



# Trinity Chimes

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ  
Frederick, Maryland USA

February 2023

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.

February 1, 2023

The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a season for everything under heaven. As we enter the new year, you and I will be in a new season of transition and discernment.

I give thanks for my sixteen and a half years as your pastor and all that we have shared and experienced together. I am also grateful that I can anticipate a new season where I can spend more time with my family and friends.

Together, we will be in transition, and we will trust the guiding, calling voice of God in our lives more than ever.

As I said in my sermon on January 8, I will always see you as beloved children of God. And while I will not be serving as your pastor after June 4, I will never stop seeing you as God's beloved community here in Frederick.

I will hold this congregation and all of you in prayer. I know that new challenges and opportunities will spring forth — for ERUCC and for me — and God will be with us both all along the way.

*Barbara*

# February Worship Notes

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

### *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

In Matthew 5:13-2, Jesus tells us that we are salt and light as we seek to live as God's people in the world. With the Spirit's help, we offer our gifts and talents to extend the reach of God's realm. With Isaiah 58:1-12, we learn what it means to "practice righteousness" to restore beauty in community as we live out the heart of our faith.

*The Senior Choir will be singing. Communion will be served to you in the pews.*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

### *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

In Matthew 5:21-37, Jesus helps us take another look at some commandments to discover what is at the heart of the law — love of God and love of neighbor. God's people are urged to choose to act in life-giving ways in Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and I Corinthians 3:1-9. As we work together to live into the vision of God's reign, we can be assured that it is God who gives the growth.

*Spirit will be singing.*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

### *Last Sunday After Epiphany/Transfiguration Sunday*

Today's readings seem to be an exclamation point on Jesus' teachings about God's realm in the Sermon on the Mount. In a place of sacred mystery, the shining and shadow of Jesus' transfiguration convey holy presence in the community of God's people across time. In this place of silence and witness, Jesus' followers catch a glimpse of God's dazzling reign in Matthew 17:1-9. Exodus 24:12-18 tells of Moses ascending Mount Sinai. God's glory meets Moses there in shadow and light.

*The Senior Choir will be singing.*

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 22



**seeking:**  
*Is this the fast  
that I choose?*

### **Noon at Trinity Chapel**

*A time of Fellowship and Lunch will follow the service*

### **7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary**

*Services will include the Imposition of Ashes  
and Holy Communion*

## Sunday, February 26

### **The First Sunday in Lent**

**Matthew 4:1-11 | Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7**



**seeking:**  
*Who will you  
listen to?*

Seeking the fruit of the garden, Adam and Eve allow the snake's manipulative voice to become louder than God's voice. In the wilderness, Jesus defies the deception of the tempter by listening intuitively—to God, to his inner moral compass, to the teachings of his faith. And so, who will you listen to? What sources do you seek for news, information, and media? Whose voices—and what messages—take up too much space in your head? We are invited to choose carefully within the onslaught of messaging we receive.

*The Senior Choir will be singing.*



**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith

## LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Noon services every  
Wednesday  
February 22 - April 5

The scripture lessons for this Lent offer us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, he approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, he heals a man born without sight. In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, and mystery grows.

This Lenten series is founded on questions. Many of our weekly questions feel restorative (“Can these bones live?”). Some feel like a charge or challenge (“Who will you listen to?”). Some questions are hopeful and curious (“How do we begin again?”). Our questions won’t necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, a more expansive grace.

Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, and balance. We seek our calling, the sacred, and how to live as a disciple. Throughout the turbulence of the past few years, many of us are asking big questions about our lives and our faith. If you are returning to church, you are probably returning with more questions and a critical lens.

The hope is that the series will help us unpack some of those big questions in ways that are honest and faithful. Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking? This Lent, we invite you to engage in the spiritual practice of seeking. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble. We hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives. We pray that these questions will create a safe space to explore—to be drawn more deeply into the fullness of life, into the heart of God.

## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES Wednesdays March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5

Noon - 12:15 p.m.  
Service of Prayer in Trinity Chapel  
12:15 - 1 p.m.  
Lunch and Bible Study Reflection

### ***A Time to Grow:***

### ***Lenten Lessons from the Garden to the Table***

From Eden to Gethsemane to the garden in which Jesus was buried and raised, our story of faith wanders through much fertile soil. But in our current world of fast food and to-go meals, we often do not make time to explore where our food comes from and how we break bread together. Journeying through the season of Lent with this in mind, *A Time to Grow* encourage us to slow down, move through the painstaking process of growth, and end together with great feasting and celebration of the resurrection. Themes of soil, water, light, time, fasting, feasting, and more guide the way from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. We will explore the intricacies of how faith is required to produce food and how that faith can lead us all to feast at the table on Easter morning.

March 1	Order	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-17; Luke 4:1-13
March 8	Life	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Mark 8:31-38
March 15	Water	Psalm 63:1-8; John 4:5-42
March 22	Light	I Samuel 16:1-13; John 3:14-21
March 29	Restoration	Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45
April 5	Time	Luke 19:29-40; Luke 22:66-23:56

### **Lenten Series Artwork:**





# Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Daniel

**NORTH ROOM & ZOOM 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

Zoom: [bit.ly/3TdUnOy](https://bit.ly/3TdUnOy) Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398 Passcode: 973365

## THROUGH FEBRUARY 21

*The Difficult Words of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine

Jesus provided his disciples teachings for how to follow Torah, God's word; he told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature; he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult. He instructs disciples to hate members of their own families (Luke 14:26), to act as if they were slaves (Matthew 20:27), and to sell their belongings and give to the poor (Luke 18:22). He restricts his mission (Matthew 10:6); he speaks of damnation (Matthew 8:12); he calls Jews the devil's children (John 8:44).

In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.

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| February 7  | Nowhere Among the Gentiles |
| February 14 | Outer Darkness             |
| February 21 | Your Father the Devil      |

## FEBRUARY 28 - APRIL 4

*Entering into the Passion of Christ* by Amy-Jill Levine

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for significant loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in a victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the Temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and challenges.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

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| February 28 | Jerusalem: Risking Reputation                |
| March 7     | The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger          |
| March 14    | Teachings: Risking Challenge                 |
| March 21    | The First Dinner: Risking Rejection          |
| March 28    | The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends |

## Let's Study the Bible

### Foundational Stories of the Old Testament . . . in Order!

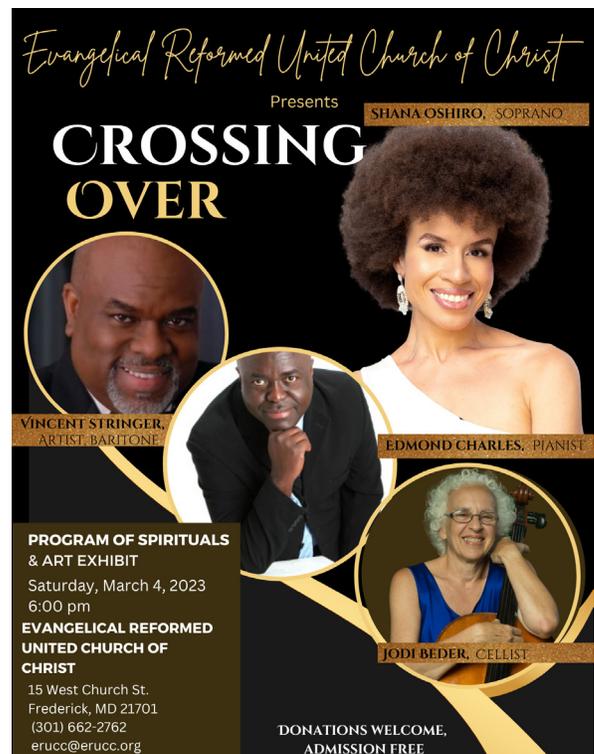
The Exile ... and the Exodus ... is that one event with two names ... or two events all together? And if they are different, which came first? Was Daniel in the lion's den because Joseph put him there?

