



Trinity Chimes

September 2022

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ
Frederick, Maryland USA

We, the members of this congregation, seek to celebrate in word and deed the gospel of Jesus Christ, by nurturing spiritual growth through worship, study and prayer; by caring for one another as God cares for us; and by proclaiming God's love for all people as we work to help our neighbors near and far. We commit ourselves to develop and implement specific programs to fulfill our mission.

I am pleased to announce, on behalf of the Consistory, that we have selected Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads to serve full-time with ERUCC as Associate for Faith Formation and Parish Life. This position will plan strategies, implement annual work plans, and lead various components of the congregation's educational mission. Particularly, the position leads programs for pre-K to high school and adult educational and formative experiential learning, in collaboration with the Senior Pastor and volunteers. This leader will be the principal director of all parish life ministry for the congregation. Specific duties and responsibilities include:

- Plans and leads all components of the Faith Formation program including Sunday School for all ages, special events, activities, and other community-building efforts for the congregation
- Organize "God's Kids Club," for school-aged children, and Tiny Tots for pre-schoolers.
- Coordinate Monday Mess Hall – coordinating meals and some activities during choir practice
- Lead weekly Sunday Worship's "Thought for the Day"
- Lead periodic parent support groups and other parent-focused activities
- Develop special events, e.g., Christmas Eve children's service, Easter egg hunt, Vacation Bible School, etc.
- Recruit and train teachers for Sunday Christian education and Vacation Bible School
- Support the Christian Education Committee in selecting and acquiring curricula
- Organize multi-generational, congregation-wide activities, such as an annual picnic or other events
- In consultation with and under the direction of the Senior Pastor, represent ERUCC in the wider church and community organizations and events

Barbara

Pastor Barbara Daniel



Blessing of the Backpacks

WORSHIP NOTES: SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4

Our first lesson for this morning is Psalm 139:1-6 which speaks of a deeply intimate sense of an individual's relationship to God. In Luke 14:25-33, Jesus teaches about the costliness of discipleship and how the summons to follow calls for personal sacrifice and reshaped priorities.

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

SEPTEMBER 11 AND 18

There are 12 minor prophets in the Hebrew Bible, dubbed minor not because they lack significance but simply because the texts are considerably shorter than the major prophets such as Isaiah and Jeremiah. Most of the prophets conveyed a message or messages from God to the people concerning their behavior, most often idolatry. Two, however, were unhappy with God – Habakkuk, and Jonah. On September 11 and 18, we will hear about what they had to say in two sermons entitled Major Minor Messages. Come hear their complaints and God's responses.

SEPTEMBER 11

Today we will hear from the prophet Habakkuk 1:2-4, 13-14. The Gospel lesson is Luke 12:4-7.

The Rev. David Cooney will be preaching. Spirit will be singing. This morning we will also bless those leading Christian Education and Formation for the coming year.

SEPTEMBER 18

Today we will be hearing from the prophet Jonah 3:10-4:11 and reading from Matthew 5:43-48.

The Rev. David Cooney will be preaching. The Senior Choir will be singing.

SEPTEMBER 25

Today we will join in joyful praise for the gifts of music as we celebrate 40 years of Alison Shafer's ministry with ERUCC.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION: SEPTEMBER

LET'S TALK

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

SEPTEMBER 4 - CREATION JUSTICE



In these days of unrelenting bad news about the climate and super-charged partisan politics, we need some hope! Using *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe, we will explore how to stay hopeful, engage others and take action. Even if you don't have time to read the book, join us for the discussion led by members of the Green Team.

We will also be hosting the knitted Temperstry in years which shows the rise in temperatures from the years 1900 to 2018 and have a special musical performance representing climate change by David Howard on cello.



SEPTEMBER 11 - GENEROSITY

If there is one act that constantly surprises people, it's the act of generosity. When we are generous, both the recipient and the giver experience transformation. How have you been transformed by generosity? Come ready to hear and share stories of generosity and transformation in a discussion led by Members of the Stewardship/Generosity Committee.

SEPTEMBER 18 AND 25

Mary Magdalene Revisited: The Tower of Christianity

A recent re-study of ancient documents has turned up explosive findings about Mary Magdalene. Over two Sundays, two Scriptures will be studied, Luke 10:38-42, and John Chapters 11 and 12. No previous biblical expertise is required.

