



# Trinity Chimes

Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ  
Frederick, Maryland USA

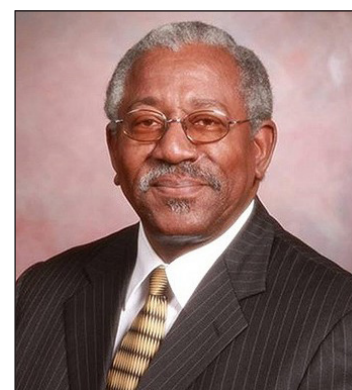
November 2023

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.

*Friends:*

I am delighted to report that the Intentional Interim Call Committee has called Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan to serve as ERUCC's Intentional Interim Minister. This past Monday, ERUCC and Pastor Morgan signed the covenant guiding our collaboration over the upcoming 18 to 24 months. Pastor Morgan, who lives with his wife in Atlanta and whose home church is First Congregational Church in Atlanta, GA, will start living in Frederick on or near January 1 in order to lead our first Sunday service in January. He also plans to visit Frederick once or twice between now and January to find housing and begin to gain familiarity with Frederick.

The Call Committee reviewed Pastor Morgan's profile, contacted his references, reviewed sermons he delivered at his current church, and had two Zoom interviews with him, one with just the Call Committee and a second with ERUCC staff.



Among his skills, knowledge, and aptitudes, our collective discernment is that Pastor Morgan:

- Has deep experience as an Intentional Interim, having served in this role for seven congregations prior to his call to ERUCC, while prior to that, having served as a Settled Pastor, a Chaplain, a Theological School Administrator, and Teacher, and in other capacities;
- Uses a rigorous congregational discernment and Settled Pastor call process, and in fact, teaches this process to others as part of his ministry to the broader Church;
- Is a very caring person who has deep pastoral skills;
- Is committed to social justice issues, including ERUCC being an Opening and Affirming and Creation Justice Church;
- Understands the operational and fundraising needs that congregations have and has successfully navigated these roles in prior Intentional Interim and Settled Pastor settings;
- Is a calm and comforting person who can provide feedback and tell truths in a gracious and caring manner;
- Preaches sermons based on the Biblical text, which help shed new understandings on God's message to us.

In addition to thanking Pastor Morgan for his discernment to serve with us at ERUCC, we owe thanks the Central Atlantic Conference Minister Rev. Freeman Palmer for identifying Pastor Morgan as a potential candidate and to Intentional Interim Call Committee members Ave Barr, Robin Cooney, Darryl Glick, Matt Hueting, Marc Kline, and Eric Weakley for their commitment of time and energy in discerning this Call, with added thanks to Will Duncan and Rodney Martin for participating in discussions about Pastor Morgan's covenant with ERUCC.

I praise God that the Holy Spirit connected Pastor Morgan and the ERUCC congregation. Our work now begins!

Blessings,  
Peter

# November Worship Notes subject to change

## **Sunday, November 5 – All Saints Sunday**

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 | Joshua 3:7-17

We will share in Holy Communion at the chancel rail on this All Saints Sunday as we remember in prayer those members of the congregation and friends and family members who have died in the past year.

*The Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg will be preaching and leading worship. The Senior Choir will be singing.*

## **Sunday, November 12 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 5:18-24 | Matthew 25:1-13

*The Rev. John Shillingburg will be preaching and leading worship. Spirit will be sharing in music leadership this morning.*

## **Sunday, November 19 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:14-30

*The Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads will be preaching and leading worship. The Senior Choir will be singing.*

## **Sunday, November 26 – Reign of Christ Sunday | Climate in the Pulpit**

Genesis 1:26-31 | Psalm 8:1, 3-9 | Matthew 7:7-12

The reign of God, observed on this Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. We will remember our commitments as a Creation Justice Church during worship.

*The Rev. Gerald Fuss will be preaching. The Senior Choir will be singing.*

## *Let's Study the Bible ~ Sunday Morning*

with The Revs. John and Rebecca Shillingburg

**North Room / Zoom • 9 – 10:15 AM**

Zoom: [bit.ly/ERSunstudy](https://bit.ly/ERSunstudy)

Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888 Passcode: 327128

We are studying the foundational stories of the Old Testament, the big stories in the order they occurred. No prior experience needed; just bring your Bible.

