



Pentecost

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 28, 2023

Pentecost

10:30 am

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

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

Entrance of the Confirmation Class

As the congregation entered the Sanctuary this morning, some of you walked on a path of footprints made by members of the Confirmation Class. This banner symbolizes that faith is a journey and that the confirmation of our faith is one important step on the journey of discipleship. As parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, godparents, family, friends, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, mentors, and members of the congregation, you have walked with these young people. Now they have added their own prints to the journey of faith as they assume responsibility for what they believe.

Members of the Confirmation Class are escorted by their parents and mentors as a symbol of their encouragement during this faith journey. As the parents have shared their light of love and hope of Christ with their children, that light is passed on to another generation to take into the world.

***Call to Worship**

Quynn Adkins

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

*Opening Prayer

God of love, we thank you for the great love that comes from you and for Jesus, your gift of love to us.

Help us to love you, to love each other and all your people, so that the greater commandment of Christ may fill our hearts, our lives, and our world on this day and always. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us*

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1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our



***Call to Confession**

Peyton Bowen

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power. Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

***Prayer of Confession**

When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Ministry Moment

Lucy Adkins and Trevor Weakly

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**

The Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

NT Page 119

Katie Zander

I Corinthians 12: 3b-18

NT Page 174

Lucas Nguyen-Powell

John 14: 8-17

NT Page 108

Peyton Bowen

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Morning Prayers

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

Offertory *Rivers of Living Water*

– Karen Marrolli
Senior Choir

*Prayer of Dedication

Take our offerings, O God, and make our giving a joyous song of praise, that its music may transform the hearts of the powerful, bringing unity and liberty to our world. Amen.

*Confirmation Hymn *Jesus, I Live to Thee*

Not too fast

1. Je - sus, I live to Thee, The love - li - est and best;
2. Je - sus I die to Thee, When - ev - er death shall come;
3. Wheth - er to live or die, I know not which is best;
4. Liv - ing or dy - ing, Lord, I ask but to be Thine;

My life in Thee, Thy life in me, In Thy blest love I rest.
To die in Thee is life to me In my e - ter - nal home.
To live in Thee is bliss to me, To die is end - less rest.
My life in Thee, Thy life in me, Makes heaven for - ev - er mine. A-MEN.

Mentors and Confirmands Reflect on Their Journey Together

Order for Confirmation

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Act of Confirmation

Welcome on behalf of the congregation by Peter Brehm
President, ERUCC Consistory

*Closing Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

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Chorus

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a
Should you find some-one to share your time and you
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line: D7, G, D, G, D, G, D, G, D, G, D, G, D, G, D, G, C, D7, G, G/B, C, G.

1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways yours,
 2 Be - fore the cross of One who died, I bow in deep re - gret.
 3 A - noint me with your love and grace, a - dopt me for your own,
 4 Let ev - ery thought and work and word be given, O God, to you.

That I from you no more may stray as long as life en - dures.
 Let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and ev - ery wrong off - set.
 That I in heaven may find my place and wor - ship at your throne.
 In life and death, may I be stirred your pur - pose to pur - sue.

***Benediction**

***Sevenfold Amen**

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Postlude (*please be seated*)



Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ welcomes the family and friends of our 2023 Confirmation Class: Quynn Adkins, Eli Baker, Peyton Bowen, Lucas Nguyen-Powell, and Katie Zander. We also recognize that during the year Max Zander participated.

Confirmands and Mentors

Quynn Adkins – Trish Coffey

Lucas Nguyen-Powell – Bud Rossig

Eli Baker – Jim Brittain

Katie Zander – Linda Coyle

Peyton Bowen – Dawn Lagrotteria

Max Zander – Peter Brehm

ERUCC thanks Jim Weitz and Maria Lagrotteria for teaching in 2022-2023 and to Arthur Slade and Kathryn Rabb for their journey with the class from 2019-2022.

We thank Jim Brittain, Dawn Lagrotteria, Trish Coffey, Bud Rossig, Linda Coyle, and Peter Brehm for serving as confirmation mentors.

Confirmation 2023



Confirmands with Maria and Jim



Peyton and Dawn



Lucas and Bud



Jim and Eli



Trish and Quynn



Linda and Katie

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed in honor and remembrance of those who have died in service to the United States.