If you have ever pondered questions like these, join the Let's Study the Bible class beginning on January 8 for an 8-week (or so) survey of the big stories of the Old Testament in the order they occurred. We meet Sunday mornings from 9-10:15 a.m. You can participate in person in the North Room or by Zoom.

No prior experience needed; just bring your Bible!

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/ERSunstudy>

ID: 893 8670 5888 Passcode: 327128



Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ  
Presents **SHANA OSHIRO, SOPRANO**

# CROSSING OVER

**VINCENT STRINGER, ARTIST BARIitone**  
**EDMOND CHARLES, PIANIST**  
**JODI BEDER, CELLIST**

**PROGRAM OF SPIRITUALS & ART EXHIBIT**  
Saturday, March 4, 2023  
6:00 pm

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# Coffee and Conversation

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## Friends and Fellowship

**Sunday @ 9:30-10:15 a.m in the Community Room**  
Life is busy. Sometimes we all need time to decompress. Come to the Community Room to grab some coffee or tea and chat. This is an opportunity to relax, meet new friends, and catch up with old ones.

## The Parent's Place

**Sunday @ 9:30-10:25 a.m.**  
**Trinity Chapel West Classroom**  
The kids are in Sunday School, and you have a moment to chill. We are offering a new space for parents to gather in Trinity Chapel. It's a good time to relax and talk with other parents. Please drop in and check it out. Coffee and snacks will be provided but if you love your Sunday morning Starbucks, stop by afterward. The West Classroom is located to the right as you enter the Trinity Chapel sanctuary.

# YOUTH GROUP

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, February 11 • 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.**  
**Sub Preparation and Sale**  
This is one of our major fundraisers for summer trips and activities.

**Friday-Saturday, February 10-11**  
**Confirmation Overnight**

**Sunday, February 26** ~ Fun Activity

**Friday, March 31-Saturday, April 1**  
**Overnight at the Church**  
6 p.m. Bread baking and movie night at the church. We'll bake bread to sell for a fundraiser and make some for communion as well. Hopefully, we'll also do some planning for Youth Sunday.

**Thursday - Saturday, April 13-15**  
**Bethany Beach**  
*(This is the end of Spring Break for FCPS)*

# ERUCC YOUTH GROUP

# SUB SALE



8" of deliciousness

**\$9**

This special fundraising event is a long-time favorite and we have brought it back again this year. These mouthwatering 8" submarine sandwiches are lovingly made by our ERUCC Youth Group and available just in time for the Super Bowl!

*Proceeds from this fundraiser will help offset costs for the Youth Group's planned mission and service-related projects throughout the year.*

**Sandwiches will be available for pick up on Saturday, February 11 between 10:30-11 a.m. or on Sunday, February 12 following church services.**

Our youth will have paper order forms which may be used to place your order or you may do so online using the digital form available through the QR code or the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/230165489847165>



# In Thanks

## Fisher Fund Support for ERUCC Missions

When Mary Starr Fisher died in the late 1970s, her last will and testament established a trust – the Fisher Fund—with a requirement that all its dividends and interest be distributed annually to the Senior Pastor of ERUCC for the Senior Pastor’s subsequent use. These funds have historically been spent partly to help underwrite the Pastor’s housing costs, with the balance supporting a range of large and small activities supporting one of ERUCC’s missions or helping make these missions more joyful. On this, Fisher Funds have been used for many of these years to support the Lancaster Seminary and the Central Atlantic Conference Clergy Fund.