We are now in the stories about David, Israel's ideal king. Except for an ideal king, David was pretty ruthless at times and a not-very-good parent. What's with that?



## *All Saints Sunday ~ November 5*

*We will be remembering those in our congregation, as well as loved ones and friends, who died during the past year. During the prayers at both the 8:30 & 10:30 services, the names will be read, followed by the tolling of a bell. You are invited to bring a photo of those we will remember in prayer. These photos can be placed on a table in the front of the sanctuary. If you wish to include the name of someone who has passed away since last November 1, please contact the church office at [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org) or 301-662-2762.*

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study ~

with The Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

**Tuesdays, October 31 - December 19**

North Room / Zoom 11 AM – 12 PM

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

Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398 Passcode: 973365



*Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* by Marcus J. Borg

One of the vital challenges facing Christians today is how to read the Bible faithfully without abandoning our sense of truth and history. Reading the Bible Again for the First Time provides a much-needed solution

to the problem of how to have a fully authentic yet contemporary understanding of the scriptures.

Many mistakenly believe there are no choices other than fundamentalism or simply rejecting the Bible as something that can bring meaning to our lives. Answering this modern dilemma, Marcus Borg reveals how it is possible to reconcile the Bible with both a scientific and critical way of thinking and our deepest spiritual needs, leading to a contemporary yet grounded experience of the sacred texts.

## Let's Study the Bible ~

### Wednesday Evening

with The Rev. John Shillingburg

**Wednesdays through December 20**

North Room / Zoom • 7 – 8:15 PM

Zoom: [bit.ly/ERwedstudy](https://bit.ly/ERwedstudy)

Meeting ID: 892 1764 4500 Passcode: 848933

Like the Sunday morning class, this new evening class offers an opportunity to read and discuss the scriptures, looking at them in their original context, considering when and by whom they were written, and how they have been interpreted through the centuries. All you need is a Bible; no prior knowledge is necessary.

We are currently studying the Prologue in Genesis (chapters 1-11), the original stories of the Hebrew scriptures - creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and the flood, and the Tower of Babel.



## *The Creation* by Joseph Haydn

November 12, 19, and 26 • Community Room, 9:30 AM

David Howard, musician and classical music scholar, will lead three sessions on *The Creation* by Joseph Haydn. Join us in the far corner of the Community Room for these three special weeks.

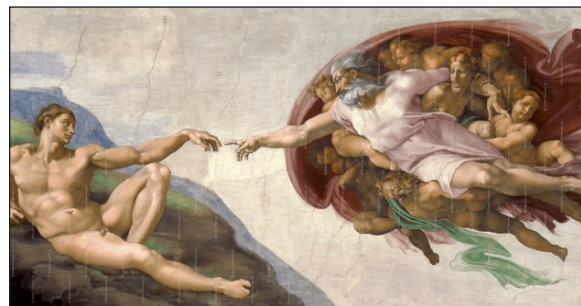
*The Creation* by Joseph Haydn is an oratorio depicting

and celebrating the

creation of the world and is

based on three sources - Genesis, the book of

Psalms, and Milton's "Paradise Lost." In class we will listen to portions of this four-hour work and experience how Haydn, writing for orchestra, chorus, and soloists, skillfully brings to life – through music – texts we have long held sacred.



# ERUCC WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 4, 8:30 AM - 4 PM

\$20 for lunch and programming

## *The Sacred Garden of Self*

Together, we will develop a stronger understanding of self through nature, art, creative expression, and group sharing. Experience gifts of resilience and transformation as we reflect on our intentions for “weeding, nurturing, and growing” our own Sacred Garden of Self. Expect to leave feeling empowered to be more you and with an artistic creation for future meditation.

A cost of \$20 covers our meal and some of our program supplies.

Feel free to bring your own fresh flowers if you have some available to you. We are thankful for Kara Young, Lancaster Seminary graduate with a background in the study of Shiloh-Sophia, who will be our guest artist and co-lead our process. RSVP to the office at [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org) or by calling (301) 662-2762. Leave your name and any diet/allergy needs for lunch.