The yellow rose bud is presented in honor of Cpl Alex Schaeberle and all those serving in the military.

Attendance Last Sunday: 28 at 8:30 am, 147 at 10:30 am.

Watch
Worship
Live



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

Today: May 28, 2023

Scripture Reader: Confirmation Class
Deacons: Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle
Elder: Peter Brehm
Greeters: Ave and Cliff Barr

Welcome: Pat Condo, Rob Smith
Audio/Visual: Rodney Martin, Larry Martin
Kendra Sampson
Nursery: Unattended, but available for use
Fellowship: Families of Confirmands
Saturday Chimer: Nancy Doll
Sunday Chimer: Tricia Coffey

Next Week: June 4, 2023

Will Duncan
Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick
Eric Weakly
Anne Hoffmann, Danielle Carbone,
Sue Pinner
Marj Berkheimer
Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Schaeberle
Larry Martin

Green Team
Nancy Doll
Tricia Coffey

FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY Please join us for fellowship in the Community Room after
FELLOWSHIP 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.

Volunteer For Sunday Fellowship

Sign up to help with this fellowship ministry to help set up, serve, or clean up at bit.ly/ERUCC_fellowship or talk with Starr Schaeberle or Laura Rhoderick for more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13:11–13 appeals to the Corinthians to put things in order, to agree with one another, to live together in peace. We might hear a call to the church to remember that God's essential act is one of love and to live back into the gracious and good dominion of God. In Matthew 28:16–20, Jesus bestows authority upon followers to carry the good news of God's love to all places. The promise in verse 20 asserts that Jesus is the assurance that God will not abandon the community of creation.

On this Trinity Sunday, the readings invite us to explore and celebrate the many ways God is revealed in and through continuing relationships within this good creation. God entrusts remarkable potential to all that is created. New beginnings emerge as the community of creation lives into such promise.

During the 10:30 a.m. service, we will give thanks for Pastor Daniel's ministry and honor her retirement with a farewell prayer. The Senior Choir, Children's Music and Movement, and Young Spirit will be singing.

HOSPITAL AND PRAYER LIST

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

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Linda Marsh, Matt Pomeroy, Cathy Crome (sister of Nancy Jones), Richard Alley (brother of David Alley), Sue Pinner, Joann Miller (mother of Angela Brittain), Greg Rhoads, Luke Chappell, Holly Davis, Mike Roberston (friend of Kathleen and Niel Jefferson), Bob Pinner, Stacie Carey (niece of Darlene Brunner and Jeannette Johnson), Marcia Eisenstein, 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).

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 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.

This class will not meet next Sunday, June 4.

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.



**IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY,
THE ERUCC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 29**

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MEMORIAL DAY

This Week at ERUCC

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Sunday, May 28



The Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the commitment of all settings of the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations as we work to become a multi-cultural/multi-racial, accessible to all Christian movement.

From Holy Ground - A Prayer to Strengthen the Church

by Rev. Dave Long-Higgins, Conference Minister, Heartland Conference

Loving God,
Ground us anew
In Your deep desire
For a fullness of flourishing
Yearning to rise throughout
Your whole creation.

Plant us deep
In the soil of Your love
Bursting open seeds
Often long-forgotten
Except by You
Bearing a strength
For blessing and healing
In a world of hurt.

Form Your self-giving
In our deepest selves
Giving grace and space
For Your strength of soul
To rise anew in acts
Of joy-filled giving
Bearing unexpected hope
In a world weary with worry.

Grow us in Your Holy Ground
Supplying every needed nutrient

Of body, mind, and soul
In just the right amount
At just the right time
Giving rise to a beauty
And delight not of our making
Yet requiring our consent.

By this, O Love,
Strengthen the covenant
Of Your Christ-formed community
Gifting a renewed energy
To bear Your deep desire
Into a world that hungers
For resurrection risings.

Now, strengthen Your church
With Your self-giving Spirit
That we may strengthen others
For Your holy work of unfolding
Abundant, blessed, beloved, joy!

Yes, O Love, raise us up
From your Holy Ground
For nothing less than this
And let it be more than enough.

Amen.



PERIOD PACKS (MENSTRUAL HYGIENE KITS) SERVICE PROJECT

May 14 – June 18

Beginning Mother's Day, ERUCC began 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 as a General Synod service project. **We will assemble packs at ERUCC on June 25.**



“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.

