

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

**F**or 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.

**H**ymn 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 worshipping 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.

**W**e 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.

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**T**here is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

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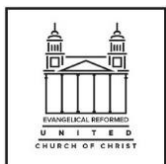
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**EVANGELICAL REFORMED**  
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April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

10:30 am



**seeking:**  
*Who are you  
looking for?*

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

**Prelude** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* – LLANFAIR, arr. J. Biery  
Cathy Fronck, trumpet; Jeff Baker, trombone

## Greetings

**Prelude** *Hymn to Joy* – Beethoven, arr. L. Larson

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair.

**All: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Leader: Praise God, who gathers up the fragments left by human violence and creates new possibilities.

**All: Christ is risen!**

Leader: Christ has risen indeed.

**\*Hymn of Adoration** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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## \*Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Christ is with us.

**All: Christ is in our midst.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: We rejoice, mighty God, that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead. We praise you and glorify your name. New life blossoms where dead hopes were buried. Today, the world is made new. Be known among us in resurrection power; through Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior.**



*Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57**Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.*

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

## **\*Confession of Sin**

Leader: Easter morning takes us by surprise, awakening us to the doubt and despair that have been rooted in our lives. Let us, then, confess our sin to God. If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high, we are nowhere to be found.

**All: God forgive.**

Leader: If, at times, we wash our hands of responsibility:

**All: God forgive.**

Leader: If, at times, we cast our lot with powerful oppressors and seek to buy freedom with silver:

**All: God forgive.**

Leader: If, at times, fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from believing it:

**All: God forgive. In the bright light of Easter, our sin is exposed, but your grace is revealed. Cover us by your grace and renew us at the table of the risen Christ, that we might reflect his love and magnify his saving power now made manifest in the splendour of resurrection! Amen.**

## **\*Assurance of Pardon**

*Alleluia* (from Exsultate, Jubilate, K. 165)

– Mozart, arr. K. Harley

## **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.**

*Children of all ages are invited to participate in the service today.*

*Junior Church for children ages 5 through 5th grade will resume April 16.*

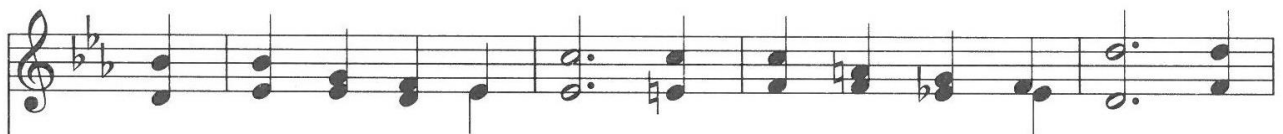
*A book nook with children's programs, books, crayons, and activities is in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table and a wiggle space is available in the front of the sanctuary near the baptismal font*



1 Crown with your rich - est crowns the Lamb up - on the throne;  
2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.  
3 Crown Christ the truth, the life who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
4 Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep - tre sways  
5 Crown Christ who holds the years, em - brac - ing space and time,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
Look past the peak of Cal - vary's road to Christ the glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife, this fal - len world to save.  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:  
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you, And  
The sun that lights the sky is pale be - fore that sight. At  
Christ's glo - ries now we sing, Christ's name we mag - ni - fy, Who  
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wound-ed feet a  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For you have died for me; Your



to your ris - en Sav - ior bring your thanks for life made new.  
prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
fra - grant gar - den shall ex - tend for - ev - er green and sweet.  
praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

**The Scripture**

Acts 10:34-43

NT page 129

Matthew 28:1-10

NT page 33

**Sermon**

**Prayers of the People**

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

Offertory *On the Third Day*

– A. Pote  
Senior Choir, Handbells, Brass

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Accept these gifts we offer, O God.**

**May they help to proclaim your Easter message to all people,  
a message of peace and hope,  
a message of unconditional love for all people,  
a message of forgiveness and new life. Amen.**

## – SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –

### Invitation

Leader: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

### Communion Prayer

Leader: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body."

Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history and we say boldly what we believe:

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other and in all for whom Christ died.

**All: Amen.**

## **Breaking Bread and Lifting the Cup**

### **Resurrection Acclamation**

Leader: Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one.

**All: I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!**

### **Sharing the Bread and Cup**

*This morning you will be served communion as you are seated in the pews. Please hold the bread until all have been served and the pastor extends the invitation for all to eat. Please hold the cup of grape juice until all have been served and the pastor extends the invitation for all to drink. In this way, we can commune together.*



**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn *Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven***

tune – HYFRYDOL

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
Jesus on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled;  
But the crucified Redeemer now is risen from the dead!**

**Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;  
Glorious life, and life immortal on this holy Easter morn;  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by God's liberating deed;  
Now the Christ with us abiding to eternal life shall lead.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of your face;  
That we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel hands be gathered, and be yours eternally.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the God of joy;  
Alleluia to the Savior who came death's bonds to destroy;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude *This Joyful Eastertide***

– VRUECHTEN, arr. R.H. Haan

– EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS –

**In Memory of**

- ✿ Sam and Peggy Maples by Allen, Joan, and Larry Maples
- ✿ Larry and Lois Schwin by Allen, Joan, and Larry Maples
- ✿ Sally Day by Peter Brehm and Jack Day
- ✿ Stephen Weislogel by Peter Brehm and Jack Day
- ✿ Richard H. Brehm III by Peter Brehm and Jack Day
- ✿ Dale and John Schaeberle by Jeff and Starr Schaeberle and family
- ✿ Dawn and Roger Williams by Starr and Jeff Schaeberle and family
- ✿ Blaine Hoffmann by Ken and Anne Hoffmann
- ✿ Kevin Hoffmann by Ken and Anne Hoffman
- ✿ Ann Theiss by Katharine Alley and Peter Alley
- ✿ Victor and LaRue Daniel by Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Barbara K. Daniel
- ✿ Rev. Nevin L. Kershner by Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Barbara K. Daniel
- ✿ John and Martha Morris by Robert and Suzanne Morris
- ✿ Herman and Mildred Smith by Robert and Suzanne Morris
- ✿ My parents, Charles and Erma Routzahn, and all my brothers and sisters by  
Mary M. Staley and daughters
- ✿ My husband, Orvis Staley, and all of family, by Mary M. Staley and daughters
- ✿ Deceased Loved Ones by Donald A. Wyand
- ✿ Ed Hoffman

**In Honor of**

- ✿ Claire R. Kershner by Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Barbara K. Daniel
- ✿ Our children by Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Barbara K. Daniel
- ✿ Our parents, Brian and Stephanie York, Robin Fenwick, and Jim Fenwick by  
Owen and Tyler L. York

**We thank Cathy Fronck, trumpet, and Jeffrey Baker, trombone, for participating in our Easter celebration!**

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**The flowers on the altar** this morning are placed by Rob McGuire and Alex Martinez in honor of their parents, Robert and Rosemarie McGuire and Jaune and Helen Martinez.

**The yellow rose bud** is presented by John Stush in memory of his uncle, Michael Gbur, who perished in WWII.

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 20 at 8:30 am, 181 at 10:30 am, and 61 online.

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**Today: April 9, 2023**

Scripture Reader: Rev. Dr. Ken Daniel  
Deacons: Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy  
Elder: Cliff Barr  
Greeters: Robert and Nancy Manthey  
Cathie Duncan  
Welcome: Thi Nguyen, Sue Pinner  
Audio/Visual: Jeff Schaeberle, Larry Martin  
Kendra Sampson  
Fellowship: Julie Clark  
Nursery: Stephanie Fisher  
Communion: Robin and Robin Brady-Slifer  
Stewards: Ave Barr, Betsy Selby  
Linda Coyle, Jo Ann Fritz  
Saturday Chimer: Dick Williams  
Sunday Chimer: Tricia Coffey

**Next Week: April 16, 2023**

Pastor Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads  
Matt Davis, Harrison Fisher  
Peter Brehm  
Rachel and Tom Ford  
Pat Condo  
Jeff Schaeberle, Kelly Esslinger  
Darryl Glick, Mark Ulrich  
Stephanie Fisher  
Suzanne Morris  
Kelly Esslinger

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> floor, is accessible by stairs or elevator.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Worship Next Week: Second Sunday of Easter - Holy Humor Sunday**

John tells of the events after Easter that led the disciples from paralyzing fear to great joy in the Gospel lesson – John 20: 19-31.