## ERUCC COLUMBARIUM ~ RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW

Those interested in securing their final resting place here at ERUCC should contact the committee by email at [columbarium@erucc.org](mailto:columbarium@erucc.org) or calling the office at 301-662-2762.

**\$10,000 Top-tier Leadership niche (12"x12")**

**\$5,000 Standard niche (8"x8")**

Each niche accommodates two urns.







## **ERUCC**

# **Hanging of the Greens**

## **Sunday, November 26**

The ERUCC congregation will decorate the church following the 10:30 AM service on November 26 as we prepare the church for Advent. Key tasks to be accomplished on that Sunday and throughout the following week include:

1. Remove items from storage
2. Set up Putz in 1848 Church sanctuary (the Davis family is leading this effort)
3. Set up small crèche in 1848 Church Narthex (the Maples family is leading this effort)
4. Set up large crèche in upper foyer front window
5. Install garlands on 1848 Church front light posts and large and small wreaths on Trinity Chapel front doors; Parish House front door; on 1848 Church front porch; and in front of organ pipes. (Chuck Baldree and Bud Rossig are leading the large wreaths hanging effort.)
6. Wash and set up window decorations to include hurricane globes, bases, and wreaths in 1848 Church sanctuary windows
7. Hang large star in 1848 Church sanctuary and hang Moravian star above crèche in upper foyer (Chuck Baldree and Bud Rossig are leading this effort.)
8. Set up Advent wreath
9. Decorate the 1848 Church lower foyer clerestory window ledge and Parish House Church Street window
10. For the Christmas Eve service, assemble 500 candles and votives.
11. Assemble four Christmas trees for placement in front of the altar and hanging the garland on the balcony (Bradd Hammond will lead this effort, which is planned for November 25.)

Copies of storage locations will be on hand. Many hands make light work, so we're setting up a Sign-up Genius as well to organize ourselves into decorating teams: <https://bit.ly/greens24>

Questions? Please let Peter Brehm ([pbrehm@comcast.net](mailto:pbrehm@comcast.net)) or Tyler L. York ([erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org)) know. Thanks!



### **Help Reforest Maryland Saturday, November 11, 9-11 AM 16683 Creamery Rd, Emmittsburg MD**



Join the Green Team and other volunteers for a Stream-Link Education tree planting event. This activity is good for all ages. Stream-Link does all the preparation. They get native trees to plant, dig holes in advance of the planting, and provide instructions on what to do. Bring work gloves and wear sturdy shoes. You will be amazed at how quickly a whole field of trees can be planted. Plus, it's fun!

By planting trees, you are making an investment in a cleaner, greener future. Trees provide shade, filter water, sequester carbon, and are food and habitat for native species. Sign up now and bring a friend or your family!

Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4A72EA7FCCF8-streamlink#/>



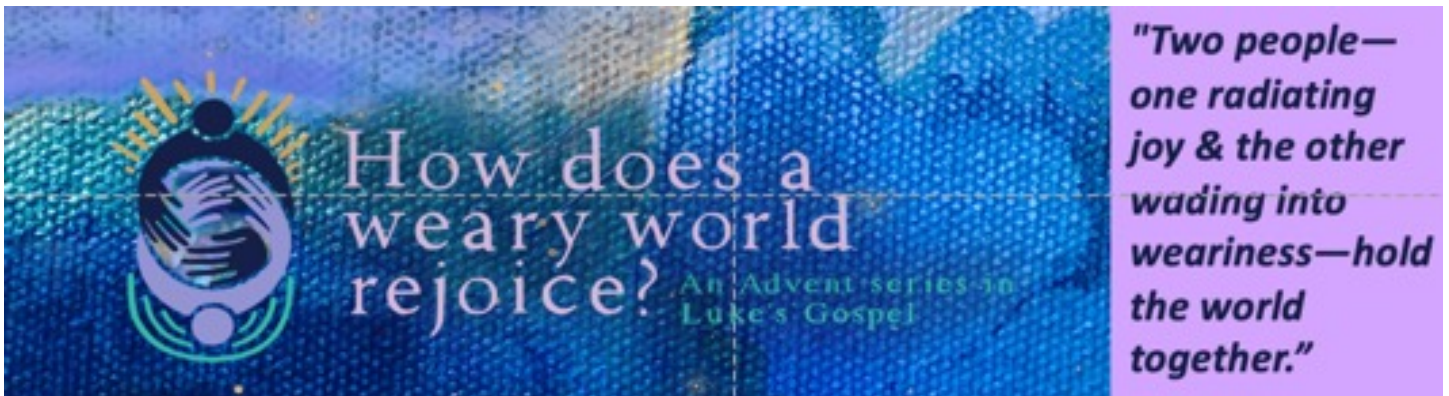
### **Creation Justice - Climate in the Pulpit Sunday, November 26**

