



Trinity Chimes

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ
Frederick, Maryland USA

April 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.



In these last weeks of my ministry with you, as I clean out files, papers, and all the stuff I used for worship and educational ministries, I cannot help but smile and thank you for the many experiences we shared. I laugh, I cry, and through it all, I give thanks for what we shared.

I have planned some special gatherings in the months ahead. I hope you will bring your photos, stories, and remembrances as we thank you for our time together.

Please mark your calendars with these dates:

April 17, 7-9 p.m.

Gathering in the Community Room for anyone who has gone on a fellowship trip

April 26, 6-8 p.m.

Dinner at my house for those who served on the Senior Pastor Search Committee

May 1, 7-9 p.m.

Gathering in the Community Room for those who have gone on a mission trip

May 22, 6-7 p.m.

Light supper for anyone who has served on the Consistory since 2006

May 23, 11 a.m. - Lunch with the Bible Study group

6-8 p.m. - Dinner at my house with the ERUCC Book group

May 27, 2-3 p.m.

Party at the Martins' for any current youth and former youth group members and parents.

Barbara

April Worship Notes

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday

Seeking: Where are you headed?

Matthew 21:1-11



seeking:
*Where are
you headed?*

Imagine you are in Jerusalem when Jesus enters on a donkey. Where are you in that scene's chaos and commotion, and which way will you go? Will you follow Jesus all the way to the cross? Jesus' willing surrender to his arrest should always catch us off-guard. As dismayed as the disciples, we ask, "Jesus, are you really headed this way, straight to your death?" Many of our weekly questions throughout the season have helped us spiritually prepare for Holy Week. Now we examine if our beliefs have changed our behaviors. Has your path changed? In the midst of opposing forces, which way will you go? We will hear of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we read from Matthew 21:1-11 and then of his passion as we read from Matthew 26:14-27:66.

Market Street Brass will be featured at the 10:30 service along with the Senior Choir and Children's Music and Movement.

Thursday, April 6, Maundy Thursday

Seeking: Will you wash my feet?

John 13:1-17, 31b-35



seeking:
*Will you wash
my feet?*

In his final night with his friends and followers, Jesus shows the fullness of his love by removing his robe, kneeling, and washing the disciples' feet. As he makes his way around the room, Jesus comes to Simon Peter, who protests, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Like Peter, we may also question if God loves us and will care for us, even at the brink of death. In these final hours of accompanying Jesus to his grave, can we seek a posture of trust? Can we allow ourselves to be embraced and loved by our neighbor—and by God?

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

Seeking: Why have you forsaken me?

Matthew 27:27-50



seeking:
*Why have you
forsaken me?*

This one remains the most unanswerable of all the questions in our series. Jesus' final lament gives voice to all those who have been forsaken—those who suffer injustice, those who are abandoned, and those who are unjustly convicted. Instead of trying to answer this question with logic or theology, we are invited to live it, to sit with it. Sitting with this unsettling question unearths and unveils many more questions: What do we do in the face of unimaginable suffering? Can we sit in the silence of death and trust that God is there? Will we be in solidarity with those who suffer and grieve?

Sunday, April 9, Easter

Seeking: Who are you looking for?

John 20:1-18



seeking:
*Who are you
looking for?*

Jesus, mysteriously appearing to Mary as the gardener, asks her: "Why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" In the haze of grief, Mary can only see what is right before her—or in this case, what is not before her. Only when Jesus calls her by name is the veil lifted and she beholds the resurrected Christ. On this Easter morning, who—or what—are you looking for? Why have you come to the tomb? What kind of Jesus are you looking for? What veils need to be lifted so we can recognize God's resurrection wherever it occurs?

We will share pew communion during the 10:30 service. A brass ensemble and our senior choir will provide special music.

Sunday, April 16

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. We will also be welcoming members of the Junior Fire Company, who will be assisting us in a practice emergency evacuation drill.

Sunday, April 23

Youth Sunday — Third Sunday after Easter

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The readings from Acts in the Season of Easter relate accounts of the earliest Christian community. We learn in Acts 2:42-47 that this body is formed by Christ and nourished by the Spirit through teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. Such daily actions continue to bring the Body of Christ to life and shape its powerful witness to its neighbors. A powerful witness to the closeness of the relationship between shepherd and sheep, between Christ and the church, is at the heart of John 10:1-10. This relationship leads to abundant life.