Today is Holy Humor Sunday so wear your bright colors and funny hats and be prepared to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We will be receiving new members. Spirit and Children's Music and Movement will be singing. Today we will also be welcoming members of the Junior Fire Company who will be assisting us in a practice emergency evacuation drill.

### **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:*

Greg Rhoads, Luke Chappell, Holly Davis, David Cooney, Mike Roberston (friend of Kathleen and Niel Jefferson), Bob Pinner, Stacie Carey (niece of Darlene Brunner and Jeannette Johnson), Marcia Eisenstein, Bob Shafer, Joyce Kallevang (sister-in-law of Jeanellen Kallevang), Derek C. Hupp (grandson of Beanie and Gaylon Cornell), Wayne Kolb (friends of Stefan and Judi Mach and Tony and Linda LaFianza), Conway Barnes (brother-in-law of George and Linda Kline), Mary Ellen Baker, Pat Hevner, Jeannette Johnson, 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, Emogene Wyand, Fran Wenner, Neremiah Castillo (niece of Andrew Beadle), Bonnie Devilbiss, 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).

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**LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR  
CHILDREN PRAYING**

## Sunday Education Opportunities for Adults

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

**Sundays**

**North Room / Zoom**

**9:00 – 10:15 am**

No class held Easter Sunday. The *Let's Study the Bible Class, Foundational Stories of the Old Testament ... in Order!*, will resume April 16.

## Sunday Fellowship Opportunities for Adults

**FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP      Community Room**

**9:30 – 10:15 am**

Come to the Community Room for some coffee or tea and to chat and relax.

## Opportunities to Serve

### **VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday Fellowship can be as easy as helping set up before worship, helping serve after worship, or bringing a special treat to share. Sign up at [bit.ly/ERUCC\\_fellowship](http://bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship) or talk with Laura Rhoderick or Starr Schaeberle for more details.





## Weekly Education Opportunities for Adults

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY with The Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel**

*Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*

**Tuesdays, April 11–May 23**

**North Room / Zoom**

**11:00 am – Noon**

Zoom: [bit.ly/3TdUnOy](https://bit.ly/3TdUnOy)

Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398

Passcode: 973365

First released in 1995, this spiritual classic continues to be a bestseller, as thousands each year accept Marjorie Thompson's invitation to the Christian spiritual life. Offering a framework for understanding the spiritual disciplines and instruction for developing and nurturing those practices, *Soul Feast* continues to be a favorite for individual reflection and group study.

April 11 - Hunger and Thirst for the Spirit: The Spiritual Yearning of Our Time

April 18 - Chewing the Bread of the Word: The Nature and Practice of Spiritual Reading

April 25 - Communication and Communion with God: Approaches to Prayer

May 2 - Reclaiming Sabbath Time: The Sacred Art of Ceasing

May 9 - Of Conscience and Consciousness: Self-Examination, Confession, and Awareness

May 16 - Companions on the Journey: The Gift of Spiritual Direction

May 23 - Entertaining Angels Unawares: The Spirit of Hospitality

*Please plan to stay for lunch as we celebrate our years together*

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### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY with The Rev. Esther Ziegler**

*The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings*

**Wednesdays, March 1–April 12**

**North Room / Zoom**

**2:00 pm**

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. 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.

If you plan to participate via Zoom, please contact the church office ([erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org)) or Esther Ziegler ([estherrziegler@gmail.com](mailto:estherrziegler@gmail.com)) via email for the link.