*Let all that has breath praise the Lord! Psalm 150*

On Sunday November 26, we will remember our commitments as a Creation Justice Church during worship and afterwards in fellowship. Reverend Gerald Fuss, a retired UCC pastor and member at St. Paul's UCC in Westminster, will provide the sermon. He and his wife, Libby, live at Homewood at Frederick, where "Jerry" is active advocating for environmental stewardship, sustainable practices, and educational programs. Jerry is a member of the Multi-Faith Alliance of Climate Stewards of Frederick.

During fellowship, the Green Team will host displays on ways we can each make a difference in caring for our planet and our fellow humans through choices we make in our daily lives. We will also be offering you the opportunity to join congregations throughout Maryland in signing a petition to strengthen the EmPOWER Maryland Act and reduce methane emissions.





During Advent, which begins Sunday, December 3, we will contemplate the question, **“How does a weary world rejoice?”** This question is difficult to imagine, much less to answer. Joy is often a companion to many other emotions. We can feel joy in addition to feeling many different things at once: grief, anticipation, anxiety, excitement, disappointment, exhaustion.

Perhaps many of us live with the myth that joy is not something we deserve—or that it is wholly out of reach. But our joy is rooted in the truth that we belong to God. Can you tether yourself to that deep truth? You deserve to feel joy—fully. The world needs your joy, even if you are weary. Our joy is better when it is shared.

And so, this Advent, we will hold space for our weariness and our joy. We will seek a “thrill of hope” in our hurting world. We will welcome joy—even and especially if, like the prophet Isaiah, we cry out for comfort (Isaiah 40:1). In this weary world, may we find many ways to rejoice.

## UPDATE ON HISTORIC TOWN CLOCK TOWER AND STEEPLE RESTORATION

On Sunday, October 15, Owen York and Peter Brehm presented information on the Historic Town Clock Tower and Trinity Chapel during *Let's Talk*. Findings from the engineering report and the contractor's proposed scope of work were reviewed, options for our path forward were presented, and there was time for questions.

An ad hoc Visioning Committee has formed to discuss how we envision Trinity Chapel as a part of the church's future, a critical first step in the process of choosing among the available options for restoration.

You can watch a recording of this presentation at <https://bit.ly/letstalkTC>





# Greetings from Germany!

From October 16 – 26, fourteen ERUCC adults visited our German partners in Inden-Langerwehe. Joe Adkins, Julie Clark, Robert and Suzanne Morris, Terry, and Donna Logee, Rodney and Becky Martin, Keith and Lisa Stickley, Diane and Chris Young, and Andrew and Michelle Beadle not only enjoyed time with their hosts but also met with representatives of the Conference of European Churches and the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe, toured the European Parliament, enjoyed a riverboat lunch cruise on the Lahn River, made paper, learned about coal mining, and surely had many other adventures!







**Sunday ~ 9-10:15 AM**

Life is busy. We all need time to decompress. Come to the Kieffer Lobby to grab some coffee or tea and chat. This is an opportunity to relax, meet new friends, and catch up with old ones.

## Chimes Service and Learning Group

**Thursday, November 9, 10 AM**  
**Community Room**

Our speaker will be Chris Haugh from Mount Olivet Cemetery.

