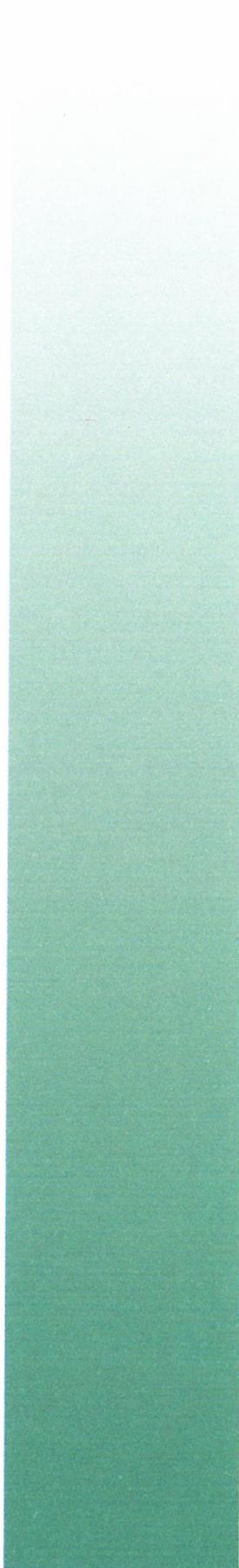


Surprising Investment



Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

For Children: We have trained nursery staff (paid nursery attendant as well as adult volunteers) for ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor outside of the Community Room. (Accessible by the stairs from the Church Street Entrance or via the elevator). Children ages 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are located in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table.

Hymn selections can be found in the black hymnals in the pew racks or printed in the bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshiping with us. At this time, we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates for offering will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you.

We ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

There is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: www.erucc.org.

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September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal
*All who are able may stand

Chimes Concert at 10:00 am from Trinity Chapel's steeple

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision*

- SLANE, arr. P. Manz

***Call to Worship**

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and praise God with music and song.

***Opening Prayer**

**Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise
and the forms in which to express it, we praise you.**

**Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again
at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others,
vision to reveal the future already in being, we praise you.**

**Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work
embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our
resurrection song, we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** *Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped*

#22

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -
mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joi - ce— or - gan and
sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly
notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.
al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?
strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.
keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Anthem *Child of God*

- M. A. Miller
Senior Choir

Thought for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*Hymn *To You, O God, All Creatures Sing*

#17

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system is marked 'Unison' and contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system is marked '(Harmony)' and contains the next four lines. The third system is marked '(Harmony)' and contains the next four lines. The fourth system is marked '(Unison)' and contains the final line of the hymn.

Unison

1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the
3 Your flow - ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery

(Harmony) *(Unison)*

thing sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold-en
sky sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a
hear, sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun-ti - ful and
way, sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant

(Harmony)

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais-es,
song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais-es, al-le -
bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais-es,
flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais-es,

(Unison)

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Scripture

Psalm 148

OT page 582

Colossians 3:12-17

NT page 201

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Morning Prayers

Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

Offertory *O God beyond All Praising*

- Holst, arr. D. Forrest
Senior Choir

Honoring of 40 Years of Music Ministry of Alison E. Shafer

*Closing Hymn *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

#561



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole cre -
men - sion in the world of sound, As wor - ship moved us to a
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, Borne wit - ness to the truth in
joice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to



a - tion cried: Al - le - lu - ia!
more pro - found Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - ery tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing al - ways:

Al - le - lu - ia!

***Benediction**

May the blessing of God,
the giver of every good and perfect gift;
and of Christ, who summons us to service;
and of the Holy Spirit, who inspires generosity and love,
be with us all.

Amen.

***Sevenfold Amen**

#814

Postlude *Exultate*
(please be seated)

- D. Gawthrop



The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Suzanne and Walter Schmid from the Schmid Family.

The yellow rose bud is presented by Peter Brehm and Jack Day.

Attendance Last Sunday: 15 at 8:30 am, 95 at 10:30 am, and 52 online.

