

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EVANGELICAL REFORMED
United Church of Christ
– An Open and Affirming Congregation –



May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal

*All who are able may stand

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

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude *Creation Will Be At Peace*

– Anna Laura Page
Cambridge Handbell Choir

***Call to Worship**

We long for community and the Presence of God.

In whom we live and move and have our being.

This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone.

An Advocate will share our journey.

With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.

May the ever present love of God be with you.

And may the joy of Christ surround you.

May we know the presence of the Advocate

as we gather in this community of peace,

continuing to share the cost of discipleship

with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

As an Easter People following a Risen Lord,

may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us. Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

Still-speaking God, we gather for many reasons, each with our own story. May these reasons and stories be immersed in your Sacred Story, finding ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty of Jesus' teachings, life, and ministry. Through your Holy Spirit enable us to move boldly into the future and to fulfill the hope of love that Jesus taught.

***Opening Hymn** *Jesus a New Commandment Has Given Us*

#389

Estrillo (Refrain)

G D7

Un man - da-mien-to nue - vo Je-sús nos dio
 Je - sus a new com - mand-ment has giv - en us:

D7

que nos a - me - mos siem - pre co-mo nos a - ma
 that we should love each oth - er just as our God loves

1 2 to Stanzas

G G *Last time, end*

Dios.
us. Dios.
us.

Estrofas (Stanzas)

G Csus4 C

1 La se - ñal de cris-tian - dad
 2 Quien al pró - ji - mo no a - ma,
 1 The clear sign of all true Chris - tians
 2 Those who do not love their neigh - bors

es a - mar - se en her - man - dad.
 mien - te si a Dios di - ce que a - ma. (Estrillo)
 is the way they love each oth - er.
 do not tru - ly love their Sav - ior. (to Refrain)

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|----|--|----|---|
| 3 | Cris-to, Luz, Ver-dad y Vi-da
al per-dón y a-mor in-vi-ta. | 3 | Christ, the Light, the Truth, and true Life,
bids us share our love and par-don. |
| 4 | Per-do-ne-mos los a-gra-vios
co-mo Dios ha or-de-na-do.
(Estrillo) | 4 | Let us all for-give each oth-er
as by God we are com-mand-ed.
(Refrain) |
| 5 | De Je-sús her-ma-nos so-mos
si de ve-ras per-do-na-mos. | 5 | We are tru-ly friends of Je-sus
if we free-ly give our par-don. |
| 6 | En la vi-da y en la muer-te
Dios nos a-ma pa-ra siem-pre.
(Estrillo) | 6 | In our liv-ing and our dy-ing,
God is ev-er there to love us.
(Refrain) |
| 7 | Don-de hay ca-ri-dad y a-mor.
siem-pre es-tá pre-sen-te Dios. | 7 | In true char-i-ty and lov-ing,
God is pres-ent here a-mong us. |
| 8 | Co-mul-gue-mos con fre-cuen-cia
pa-ra a-mar-nos a con-cien-cia.
(Estrillo) | 8 | Let us come to Je-sus' ta-ble
with our love for one an-oth-er.
(Refrain) |
| 9 | Glo-ria a Dios el Cre-a-dor
y a Cris-to el Sal-va-dor. | 9 | Glo-ry be to the Cre-a-tor;
glo-ry be to Christ, our Sav-ior; |
| 10 | Y al Es-pí-ri-tu di-vi-no
en Tri-ni-dad han vi-vi-do.
(Estrillo) | 10 | Glo-ry be to God, the Spir-it,
Ho-ly Trin-i-ty for-ev-er.
(Refrain) |

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy Advocate,

it seems, at times, we forget that you know us at our very depth.

**We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us,
and that our lives have lacked meaning and purpose.
You have called us to great things,
but we focus instead on what we lack, rather than on Whose we are.
By your mercy, help us to live out the commandments of Christ
beyond these walls, beyond this hour, and in so doing, may we become
for the world the very presence of justice, hope and peace.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

All of us have been created and called to be in community.
Know this, but more importantly, live this:
As God's children we are loved and equipped for great ministry.
Follow Jesus' commandment to love boldly
as you are held in the grace and love of God.