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesday, 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**

Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Daniel

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

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

Passcode: 973365 Through April 4

April 11- May 23 ~ Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life

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.

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| 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.) |

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

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

by Amy-Jill Levine ~ Wednesday ~ 2 p.m.

The Rev. Esther Ziegler will lead the hybrid class (in person in the North Classroom and via Zoom). If you plan to participate via Zoom, please email Tyler York tyork@erucc.org or Esther Ziegler estherrziegler@gmail.com to receive the link.

April 5 Chapter 5: *Outer Darkness*

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 2

8:30 a.m. ~ Worship, Trinity Chapel

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship, Main Sanctuary (Special music with brass)

On Palm Sunday, we shout our praises before quieting our voices to enter into the passion of our God. We will hear of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as we read from Matthew 21:1-11 and then of his passion in Matthew 26:14-27: 66.

Wednesday, April 5

Noon to 12:55 p.m. ~ Prayer Service, Lunch, and Conversation (Trinity Chapel)

Luke 19:29-40; Luke 22:66-23:56

7:00 - 8:00 p.m ~ Meditative Coloring

We will gather in the sanctuary for a time of contemplation, with soft music, prayers, reading of scripture, and the spiritual practice of meditative coloring.

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:30 p.m. ~ Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service (Main Sanctuary)

Service will be live streamed

Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "commandment." As recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34).

This service has three main parts:

A Service of Light ~ based on the traditional Vespers service in which we recognize Christ our Light

A Service of Holy Communion ~ participate as one of the Twelve at the Last Supper

A Service of Shadows ~ Tenebrae--in which we meditate on the Passion of Christ and experience the extinguishing of the Light

If you are participating in worship online, please have a plate with a piece of bread or cracker and a cup with grape juice, wine, or water. Consider adding a small bowl with water and a hand towel. During the service, you will be invited to lift the bread, cracker, and cup for a blessing.

Good Friday, April 7

Seeking: Why have you forsaken me?

Matthew 27:27-50

Noon and 7:30 ~ Main Sanctuary (the 7:30 service will be live-streamed)

Jesus' final lament gives voice to all those who have been forsaken— those who suffer injustice, those who are abandoned, and those who are unjustly convicted. Instead of trying to answer this question with logic or theology, we are invited to live it, to sit with it. Sitting with this unsettling question unearths and unveils many more questions: What do we do in the face of unimaginable suffering? Can we sit in the silence of death and trust that God is there? Will we be in solidarity with those who suffer and grieve?

In Memory of our Friend
Ed Hoffman
1937 ~ 2023



Stewardship and Generosity

Your Stewardship & Generosity Committee is highlighting the works of our members who give so graciously of their time and resources to ERUCC. Look around your congregation and note that volunteers take care of our beautiful church and the many services it provides.

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ is committed to proclaiming God's love for all people as we work to help our neighbors near and far.

If you have any questions about how to participate or engage in the activities of the church, ask any church leader. Read the Sunday bulletin to note the dozens of volunteers who make a Sunday morning special. Find the weekly bulletin here:

<https://erucc.org/visit-us/sunday-live-stream/>

**"We remain committed to
speaking faith-based truth and
offering care for trans siblings
within our country and globally."**



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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. 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.

April Birthdays

- 01** Will Coffey **02** Maddie Ireland, Tim Shepp
04 Maddie Martin **08** Charlotte Handerson,
Stefan Mach, Joan Maples **09** Katharine Alley,
Michele Daiger **10** TJ Jones, Dawn Lagrotteria,
Tim Main **11** Ethan Kline **13** Janice Staley
14 Alex Ebersole **15** Patricia Condo
16 Jack Mens **17** Randy Peterson **18** Kirsten Gitt,
Donald Kline, Charles Woodward Jr.
20 Bradd Hammond, Mack Johnson,
Stacey Niehoff **22** Ken Daniels **24** Rob Peters Jr.
27 Ben Gannon III, Carly Shepp
29 Alison E. Shafer, Shelley Weakly
30 Judi Mach, Alayna Murray

YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Contact Pastor Daniel concerning these activities
at bkdaniel@erucc.org.

Thursday - Saturday, April 13-15

Bethany Beach Days

Leaving the church at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 13 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.

Sunday, April 23

Movie Night and Discussion

6-8 p.m.

