



August 2022

# Trinity Chimes

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ  
Frederick, Maryland USA

There are seasons in our lives that are perplexing, concerning, and bewildering. There are seasons in our lives that are painful, grief-filled, and exhausting. There are seasons in our lives that are joy-filled, exciting, and beautiful. Like the seasons we experience in nature – where one day it is hot and muggy, the next cool and breezy – so it is in the seasons of our lives.

Over the past few weeks, several members of our congregation have faced the deaths of loved ones. We have found ourselves with unexpected hospitalizations and surgeries. Some of us are facing a change in our daily routine as we have retired or made changes in our employment. Some of us are preparing for a transition to an empty house as our children head off to college.

We know that change is inevitable; that the seasons come whether we want them to or not.

These changes can be bewildering and fearful. We wonder how we will go on. How will we live in this new season?

While those fears and questions do not leave us, we are not left alone to ponder them. Light breaks into those days. Hope arrives in unexpected ways. We laugh as we remember a loved one's life, even as tears flow from the pain of loss. We give thanks for being able to get to the hospital for that emergency surgery. As we help our young adults pack bags for their new lives, we recall those precious days when we watched them get their first tooth, learned how to ride a bike, and do all manner of silly things.

Over these weeks, I have seen again how our church community surrounds its members with hope and light. We make phone calls, send cards, make visits, and pray. We listen as stories are told. We are present as tears flow. We celebrate the seasons of life and remind each other of the impact these lives had on our lives and those of so many others.

The musical, *Rent*, tells the story of one year in the life of a group of bohemians struggling in modern-day East Village New York. They ponder life and how to make sense of what is happening around them. They ask questions about how to measure the value of life in the beautiful song, "Seasons of Love." "In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee, in laughter, in strife . . . How do you measure a year in life? How about love? Remember the love . . . Measure your life in seasons of love."

May we see and remember the love that surrounds us from God, family and friends, and our church community as we experience these seasons in our lives.

*Barbara*

Pastor Barbara Daniel



## WORSHIP NOTES: AUGUST

*Scripture notes from Seasons of the Spirit*

### AUGUST 7

Jesus calls us to lives of faith, being ever ready to participate in the reign of God. The teaching of Jesus in Luke 12:32-40 looks ahead to a new realm of God, urging us to prepare to eat at God's heavenly banquet table. Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (v. 1). Led by our ancestors and mentors in the faith, we are called to trust that God will provide.

*Today we will bless our 2022-23 Confirmation class, and their teachers and mentors and hold our annual blessing of the backpacks. We will also share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

### AUGUST 14

This morning we will hear about the nearness of God in Jeremiah 23:23-29. Our second reading from Psalm 82:1-8. Psalm 82 is a mythic drama, in which the sovereign God "takes his place in the divine council" of other eternal beings. In the midst of the gods, God calls out the leaders of the spiritual realm for injustice: In Luke 12:49-56, Jesus describes the costs of faithful discipleship in terms of divisions it may cause.

*The Rev. John Shillingburg will be leading worship.*

### AUGUST 21

God breaks into our world and shakes things up. Jeremiah 1:4-10 tells the story of the prophet's call. Luke 13:10-17 recounts Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. In one of the towns, he visits a synagogue and accepts an invitation to teach. There he sees a woman who has been unable to stand up straight for 18 years.

### AUGUST 28

In a letter to the Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, the author urges mutual love to be the basis of communal relationships, and particularly to remember those in prison and peril, welcoming strangers and doing good and sharing what they have, following Christ's example. Our Gospel lesson for this Sunday is Luke 14:1, 7-14. Dining at the house of a Pharisee, Jesus notes how the guests jockey for a good position at the table. This leads Jesus to teach the virtue of humility.

*Today we will be receiving new members into the life of the church.*

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**  
is on hiatus during August.