## THANK YOU!

For donations received in support of our **Trunk-or-Treat** event

For food and service in support of the **Lasagna Dinner** we hosted during the 59th Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference UCC

For food and monetary donations in support of **Mission of Mercy** meals

To **Janice Staley** and **Diane Waggy** for regularly tidying the sanctuary

To **Chuck Baldree** for hanging our "Pray for Peace" banner

To **Keith Stickley** and **Jaci Clayton** for moving the carpet ball table from Trinity Chapel to the main building for our children and youth to enjoy



## November Birthdays

*Please Note: Specific birthdates will not be published for privacy. If you would like to see a certain month's birthdays, please contact the church office.*

Jesse Baker  
Mary Louise Blessing  
Zoe Bowen  
Jerry Castellucci  
Leandra Caughy  
Julia Chappell  
Tadd Clarkson  
Beatrix Coen  
Tommy Colborn  
Autumn Crutchley  
Lucas Fisher  
Lee Garrett  
Lisa Garrett  
Lois Gaul  
Kathy Gourlie  
Ken Hoffmann  
Rebecca Ireland  
Luke Jones  
George Kline  
Terry Logee  
Sando Lynch  
Allen Maples  
Larry Martin  
Ella McCarty  
Suzanne Morris  
Fred Niehoff  
Matt Pomeroy  
Barbara Prescott  
Laura Rhoderick  
Pam Shepp  
Mary Staley  
Eliza Stitely  
Dawn Vargas  
Jordan Wenner  
Sam Wenner  
Tyler L. York

# Help fundraise for ERUCC just by shopping!

With gift-giving holidays just around the corner, now is the perfect time to raise funds for ERUCC simply by shopping for gift cards from 750+ brands. Your gift card purchase through RaiseRight will help our church automatically earn. Gift cards can be purchased as eGift cards, delivered electronically to you within minutes, or physical gift cards, which will be delivered to the church office for distribution or direct delivery to your door. Look for brands labeled “Ship to home eligible.”



Enroll to earn for ERUCC at  
<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=4GWVFDVSLBK7>  
or scan the QR code.



Evangelical Reformed UCC encourages each of us to approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. We do not view giving to the church as a way to simply pay our bills, but rather we view giving money back to God, through the church, as a way to promote spiritual growth, as a way to deepen our relationship to God by supporting ERUCC’s ministries and missions.

Giving to ERUCC is a way to connect your story with God’s story. Giving is a way of building and strengthening the community of faith.

God created us a giving people. It is through giving we find joy, connect, affirm, serve, and love. Being generous is how God made us. We have a need to give for our own spiritual development.

Our Consecration Sunday program asked us to consider the question, “What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?” The program helped us learn about the spiritual principal of giving a portion – a percentage, of our income back to God.

On October 8, we celebrated Consecration Sunday in worship by dedicating our gifts to God. As a private act of worship, we completed our Estimate of Giving cards. We then connected to enjoy a Celebration Breakfast after the 8:30 am service and a Celebration Luncheon after the 10:30 am service. Over these shared meals, we gave thanks for the gifts we have been given and for the generosity of this community of faith.

If you still need to complete your giving estimate for the next year, you can do so online at <https://bit.ly/estimategiving> or by returning to church the card mailed to your home.

- Julie Clark, Consecration Sunday Team Chair



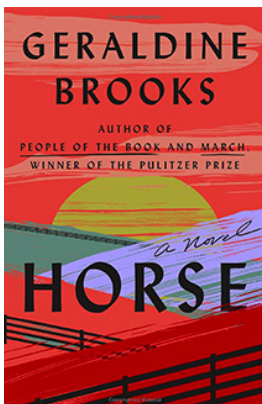


## ERUCC Book Group - 2023

2023 Book Group Coordinators:  
Susan Kulp and Rebecca Shillingburg

North Room / Zoom: [bit.ly/ERUCCbooks](https://bit.ly/ERUCCbooks)  
Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574 Passcode: 226669

The ERUCC Book group meets at 7PM on the fourth Tuesday of every other month in the North Room or virtually.



**November 28**

**Horse** by Geraldine Brooks

This novel is a heart-pounding American epic that gallops backward and forward in time to tell a story about race and freedom, horses and art, and the lineage of not just ancestors but actions. In present day, we meet Theo Northam, a Black art historian who is researching 19th century equestrian paintings, and Jess, a bone specialist who is called to help uncover an old horse skeleton lodged somewhere in the Smithsonian. And flash back to the 1850s, there is Jarret Lewis, an enslaved groom for Lexington—a horse that will become the fastest thoroughbred ever to race—who desperately wants to be free but will do anything for the horse he's raised. Weaving together these different narratives, *Horse* tells a distinctly American story that shines a light on the legacy of slavery and the pursuit of independence. And, like the races Lexington runs, this is a fast, exciting, and all together remarkable read from Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks.