Anthem *You Are My Sunshine*

Chancel Handbell Choir

Ministry Moment

Sacrament of Baptism

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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 ages 5 through 5th grade may be dismissed for Junior Church,
located in the Thomas Room, during the scripture reading.*

The Scripture

Acts 17: 22–31 NT page 137

John 14: 15-21 NT page 103

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Morning Prayers

– AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY –

Greeting and Introduction

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

Presentation

These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Covenant

Siblings in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Response: I am

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Response: I do, relying on God's grace.

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness the commitment we now make?

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Laying on of Hands and Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit to them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Declaration

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce you are installed in your respective positions. In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love.

Thanks be to God.

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

Offertory *A Home of Grace*

– J.M. Marin
Spirit

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and generous God, all of us rely on the care, support, and example of others to teach us about the ways your transforming spirit is at work in our world. May these offerings reflect our desire and our commitment to keep your word, the promise of renewing love for all the earth.

*Closing Hymn *God Made from One Blood*

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*Benediction

Let love be true and freely given. May you be encouraged and blessed by the Advocate whose love warms and surrounds you like the sun, believing that God is with us always, as close as our beating hearts. **Amen.**

*Choral Benediction *May Your Run and Not Be Weary*

– P. Murakami

May you run and not be weary
May your heart be filled with song
And may the love of God
Continue to give you hope
And keep you strong
And may you run and not be weary
May your life be filled with joy
And may the road you travel
Always lead you home

Postlude (*please be seated*)

1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,
 2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
 3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust
 4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,
 for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,
 and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,
 to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;

Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage
 The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend
 Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,
 Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.
 of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.
 mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruising their souls.
 of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.

Community Advocate: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, was written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain, Minister for Faith Formation; Curator for Worship and Liturgical Arts, United Church of Christ.

The flowers on the altar today are placed by Jack Stush and Audrey Rayfield in memory of loved ones.

The yellow rose bud is presented by John Stush in memory of his father, John Stush, US Navy.

Attendance Last Sunday: 18 at 8:30 am, 132 at 10:30 am, and 53 online.

Watch
Worship
Live



Watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 am or on-demand:
<https://sundaystreams.com/go/ERUCC>

Today: May 14, 2023

Scripture Reader: Laurel Nguyen-Powell
Deacons: Chuck Baldree, Matt Pomeroy
Elder: Tyler L. York
Greeters: Cathie Duncan, Eliza Stitely
Kathleen Jefferson
Welcome: Julie Clark, Thi Nguyen
Audio/Visual: Rodney Martin, Larry Martin
Kendra Sampson
Junior Church: Thomasa Pomeroy
Nursery: Stephanie Fisher
Fellowship: Tyler L. York, Keith Stickleby
Peter Brehm, Susan Kulp
Saturday Chimer: Dick Williams
Sunday Chimer: Suzanne Morris

Next Week: May 21, 2023

Bob Manthey
Matt Davis, Harrison Fisher
Peter Brehm
Tom and Rachel Ford, Pat Condo

Julie Clark
Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker
Matthew Mercier
Thomasa Pomeroy, Linda Coyle
Kate Fromknecht
Julie Clark, Laura Rhoderick

Tricia Coffey
Robin and David Cooney

FELLOWSHIP

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jesus makes clear in Acts 1: 6-14, that the role of a disciple is to be Jesus' witnesses throughout the world, under the power of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel lesson, John 17: 1-11, is part of Jesus' final prayer with the disciples, preparing them for their lives as witnesses to the saving love of God.

This morning we will be honoring our graduates.

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:

Richard Alley (brother of David Alley), Sue Pinner, Joann Miller (mother of Angela Brittain), 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).



**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

Zoom: bit.ly/ERSunstudy

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888

Passcode: 327128

Foundational Stories of the Old Testament ... in Order! The Exile ... and the Exodus ... is that one event with two names ... or two? 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 as we survey of the big stories of the Old Testament in the order they occurred. No prior experience needed.

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.

THE PARENT'S PLACE

West Classroom, Trinity Chapel

9:30 – 10:25 am

Take a moment to unwind in a new space for parents to gather in Trinity Chapel after your kids are in Sunday School. The West Classroom is the room to the right as you enter the chapel.