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Today: September 25, 2022

Scripture Reader: Glenn Wallace
Deacons: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle
Elder: Peter Brehm
Greeters: Kathleen Goebel, Felecia Bishop
Sue Pinner
Welcome: Pat Condo
Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker
Larry Martin
Fellowship: Starr Schaeberle, Peter Brehm
Kelly Esslinger
Saturday Chimer: Dick Williams
Sunday Chimer: Kelly Esslinger

Next Week: October 2, 2022

Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Tyler L. York
Green Team
Trish Coffey
Trish Coffey

FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for fellowship in the Community Room after worship to chat with friends, welcome our visitors, and enjoy a time of refreshment.

The Community Room, located on the 1st floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

EVANGELICAL REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CELEBRATES THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF ALISON E. SHAFER

Alison Shafer, daughter of C. Robert and the late Gloria Shafer, grew up near Sharpsburg, Maryland. At age eight, Alison began piano studies and, at age ten, organ studies with Marilyn Gorgodian of Boonsboro. By the time she was 12, she had become accomplished enough to play for weddings and funerals. In high school she continued her organ studies with C. Randall Williams of Hagerstown, and at fourteen, she began playing for morning worship services at her home church, Christ Reformed United Church of Christ, and for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Sharpsburg, where she served throughout her high school years.

Alison attended Hood College, where she began studying organ with William Sprigg in 1978. She graduated in 1982 with a degree in Church Music and Religious Education.

During her time at Hood, Alison served as Organist for Hood Chapel services, accompanied several choral groups and played for musical theater productions. She has continued to express her love for musical theater as the Musical Director for hundreds of local and regional theatrical productions and has also become a sought-after accompanist for high school and middle school choral presentations and competitions.

One of the highlights of Alison's musical career was working with then Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to create a video of Madeleine singing and dancing to "Thanks for the Memories" for the 2000 ASEAN meeting.

In August of 1982 Alison began her career at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ. As Emeritus Pastor Fred Wenner said in the letter originally offering Alison this job, "Thank you for responding so graciously to our invitation to audition. We are grateful for the opportunity to meet you and learn of your great musical ability." For the past forty years, Alison has faithfully served as Director of Music at ERUCC.

Grace and ability -- those two words might be ones that those who have worked with Alison would choose to describe her. While her organ playing and her direction of the Senior Choir might be her most widely recognized contributions at ERUCC, Alison has been active in Musical Theater and the Arts community in Frederick and beyond for all of her adult life. All of these groups have benefited from her ability to understand the intention of composers and lyricists, and to help her students, choir members and thespians become better musicians. Her grace under pressure is also deeply appreciated by those who sing and act under her direction. Even when you make a mistake halfway through a number, Alison can find you and get you gracefully to the end of the piece. That is a talent that all singers treasure in an accompanist.

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ is grateful for the many and varied contributions that Alison has made and continues to make to the life of this church and to the community.

Thank you for joining us in this celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week - World Communion Sunday

This morning we celebrate World Communion Sunday. This day is observed in many parts of the world to acknowledge the fact that Christians around the world are symbolically gathered around a common table.

2 Timothy 1: 1-7 opens with thanksgiving for the faith of Timothy and for those who have helped to form the faith of this young leader of the church. In the Gospel lesson, Luke 17: 5-10, Jesus speaks to his disciples about forgiveness and faith, concluding with a parable about dutiful servants.

Holy Communion will be served at the chancel rail. The Senior Choir will be singing.

HOSPITAL AND PRAYER LIST

Your pastor wants to be available when members of ERUCC are in the hospital. Please let us know so that we can visit with you and your family and provide support. We always ask permission before adding a name to be included in the prayer list or in the verbal announcements on a Sunday morning. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Barbara Rhoads, Barbara and Wayne Kolb (friends of Stefan and Judi Mach and Tony and Linda LaFianza), Sean Sexton, Darryl Glick, John Ewing (grandfather of Tyler York), Conway Barnes (brother-in-law of George and Linda Kline), The Family of Heather Krystofiak (friend of Laura Rhoderick), Mary Jean Thiele (friend of Mary Boswell), Mary Ellen Baker, Pat Hevner, David Cooney, Jeannette Johnson, Starr Schaeberle, Nancy Tordoff (mother of Kim Sexton), Jackie Keyser (sister-in-law of Betsy and Phil Selby), Tamara Tamas, Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley), Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz), Paige Coffey, Jane Doll, Westin (great nephew of Sandy Gray & Danielle Carbone), Peggy Githerman, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle), Bonnie Devilbiss, Maria Csiba (mother of Tamara Tamas), The McCarty family, Tina Prescott (daughter in law of Barbara and Bill Prescott), Mary Remsberg, Heleen (sister of Karin Mens), Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser), Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield), Ann and Cal Theiss (parents of Katharine Alley), Debra Reedy (friend of Jean Fish and Barb Biser).