April 12 - Chapter 6: Your Father the Devil and Afterword

## A Note of Thanks

Dear ERUCC Friends,

I am grateful for your support during my recent surgery and continued recovery. Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, calls, and meals. Both Robin and I appreciate the care and support you have provided us.

David Cooney

## This Week at ERUCC

The Church Office will be closed April 10–14. Your calls and emails will be promptly returned beginning Monday, April 17.

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**CHIMES SERVICE AND LEARNING GROUP**  
**Thursday, April 13**                      **North Room**

**11:00 am**

## Upcoming at ERUCC

### **SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY TODAY**

Today we gratefully receive **Extra Mile Gifts for Debt Reduction**. Donations are used to pay down the principal of the mortgages we have with FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank and the Fisher Fund, an endowment funded by former member Mary Starr Fisher for purposes to be decided by the pastor. To cover an unexpected building cost over-run, the congregation borrowed money from the endowment's principal and is now paying that back with interest.

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### **TUESDAY EVENING YOGA**

**Tuesdays, April 18 – May 23**

**Community Room**

**7:00 pm**

Join your ERUCC friends for a new six-week cycle of Tuesday night yoga beginning April 18! You will need to bring yoga mats, blocks if used, and a water bottle. Space is limited to 20 participants. For more information or to sign up, contact Renae Kline, [rdkline15@gmail.com](mailto:rdkline15@gmail.com). The 6-week session is just \$60! Payments should be marked "yoga."

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### **AMAZING FAITHS DINNER DIALOGUE**

**Sunday, April 30**

**Community Room**

**5:00 – 8:00 pm**



Would you like to participate in a dialogue with people of different beliefs in order to understand how they apply their principles when making decisions, resolving conflicts, overcoming fears and expressing joy?

**RSVP by April 15** for an Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue with Frederick Interfaith, an organization that formed after 9/11, to foster spiritual understanding, unity, and love among people of diverse beliefs. This annual dinner brings together people of all faiths and no faith for a shared meal, structured conversation, and fellowship.

We will be assigned to tables of six to eight participants and during the meal, each person will be asked to answer a question about his or her personal experience with faith or beliefs. Trained moderators will facilitate each table. This event is free for participants; diners are asked to bring a dish to serve about six people for a buffet style meal.

RSVP at [bit.ly/faith30april](http://bit.ly/faith30april), e-mail: [frederickinterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:frederickinterfaith@gmail.com) or call (301) 639-2062.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, April 21

Community Room

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join others in a competition of teams covering a variety of trivia topics including Disney, spring sports, ERUCC history and more! Intergenerational teams of 4-6 people can form ahead of time or come and join in with others. Bring a snack to share as you strive to win a prize to share! Who has the best collective knowledge about things that matter very much and some that matter very little?

Sign up at Fellowship in the Community Room.

A vibrant blue graphic for Trivia Night. It features a large yellow speech bubble containing the text 'Trivia Night' in a stylized font. To the left, the text 'FUN FOR ALL AGES', 'PRIZES', and 'FRIENDLY COMPETITION' is written in bold, colorful letters. Below this, it says 'Intergenerational Teams of 4-6' and 'Bring a snack to share'. On the right, it lists the location 'Community Room', date 'Friday, April 21', and time '7:00 - 8:30 pm'. The background is decorated with purple and yellow circular shapes.

**FUN FOR ALL AGES**

**PRIZES**

**FRIENDLY COMPETITION**

Intergenerational Teams of 4-6  
Bring a snack to share

Community Room  
Friday, April 21  
7:00 - 8:30 pm

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## GREEN TEAM – GLENSTONE MUSEUM

Sunday, April 23

12100 Glen Rd, Potomac MD

2:00 pm



Join the ERUCC Green Team at the Glenstone Museum for a Sustainable Landscaping Talk, Grounds Tour, and Museum Field Trip! We have space for 20 participants.

Contact Linda Coyle, [lkcoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:lkcoyle@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us.