Resumes September 11

LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE with The Reverends John & Rebecca Shillingburg

The Church Gets Organized: A Brief history of Christianity from the 1st Century to the Middle Ages

North Room / Zoom - 9:00 – 10:20 a.m.

Zoom: bit.ly/3QSB77N Meeting ID: 833 1890 5798 Passcode: 891524

This class will resume meeting on September 11, both online and in the North Room, with an overview discussion of the history of the church from the 1st Century into the Middle Ages. On September 18 and 25, Let's Talk and Let's Study the Bible will combine for a discussion about Mary Magdalene led by Rev. Richard Leslie at 9:30 a.m. Then, a series on the parables of Jesus will begin on October 2 with more details to come.



Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

Associate for Faith Formation and Parish Life

Kirstin is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church. In the Methodist tradition, a deacon is defined as: An ordained clergy person who is called to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, and to equip and lead the laity in ministries of compassion, justice, and service in the world. In this capacity, he or she leads the church in relating the gathered community to their ministries, thus connecting the church's worship with its service in the world. A deacon has the authority to teach and proclaim God's Word, lead in worship, assist elders in the administration of the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, perform the marriage ceremony where state laws permit, and bury the dead.

Kirstin comes to us as an established leader with 25+ years of hospitality, community-building, leadership, and program development experience gained through ministry and service in a variety of local, regional, and international communities, churches, and organizations. She spent most of her adult life coordinating and leading ministry for children, youth, and families. She writes: "I feel called to be active in nurturing the lives and faith of young people through community, adventure, service, and nature. I am passionate about helping others to experience God's love for them and to begin to identify their own gifts and callings. I also enjoy developing a diverse and inclusive community that supports one another. I participate in intercultural work by creating educational opportunities, developing group covenants, inviting conversations and storytelling, and creating connections in our personal and collective journeys for advocacy and change. It is a most important value to me, both in my job and as a parent, that I help young people to know that God's love for them is abundant, available and filled with grace."

Most recently, Shrom-Rhoads has served as Director of Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center managing daily operations and program development, including the recruiting and training of staff and volunteers. Prior to this, she served as coordinator of Discipleship at Grandview United Methodist Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Director and Pastor of United Campus Ministry at Millersville University in Millersville, PA. From 2004-2011, she was the Director of Camp Otterbein in Logan, Ohio.

Her direct experience in Retreat Ministry spans many years. Much of it has been in director roles at United Methodist Camps in Maryland, Ohio, and North Carolina. She enjoys planning camps, retreats, and mission/service trips for multiple-sized groups with many different goals.

Shrom-Rhoads completed a Master of Group Counseling and Organizational Dynamics in 1999, a Master of Arts in Religion in 2016 from Lancaster Theological Seminary, and a Certification in Youth and Young Adult Ministry through the seminary in 2016, which culminated in a capstone project entitled, Group Prayer Practices in the Outdoors. She also completed a Certification in Camping and Retreat Ministry through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) in June 2017.

Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads is married to Jason Rhoads, and they are parents to two daughters, Emmy and Marley. She enjoys trail hiking and running, contemplative nature photography, and campfire cooking. They are glad to be staying in the area and love that they have the benefits of both the culture and community of Frederick and the beauty and recreation of the Appalachian Hills and surrounding rivers.

Kirstin will begin working with ERUCC part-time through September and then will be serving full-time.

FALL ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

—» TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

11:00 a.m. – Noon ~ North Room, ERUCC Parish House

September 6 – October 4 with Richard Leslie

North Room & Zoom: bit.ly/3TdUnOy Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398 Passcode: 973365

Embracing Spiritual Awakening Guide: Diana Butler Bass on the Dynamics of Experiential Faith

Best-selling author, speaker, scholar, and “cultural observer” Diana Butler Bass explores what Christianity may look like “beyond religion and beyond the church.” In this engaging and provocative study, Diana leads a small group of diverse adults, young adults, and youth in fascinating discussion of how, both culturally and spiritually, we are in the midst of another of history’s “great awakenings.”