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION: AUGUST

### LET'S TALK

9:30-10:15 a.m. - Community Room

#### Honoring Creation:

*Reflection, Attention, Gratitude, Sustenance*

### AUGUST 7

**Reflection:** Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for spiritual centering, contemplation, and prayer. Entering the serpentine path of a labyrinth, you walk slowly while quieting your mind and focusing on a spiritual question or prayer. Led by Michelle Beadle, we will meet in the Community Room for a presentation about the history and mystery of labyrinth walking prior to walking the Trinity Chapel Labyrinth.

### AUGUST 14

**Attention:** Native plants create habitat and food for all types of wildlife from bees to bunnies. Join the Green Team for a walking tour of the patio and parking area to learn about some of our native plants and the roles they play in nature. We will also talk about future plans for more native plants. Meet on the patio behind the church at 9:30 a.m. to join the tour.

### AUGUST 21

**Gratitude:** Canning and preserving food is a great way to give thanks for a bountiful harvest. For many of us, the process of canning can seem intimidating and time-consuming but it is also rewarding. Matt and Holly Davis will share their tips and methods for safely preserving fruits and vegetables for the cold winter months ahead.

### AUGUST 28

**Sustenance:** An unpretentious guide to going vegan. There are a range of benefits for yourself and the planet—and getting started really isn't as hard as it may seem. Cut through the spin for honest answers from Scott Harris and Susan Kulp on the ins, outs, benefits, and challenges of the plant-based lifestyle.

*The Rhoads family thanks everyone for their cards and prayers at Michael's passing. Thanks also to those who helped in any way for the luncheon and visitation afterward, and I am so grateful for the support and love from the congregation.*

*Barbara*



## STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

### *Our Relationship to God - What is Stewardship?*

Christian stewardship calls us to manage our talents, our time, and our treasure so that we live our life abundantly as God has intended for us, making full and generous use of all that God has given us. In that way, our light shines out into the world, bringing light to others.

Our money is a tangible extension of ourselves. God does not so much call us to give our money as to give ourselves. Yet genuinely giving oneself often involves giving financially, as that is an extension of who we are.

The dictionary says stewardship essentially means management. As Christians, we are in charge of managing God's financial resources. If we view those resources as "mine," then we find it difficult to give money to advance God's ministries. If we see our money as God's resources, God's gift to us, we can much more easily and generously decide how much we are called to give to God's ministries through the church.

Stewardship becomes our response to God and an opportunity for God to enter into us filling us with God's love. Thoughts to consider:

- How is giving part of your relationship with God?
- How thoughtful are you in your choices for giving? Do they express your values?
- Is there anything you would like to change?

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

## Interested in Knowing More about ERUCC?

We are planning two opportunities to learn more about ERUCC, the United Church of Christ, and what it means to be a church member.

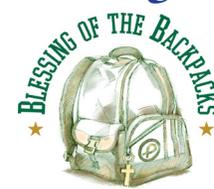
- Sunday, August 7 during fellowship in the Community Room. We will start at 11:45 a.m. and spend about an hour in conversation.
- Sunday, August 21 at 7 p.m. via Zoom  
<https://bit.ly/3BfNxxkW>  
Meeting ID: 824 9521 1145 Passcode: 343455

We will receive new members into the church on Sunday, August 28 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Thanks to our newer friends and guests for your participation in the life of ERUCC and for the joy you bring us.



Helping with the food pantry at First Congregational Church.

## Blessing of the Backpacks



Calling all students, teachers, bus drivers, school employees and administrators bring the tools of your trade for Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. service.

## Special Gifts Received

- In memory of Michael Rhoads
- In support of the Stewardship/Generosity Consecrating Stewards
- In support of our youth partnership with Germany
- In support of repairs and items needed for the work camp trailer

**Save The Date!**  
**Women's Retreat**  
**at ERUCC**

<b>10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>
DAY	MONTH	YEAR

One Day Women's Retreat  
from 8:30am-4:00pm in  
the Community Room at ERUCC

Please direct any question to Starr Scharberle



## GREEN TEAM NEWS

Three tires, one tire rim, several feet of plastic piping, one air filter, one large flower pot, one Halloween mask, and the remnants of one pinata. And those are just the highlights.