In 2022—43 years after her trust was established—in addition to helping underwrite the Senior Pastor’s housing costs, Mrs. Fisher’s legacy supported:

- \$20,000 to Lancaster Seminary
- \$3,000 in Lebanon Humanitarian Relief
- \$2500 for the Camino Walk costs (*participants paid the other approximately 75%*)
- \$3,500 for Franklinton Center materials costs
- \$33,000 for expenses associated with hosting our German partners in July and October

Numerous smaller expenditures, including payment for banners for worship, cards, gifts, support for Alison’s 40th-anniversary celebration, honoraria for the consultant working with the Consistory on long-range planning, new website design work, funds to support stewardship/generosity events, and other manifestations of ERUCC’s commitment to living out our values of extravagant welcome and gratitude.

*Thank you (again!), Mrs. Fisher, for your foresight and support of ERUCC’s Senior Pastor and our missions!*

## Notes of Gratitude from our Mission Partners



### Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs

*ERUCC donated a gift of \$2,291.67*

We appreciate your generosity!

For more than four decades, The Religious Coalition has been serving Frederick County residents in need. The coalition works to guide our neighbors in crisis from despair to hope. We offer the county’s two largest emergency shelter programs, financial rental assistance, energy assistance, prescription, and dental assistance, and support with security deposits.

Through your act of generosity, you are helping people whose lives are being impacted by poverty and homelessness. Your support makes our work possible.



### Lancaster Theological Seminary (LTS)

*ERUCC donated a gift of \$20,000*

**Lancaster**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

On behalf of the entire LTS community, thank you for the continued generosity from ERUCC! The impact of the church’s giving has made an indelible mark on the LTS campus.

Lancaster Theological Seminary students seek to serve God, the church, and their communities. Your partnership and generosity make it possible for them to answer God’s calling, lead others, and grow in their ministry.

Your congregation’s lifetime support of LTS is extraordinary. Today and every day, you have our most profound appreciation.

You are among the best and brightest in our community.



You've probably heard the saying, "Build it, and they will come." Our version of that saying is, "Plant it, and they will come!" And who are we expecting? Butterflies, bees, and birds! Though we don't have ample green space, we are doing our best to increase biodiversity in downtown Frederick. The green team has been talking about planting native plants for two years, and we are making it happen!

On a brisk January morning, Brenda Hedges and Linda Coyle went to the landfill and got a load of free mulch in Brenda's cute red truck. Back at ERUCC, they were met by Scott Harris, Susan Kulp, Terry Logee, Cliff Barr, and Jaci Clayton, who went to work unloading it. The area beyond the parking lot was covered with cardboard and then topped with mulch. Within thirty minutes, the work was done. Many hands make light work!

This mulch project was done in preparation for planting native perennial plants this spring. Stay tuned for more news about how you can help this work in progress!



### SPEAKING UP FAITHFULLY FOR CREATION

The legislative season has begun. The Maryland legislature is back in session. Frederick County has a new executive director who is focused on climate change issues. Frederick City is considering a plastic bag ban. There's a lot to take in! But we are a Creation Justice Church, and there are times when we need to speak up faithfully for the Earth and its inhabitants. To make sense of the barrage of information, we rely on trusted partners to prioritize where to put our advocacy energy.

Here are the top three pieces of legislation that our faith partners, Interfaith Power and Light and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake, have identified for the 2023 Maryland legislation.

- Maryland the Beautiful Act: Preserve 30 percent of Maryland's land and water by 2030
- Community Solar: Make the Community Solar Pilot Program permanent, bringing accessible solar power to Marylanders and signaling Maryland's commitment to solar power.
- EmPOWER Reform: Ease the transition from gas appliances to electric, particularly in low-income homes, and reduce greenhouse gases.

Throughout the winter and spring, we will share more information and steps we can take as individuals and as a faith community to advocate for our common home!

## What Are You Looking For?

John 1:29-42

*Why am I here? Is this the life I was meant to lead? Am I good enough? I live a comfortable, successful life; why, then, am I not satisfied? How can I work so hard and still struggle?*

You may have asked yourself one or more of these questions or a similar question along your life journey.

These questions, fueled by fear, doubt, curiosity, and wonder, are often the catalyst of a search process in our lives. They can initiate a time of discovery, discernment, and hopefully growth, appreciation, and purpose.