Tiny Tots recently spent a morning at Whispering Meadows Alpaca Farm!

## We're Cooking Now!

**Thursday, November 30**  
**10 AM - 1 PM • ERUCC Kitchen**



Join Nancy Jones and Angela Brittain prepare pasta meals to be frozen for upcoming lunches at Mission of Mercy. All ingredients are provided. Don't worry, you don't have to be Julia Child to come help and enjoy the fellowship!

Please RSVP to either:  
Nancy Jones - [ncjsquared@msn.com](mailto:ncjsquared@msn.com)  
Angela Brittain - [angela2cats@yahoo.com](mailto:angela2cats@yahoo.com)

# FINANCIAL UPDATES

Thank you all for your continued generosity, and a big thanks to staff and committees for your frugal use of church resources.

2023 Financial Summary (as of October 20, 2023):

	<i>2023 YTD</i>	<i>Full 2023 Budget</i>
Offering	\$463,331.00	\$552,400.00
Plate	\$928.00	\$2,000.00
Building Use	\$20,359.00	\$22,000.00
Designated Funds	\$82,173.00	\$67,000.00
Release from Investments	\$169,104.00	\$226,940.00
Estate Donations (Brouillet)	\$100,435.00	\$0.00
Support	\$49,889.00	\$0.00
Direct Missions	\$10,027.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$873,357.00</b>	<b>\$870,340.00</b>
Total Expense: Mission, Mortgage payments, Salaries & Benefits, Property .etc.	<b>\$843,268.00</b>	<b>\$1,025,589.00</b>
<b>Net Income Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$30,089.00</b>	<b>\$(155,249.00)</b>
<i>Excluding Brouillet estate</i>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$772,922.00</b>	
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$(70,346.00)</b>	

**Notes:**

- **Designated Funds** – combines several of our targeted accounts such as Mortgage Assistance, Columbarium, etc.
- **Support** – A new income category covers special donations to/for specific causes, e.g. Youth & adult activities, fellowship, etc.
- **Direct Missions** – donations that are specific to mission activities and causes e.g. UCC special offerings.
- The receipt of estate donations, while a blessing, is not something that we budget for and cannot be counted on for 2024 and beyond.

The finance team and staff have continued to work with the folks at Jitasa, our new accounting/bookkeeping service, to adapt and adjust to the re-worked classifications. As with any new process, there is a learning curve and in our case likely to be some inconsistencies in classifying income and expenses.

Will Duncan,  
Finance Chair for the finance team



# FALL PAINTING FUNDRAISER for Suicide Prevention

Sunday, November 19, 2-4 PM • Location TBA

Save the date to join with others at ERUCC for a fall painting project in partnership with Frederick Made, an artisan and creative studio on Patrick Street in the old FSK Hotel. You will walk away with a beautiful fall canvas for your choice of displaying at home or giving as a gift, while raising money for suicide prevention.

This is an all-ages activity, with a cost of \$40 per person. BYO beverage, snacks will be provided.

## New ERUCC Christmas Music Tradition

This year, instead of sharing Christmas stories, we will create an Advent experience of sharing a new Christmas carol or song every night! We invite you to record a meaningful song to you as a solo or with a group. All those in our church community will have the opportunity to then play your song recorded online, and to sing along from home or wherever they are! We'll begin recording the first two weeks in November and release a song during each night of Advent.

Email Pastor Kirstin, [ksrhoads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrhoads@erucc.org), if you want to participate.

## Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 – 9:15 AM	<b>Early Worship Service</b> , Sanctuary
9:00 AM	<b>Coffee and Conversation</b> , Kieffer Lobby, 2nd Floor
9:00 – 10:15 AM	<b>Adult Education</b> , North Room, 2nd Floor <i>Let's Study the Bible</i>
9:30 am – 12:00 PM	<b>Nursery Care</b> , 1st Floor
9:30 – 10:10 AM	<b>Sunday School</b> <i>Pre-K – 2nd Grade</i> , Liz Coffey Room, 2nd Floor <i>3rd – 5th Grade</i> , Thomas Room, 2nd Floor <i>Youth (6th – 12th Grade)</i> , Clapp Conference Room, Church Office
10:10 – 10:25 AM	<b>Children's Music and Movement</b> , Liz Coffey Room, 2nd Floor
10:30 – 11:30 AM	<b>Worship</b> , Sanctuary and Online at <a href="http://www.erucc.org">www.erucc.org</a> <b>Junior Church</b> , Thomas Room, 2nd Floor <i>Children are dismissed from the sanctuary after Thought for the Day during Worship</i>
11:30 AM	<b>Fellowship</b> , Community Room, 1st Floor <b>Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> , Flora Room, 2nd Floor

# Children, Youth *and* Family Ministry

Help our Youth Group with in-kind donations for the Pancake Breakfast, care package assembly, and other programming this month! View a list of needed items and sign up to donate at [bit.ly/47eeOB7](http://bit.ly/47eeOB7).

## TINY TOTS

**Saturday, November 18,**

**12:45 - 3 PM** *or stay longer if you want to!*

### Catoctin Wildlife Preserve

13019 Catoctin Furnace Rd, Thurmont, MD

Come when you can and stay as long as your family wants, up until closing time! Our 12:45 PM arrival includes a Keeper Talk at 1 PM: **Alligator Encounter** at **Alligator Bayou**. An additional \$5 per person lets you **feed tortoises** until 3 PM. **Feed fish** in the **Japanese Koi Pond** with special koi food from vending machines, so bring your quarters! We'll explore the park and the animals that live there to learn about Catoctin's amazing creatures and their habitats.

We will order tickets ahead of our date to save time at entry and allow us to enter at a variety of times as needed. Email Pastor Kirstin, [ksrroads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrroads@erucc.org), with the number of child and adult tickets you want to purchase. You pay \$10 per child and \$15 per adult. ERUCC will pay the difference. Parking is free!

## Children and Youth Christmas Pageant

Our Christmas Pageant will follow our theme for Advent. The pageant from Sanctified Art, "A Very Special Child," is inspired by the stories in Luke 1-3. We will need 11 characters and singers as well as some helpers with props. Save time on Friday, December 15 in the evening for a practice as part of the Youth Babysitting Night. We will perform in the evening of Sunday, December 17, when we will practice, perform, and then share a family meal together! More details including other practice dates and times to come.

## YOUTH GROUP

**November 5 ~ 7-11 AM**

Serve at the Pancake Breakfast! Show up early to work with Joe! We will serve from 8-10:30 AM.

**November 12 ~ 4-7 PM**

Meeting in the Youth Room in Parish House from 4-5 PM, then we will join with children and families for dinner and to pack boxes for college-age young adults and military service members.

**November 26**

**Hanging of the Greens** immediately after worship service. Help carry Christmas items from Trinity Chapel and storage rooms, then help decorate.

**5-8 PM: Youth Campfire and Harry Potter style adventure** at Hoewing-Moxley Home. RSVP and get details from BAND App.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**November 12, 5-7 PM**

*(with Youth arrival at 4 PM)*

Dinner and pack boxes for college-age young adults and military service members ~ Community Room

Join in a shared meal, packing gift boxes and signing cards for those in our community who we especially want to know we are thinking of them in this season. As a church, we are collecting individual snack items and small office or household items. For example, hot chocolate packs, chips/crackers, fruit pouches, pudding cups, granola bars, cookies, soup packs and more. Also, sticky notes, silly pens, reusable straws, decks of cards, hand-sized wordsearch or game books, stress balls, and Chapstick can be useful and fun!

RSVP to Pastor Kirstin, [ksrroads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrroads@erucc.org) if you are able to join so we have a count for our food preparation.





**ERUCC Youth Group**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, November 5, 8 - 10:30 AM**  
**Community Room**

**\$7/person**

**\$5/children 8 & Under**

**Free, 2 & Under**

Special toppings bar, sausage,  
bacon, and beverages included!

**Proceeds will benefit ERUCC Youth Group**  
**Mission Trips and Projects.**



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***New!***  
**Sunday Morning Schedule can be  
found on Page 13**

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