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

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. Thank you to everyone who RSVP'd by May 18. 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 program will conclude the service in the sanctuary and online followed by brunch at ERUCC

For those participating in person at either event, please wear your ERUCC nametag. A basket will be available outside the Community Room for those wishing to bring a card. 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 Fredrick 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

2023 INTERFAITH PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, June 24

Grace UCC, 25 E. 2nd St

11:00 am

An interfaith Pride worship service will be held at Grace United Church of Christ with The Reverend Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister for the Central Atlantic Conference UCC as its guest speaker. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Gerry Hanberry at pastorgerrygrace@gmail.com.

GARDEN WALK

Sunday, June 25

meet on ERUCC's back patio

2:00 – 3:00 pm



What could be better than a garden walk? How about a walk in a friend's garden? And when that friend is Carolyn Roberts, you know it will be special. She will share her experiences in creating a beautiful garden during COVID then learning about the importance of native plants and rethinking everything. Many of us want to move from lawn and designer flowers toward more native plant landscaping but need some guidance to get there. Join us for the garden tour and conversation. We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm, walk to Carolyn's house for the garden walk and end up at the Pop Shop on N Market Street! We'll support a local business that is committed to composting and waste reduction while also enjoying a treat together.

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

Children and Youth

JUNIOR CHURCH

On Sunday, May 28, there will not be Junior Church so children can participate in Confirmation Sunday. Junior Church will resume in 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.

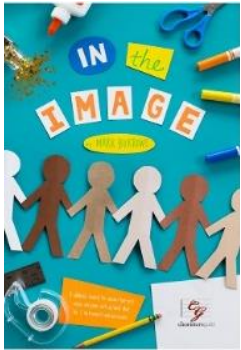
ZIPLINE

Saturday, June 17

Youth and children are invited to a zipline activity, campfire, and hiking at Camp Manidokan on Saturday, June 17. Please respond to Pastor Kirstin ASAP by text or email to reserve your spot! \$15 per person. Time to be determined by your availability.

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* at bit.ly/may23chimes.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Summer church fun for youth and children at 7:00 pm.

June 21 - Night Hike to be co-led by Linda Coyle and Pastor Kirstin

June 28 - Keys baseball game presented by the Frederick Center

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*.

VBS will be Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon. We will stay until 3:00 pm on Thursday for those who are interested. During that day we will do some extended missional activities and water play! Families who want to request early drop off should do that through Pastor Kirstin. We will open registration to campers outside our church June 5 – 12. 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.

NEEDED: 2 refrigerator boxes to make into food trucks

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.



Additional Announcements

**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you to the following people for sharing their time and talents this year teaching Sunday School classes for children, serving as substitutes and chapel greeters, and leading Junior Church!

Barb Biser
Beth Bowen
Ashley Coen
Justin Coen
Paige Coffey
Linda Coyle
Julie Ebersole
Jean Fish

Eleanor Fisher
Evie Frazier
Kate Fromknecht
Alyssa Kline
Dawn Lagrotteria
Stephanie Martinez
Matt Pomeroy
Thomasa Pomeroy

Jen Powell
Audrey Rayfield
Pastor Kirstin
Donna Smith
Emily Spear
Jack Stush

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY – WEAR ORANGE



Friday, June 2 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Frederick's Mom's Demand team will decorate our church building orange for Wear Orange Weekend, June 2-4, as we remember.

Saturday morning, June 3, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Hill Street Park Pavilion (100 Hill St, Frederick, MD 21703), Frederick's Mom's Demand team will be hosting a #WearOrange awareness event with their community partner, Heartly House, to raise awareness of the increased lethality of incidents of domestic violence in Frederick County when firearms are involved. Heartly House initiates or implements many of the community gun violence prevention measures that Everytown recommends, including Domestic Violence Danger and Lethality Assessments, Intimate Partner Violence Intervention, and Disarming Domestic Abusers. Help support this vital work. Children welcome!