On the second Sunday after Epiphany, we read from the Gospel according to John about Jesus' first disciples. We learn that after John the Baptist revealed Jesus' identity as the Son of God, Andrew and a second disciple literally trail behind Jesus in search of something.

When Jesus saw Andrew and the other disciple following him, he asked an intriguing question, "What are you looking for?"

### What do you seek? What do you long for?

Jesus' question is an invitation to deeply consider why we are here. What is it we want out of life? What is it we want to put into life?

His question reaches into the depths of our hearts, from those places within us that quietly call us to be who and how God made us to be.

Answering Jesus' question surely requires a high degree of clarity and awareness. Or perhaps it just requires a little bit of hope.

Andrew and the other disciple answer Jesus with an intriguing question of their own: "Where are you staying?"

They're not interested in knowing where Jesus is spending the night; they're looking for where Jesus abides, where he is present. Just as we must today, they yearn to know where Jesus, the Lamb of God, is present in their lives.

In our present-day lives, though, we all too frequently find answers to our questions about life from the world's voice. We decide we need that next promotion, and

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# High Tea and Prayer Bead Making

February 19 • 3-5 p.m.

Most Christians are familiar with the Catholic rosary. Many other religions, from Buddhism to Islam, use prayer beads, too. In the 1980s, an Episcopal priest developed a different strand of beads. The strand has four “cruciform” beads, which can represent the four canonical gospels, and between each of the cruciform, there are seven beads to form a “week.”



You are invited to come and make your own set of prayer beads to use during the Lenten season and beyond. All materials will be provided along with a set of Celtic Christian prayers.

Adding to the experience, we will share high tea with tea sandwiches and various kinds of tea.

For more information, contact Pastor Daniel.

## February Birthdays

01 Maria Lagrotteria, 02 Julie Clark, Natalie Vetter  
03 Patricia Garst, 04 Isabella Fisher, 06 Phil Selby  
08 Matt Huetting, 09 Kathy Johnston  
10 Jim Brittain, Justin Chappell, Abbie Niehoff  
11 Mary Remsberg, Mark Ulrich  
12 Veronica Beadle, David Cooney, Ed Hoffman  
13 Quynn Adkins, 14 Emily Spear  
15 Quinn Coffey, 16 Eli Baker, Colin Gohegan  
18 Chuck Baldree  
19 Kenneth Grim, Jeanellen Kallevang, Thomasa Pomeroy  
20 Kendall Johnson, 21 Cathy Gannon, Suzanne Marsh  
22 Mark Brown, Barbara Rhoads  
23 Peter Brehm, Susan Kulp,  
Michael Poole  
24 Mary Ellen Baker  
25 Kate McDermott  
25 Jim Weitz,  
27 Adam McCarty  
28 Alec Pain,  
29 E. Barbara Barry



## ERUCC Scholarship Opportunities

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

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

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

Scholarship applications are available through the Church Office for new applicants: (301) 662-2762 or [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org).

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

Any further questions can be directed to Sandra Trout, chair of the Scholarship Committee, at [troutsandra@aol.com](mailto:troutsandra@aol.com).

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everything will be fine. We think if we get one more graduate degree, we'll be able to accomplish something truly remarkable. We switch out the throw pillows or buy a new rug and think our malaise will finally subside.

We are convinced these answers are the ones we were searching for. After all, the world's voice is enticing and is purposefully designed to grab our attention. But it only distracts us from diving deeper into Jesus' question, "What are you looking for?"

But if we can ask just as the disciples did, "Where are you staying," and listen to God's still-speaking voice, we open ourselves up to discover Jesus' dwelling place in every aspect of our lives, to know what God has placed on our hearts and whom we are called to be.

## Come and see

And the good news is that Jesus is ready to show us. "Come and see" he says, inviting us to see where he is present in our lives and to abide with him regardless of who we are or where we are on life's journey.

The invitation to come and see is an invitation to be in a relationship with God.