Session Titles: Waking Up, Believing, Behaving, Belonging, Awakening

October 11 – November 22 with Pastor Daniel

Faithful & True: A Study Guide to the Book of Revelation

“What in the world are we to make of the dizzying array of grand and grotesque images ‘revealed’ to an early Christ-follower named John? Enter the expert scholar-teacher Greg Carey as the perfect docent through Revelation’s stunning gallery. Carey orients us to a ‘faithful and true’ focus on the ‘faithful and true’ Christ—a vital corrective to fanciful and false readings of Revelation that remain wildly popular.” (-F. Scott Spencer, author of *Salty Wives, Spirited Mothers, and Savvy Widows*)

What should modern readers make of the wildly fantastical Revelation to John? New Testament scholar Greg Carey offers an accessible guide to the daunting Book of Revelation, inviting us not to decode every symbol or tame every dragon, but rather to engage the urgent questions of power and loyalty.

—» WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

2 p.m. - North Room

September 7– October 26 with Esther Ziegler

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 & 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.

Books are available through the church office and the reading for each session will be about ten pages long plus assigned passages in scripture.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

(Beginning September 11)

8:30 – 9:15	Worship in Trinity Chapel
9:30 – noon	Nursery Care (nursery, ground floor, main building)
9:30 – 10:15	Adult Education Opportunities (main building) Let’s Talk and Let’s Study the Bible
9:30 – 10:10	Sunday School for Children (Trinity Chapel)
10:10 – 10:25	Children’s Music and Movement
10:30 – 11:30	Worship in main sanctuary
11:30 – Noon	Children and youth hand chimes rehearsal
11:30	Fellowship in the Community Room

Gifts Received

- ☞ In support of our youth partnership with Germany
- ☞ In support of flooding and other USA disasters
- ☞ In memory of Michael Rhoads
- ☞ In support of the school supply drive



GREEN TEAM NEWS

SEPTEMBER 4

Creation Justice Sunday: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. in the Community Room

Book discussion, climate change knitted tapestry, and cello music by David Howard!

SEPTEMBER 10 - Saturday - In The Streets - 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Visit members of the Green Team as we pair up with the Multifaith Alliance of Climate Stewards (MACS) and Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) at the In the Streets festival. We will be between 4th and 5th Streets in the **Go Green Block**.

SEPTEMBER 14 - Wednesday - 8-11:00 a.m. - Native Plant Planting Day

Come help us turn the plot of grass at the back of the parking lot into a native plant garden. Native plants help bring back biodiversity by providing flowers for pollinators, host plants for insects, and seeds and berries for birds. Bring work gloves and water. We can really use some help!

SEPTEMBER 18 - Sunday - 2-3:30 p.m. - Spiritual Walk - Catoctin Furnace

Enjoy the beauty of the Catoctin Mountains and reflect on the lives of the people who lived and worked at Catoctin Furnace. We will visit the furnace and follow the trail to the slave cemetery. Meet in the Cunningham Falls Manor parking to walk across the iron bridge to the Catoctin Furnaces area. If you prefer not to do the steps on the bridge, you can park at the Catoctin Furnace parking and meet up with us around 2:30. Take 15 North from Frederick towards Thurmont.

SEPTEMBER 28 - Wednesday 7-8:30 p.m. - Electrify Everything Presentation

The Multifaith Alliance of Climate Stewards of Frederick County (MACS) urges a rapid transition to clean, renewable energy to curb greenhouse gas emissions and restore health and economic stability. The MACS *Wire Up and Ready to Go* presentation includes:

- Why electrifying everything matters
- How to power your life with clean, renewable energy
- Which incentives and rebates apply to you
- Resources to get you started



Kudos to the Green Team

For transforming a weedy rocky strip of land along the back parking lot onto a beautiful, native species pollinator garden.

2022-2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

On August 7, ERUCC blessed the youth, teachers, and mentors of the 2022-2023 Confirmation Class. Please remember this group of youth and adults as they embark on a year of international study, service, and community.



Confirmands: Quynn Adkins, Eli Baker, Peyton Bowen, Lucas Nguyen-Powell, Ruby Riley, Katie Zander, and Max Zander

Teachers: Jim Weitz, Maria Lagrotteria, Kathryn King

Mentors: Trish Coffey, Jim Brittain, Dawn Lagrotteria, Bud Rossig, Linda Coyle, Peter Brehm, and Betsy Selby



from the
**Director of
MUSIC**

The **SENIOR CHOIR** is a traditional choir that sings most Sundays at the 10:30 a.m. service. Their four-part anthems range from classical style, to spiritual, to more contemporary pieces. Our choir plays a key role in leading hymns and sung responses during the worship services. They rehearse Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m. and on Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you enjoy traditional music and can sing in four-part arrangements, the Senior

Choir is the place for you.