On July 16, volunteers from ERUCC helped remove that and 21 bags of garbage from the Monocacy River and the surrounding green space at Pinecliff Park in Frederick.

A total of 25 volunteers stopped by to roll up their sleeves to help clean the Monocacy, which flows into the Potomac River, which eventually empties into the Chesapeake Bay. Littering in a park has literal downstream consequences! Healthy waterways are critical for many reasons, and it's gratifying to leave a park noticeably cleaner than when you found it!

Making this all the more rewarding, this was the first cleanup that the Potomac Conservancy has ever hosted in Frederick County! Support from ERUCC ensured it was a success.



Special thanks to Linda Coyle, Albert Manus, Heather and Alan McCarty, Jeff Schaeberle, Melissa DuBoyce, Kathy and Bill Gourlie, Esther Ziegler, Emily and Abby Spear, Emily Melluso, and Joe and Quinn Adkins who all took time out of their busy Saturdays to join and do something good for this fragile Earth, our island home.

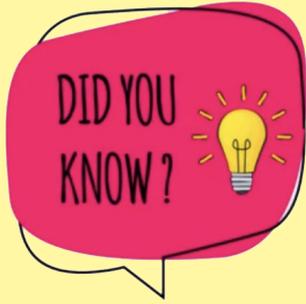


What trip to Memphis would be complete without a visit to see Elvis?



## August Birthdays

- 01** Martha Kline, Alyce Schmid, Katherine White
- 04** Cliff Barr, Christian Jansson, Ginny Peters, Kelly Spurrier
- 05** Dale Hevner, Caitlin Jones
- 06** Sydney Main
- 07** Mary A. Meyer
- 09** Sasha Hoffman
- 10** Marc Kline, Randy Kline
- 11** Cindy Duranko
- 12** Paige Coffey, Richard Leslie, Jeff Russell
- 13** Charles Curran
- 15** Laurel Nguyen-Powell
- 16** Don Perper, John Shillingburg, Esther Ziegler
- 17** Andrew McCarty
- 18** Isaac Pomeroy
- 22** Thomas Morris
- 23** Mark Daniel
- 24** Donna Logee
- 25** Jeannette Johnson
- 26** Carmen Conlon
- 27** Jared Huetting
- 28** Austin Bowen
- 29** Matthew Brunner
- 30** Michelle Flowers



## TWO MORE WAYS TO GIVE

*From the Stewardship and Generosity Committee*

This month we conclude our Ways to Give series, which was designed to help you consider the many choices available to you in your giving to ERUCC as part of your faith journey. ERUCC is grateful for your generosity and stewardship.

1. Gifting Appreciated Stock or Mutual Funds. This method is beneficial because the donor is not required to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated amount nor does the church. Please alert the treasurer, Rodney Martin, at [treasurer@erucc.org](mailto:treasurer@erucc.org) to arrange this form of gift.
2. Bequests. A bequest is a transfer of wealth that occurs upon the donor's death. It can be set up in your will so that designated assets are transferred to the church in accordance with your wishes. Other options include a charitable remainder trust or making ERUCC the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or IRA. Please alert the treasurer if you are planning to make ERUCC part of your estate planning.

Your gift makes a difference. Every gift is welcome. Thank you for your gifts.

*ERUCC does not give tax advice. We encourage to consult with your financial advisor for detailed information. Please contact the Treasurer, Rodney Martin, at [treasurer@erucc.org](mailto:treasurer@erucc.org) if you would like to have more information about any of these forms of giving.*

*Coming in September . . .*

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

What should contemporary Christians make of the last book in the New Testament? Greg Carey, Professor of New Testament at Lancaster Theological Seminary, offers an accessible guide to the Book of Revelation in his new book *Faithful and True-A Study Guide to the Book of Revelation*. Rather than translating the fantastic and metaphorical language of the first century, he invites us to learn what those first Christians were facing in their time and culture and use it to engage the urgent questions we face as Christians today.