## **DISCO NIGHT: A CELEBRATION FOR THE 'RING MY BELL' CAMPAIGN**

**Friday, May 5**

**Community Room**

**7:00 – 10:00 pm**

ERUCC has been blessed with a five-octave set of 61 handbells that now need to undertake a Complete Service refurbishment, which costs \$12,000. Donations of any amount are invited, and in case it is helpful, refurbishing one bells costs \$200. When making a gift to support this project, please note “handbells project” in the memo line or other description field. We hope you will consider joining us to support this important effort.

We will hold a major disco-themed fundraising event on Friday, May 5 in the Community Room. So, get your disco costumes ready and prepare for an evening of 21+ fun.

Suggested donation of \$10/person. Cash bar with non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages.



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## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, May 7**

**Community Room / Zoom**

**11:45 am**

Our annual meeting will be Sunday, May 7 in the Community Room with lunch being served immediately following worship. We will be electing new elders, deacons, and committee chairs. Members and friends of the congregation may also participate via Zoom. The agenda, slate of nominees, and other details will be shared later in April.

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF BARBARA'S RETIREMENT**

With gratitude and appreciation, we will be celebrating Barbara's 40 years of ministry.

### **Saturday, June 3, 2023**

5:00 – 8:00 pm – Reception in our Community Room

Congregation, family, friends, and the Frederick community invited

Program highlighting her career

Beer and wine and heavy appetizers

### **Sunday, June 4, 2023**

10:30 am – Barbara's last Sunday preaching

11:30 am – Special Fellowship Time

Congregation and Family invited

If you would like to help with the celebration, contact:

Cathie Duncan, [cathieduncan@comcast.net](mailto:cathieduncan@comcast.net) or Betsy Fisher, [bcfishe@hotmail.com](mailto:bcfishe@hotmail.com)

## **Youth Group Ministry**

### **BETHANY BEACH DAYS**

**Thursday – Saturday, April 13-15**

Leaving the church at 9:00 am on Thursday, April 13th to travel to Bethany Beach. We will be staying again at the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Conference Center and cooking our own meals. (This is the end of the Spring Break time for FCPS). Cost is \$25 per person.

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### **MOVIE NIGHT AND DISCUSSION**

**Sunday, April 23**

**Community Room**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**





## **Children and Family Ministry**

### **JUNIOR CHURCH**

Children of all ages are invited to worship and partake in Communion with the congregation on Easter. Junior Church for children ages 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will resume on Sunday, April 16.

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### **SUNDAY SCHOOL and CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND MOVEMENT**

Please enjoy Easter morning with your family! There will not be children's Sunday School or Music and Movement on Easter Sunday.

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### **KIDS' CREATION CARE CLUB**

**Sunday, April 23**

**Monocacy Village Park**

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Clean up will involve working to complete a Trash BINGO card with prizes for all completed cards. Playground fun for all! Parents can stay and participate or drop off and return. Pastor Kirstin and Emily Spears will be adult supervision.

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### **TINY TOTS ON THE FARM**

**Sunday, April 30**

**South Mountain Creamery**

**2:45 pm**



We're heading to South Mountain Creamery where we will tour the farm, enjoy some ice cream, and feed the baby calves! We will meet at 2:45 pm for a self-guided walking tour then meet a farm host at 3:45 pm to feed the calves!

\$5 per family. Ice cream/snacks available for purchase on-site.

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### **FAMILY CAMPING**

**June 9 – 11**

**Cowan's Gap State Park, PA**



We will take off for a camping trip at Cowan's Gap State Park in Pennsylvania. We have reserved a group spot for 40 people. If you want to rent a cabin or spot for an RV and share meals, fellowship, and worship with us, you can make your reservation by searching reservations for Cowans Gap State Park: [www.dcnr.pa.gov](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov).

We have a planning team working on meal plans, and then we will send out the costs for the trip! We will plan some meals together, some packed lunches, and campfire snacks! Contact Pastor Kirstin for more information.