SPIRIT, our contemporary Christian singing group, leads the 10:30 a.m. worship service once a month, and rehearses at 9:30 a.m. the morning of leading worship. If contemporary music is more your style, then Spirit is a good place for you.

If you are interested in joining either group, please leave a message for Alison E. Shafer, Director of Music, at the church office at 301-662-2762.



Children's Music and Movement

ERUCC has a long history of providing various music-related opportunities for children and youth. While these opportunities may change over time depending on the needs and desires of the congregation, the goals remain the same — for children and youth to enrich ERUCC worship by performing musical selections, build self-confidence and leadership skills, and develop an appreciation for music and its importance in worship and prayer.

On September 11, we will kick off the year for children and youth music activities. Children's Music and Movement will rehearse each Sunday morning from 10:10-10:25 in Trinity Chapel. During this time children will get to explore a variety of musical styles including the use of rhythm instruments, hand chimes, expression through movement, and vocal choirs. We will also hold Cambridge handbell choir rehearsals each Sunday morning from 11:30-12:00 in the Flora Conference Room. Both groups are open to participants in Pre-K through high school. We will be singing or playing in church at least monthly and children of all ages are invited to join us in singing a quick song verse following the Thought for the Day each Sunday.

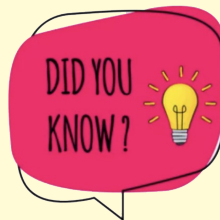
We look forward to these new, exciting opportunities and hope you will join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Trish Coffey at 301-455-8720 or trishcoffey195@gmail.com or Kelly Esslinger at 484-707-3233 or kellbell.erucc@gmail.com.



September Birthdays

02 Doug Brunner, Karly Johnson, Ben Mercier **03** Darlene Brunner, Teddy Wenner **04** Michelle Clapp, Darryl Glick, Claire Kershner **05** Rachel Ford **07** Beth Bowen, George Hodges Sr. **08** Bennett Baker, Sedonia Martin **10** Pat Hanberry **11** Felecia Bishop **12** Karen Woodward **13** John Clapp, Mary Jane Wachter **15** Betsy Fisher, Pauline Marendt **17** Edward Garrett, Debbie Gohegan **18** Skylar Njoya **19** Kim Sexton, Brian Wenner **23** Katherine Penick **24** Bill Prescott, Suzanne Schmidt **25** Natalie Perper



Do You Know

What your Stewardship and Generosity Team is up to this year?

We are getting ready for our new Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program!

Coming This October!

Over the past two and a half years of the Pandemic, we have focused on the many **Faces of Love** and **Acts of Love** members and friends of ERUCC experienced and expressed toward others. They have held us together in community and enabled the church's work and mission to thrive. Now, we are ready for something new and celebratory!

Consecration Sunday is a spiritual growth-oriented stewardship education program based on responding joyfully and faithfully to God's love for us. You will hear more about it as we move toward October. We are looking forward to participating in this program together!

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. Your financial support sustains the church in its mission to embody Christ's love in action. Your gift makes a difference!

One awesome day - ERUCC Community Room

Save the date

October 29

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Contact Starr Schaeberle at starr.schaeberle@comcast.net for more information.



Pastor Barbara reassures children about their fears about starting school.



The Reverend Rebecca Shillingburg offers the Thought of the Day.

Why the Church has Been Important to My Family

As shared by Marc Kline at the 8:30 a.m. service on July 24

My name is Marc Kline, I currently serve as an elder, personnel committee, and chair of the Spiritual Council. I have served as a deacon, property committee, and other small committees in the past. My wife, Renae and I have been a member of ERUCC for approximately 21 years. We transferred from Christ's Reformed in Hagerstown when we relocated to Frederick, MD in 2001. We had our first child, Ethan in 2002 and our daughter in 2005. I wanted to share why ERUCC is important to our family. When we joined in 2001, it was prior to the tragedies of 9/11. This would be our first encounter with how ERUCC serves as a rock for our community. I recall the shock and uncertainty that had overcome our community and ERUCC had opened its doors to come in and pray. It was a place of comfort and solitude. This would be a prelude to our experience.