MISSION OF MERCY

We have been called upon to bring lunch for the doctors, dentists, nurses and volunteers who are serving members of our community who are under or non insured. Can you help us?

ERUCC has promised to bring food for 35-40 people on the first Monday of each month.

Please contact co-chairs
Angela Brittain (angela3cats@yahoo.com) or
Nancy Johnson Jones (ncjsquared@msn.com)
to participate. We currently need one person to provide the salad and one or two others to prepare or purchase ingredients for a simple but hearty meal to be delivered in May.



Chimes Service and Learning Group

The Chimes Service and Learning Group will meet **Thursday, April 13** in the North Room at 11:00 a.m.



ERUCC photo support for passage of the EMPOWER Maryland legislation!

Family Camping Information



June 9-11

You can make your reservation by going to Cowans Gap State Park at:
www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/CowansGap-StatePark/Pages/default.aspx

By the end of April, we would like to have a good estimate of who is coming. This will help us with meal planning and a cost estimate per family. Currently, we have four families! Look for a SIGN-UP SHEET in the Community Room after Easter.

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. The purpose of this Society is to acknowledge and encourage planned gifts for the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ. Members of the Society are those who have made a 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.

This Society is named for a co-founder of our congregation, John Thomas Schley, who provided the vision and leadership for this congregation's establishment in 1745 and served as its primary worship leader and teacher in those early years of the congregation's existence.

The purpose of the John Thomas Schley Society is to encourage persons to consider a planned gift to the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ. This is an invitation to become "stewards of the future." What we can give through wills and bequests, gift annuities, life insurance, securities, and Charitable Remainder Trusts can ensure the health and vitality of the Church's mission for future generations.

The Schley Society will include those persons who have made a planned gift to the church or have indicated that they have included ERUCC in their estate planning.

We are updating the names on the donor wall in the Kieffer Foyer (Church Street Entrance). We are aware of some who have made a planned gift to the church but not



everyone. If you have made provisions in your will or estate, please inform Pastor Daniel so your name(s) can be included on the updated panel.

We need to know by April 9 if you have included the church in your estate plans for your name(s) to be listed.



DISCO Night

Friday, May 5
Community Room, 7–10 pm
Suggested donation: \$10/person

A celebration to raise funds for the
ERUCC Handbell Choirs' "Ring My Bell" campaign



You Can Ring My Bell ERUCC Handbells Refurbishment

As we have heard during our 10:30 a.m. service on several occasions this year, ERUCC is blessed to have a five-octave set of 61 handbells. Manufactured by the Schulmerich Handbell Craftsmen of Hatfield, Pennsylvania, we purchased a three-octave set in the 1960s and fourth and fifth octave sets in the 1970s. Best practice calls for handbells to be cleaned, polished, and adjusted every five years. The last time ERUCC had this service completed was in 2001, meaning we now need to undertake a complete service, which costs \$12,000.

The Consistory was unanimous in its support for this effort, which will entail seeking donations from the congregation. We are calling it the ERUCC Handbell Choirs' "Ring My Bell" campaign. Donations of any amount are invited; if it is helpful, refurbishing one bell costs \$200. Please note "handbells project" in the memo line or other description field when making a gift to support this project.

We are holding a major fundraising event to support this effort on the evening of Friday, May 5th in the ERUCC Community Room. The evening will feature a disco-themed celebration centered around our theme of "Ring My Bell." So, get your disco costumes ready and prepare for an evening of 21+ fun. Suggested donation of \$10/person. Non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.



Easter Cross Decorating: Calling All Flowers!

Our yards are already seeing the emerging leaves of spring flowers, heralding the coming of Easter and the promise of new life.

Easter takes place Sunday, April 9, and in keeping with ERUCC's tradition will include a flower-bedecked cross that we will use to help celebrate Christ's joyous resurrection at the 10:30 a.m. service before placing it on our front steps for our Frederick neighbors to enjoy.

Please bring flowers from your gardens or florist with you on Easter morning to add to our Easter cross.



ERUCC Book List for 2023

2023 Book Group Coordinators: Susan Kulp
and Rebecca Shillingburg

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3C0iXfl>

Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574 Passcode: 226669

MAY 23 - location will be at Pastor Daniel's house with dinner at 6 p.m. with virtual option using the Zoom link above.