By the end of April, we would like to have a good estimate of who is coming. Sign up in the Community Room.

## **Additional Announcements**

### **UPDATING THE DONOR WALL – THE JOHN THOMAS SCHLEY SOCIETY**

Have you remembered the church in your estate plans? With a planned gift?

In May 2012, the congregation voted to establish the John Thomas Schley Society, named for one founder of our congregation, to acknowledge and encourage planned gifts for the mission and ministry of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ.

Members of the Society have made a current gift of \$10,000 or more to the Endowment Funds of the church and/or have established the church as the recipient of a gift annuity, bequest, life insurance policy, securities, or Charitable Remainder Trust. What we can give through these means can ensure the health and vitality of the Church's mission for future generations.

We are updating the names listed on the donor wall in the Kieffer Foyer (Church Street entrance). If you have made provisions in your will or estate, **please inform Pastor Daniel by April 9** so your name(s) can be included on the updated panel.

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### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**



A small group of ERUCC members has examined our current preparedness in response to emergencies. We will be having a fire drill on Sunday, April 16 towards the end of the 10:30 am service. We are also preparing more first aid kits for our buildings and are seeking donations to refresh and complete those kits. Please consider contributing towards the purchase/donation of supplies.

**Emergency supply donation list:** [bit.ly/3lvVWLv](http://bit.ly/3lvVWLv)

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### **UPDATED CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

**Sundays, April 16, 23, 30**

**Community Room**

**before and after worship**

A new pictorial directory is in the works! With thanks to some of our masterful photographers: Rich Stolz, Tom Dorsz, and Jeff Schaeberle, we are offering opportunities on Sundays, April 16, 23, and 30 at 9:00 am and during Fellowship after worship in the Community Room for you/your family to get a new portrait for an updated church pictorial directory. You may also submit your own photo to [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org) no later than May 7.

**Verify or Update Information:** If you have yet to confirm the information we have in our database, please come to the Community Room during Coffee and Conversation before service or during Fellowship to make sure your name, address, phone numbers, and email are correctly listed in our directory!

## MIDDLETOWN GREEN EXPO

Saturday, April 22

310 South Church St, Middletown

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Celebrate Earth Day at Middletown's Green Expo. See flyer for more details: [bit.ly/3KiyQlu](http://bit.ly/3KiyQlu)

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## RECYCLING EVENT AT SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

Saturday, April 29

8428 Opossumtown Pike

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church is hosting a Spring Cleaning Recycling Event and Native Plant sale in their parking lot. Accepted for recycling: paper, textiles, electronics, and scrap metal. See flyer for more details: [bit.ly/40trHEs](http://bit.ly/40trHEs).

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### Holocaust Remembrance Day

April 16, 2023

1:00 pm — 2:30 pm

Beth Sholom Congregation

1011 N. Market St.



### Growing Up With Holocaust Survivor Parents

Laizer was 16 and Lili was 12 when the Nazis wrested them away from their homes in Poland. Unbelievably, they met in 1945 through the barbed wire fence of a concentration camp, got married, and moved to New York City, where they've been since 1949. They will join us by video while their older son, Dr. Harvey Levy, a local dentist, author, lecturer and martial arts master, tells their story and describes the impact of the Holocaust on his family.

Sheriff Chuck Jenkins will describe hate groups and activities in Frederick County. There will also be a candle lighting, proclamations from the City and County, appropriate Readings and Music.

*- No charge, but donations are always appreciated*

*- Appropriate for ages 12 and up*

*- Dessert Reception following the program*



## Special Gatherings in Celebration



*Gratitude Tour*  
with Pastor Daniel

Pastor Daniel has planned some special gatherings in the months ahead. Please bring your photos, stories, and remembrances as we give thanks for our time together.