Come and see is also an invitation we are called to extend to others. Come and see; come discover who you are. Come and see that you are a beloved child of God.

We can do what Jesus did. We can invite people to be in relationship with him and with God. We can welcome and affirm all people as children of God. We can love with Jesus' generous love and be there to journey alongside one another as we discover who we really are – God's beloved children.

~ Tyler L. York

Chair, Stewardship/Generosity Committee

## Chimes Service and Learning Group

Meets Thursday, February 9 at 11 a.m. in the North Meeting Room.



## ERUCC Book List for 2023

2023 Book Group Coordinators:

Susan Kulp and Rebecca Shillingburg

The ERUCC Book group meets bi-monthly at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in the Liz Coffey Room with a virtual option at <https://bit.ly/3COiXfl>

Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574 Passcode: 226669

### MARCH 28

*In the Shadow of the Mountain: A Memoir of Courage*  
by Silvia Vasquez-Lavado

The author overcame childhood sexual abuse, alcoholism, homophobia, and the glass ceiling of Silicon Valley when she started climbing. This took her to Mt. Everest, where she took other female survivors of trauma with her. "The risk and sheer size of the mountains and death's proximity woke her up." The book has been described as "page-turning, pulse-raising" and the experience as "hair-raising, nerve-racking and always challenging." The book also offers moments of peace, joy, and healing.

**May 23** *Recitatif* by Toni Morrison

**July 25** *Still Life* by Louise Penny

**September 26** *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

**November 28** *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

### USE OF THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

This is a gentle reminder about the use of the church parking lot. On Sunday mornings, we ask that our spaces be used for those who need to use the elevator or have mobility challenges.

During the week, if you attend an ERUCC event or function, please feel free to use the spaces.

If you are coming downtown to do business or enjoy the restaurants and want to park behind the church, please call the church office at 301-662-2762. We have many church activities, meetings, and community groups using space in our buildings. Priority is given to church activities and promises we have made to those using the space.

# From Rev. Kirstin

## February Family Play Dates!

### God's Kid's Club Families

**FEBRUARY 4, 4-6 p.m.** (Saturday)

**Snow Tubing at Liberty Mountain:** Cost is \$10 per person—a pretty good deal with the church covering the balance of the cost! There are two different hills. The hill for kids under 42 inches requires parental supervision. Parents who come and do not plan to ride on tubes will not have to pay for a ticket. If you want to come and go on a tube yourself, you can pay for a ticket and ride on both hills. Kids 42" and taller can go on either hill. If they go on the smaller hill, they, too, must be supervised. Look for details about signing up!

### Tiny Tots Families

**FEBRUARY 25, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the Nursery.**

Making Coffee Filter Snowflakes, balloon play, coffee, and conversation! This is for parents/caregivers with kids younger than kindergarten and their children to join other families with young children. RSVP to Kirstin by Wednesday, February 22. [ksrhoads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrhoads@erucc.org).



## We Want Your Buttons!

For our February 20th craft, we are collecting any of your random buttons, beads, pins, ribbon, pipe cleaners, cardboard-style egg cartons, mismatched puzzle or game pieces, and even silverware. We'll be making artistic creations from

what you might consider things for the junk drawer. Bring to the church office and mark "Kid's Club."

## Children's Ministry Wish List

Other items on our wish list, besides buttons, include

- Someone to make a portable Gaga Pit
- Foosball Table
- Two volleyballs
- Donations toward bins for our new resource room which are \$10 each.
- Donations towards Background screenings that were not budgeted this calendar year (\$16 each)

## God's Kids Club Day Off School!

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20** will be our next School Day at Church! We'll partner with the Kids Creation Care Team to make **Pinecone birdfeeders**. Sign up in the Community Room during Fellowship or email Pastor Kirstin, [ksrhoads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrhoads@erucc.org).

We'll also have other options to challenge your creative minds.