My early years didn't have a heavy emphasis on organized religion, but it was encouraged by my grandparents, Gerald and Phyllis Warren. My grandparents were my religious mentors. When I lived with them while attending college, my spirituality only grew. My grandparents were always leaders within the church including property committee, consistory president, and other lay leadership roles.

I share this because when Renae and I came to ERUCC at the urging of Rev. Stevenson, we weren't sure what to expect or what we were looking for in a church. I suspect and feel that we were led to ERUCC. What we found was a welcoming church. I recall our first time visiting and Reverend Wenner was having a talk with a puppet of Jesus. I also recall Beanie saying that "That He doesn't always do this." We met near and dear friends in that first couple of months who are still here today and are still a part of our lives. We found a church community and family.

When I think of our experience at ERUCC, I would say it's like home. Home is where you go to be with friends and family, where you can be yourself, and where you are most comfortable even on your worst day. When you walk through those doors, you are always greeted with a smile and a "how are you." If you have kids, everyone asks how your kids are doing even when your kids are adults.

I would say a majority of our time at ERUCC was with

kids and interacting with other parents, German exchanges which included spending time in Germany as well as hosting German guests, Franklinton center mission trips, mission work in Fredrick, fighting for causes on the front steps, hosting families in our community room and just simply hanging out at multiple church functions is just a sampling of the many opportunities that ERUCC offers to further create a bond within the church.

What I want to especially share with you is that in addition to great sermons, great singing, and great children's programming, ultimately it is the many interactions that I have with friends that rejuvenate my soul. Whether it's driving down to Franklinton Center to do pre-work for our annual trip with the youth, having dinner in the community room as my children practice bells, working on the bathroom floor, or planting shrubs and flowers for the garden, it's the people that I am thankful to call friends that is the most rewarding. Sunday mornings are like family reunions and that is such a blessing. That is what renews my energy and excitement for the future.

So, I have talked a lot about what ERUCC has done for my family but how did ERUCC do this? I learned early on that if you want to get something out of it, you must put something into it. If you want to scale a mountain, you must start with the first step and then the next step. Seems easy but there are a lot of people who can't make that first step. I was one of those people but once I took the first step, it was easy. Serving as a deacon introduced me to Cathie Duncan, who was an awesome teacher and great mentor. When I was asked to participate in the Franklinton Center trip, I was put in charge of repairing a wheelchair-accessible ramp. While that intimidated me and my skill level, Milt Crutchley had complete confidence that I could handle it and I am thankful for his guidance and trust. You see, I had a lot of firsts, and I will continue to have many firsts here but those opportunities are callings. It's God calling us to serve and I am thankful that I answered.

I would like to leave you with these final thoughts. I am forever grateful for my church family and how that has enriched my life but it was that first step that was the most difficult. Don't be afraid to make that first step and if you slip and fall, it's fine because your church family will be there to offer you a hand.

ERUCC FINANCE REPORT - JULY 2022

Our church is blessed with members and friends with tremendous generosity.

Thank you!

As stated at the Annual Congregational Meeting, the Finance Committee committed to keeping you informed of the financial state of our church. The following information is based on financial reports through July 31, 2022.

ERUCC Finances as of 31-July 2022				
	Jan - Jul 2022	Budget	Over(Under)	% of Budget
Envelopes & Offering	\$ 268,196.00	\$ 316,513.00	\$ (48,317.00)	84.7%
Plate	\$ 894.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 30.00	103.5%
Building Use	\$ 29,112.00	\$ 11,666.00	\$ 17,446.00	249.5%
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 1,000.00			
Property Donations	\$ 45.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ (37,955.00)	0.1%
Mortgage Assistance	\$ 39,629.00	\$ 33,250.00	\$ 6,379.00	119.2%
Investment Income	\$ 141,470.00	\$ 139,096.00	\$ 2,374.00	101.7%
Total Income	\$ 480,346.00	\$ 539,389.00	\$ (59,043.00)	89.1%
Total Expenses	\$ 532,549.00	\$ 726,041.00	\$ (193,492.00)	73.3%
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (52,203.00)	\$ (186,652.00)	\$ 134,449.00	28.0%

As you can see, our direct donations through envelopes and offering is behind our projected/budgeted amount. However, building use and mortgage assistance are both ahead. On the expense side we are under what we projected to have incurred so that is good news as we work to keep expenses under control.