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

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.

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

This Week at ERUCC

LET'S SING

Sunday, May 14

Liz Coffey Room

9:30 – 10:15 am

It's Mother's Day! Celebrate by singing together! Did you know that singing together can be a therapeutic or spiritual experience, a great bonding activity, and just plain fun? Research shows that people who sing together feel happier. So, whether you are a gifted choir member or can't hold a tune, join us for a hymn sing led by Kathy Gelles-Baxter.

PERIOD PACKS (MENSTRUAL HYGIENE KITS) SERVICE PROJECT

May 14 – June 18

Beginning this Mother's Day, May 14, ERUCC will officially launch a campaign to create period packs to help people in period poverty. These kits promote cleanliness and health during the menstrual cycle. In partnership with Church World Service, the UCC is working provide as many period packs as possible by the end of July as a General Synod service project. Our target date to assemble packs at ERUCC is Father's Day, June 18.



“Period poverty” is defined as a lack of access to menstrual products, hygiene facilities, waste management, and related education. This can result in missed days at school and work, discrimination, and social isolation. Recent research reveals that almost two-thirds of women in the U.S. with a low income could not afford menstrual products in the last year, while nearly half had to choose between food and menstrual products.

Needed donation items include the following:

- Regular and super-absorbency tampons
- Sanitary pads (unscented, long, super, ultra-thin)
- Bath-size soaps (3oz. bar or larger, no Ivory or Jergen's soap. Do not remove packaging)
- Packs of flushable wipes (unscented 42-count)

Drop-off bins are located outside the sanctuary and Trinity Chapel. Financial donations directed to ERUCC should note that they are for the “Period Packs Project.”

For more information, contact your M&SA committee members: Michelle Beadle, Kelly Esslinger, Colleen Baldree, Angela Brittain, Kathleen Jefferson, Shelley Weakly.

Upcoming at ERUCC

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP WALK

Sunday, May 21

Carroll Creek Linear Park

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Spring is here and it is time to rejoice and give thanks. Join the Green Team for a walk along Carroll Creek, where we can revel in the beauty of Frederick's public art installations and downtown nature. Depending on the whim of the group, we'll finish up with a stop at a creekside brewery or with a visit to Hoffman Brothers Ice Cream shop.

EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY

Sunday, May 21

Community Room

5:00 pm



It's my birthday, your birthday, everybody's birthday! Let's celebrate our birthdays with dinner and dessert. You'll be invited to sit with others in your own birth month to enjoy a slice of cake and share birthday memories and wishes. We hope to see you there and sing "Happy Birthday!" to everyone!

Please bring a side dish or salad to share. We'll provide the main dish. Consider signing up to decorate your birth month's table with a themed centerpiece or other decorations. For example, October might have Halloween décor and February might have hearts and groundhogs. Sign up to decorate a table in the Community Room during fellowship or by emailing Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org.

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 23

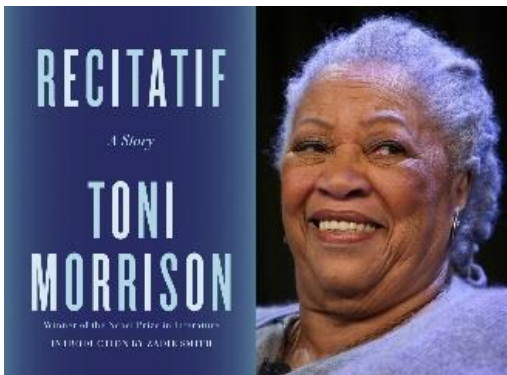
Pastor Daniel's Home / Zoom

6:00 pm

Zoom: bit.ly/ERUCCbooks

Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574

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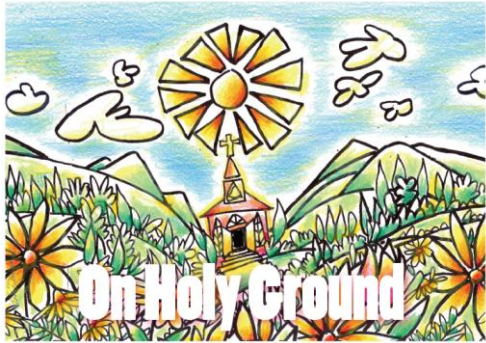
Recitatif by Toni Morrison. In this 1983 short story—the only short story Morrison ever wrote—childhood friends Twyla and Roberta lose touch as they grow older, only to find each other again later in life. Seemingly at opposite ends of every problem, the two women still cannot deny the deep bond between 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.”