**Monday, April 17**                      **Community Room**                      **7:00 – 9:00 pm**  
Gathering for anyone who has gone on a fellowship trip

**Wednesday, April 26** **Pastor Daniel's House**                      **6:00 – 8:00 pm**  
Dinner for those who served on the Senior Pastor Search Committee

**Monday, May 1**                              **Community Room**                              **7:00 – 9:00 pm**  
Gathering for those who have gone on a mission trip

**Monday, May 22**                              **Community Room**                              **7:00 – 9:00 pm**  
Light supper for anyone who has served on the Consistory since 2006

**Tuesday, May 23**                              **North Room**                              **following Bible Study**  
Lunch with the Bible Study group

**Tuesday, May 24**                              **Pastor Daniel's House**                              **6:00 – 8:00 pm**  
Dinner with the ERUCC Book Group

**Saturday, May 27**                              **Rodney & Becky Martin's**                              **12:00 – 3:00 pm**  
Party at Larry and Becky Martin's for any current and former youth group people and their parents





**seeking:** *Who are you looking for?*

## blackout poetry

*Below is a creative retelling of John 20:1-18, written by Rev. Anna Strickland. As you read the story, use a black marker or pen to underline or circle the words and phrases that speak to you. Then, blackout the rest of the words on the page. From the words that remain, you may find that a new message, poem, or image emerges. Visit this link to view examples of blackout poetry: [pinterest.com/sanctifiedart/blackout-poetry-ideas](https://pinterest.com/sanctifiedart/blackout-poetry-ideas)*

When Jesus died, they buried him in a garden. In the garden was a tomb where they laid Jesus' body. Jesus' follower and friend Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning to visit his body and take care of it. When she saw that the stone door had been moved away from the entrance to the tomb, Mary ran to get the other followers, worried that someone had taken Jesus' body. When they got to the tomb, Jesus' followers looked inside. They didn't see Jesus in the tomb, only the pieces of cloth his body had been wrapped in. Confused, they went home, leaving Mary alone. Then Mary looked inside the tomb. There, sitting where Jesus' body had been, were two angels. They asked her, "Why are you crying?" She told them, "They have taken my friend away and I don't know where they've put him." Just then, she turned around and saw a man. She thought the man must be the gardener, so she asked him, "Sir, did you take him away? Please tell me where you put him so I can go get him." Then the man said her name, "Mary," and she knew then that this man was Jesus! "Teacher!" she said and went to hug her friend who had been raised from the dead. But Jesus said to her, "Don't hold onto me. Even though you see me now, I must go be with God in heaven. Go tell the rest of the followers." And Mary went to tell everyone how Jesus had been raised to life.



## **About Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ**

Founded 277 years ago by Frederick County's first settlers, this church is firmly rooted in the life of our community and is regarded as a landmark church of the City of Frederick.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, dedicated to serving God and our neighbors near and far. We are a dynamic and diverse congregation in every way. Sunday is not the only day in the week when our church is active. Our sanctuary and Community Room host educational, spiritual, and recreational programming. Children's voices fill the air, adults gather for Bible study, and we work tirelessly for social justice.

We share space in our hearts and buildings with the community. Each week, hundreds of community members come through our doors. Our church hosts dozens of non-profit organizations that use our space for little to no cost. We do so because we know the profoundly positive impact this has on Frederick County and the quality of life we want everyone to have.

Services and activities take place in our two historic buildings. Trinity Chapel's colonial steeple, recognized for miles around as the oldest of the "clustered spires of Frederick," rests atop the original stone tower built in 1763. The chapel hosts our 8:30 am Sunday morning communion service and our children's Christian Education classes. The worship hour at 10:30 am takes place in the large Greek Revival church built in 1848.

You can support the work of ERUCC in our community by sharing a donation in the plates at the rear of the sanctuary or via our online giving option at [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

Information about Evangelical Reformed UCC is available in the literature racks by the church doors. We ask our visitors to sign the blue welcome cards in the pews and return it to a greeter so we will know of your visit with us, and we invite you to take any pamphlet that may be of interest to you. You can also visit our web page at [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org) where you will find more information about the church and current ministries and programs.