September 7- October 26 - 2 p.m. (changed from 7 p.m.)

Books are available through the church office and the reading for each session will be about 10 pages long plus assigned passages in scripture. Led by Esther Ziegler in the North Conference Room.

## KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP NOVEMBER 12-19



Join us 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. It was organized in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and has supported rebuilding following all the major hurricanes since. Their clients are low-income, underinsured homeowners. The Fuller Center uses volunteer labor, grants, and donations to make its rebuilding efforts more affordable.

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Pastor Daniel [bkdaniel@erucc.org](mailto:bkdaniel@erucc.org) for more information.

All skill levels are welcome.

<https://www.facebook.com/FCHDisasterReBuilders>

## CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY!



### Saturday, August 6 8AM-4PM

Come and help with painting, cleaning, moving things, and who knows what. Owen York and members of the Property Committee will be on hand to organize and supervise your activities. These hours can count as service hours for school and or Scouts. Please contact Owen York, [owenjyork@gmail.com](mailto:owenjyork@gmail.com), 301-401-4947, if you can help.

# ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Help with School Supply Drive

Join Pastor Daniel at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as we sort through school supplies to be shared with young people attending schools in the City of Frederick. Come for an hour or two or the entire time. Please let Pastor Daniel know if you are able to come. This will count as service hours for school and/or Scouts.



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Clean-up Day at the Church - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come and help with painting, cleaning, moving things, and who knows what. Owen York and members of the Property Committee will be on hand to organize and supervise your activities. These hours can count as service hours for school and/or Scouts. Please contact Owen York, owenjork@gmail.com, 301-401-4947, if you can help.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

10:30 a.m. service – Dedication of the 2023 Confirmation Class

5:00 -7:00 p.m. Party (hosted by the Coffeys)

Plan to come this evening as we welcome the newest members of our youth group, plan for the coming year, and bless those youth heading off to college. The church will provide meat and drinks. We ask that you bring sides, salads, and desserts.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

6-7:30 p.m. Youth Group (at the church)

Healthy tools for a new school year with Dr. Alison Bomba.



Debbie delivering VBS donations of Gatorade to the Braddock Heights Fire Department. Firefighter Sean Sexton accepted the donation.



On July 12, the kids paid a visit to the Braddock Heights Fire Department. Sean Sexton gave us a tour until he had to jump in the ambulance and go for a call. Leaving with lights a sirens was very exciting for the children. L to R: Firefighter Sean Sexton, Abby, Aiden, Wyatt, Harry, Isaac, Sarafina, Bethany, Isabella, Gabby and Eleanor.

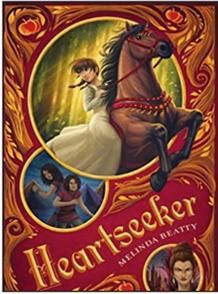


## ERUCC BOOK GROUP

(Contact Pam Shepp at [pam@vitalsources.com](mailto: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



### 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 novel about a girl who can see lies. Only Fallow was six harvests old when she realized that not everyone sees lies. For Only, seeing lies is as simple and 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.



### SEPTEMBER 27

**We Are Not Like Them**

by Christine Pride

Told from alternating perspectives, an evocative and riveting novel about the lifelong bond between two women, one Black and one white, whose friendship is indelibly altered by a tragic event—a powerful and poignant exploration of race in America today and its devastating impact on ordinary lives.

Jen and Riley have been best friends since kindergarten. As adults, they remain as close as sisters, though their lives have taken different directions. Jen married young, and after years of trying, is finally pregnant. Riley pursued her childhood dream of becoming a television journalist and is poised to become one of the first Black female anchors of the top news channel in their hometown of Philadelphia. But the deep bond they share is severely tested when Jen's husband, a city police officer, is involved in the shooting of an unarmed Black teenager.



The children and congregation were invited to lay hands on Kim Sexton during a blessing of thanks for her 20 years of service as the Associate for Children's Ministry.



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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.