Peggy Githerman
208 Center St
Frederick MD 21701

Mary Ellen Baker
634 Schley Ave
Frederick MD 21702

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Sally Rosser Hodges, who passed away on September 19.

Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

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

North Room / Zoom

9:00 – 10:20 am

Zoom: bit.ly/3QSB77N

Meeting ID: 833 1890 5798

Passcode: 891524

Today, *Let's Talk* and *Let's Study the Bible* combine for a discussion about Mary Magdalene led by Rev. Richard Leslie at 9:15 am. Then, a series on the parables of Jesus will begin on October 2:

He told them a parable ... Whenever we hear this in a reading from the gospels, be prepared to **DUCK!** While they may appear to be simple stories telling a moral, there's often a lot more going on in the parables. And Jesus' real meaning may be at odds with the simple moral we have heard so many times. Join us as we delve into these enigmatic stories told by Jesus ... stories that often left even the disciples scratching their heads in confusion.

LET'S TALK

North Room / Zoom

9:15 – 10:15 am

Zoom: bit.ly/3QSB77N

Meeting ID: 833 1890 5798

Passcode: 891524

Today: 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 required. Led by The Rev. Richard Leslie, Let's Talk these weeks will be offered both online and in the North Room

Next Week: When Teaching a Man to Fish Isn't Enough. We all know the old adage: "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime." But does he though? The Mission and Social Action Committee invites you to join this discussion about how we as disciples of Christ are called to do the work of compassion and justice in a complex world. By identifying root causes of suffering and celebrating the power of partnerships to meet the demands of our day, we advance God's Kingdom promises.



This Week at ERUCC

YOUTH GROUP: LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT, TOO!

Sunday, September 25

Community Room

6:00 – 7:30 pm



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!

GOD'S KIDS CLUB *(And anyone else who would like to join us)*

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

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

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

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, September 27

Liz Coffey Room / Zoom

7:00 pm

Zoom: bit.ly/ER0821

Meeting ID: 824 9521 1145

Passcode: 343455

We Are Not Like Them by Christine Pride. Read a book synopsis in the September Trinity Chimes at bit.ly/Sep22Chimes.

GREEN TEAM: ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING PRESENTATION

Wednesday, September 28

Community Room

7:00 – 8:30 pm

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



MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION: HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 1

Carroll Creek Linear Park

9:30 am – 5:30 pm



ERUCC has a unique opportunity on October 1 to bring the Good News of God's love and hospitality to the Hispanic community of Frederick County by hosting a table at the Hispanic Heritage Festival taking place along Carroll Creek from 12:00 – 5:00 pm.

We join in the Festival to celebrate that members of the Hispanic community have chosen to make Frederick County their home and to affirm our desire as a community of faith to partner with them, individually and as a community, on our shared journey.

But in order to share this message, we need volunteers to staff the ERUCC table. You are simply asked to greet and offer passersby warmth and welcome. You don't need to know Spanish; kindness and authenticity defy language barriers. God will provide miracles if we provide the space.

Please let Michelle Beadle know at 240-426-3186 or pastorbeadle@gmail.com if you can fill one or more of these slots or some variation of a slot:

- 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
- 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Please prayerfully consider these volunteer needs and know that you are **WELCOME** and **ENCOURAGED** to recruit a friend or two to help.

Upcoming at ERUCC

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES NEXT WEEK



Neighbors in Need: Donations support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy, and direct service projects supported by Justice and Local Church Ministries.

Mortgage Assistance: On the first Sunday of each month, we have a special opportunity for giving towards Mortgage Assistance. Donations fund ERUCC's mortgages with the Fisher Fund and FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, payments on which are about \$153,000/year

AARCH WALKING TOUR

Explore the history of the southern section of Frederick from the African American perspective

Sunday, October 9 **AARCH Heritage Center, 125 E All Saints St** **2:00 pm**

Join a 60–90-minute walking tour as an African American Resources Cultural and Heritage Society (AARCH) tour guide takes us on an informative exploration of local history on All Saints Street and the surrounding area. Learn about the cultural and historical importance of the neighborhood that was the center of the African American community up until the early 1960s. We will meet at the AARCH Heritage Center, 125 East All Saints St, to begin the tour.