## Sunday Morning Schedule

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| 8:30 – 9:15 am      | <b>Worship</b> , Trinity Chapel   |
| 9:00 am – 10:20 am  | <b>Adult Education</b> , North Room and Online<br><i>Let's Study the Bible</i>  |
| 9:30 – 10:25 am     | <b>Parent's Place</b> , West Classroom, Trinity Chapel  |
| 9:30 – 10:25 am     | <b>Coffee and Conversation</b> , Community Room   |
| 9:30 am – 12:00 pm  | <b>Nursery Care</b> , Main Building   |
| 9:30 – 10:10 am     | <b>Children's Sunday School</b> , Trinity Chapel<br><i>Ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Confirmation Class</i> |
| 10:10 – 10:25 am    | <b>Children's Music &amp; Movement</b> , Trinity Chapel<br><i>Pre-K through high school</i>   |
| 10:30 – 11:30 am    | <b>Worship</b> , Main Sanctuary and Online  |
| 11:30 am            | <b>Fellowship</b> , Community Room  |
| 11:45 am – 12:15 pm | <b>Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> , Flora Room<br><i>Pre-K through high school</i>  |

## Stay Informed

### APRIL TRINITY CHIMES

Read the ERUCC monthly newsletter, *Trinity Chimes*, in the back of the sanctuary or online by scanning the QR code or going to [bit.ly/april123chimes](http://bit.ly/april123chimes).



### WEEKLY THURSDAY THOUGHTS EMAIL

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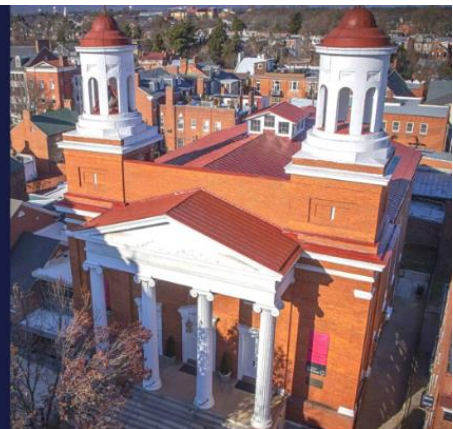


## MISSION STATEMENT

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.



EVANGELICAL REFORMED  
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## E A S T E R

April 9, 2023

John 20:1-18

Today we celebrate Resurrection Day! The women that first Easter Sunday did not know it was resurrection day, though, when they arose in the dark and made their way tentatively to the tomb where they had laid their friend and teacher. Still, although they did not know what they would find, they moved forward into the pre-dawn darkness, ready to perform what they believe would be a last act of love and service for their friend.

“Perhaps it is no wonder,” Dorothy Sayers wrote in the essay *Are Women Human*, published nearly 100 years ago, “that the women were first at the Cradle and last at the Cross. They had never known a man like this Man - there never has been such another. A prophet and teacher who never nagged at them, never flattered or coaxed or patronized; who never made arch jokes about them, never treated them either as "The women, God help us!" or "The ladies, God bless them!"; who rebuked without querulousness and praised without condescension; who took their questions and arguments seriously; who never mapped out their sphere for them, never urged them to be feminine or jeered at them for being female; who had no axe to grind and no uneasy male dignity to defend; who took them as he found them and was completely unself-conscious. There is no act, no sermon, no parable in the whole Gospel that borrows its pungency from female perversity; nobody could possibly guess from the words and deeds of Jesus that there was anything "funny" about woman's nature.”

Centuries of church dogma and male leadership, including many periods in which systems of power explicitly sought to oppress and silence women, has not suppressed the power and wonder of this resurrection reality. In his life, Jesus loved and respected women just as they were, and after his death, they were the ones who cared for him and spoke the first words about him. Jesus needed the women in his circle as much as they needed him.

On this Resurrection Day, we rejoice that Christ came to bring new life to all people. And we specifically celebrate the women who waited at the cross, who went to the tomb and who told the first stories about our Risen Savior.

Quotation from Sayers, Dorothy L., *Are Women Human?*, William B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2005.



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