- Bring with you 1-2 solid color t-shirts, pillowcases, etc, for **bleach-dying art**. This will work with any solid color except white.
- Our church family will contribute buttons and other "trash to treasure" items that you can use to create your own masterpiece. Egg cartons can become 3D animals, and beads and buttons can become a seascape.
- You can create candles by either dipping them or reusing an orange peel.
- We'll **recycle puzzles** too! After putting together a puzzle, we'll paint it a base color, then you can make your own design for a brand-new toy that you can take home to play with or gift to a friend!
- We'll transform last year's palms into ash for Ash Wednesday with Pastor Daniel.
- We wrap up with a game of Bird-Bingo and *The Lorax*!



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

## Souper Bowl Sunday Offering

On this day, the Youth of ERUCC will join a nationwide youth movement to collect resources to tackle hunger. Our youth will be collecting monetary gifts in big soup pots following the service on **Sunday, February 12**. We will also be in the parking lot until 1 p.m. to receive your drive-by gifts. All monetary donations and food will be given to the Frederick Food Bank.

## NURSERY INFORMATION

Sherry Murray has so blessed us as our Nursery Caregiver. She had her last Sunday with us on January 29 as a staff member, though she may show up some weeks as a volunteer too. We enjoyed time with her after the service on the 29th and gave her notes of appreciation from many families.

The position has been posted since Mid-January and will be open until we hire someone new. The personnel committee and parents have been involved in the position description and interviews.

We expect to staff our nursery with volunteers until someone is hired. Please see Kirstin to sign up. Participation in Safe Church training and a background check are necessary to volunteer in the nursery.

### Position Description

Our nursery attendant provides a safe and caring environment for the infants and children entrusted to their care on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. They will also be asked to provide care during two congregational meetings a year. The Nursery Attendant must have previous experience working with infants and children up to age 3 and must agree to a criminal background check screening. The physical stamina to interact with toddlers and commitment to follow the Policies for Working with Children and Youth established by the congregation are essential requirements of the position. This position is a mandated reporter under Maryland Law.

The nursery attendant will be present from 9 a.m. until noon on all Sundays they are scheduled to work. The Associate Pastor should be notified as soon as possible if the attendant cannot be present on a given Sunday. Safe Church policies should be followed at all times. A volunteer will also be present to assist.

Interested persons will complete an application and provide a resume and two references. If asked for an interview, we will contact references. We will respond to all applicants. To receive a more complete job description and application, or ask any questions, email Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads at [ksrhoads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrhoads@erucc.org).

### Background Screenings for Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers

Our background screenings are up and running! We have contracted with Praesidium, a partner of our insurance company, to do both employment and volunteer checks. This is the same company used previously. A person can complete a check on their computer by asking Kirstin or Tyler to send an email to them. You need to have Adobe Reader to sign the request. OR a ½ sheet permission form can be completed with your identifying details and Kirstin can type these into the search directly. We currently have 20 people who have completed their checks, and we continue to complete others. These checks will be done every 2-3 years, as per the current best practice. The church is covering the cost of these checks. However, we had not anticipated them in this year's budget so if you would like to donate toward them this year, it will be helpful! Contact Pastor Kirstin at [ksrhoads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrhoads@erucc.org) if you have questions or desire to do your Background Check/Screening differently.



## Sunday School Kids to Host Valentine's Theme Fellowship on February 12

Instead of going to Sunday school, our grade 3-6 class will meet in the Community Room for a Valentine's Theme Set-Up. The PK-2nd grade will join them after church to serve snacks and help with clean-up. Please consider donating valentine's candy, Valentine's colored M&Ms, two boxes of Rice Krispie treats, two bags of mini-marshmallows, sliced cheese, red/pink/white/purple streamers, balloons, paper heart doilies, or boxes of Valentine cards! Please confirm donations and bring to church by Friday, February 10.



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## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:15	Worship in Trinity Chapel
9:30 – Noon	Nursery Care (nursery, ground floor, main building)
9:30 – 10:15	Adult Education (main building) Let's Study the Bible (9 a.m.)
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



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