There is a 15-person limit. **RSVP** to erucc@erucc.org.
A donation of \$7 is suggested and can be paid to ERUCC.

TUESDAY'S WITH TED

Tuesday, October 11

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Join a group on Zoom hosted by Pastor Daniel to listen to and discuss the TED Talk by **Elizabeth Gilbert: *Your elusive creative genius***.

Elizabeth Gilbert muses on the impossible things we expect from artists and geniuses -- and shares the radical idea that, instead of the rare person "being" a genius, all of us "have" a genius. It's a funny, personal, and surprisingly moving talk.

To join via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3erWnj1> Meeting ID: 923 9891 8264 Passcode: 313735

CHIMES LEARNING AND SERVICE GROUP

Thursday, October 13

North Room

11:00 am

At this meeting of the Chimes Group, our speaker will be from SHIP, the Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership of Frederick County, to share information on how they provide critical resources and urgent services for Frederick youth experiencing homelessness. All are welcome to attend.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS COMING

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship and Generosity Committee has selected the *Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, October 30, we are asking our attendees and members, in person and online, to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

You will not receive an *Estimate of Giving Card* in the mail before Consecration Sunday. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team, Consistory members, and committee chairs. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Peter Brehm
President, ERUCC Consistory

GERMAN VISITORS FROM INDEN AND LANGERWEHE **October 14 – 23**

The Rev. Daniel Mueller-Thor will be leading 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 and available to participate in activities, please let Pastor Daniel know.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Perfect Rough Edges: Per'-fect or Per-fect' led by Pastor Daniel and Karen Justice

Saturday, October 29

Community Room

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Although we often think otherwise, sometimes our rough edges are perfect. After all, the rough edges of diamonds cut through hard objects. Sometimes, however, we need God's help to perfect our rough edges. As we tumble through life and we glue our broken pieces back together, we are constantly transforming our rough edges.

Join us for a day of discussions about our expectations, acceptance and artistic adaptations for transforming the rough edges of our lives. While we won't achieve perfect, we'll learn to perfect the lives God has given us.

Light breakfast to be served at 8:30 am. Program will begin promptly at 9 am. Lunch from Firestones will be provided. A \$10 donation for meals is requested.

RSVP to erucc@erucc.org by October 24.

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

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 the major hurricanes since. Their client homeowners are low-income and underinsured. The Fuller Center uses volunteers to make rebuilding more affordable and are 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 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 so do not hesitate to consider this opportunity.



Additional Announcements

TOGETHER IN TEAL: ENDING OVARIAN CANCER



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 Sapcaru, 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 National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 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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Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with The Rev. Richard Leslie

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

Tuesdays, September 6 – October 4 North Room / Zoom 11:00 am – Noon

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

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 study, Diana leads a discussion of how, both culturally and spiritually, we are in the midst of another of history's "great awakenings." Come at 10:30 am to view the companion video if unable to watch at home.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with The Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel

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

Tuesdays, October 11 – November 22 North Room / Zoom 11:00 am – Noon

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

"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 AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY with The Rev. Esther Ziegler

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

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26 North Room 2:00 – 3:00 pm

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 to use it to engage the urgent questions of power and loyalty we face as Christians today. Books are available through the church office and the reading for each session will be about 10 pages long plus assigned passages in scripture.

Opportunities to Use Your Gifts at ERUCC

FELLOWSHIP

Consider helping with Fellowship! Helping with fellowship can be as easy as helping set up before worship, helping to serve during Fellowship after service, or bringing a special treat to share.

Contact Laura Rhoderick or Starr Schaeberle, or sign up to share your gifts of hospitality at bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship.

EVENT HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT



Please consider giving your time as we extend ERUCC's hospitality to the community of people using our spaces for their milestone life events, business meetings, and community gatherings. In supporting at these events, you are helping to fulfill our mission to do good work in Frederick and beyond. Many opportunities to serve in this ministry may only involve a few hours of your time and are often very fulfilling to support.

