before moving on to the Historic Preservation Commission for review. Assuming all things receive approval, we are moving forward with the sale of niches in order to fund the construction.

Those interested in securing their final resting place here at ERUCC should contact the committee by email at columbarium@erucc.org or calling the office at 301-662-2762.



Thomas Morris, Drexel University



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BE JOYFUL. BE KIND. GIVE THANKS.

DO GOOD. **Angela Brittain** ~ *Designer, Trinity Chimes*

BE THE LIGHT. ENCOURAGE OTHERS. C

Scott Harris ~ *Editor, Trinity Chimes*

photo courtesy Jenna Duranko



July-August

The Frederick Center is a 501c3 organization that serves the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities. Since its inception in 2012, The Frederick Center has grown into a well-respected organization advocating and supporting our community which now proudly bolsters over 500 program events each year. They are leaders in advocacy and education. They have an HIV test kit distribution program, and over eight support groups open to the public.



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.