We apologize for the delay in sending the mid-year individual giving statements, which were emailed or mailed on Wednesday, August 24. Please consider completing your financial commitment to the work and ministry of ERUCC.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the Treasurer at treasurer@erucc.org or Finance Chair at financeChair@erucc.org.

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



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.

ERUCC YOUTH SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - YOUTH GROUP OLYMPICS

Fun and games as we get to know each other and build community in our youth group for the coming year. Thanks to Trish Coffey for organizing this again.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - 6-7:30 p.m. - YOUTH GROUP

Local Elections are Important, too!

Sarah Matthews from the League of Women Voters will join us this evening to discuss local elections making a difference and the need for young people to be involved in the democratic process. We'll work on some projects to help get out the vote. We might even write some postcards to voters!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7-8 - CONFIRMATION RETREAT

OCTOBER 14-23

Visit of our German Friends from Langerwehe and Inden.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Monday, September 26 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

GOD'S KIDS CLUB

(And anyone else who would like to join us)

A day off from school is a great time to do something fun with your church friends. We will gather at 9 a.m. in the Community Room to see what the Bible has to say about animals. Then we will travel to the the Foxie G Foundation farm (<https://thefoxiegfoundation.org>) where we will learn about how they care for retired race horses as well as cats and other creatures. At this hands-on farm, the kids (and adults!) will be able to groom the horses and feed all of the animals treats!

Bring a bag lunch and make sure you wear shoes that can get muddy.

Many thanks to Angela Brittain who has been planning this day with Pastor Daniel.

Please sign up with Pastor Daniel – bkdaniel@erucc.org– if you are interested in going. We will need adults to help with transportation and supervision.



KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP NOVEMBER 12-19



ERUCC members and friends will travel 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. The group was formed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and has supported rebuilding after all major hurricanes since. Their clients homeowners are low-income and underinsured. The Fuller Center uses volunteer labor to make rebuilding more affordable and is financed from donations and grants.

On December 10, 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.

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 let 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 so do not hesitate to consider this opportunity.

GERMAN VISITORS FROM INDEN AND LANGERWEHE

The Rev. Daniel Mueller-Thor will lead a group of 20 youth and adults to Frederick October 14-23. We are still working on the program and will have details soon.

If you are interested in hosting for this event and available to participate in activities, please let Pastor Daniel know.

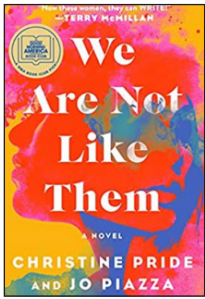


ERUCC BOOK GROUP

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

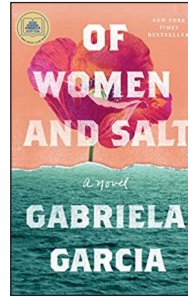
The group meets in the Liz Coffey Room at 7:00 p.m. with Zoom option.

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



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.



OCTOBER 25 *Of Women and Salt* by Gabriela Garcia

In present-day Miami, Jeanette is battling addiction. Daughter of Carmen, a Cuban immigrant, she is determined to learn more about her family history from her reticent mother and makes the snap decision to take in the daughter of a neighbor detained by ICE. Carmen, still wrestling with the trauma of displacement, must process her difficult relationship with her own mother while trying to raise a wayward Jeanette.



The ERUCC book group enjoyed an evening with local author Melinda Beatty. Thank you, Pam Shepp, for making the arrangements.



This year marks 10 years since my diagnosis of late-stage ovarian cancer. While I am incredibly grateful to be healthy, I can't help but think of all the women who have not been as fortunate, who struggle with or have lost their life to this terrible disease. My passion for the cause remains strong. The Frederick teal community has now merged with the Annapolis Chapter to form the Central Maryland Market and we will be walking on Sunday October 9 at the Annapolis Mall.

This year my team, **Cathie's Warriors**, will walk in memory of all the women we have lost, particularly my dear friend Debra Sapcarui, who was the co-chair of the Frederick Chapter.

Please help support Cathie's Warriors for 2022 Together in TEAL® to raise awareness and funds for the NOCC and support our mission. Together we can imagine a world where no woman ever loses her life to ovarian cancer.

To donate go to:
<https://togetherinteal.donordrive.com/participant/23786>

Thank you for your support
Cathie Duncan





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