- In United States, excluding suicides, 2022 brought 20,138 killed through gun violence.
- Nationally, the gun suicide rate is 24,000 persons each year, 70% of all annual deaths
- In 2022, in the United States we have experienced:
 - 648 'mass shootings' [4 or more people shot]
 - 2,700+ wounded, 672 deaths;
 - 36 mass murders [up 30% from 2021]
 - 332 people were shot on K-12 school properties
- Every day on average (all ages) 321 people in America are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, and police intervention
- In an average year in Maryland, 796 people die by guns and 1,363 people are wounded. Gun violence costs Maryland \$10.5 billion each year.

CLIMATE HOPE SUNDAYS

Last fall there was a UCC Climate Hope art contest for kids. Many of our children participated and drew wonderful pictures of what caring for the earth means to them. Out of all the contestants, the judges picked an overall winner. Her drawing is now being made into postcards that will be used in a postcard campaign to persuade the EPA to finalize rules to reduce pollution.



During June and July, the Green Team will be setting up an Advocacy Table during Fellowship. Stop by our table to learn more and sign a Climate Hope postcard!

If you want a sneak peek into what it's all about, check out this link: <https://bit.ly/3qbJrH0>

PASTORAL CARE

We will continue to experience personal joys and challenges following Pastor Daniel's retirement on June 4. A team of clergy members active in the congregation will be available for pastoral care.

Evangelical Reformed UCC wants to be there for you when you're experiencing an illness, hospitalization, or other life-event for which you, or someone you love, may need a visit.

If emergency pastoral care is needed in the case of crisis, death, or severe illness, please first contact the church office at (301) 662-2762 or erucc@erucc.org. Outside of office hours, you may contact Nancy Manthey, pastoral care coordinator, at (240) 629-8030.

ERUCC has an active care team, Faithful Friends, coordinated by Pat Hevner. Faithful Friends is responsible for visiting ERUCC members that are in nursing homes and those that currently reside in their homes but are unable to come to regular Sunday morning services. In addition, these members will receive visits (and communion) from our clergy members who are providing pastoral care.

Members of the church may also be able to offer you meal support, coordinated by Kelly Esslinger, kellbell.erucc@gmail.com.



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 – 10:10 am	Children's Sunday School , Trinity Chapel <i>Ages 3 – 2nd Grade, 3rd – 6th Grade</i>
10:10 – 10:25 am	Children's Music & Movement , Trinity Chapel <i>Pre-K through high school</i>
10:30 – 11:30 am	Worship , Main Sanctuary and Online
11:30 am	Fellowship , Community Room

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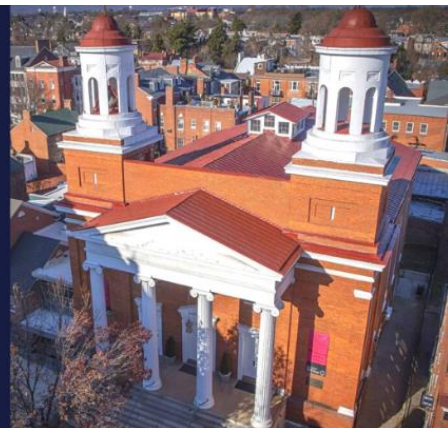


MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-21

Strengthen the Church Offering

You might have heard someone joke, “King James English was good enough for Jesus, it’s good enough for me.” Today’s story is about the first day a small and ragtag group of Jesus followers became a church – the church we still are today. It’s our story, and it’s not a story about everyone suddenly speaking the same language. It’s a story about everyone speaking - all of them, all at once - the languages of each other. This is not a story about understanding each other. It’s a story about understanding that each of us speaks to God in our own way, and God speaks to us each in our own way.

Pentecost understood this way happens all the time. It happens whenever you have a meal with a youngster whose music and ideas you don’t understand, but who you love just the same. It happens when you sit with a loved one, whose words have been lost to disease, and so you no longer understand, but you love just the same. You are speaking the language of Pentecost, when you really listen to the person sitting next to you right now, whose hopes and dreams and visions you have only gotten a glimpse of, even after a lifetime of knowing each other.

That we don’t all speak the same language doesn't make us less of a community, it makes us more of one. Whether you came to worship this morning speaking the language of health or of illness, the language of joy or of sorrow, the language of despair or hope, the language of a pounded nail or a warm hug, Pentecost is the hope that your congregation can be a place where all those languages are spoken, all are heard. May your community be a place where people, when they hear you speak, can say in wonder “they are speaking in words I can understand.”

Today, many churches receive the Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering. STC reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.



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