"Recitatif" by Toni Morrison

In this 1983 short story—the only short story Morrison ever wrote—childhood friends Twyla and Roberta lose touch as they grow older, only to find each other again later in life. Seemingly at opposite ends of every problem, the two women still cannot deny the deep bond between them. Morrison herself described "Recitatif" as "an experiment in the removal of all racial codes from a narrative about two characters of different races for whom racial identity is crucial."

July 25 *Still Life* by Louise Penny

September 26 *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

November 28 *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

The ERUCC Book group meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every other month in the Liz Coffey Room or virtual.



Pastor Daniel relaxes with Wes Bowen, Keith Stickley, and Larry and Sedonia Martin after a productive day on her last work trip to Franklinton Center at Bricks as Senior Pastor.

Holy Moments: Faith-Filled Fun with Pastor Kirstin

God's Kids Club April 7 from 9-12

Come one, come all! During this half-day, God's Kids Club teams will participate in a scavenger hunt/Amazing Race throughout the church and through Holy Week. At each stop, they will be asked to learn something and complete an activity related to that learning that takes us from Palm Sunday through Easter Morning. Each child will take home a miniature Good Friday Garden that can be transformed on Sunday to a Resurrection Garden. Snacks will be provided. Sign-up by emailing Pastor Kirstin or signing up in the Community Room!

Trivia Night April 21 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Join others in a competition of teams covering various topics, including Disney Trivia, Spring Sports, ERUCC History, and more! Teams of 4-6 people can form ahead of time or come and join in with others! Bring a snack to share and yourself 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? Who can bring the competitive spirit of Laura Roderick and the persistence of Joe Adkins? Do YOU have the best trivia team around? Come and check it out!

Sign up during Fellowship in the Community Room on Sundays starting April 2!

Kids' Creation Care Clean Up April 23, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Monocacy Park

Clean Up will involve working on completing a TRASH BINGO CARD with prizes for all completed cards. Play-ground fun for all! Parents can stay and participate or drop off and return. Pastor Kirstin and Emily Spears will serve as adult supervisors.



Tiny Tots on the Farm! April 30, 2:45 p.m.

We're Planning a Visit to South Mountain Creamery, where we will tour the farm, enjoy some ice cream, and feed the baby calves! Feeding time is 4:00 p.m. daily!

VBS INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:

As we plan for Vacation Bible School (VBS) and our **FOOD TRUCK PARTY!** theme, we'd like to have some informational meetings that should be about 30 minutes long. The dates for VBS will be July 31-August 4.

If you are interested in helping, please come to ONE of these to learn more about the theme and background checks.

- Sunday, April 23 at 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 23 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM
- Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM

For anyone who has not done of recent safe church trainings, we will schedule one before VBS

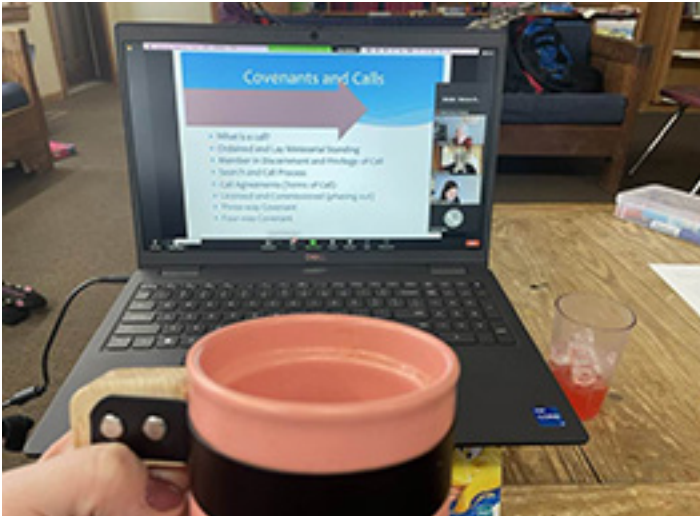


Painting rocks to be used as game pieces.



The Confirmands held a movie day to support Frederick County Animal Control.

Pastor Kirstin in School!



Q: When a Methodist clergyperson works at a UCC Church, what do they do?

A: Go Back to Class!

While there are many beliefs, theological perspectives, historical figures, and theological movements that our two denominations hold in common . . . while worship practices like Baptism, World Communion, All Saints, and One Great Hour of Sharing are celebrated similarly . . . there are differences that are helpful to know about the United Church of Christ and its uniqueness in history, theology, justice work, and faith formation.

This March, Pastor Kirstin is participating in her third of four UCC Institutes, an educational series led by the Potomac Association. She is responsible for several chapters of pre-readings and interviews, six hours of class time, and post work, which usually is writing a response paper. Her last in-person class is Saturday, April 29. When that final paper/project is completed, she will be able to make an application for Dual Standing in the UCC through the Catocin Association, which means that while at ERUCC, she will be considered as having both UCC and UMC Clergy Status.



Youth group on the Blind Maze and Low Ropes course at Camp Manidokan

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Save the Date!

We have chosen July 31-August 4 for **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!** We'll adjust the number of kids we can care for and the length of the day based on our number of volunteers. We will expect to design a 9 a.m.-12 p.m. day, which could be extended if we have enough folks for morning and afternoon volunteer shifts!

This year we will use "Food Truck Party: On a Roll With God!" as our theme. We'll involve ourselves in daily Bible lessons following the week's theme, "Give us this Day our daily bread" Matthew 6:11. Each day, we will also explore the theme with a "Daily Special" of crafts, games, music, science, and mission projects related to food ministries. Our week will culminate in a food truck waterballoon fight and a food project chosen by the students.

Pastor Kirstin is looking for 4-6 youth volunteers to shepherd our small groups, snack makers, craft leaders, game leaders, scientists/teachers, storybook readers, and musicians. Volunteers may be able to work mornings, afternoons, all day MWF, or some mix of these options! We will develop the schedule based on who we have! There are pre-designed sessions, but for creative-minded friends, Pastor Kirstin invites you to take a look at the lessons and share your vision!

History of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Christ Pastor's Scholarship Fund

This gift is to underwrite the basic seminary expenses of persons studying for ordained ministry and to support theological education in the United Church of Christ. An intended consequence of this gift is to encourage members of Evangelical Reformed Church to consider their call to ordained ministry, knowing of the financial support available through this new scholarship fund.

Theological education is the larger church's primary mechanism for fostering healthy and faithful congregations throughout the United Church of Christ. This is a vital effort of which Evangelical Reformed Church and its pastors have historically been supportive. As evidence of this partnership, the 198-year lifespan of Lancaster Theological Seminary has been paralleled by distinguished pastorates of Evangelical Reformed Church. Five of our six most recent pastors were graduates of Lancaster, and four served on the Board of Trustees. Rev. Zacharias, our longest serving pastor (1835-1873) was a member of the seminary's first graduating class in 1828, his successor Rev. Eschbach was the president of the seminary's board from

1902 to 1909, Rev. Frederick Wenner served as a member of the Board of Trustees for fifteen years and as chair of the board from 1998 to 2002. Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel served on the Board of Lancaster Theological Seminary from 1999 to 2010 and was Chairperson from 2004 to 2007.

The full-tuition Pastor's Scholarship with Lancaster Seminary was established with \$200,000 in gifts with monies available through the Mary Starr Fisher Fund by Rev. Wenner in honor of all the pastors of ERUCC.

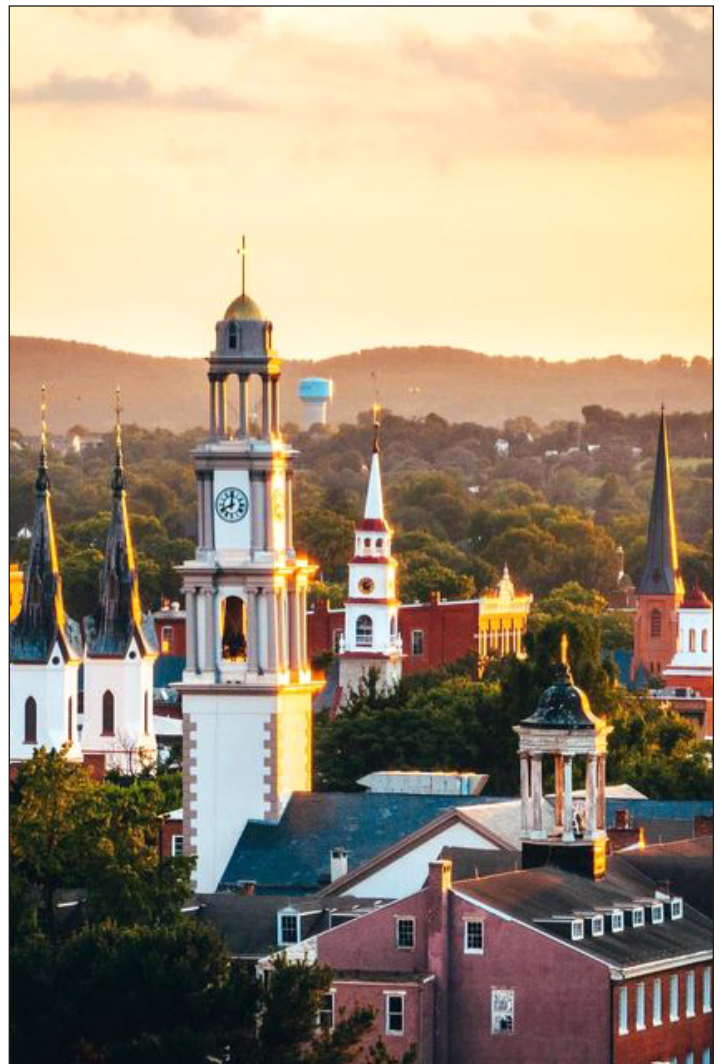
The seminary manages the endowment and the awarding of scholarships on the following basis: If a member of Evangelical Reformed Church is eligible and in need, that person would have first claim to the scholarship. If no congregation member needs these scholarship funds, the award would go to a student in care of the Catoctin Association. If no Catoctin Association students are in need, the award would go to a student from another association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ.

*Welcome New Member
Diane Waggy*



Diane joined ERUCC on March 26. She enjoys organizing and, with her aunt, Janice Staley, keeps the sanctuary pew racks well organized.

Thank you Diane!



The Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ Pastor's Scholarship Fund



Jenna Duranko

Master of Divinity Student

Hometown: Frederick, MD

How are you hoping to serve your community post-graduation?

My hope is to graduate in the Spring of 2025, after which I plan to be ordained and serve the community as clergy either in a parish or as a chaplain. With my Master of Divinity from LTS and my background education in Thanatology, I am hoping to follow my call in working with those who are at end of life, specifically helping them spiritually and theologically as they are approaching and dealing with death and dying, grief and loss.

Why have you chosen to pursue a degree at Lancaster Theological Seminary?

I chose to pursue a degree at LTS because I know many graduates of LTS and have heard from them of their very positive experiences. My UCC church in Frederick has a long-standing history and connection with LTS.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the support in my theological education. I am extremely grateful to be able to follow my call and attend Lancaster Theological Seminary. Your generosity is helping me to do so without the worry or stress of financial debt. Because of your support, I have been able to attend the weekend program at LTS, learn from and participate in interesting classes, meaningful worship and engaging conversations with professors and classmates. My hope is to use this training and experience to contribute positively in my community, creating validating spaces where people know they are beloved children of God. His will be possible because of you. Thank you, receiving this scholarship means a great deal to me.

- Jenna Duranko

The Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ Pastor's Scholarship Fund**Devin Jeffers****Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership****Hometown:** Lancaster, PA**How are you hoping to serve your community post-graduation?**

I will continue pastoring FRC and working for social justice.

Why have you chosen to pursue a degree at Lancaster Theological Seminary?

Lancaster Theological Seminary has a rich legacy of educating and equipping some of the world's brightest ministers and leaders to join in God's liberation helping ALL flourish. The seminary is also conveniently located and offers a weekend program.

Dear Friends,

I am honored to be the recipient of a donor-funded scholarship at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Your generous contribution has allowed me to pursue a Master of Arts in Ministry and Leadership at Lancaster Theological Seminary. I am enrolled in the weekend program and serve full-time as the Pastor of First Reformed Church UCC in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I will use the knowledge, skills, and expertise I gained at Lancaster Theological Seminary to contribute to my services in ministry and the community.

Because I believe we are called to show, share, and speak the message of Love, I am a proud member of several committees and boards that stand for equity, inclusivity, and diversity. A few of them are; The Fulton Theater Inclusion Diversity Equity Assessment Committee, the IntraCity Progressive Pastors Association, Embrace, the LGBTQ Coalition, and Power Interfaith Lancaster County.

Without your donation, I wouldn't achieve the grades necessary to continue my professional ambitions as a community leader. Thank you for your continued support and investment in the students of Lancaster Theological Seminary. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Peace and Love,

-The Reverend Devin B. Jeffers

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





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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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