This evening will begin with a dinner of gratitude prepared by Pastor Daniel at her home before discussing the book.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

ERUCC will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 28

Acknowledging Holy Ground



The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the work of our conference and the national United Church of Christ to become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church, accessible to all. The offering funds leadership development, youth and young adult ministries, and new and renewing congregations.

What does it mean for us to become a multi-racial/multi-cultural church? United Church Camps, Inc., an outdoor ministry related to the Wisconsin Conference UCC, took this question to heart. It renamed its oldest outdoor ministry site as the Daycholah Center, incorporating the Ho-Chunk name for Green Lake, chosen to honor the Ho-Chunk people who were the original keepers of this land.

The process began at the 2019 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Conference UCC. The conference adopted a resolution repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. The Doctrine was used to justify the seizure of land from indigenous people. Conversation between Ho-Chunk UCC members and

Outdoor ministry leadership identified that a retreat center with “Pilgrim” in it could be offensive and a barrier to living out the camp mission.

The Alliance for Justice, a justice initiative started from the Ho-Chunk UCC in Black River Falls with funding from the national UCC, facilitated a process of deep spiritual work. The multi-year process offered UCCI the gift of a name: Daycholah Center.

People gathered to rededicate the center on Indigenous Peoples' Day, October 11. There were speakers, a fire circle, and a shared meal. Karena Thundercloud, vice president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, captured the essence of the day and of Outdoor Ministry when she asked us to “think about the life of this lake, [how it] brought us together, and will continue to connect us in our greatest identity as a community.”

The compassionate and generous spirit of the Ho-Chunk people filled the air. They gave us gifts of blankets and star quilts, leather pouches containing passages of Scripture on small scrolls, fragrant cedar pouches and a hand-carved walking stick. They performed traditional smudging and presented UCCI with a Ho-Chunk Nation flag that will fly over Daycholah’s welcome center.

Through the Strengthen the Church Offering, we help support the work of conferences and the national setting as we become a multi-racial/ multi-cultural church.



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



CELEBRATION OF REV. DR. BARBARA KERSHNER DANIEL

With gratitude and appreciation, we will celebrate Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel and her 40 years of ministry upon her retirement in June. Bring a smile, a hug, and maybe a few tissues.

Saturday, June 3, 2023

5:00 – 8:00 pm

- Reception in our Community Room
- Cocktail Attire preferred
- Beer, wine, soda, and appetizers provided
- Program can be viewed by Zoom at 5:30 pm

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

Meeting ID: 861 3289 2634

Passcode: 625283



Sunday, June 4, 2023

10:30 am

Pastor Daniel's final Sunday and Service of Farewell in the Main Sanctuary and streaming online at www.erucc.org

11:30 am

A short program will conclude the service in the sanctuary and online followed by brunch at ERUCC

Congregation members are welcome to attend one or both events but must let us know which event(s) you will be attending. **It is critical that we receive RSVPs by May 18. Thank you!**

You are encouraged to park in the Court Street Garage (2 South Court Street, accessible from South Court Street and Citizens Way) or West Patrick Street Garage (138 West Patrick Street, next to the Frederick County Courthouse on the west side, and accessible from the second block of West Patrick Street and the first block of South Court Street).

If you have questions, please contact either celebration co-chair, Cathie Duncan at cathieduncan@comcast.net or (301) 788-5348 or Betsy Fisher at bcfishe@hotmail.com or (240) 285-5247.

ERUCC at FREDERICK PRIDE

Saturday, June 24

Carroll Creek Linear Park

10:00 am – 6:00 pm



ERUCC is an Open and Affirming congregation that proudly supports The Frederick Center and our LGBTQ+ community. The Frederick Center has organized Frederick Pride on Saturday June 24, 2023 on Carroll Creek. ERUCC will have a table at this event announcing its mission and programs to Frederick Pride visitors. Shifts are in two-hour increments. Bring your own water and a chair. All are welcome to volunteer. Contact Julie Clark, jclarkad@yahoo.com or (301) 305-8181 with questions.

Sign up to help with outreach: bit.ly/41xOCP9

Special Gatherings in Celebration

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



*Gratitude Tour
with Pastor Daniel*

Monday, May 22

Community Room, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Light supper for anyone who has served on the Consistory since 2006 including elders, deacons, and committee chairs

Tuesday, May 23

North Room, following Bible Study

Lunch with the Bible Study group

Tuesday, May 23

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 & Becky Martin's for current and former youth group members and their parents

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

No matter their mental health challenge.

No matter their immigration status.

No matter their sexual orientation.

No matter their economic status.

No matter their gender identity.

No matter their disability.

No matter their religion.

No matter their race.

Love your neighbor. No exceptions.

Children and Family Ministry

CRAFT DURING FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 14

Come to fellowship to make a quick and beautiful Mother's Day Craft for a woman who you love! Look for Pastor Kirstin at one of the round tables if you wish to participate.

JUNIOR CHURCH

On all Sundays except the first Sunday of each month, children aged 5 – 5th grade may go to Junior Church after the Thought for the Day in the worship service. Junior Church, a space to join in creative spiritual formation activities, will take place in the Thomas Room most weeks. Parents should pick up children from Junior Church following service.

On Sunday, May 28, there will not be Junior Church so children can participate in Confirmation Sunday. The final Junior Church will be Sunday, May 21 until Fall 2023.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last day of traditional Sunday School is Sunday, May 28. We will thank our Sunday School and Music and Movement teachers, substitutes, and greeters at the 10:30 am service.

On June 4, Children's Music and Movement will meet at 9:30 am to rehearse and prepare for Pastor Daniel's final Sunday and Service of Farewell at 10:30 am.

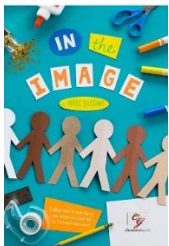
Starting Sunday, June 25, rehearsals for the summer musical will begin during the Sunday School hour (see below for more details).

NURSERY

Please note, on Sunday, May 28, the nursery will be unattended but available for use by families as needed.

SUMMER MUSICAL – IN THE IMAGE

rehearsals begin June 25



The ERUCC summer musical is back! During the summer months, ERUCC children and youth may participate in a musical. This year's show is *In the Image*, a story that explores what it really means to be created in the image of God. Through humor and exploration, the characters realize that being created in the image of God isn't just about how you look but about the attributes of God that show forth in your life.

Rehearsals begin Sunday, June 25 from 9:30 – 10:15 am in Trinity Chapel. Read more details in the May *Trinity Chimes*.

If you have any questions, or if you are an adult and are interested in helping with this effort, please contact Tricia Coffey, trishcoffey1195@gmail.com or (240) 815-9118.

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 for Cowans Gap State Park: www.dcnr.pa.gov.

New planning meeting date! Join the Zoom on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 pm to work on meal plans, activities, etc.

Zoom: bit.ly/3nQaTJG

Meeting ID: 825 7660 6389

Passcode: 10485

Contact Pastor Kirstin for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 31 – August 4



This year's VBS theme is "Food Truck Party: On a Roll With God!" Read more details in the May *Trinity Chimes*.

Pastor Kirstin is looking for youth and adult volunteers for a variety of tasks: snack makers, craft leaders, game leaders, scientists/teachers, storybook readers, and musicians. We are seeking volunteers to work any number of mornings and one extended afternoon. We will develop the schedule based on who we have. We plan to design an 8:30 am – 12:00 pm day.. The sessions are pre-designed, but for creative volunteers, Pastor Kirstin invites you to look at the lessons and share your vision!

Safe Church Training

If you are planning to help at VBS and did not complete training after December 2022, then you will need to attend Safe Church training on Sunday, June 25 at 1:30 pm or make arrangements with Pastor Kirstin for an alternative training time.



Opportunities to Serve

VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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 or talk with Starr Schaeberle or Laura Rhoderick for more details.

Additional Announcements

SURVIVING HARDSHIP

How adopting a trauma informed approach promotes healing and resilience

Wednesday, May 17

FCC Conference Center

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm



Local experts discuss the importance of using a trauma informed approach when addressing hardships and struggles. The goal to better support healing and resilience throughout the county, in any circumstance or organization. Trauma informed practices are important to the school system, business, government, law enforcement and the justice system.

Free and open to the public. Register at bit.ly/TRF_Surviving or scan the QR code.



Some of the topics discussed could be of a sensitive nature and could cause discomfort.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE FROM OUR MISSION PARTNERS



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your May 2023 donation of \$500. This financial support will be valuable in helping the PFLAG Frederick chapter get started with programs, activities, and advocacy in support of our mission to create a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them.

We are planning on tabling at Frederick Pride on Saturday, June 24, as well as continuing to buy books as part of our Inclusive Books programs that seeks to place LGBTQ+ books in every FPS Library. For advocacy, we are pushing back against Genspect attempts to subvert FPS Policy 443 as well as efforts by the Book Reconsideration Committee to remove books from FPS libraries, including books with LGBTQ+ characters, themes, and topics. Your membership and contribution help make this possible.



Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$218 to the Department of Housing & Human Services Food Bank. Many Frederick County residents rely on the Food Bank to make ends meet. Your contribution has a direct impact on our community and the lives of our residents. Together we can continue our mission of helping those in need.

Sunday Morning Schedule

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

Stay Informed

MAY 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/may23chimes.



WEEKLY THURSDAY THOUGHTS EMAIL

Subscribe to receive our weekly email newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/gDNCu5> or by scanning the QR code!

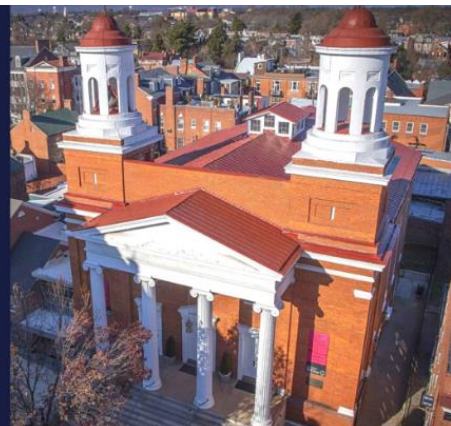


MISSION STATEMENT

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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

John 14:15-21

Witness of Love Mother's Day Rural Life Sunday

A recent *Thursdays for the Soul* video focused on the special joys and challenges for rural churches. Rev. Barbara Howlett of Dille Parish, PA says that her joy is that everyone in her small rural congregation participates with their whole heart, mind, and soul. For her, the joy happens when her church models itself after the early church described in Acts, where all the believers were together and held everything in common. She says this is the best description of rural communities. In other congregations Howlett has served, getting to know each other is the biggest challenge. But in a rural community, the church is very visible and personal. There's a sense of familiarity that can't be bought or packaged, it's innate in the character of the rural community. Howlett says she appreciates the stability of a community where people are deeply rooted, not moving in and out. Because of that stability, she believes that ministry in a rural area is more aligned with the ministry of Jesus, who was able to deeply know and understand those he ministered with. "We may be small," Howlett adds with her infectious laugh, "but we serve a BIG GOD!"

In South Dakota, Becky Leonard is the office administrator at First Congregational UCC in Redfield, a small community of just about 2,000 residents. In spite of being a small congregation of 45 or so worshippers, this small community is able to serve the community in a number of ways. Together with another UCC church 10 miles away, the congregation runs a nonprofit apartment building that provides housing for the elderly and disabled of the community. They also have a food bank, which is important as their rural community is considered a food desert. They also support local schools with a backpack program.

Thursdays for the Soul is a webinar series to care for the whole church. Topics are wide-ranging and are focused on the spirituality and care of people. One recent *Thursday for the Soul* considered the special joys and challenges for rural congregations. Find more at this link or by searching the United Church of Christ YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FTa1-69DVA&t=598s>



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