To help with upcoming events, contact Pastor Daniel or the church office, 301.662.2762, events@erucc.org, or sign up online: bit.ly/ERUCC_events_help.

AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM

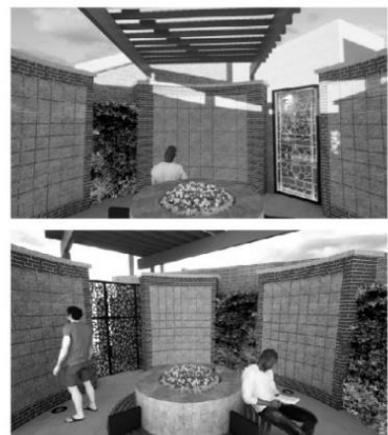
We are looking for volunteers to join our AV team. No special skills or experience is required. We rotate duty Sundays so you don't need to be there every Sunday. We each typically work about 2 Sundays each month. Schedules are set 3 months at a time, and we work together to cover shifts when someone's plans change. There are three people there each Sunday so you will always be with someone experienced. We will provide training on both audio and video consoles. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Schaeberle, jeff@erucc.org. You are also welcome to come up to the balcony on any Sunday to observe and learn more.

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.

\$10,000 Top-tier Leadership niche (12"x12")

\$5,000 Standard niche (8"x8")

Each niche accommodates two urns.



Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 – 9:15 am	Worship , Trinity Chapel
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Nursery Care , Main Building
9:30 – 10:15 am	Adult Education , Main Building <i>Let's Talk (9:30 am) and Let's Study the Bible (9:00 am)</i>
9:30 – 10:10 am	Children's Sunday School , Trinity Chapel <i>K – 6th Grade</i>
10:10 – 10:25 am	Children's Music & Movement , Trinity Chapel <i>Pre-K through high school</i>
10:30 – 11:30 am	Worship , Main Sanctuary
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal , Flora Room <i>Pre-K through high school</i>
11:30 am	Fellowship , Community Room

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

STAY INFORMED

Read our Trinity Chimes monthly newsletter for more information about ERUCC activities, opportunities, and updates. You can find the Trinity Chimes in the back of the sanctuary and online at bit.ly/Sep22Chimes.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, Thursday Thoughts, or Trinity Chimes, please send to erucc@erucc.org.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage

Pastor Barbara, Ken, Joe, David, and Paulette completed their pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago.



¡Buen Camino!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Surprising Investment American Indian Ministry Sunday United Samoan Ministries Stewardship Sunday

Matou te faatalofa atu ai i le Suafa Pele o Iesu Keriso le Alii ma le Faaola!

We greet you in the Beloved name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

“In 1999 General Synod declared a “Partnership in Mission and Ministry” with the Congregational Christian Church in American Samoa (CCCAS) as a way of acknowledging the deepening relationship between the two churches and the rapid growth of Samoan congregations in the United States.

Today, there are more than 60 congregations of the CCCAS in Hawaii, Alaska, California, Washington and Oregon. Many of them related to the UCC through our regional Conferences and local Associations. The partnership seeks to strengthen the ministry of these congregations and the mission of both churches.

In many places, Samoan congregations are actively involved in the life and leadership of UCC Associations. Many UCC clergy and lay leaders have immersed themselves in the life of Samoan communities and have traveled to American Samoa to learn more about its unique and ancient culture.” *1

“The United Samoan Ministries of the UCC is established to provide a setting for members of Samoan congregations to gather for fellowship, spiritual nurturing, mutual support, and communications and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. Providing Resources for all faith communities and promote/teaching and maintaining Samoan Culture and Language; promote Ecumenical partnerships, and proclaiming the proclamation of Open and Affirming, and leading in Justice and Peace for ALL.

Samoan Communities residing within the Mainland, Alaska and Hawaii and those who are in Diaspora throughout the world.” *2

If you are a member of a Samoan congregation, today is a day to celebrate your connection with the wider United Church of Christ. If you are a member of a church that has limited contact with your Samoan brothers and sisters, today is a good day to learn more about how you can be in intentional conversation and relationship with a Samoan Congregation.

*1 - https://www.ucc.org/ecumenical_america-samoa/

*2 - <https://unitedsamoanminist.wixsite.com/>



8 1/2" x 14" UCC SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE