

The illustration features a dark brown foreground with a winding road. In the middle ground, a small yellow house with a red roof sits on a slight rise. The background consists of layered, semi-transparent blue and white shapes representing hills and a sky. A white shooting star with a long tail points towards the top right corner. The text 'Wherever You Are' is centered in the upper half of the image.

Wherever  
*You Are*

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

If you are a guest, please visit the welcome desk. 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.

*For Children:* We have trained nursery staff for ages 0-4. A deacon or greeter can guide you to the nursery. Children ages 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table and a children's table is available for quiet activities at the front of the sanctuary.

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.

Restrooms (accessible and equipped with changing stations) are located on the second floor, below the sanctuary, and on the first floor, outside the Community Room.

There is more information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

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



July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

The numbered hymns are from  
The New Century Hymnal

\*All who are able may stand

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us join in, all together with each other.  
Let us build a community of worship.  
God, be with us as we worship together.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Wonderful Creator God, you come to us with power and gentleness, strength and compassion, peace and joy. We come to you with hope and hopelessness, love and heartbreak, thanksgiving and lament. You fortify us as we go on our journey, assured of your presence and renewed by your love. Give us rest in our coming and our going. Give us joy in ministering in your name. May our worship restore our soul as we dwell in your presence. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*We Hail You God's Anointed*

#104

**We hail you God's anointed, the long awaited One!  
Hail n the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!  
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
and joy and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.  
Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains from hill to valley flow.**

**The wise shall bow before you and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore you, and praise all peoples sing;  
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows be said,  
your realm is still increasing, with you, O Christ, as head.**

**O'er every foe victorious, you on your throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed:  
The tide of time shall never your covenant remove;  
your name shall stand forever, your changeless name of Love.**

#### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins knowing that Christ is there in God's presence on our behalf. Let us reconcile ourselves to each other and to Christ.

#### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess that our lives keep us consumed more with doing than with being. We acknowledge that you call us to rest in your truth, your love, and your peace without abdicating our responsibility to embody your good news in the world. We struggle to balance the rhythms of rest and renewal in our lives. We seek your guidance and direction toward a life where you are our peace, our hope, and our standard. Guide us on this path, we pray. Amen.**

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Beloved, you do not journey alone. In community with God and one another, we find grace and strength to heed the call to discipleship. In Christ, we carry the good news and reflect a God who is near to us, faithful to redeem, and affirms our rest and renewal.

#### **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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Children ages 5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade may be dismissed for GLOW!  
in the Thomas Room, during the singing of the hymn.*

## \*HYMN

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

#252

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;  
in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, yours we are.**

**We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.**

**Let us always seek your favor; let us always do your will;  
Jesus Christ, our only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

## THE SCRIPTURES

Jo Ann Fritz

2 Samuel 7:1-14a                      OT page 281  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56                NT page 41

Reader:    May God bless the reading of this word.

All:            **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan

## MORNING PRAYERS

### OFFERING OF TITHES, GIFTS AND LIVES TO CHRIST'S SERVICE

A faithful life reflects a spirit of generosity born from trusting God who provides and replenishes our resources. God's creation is abundant so that all needs will be met when we share the gifts we have been given. Let our giving reflect our gratitude and commitment to beloved community.

*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 to our church's ministries and programs. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts to share God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift.  
We are just glad you are worshiping with us.*

*If you wish to give, you can give online at [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org), by placing your gift in the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary before or after the service, or by scanning the QR code to give from your phone.*



## **ORGAN OFFERTORY**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous God, we give these gifts to you through this faith community.  
May you lead and guide us with discernment so that our ministry would  
give you glory, honor your name, and benefit your creation. Amen.**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

#543

**Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of clan and race,  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.**

**In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,  
From paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.**

**From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
From famished souls, from sorrows' stress,  
we know your heart does not recoil.**

**The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
Yet long these multitudes to view  
the deep compassion of your face.**

**O Savior, from the mountainside,  
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
Among these restless throngs abide,  
O tread the city's streets again:**

**Till all shall learn compassion's might,  
And follow where your feet have trod,  
Till glorious from your realm of light  
Shall come the city of our God.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

In your coming and going, may you encounter Jesus on the journey.

In your coming and going, may you touch the source of power and healing.

In your coming and going, may you find rest.

Come and go in peace. **Amen.**

**\*THREEFOLD AMEN**

#812

**POSTLUDE** *Please be seated.*



**Worship Notes: *Coming and Going: Service Prayers for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Year B*** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Please join us for **Fellowship** with light refreshments and time for casual conversation after worship in our Community Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor).

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**The flowers on the altar** this morning are placed in memory of my mother Margie Virts Stone and our Brunner ancestors by Jennie Russell.

**The yellow rose** is placed in honor of all military personnel who served past and present by Jeff and Starr Schaeberle.

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 15 at 8:30 AM, 104 at 10:30 AM, and 49 online.



**Watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 AM or on-demand:**

<https://sundaystreams.com/go/ERUCC>

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**Serving Today: July 21**

Deacons: Harrison Fisher, Kyle Miller  
Elder: Eric Weakly  
Scripture Reader: Jo Ann Fritz  
Greeters: Felecia Bishop, Sue Pinner  
Tom and Rachel Ford  
Welcome Table: Molly Black  
Jeanellen Kallevang  
Audio/Visual: Rodney Martin, Jeff Schaeberle  
Jeff Baker  
Nursery: Emily Spear, Ben, Abby  
Fellowship: Starr Schaeberle, Julie Chappell  
Mark Ulrich, Darryl Glick  
Betsy Selby, Angela Brittain

**Serving Next Week: July 28**

Jim and Angela Brittain  
Peter Brehm  
Richard Leslie  
Niel and Kathleen Jefferson  
Sue Pinner  
Jeanellen Kallevang, Betsy Selby  
Jeff Schaeberle, Larry Martin  
Kelly Esslinger  
Kate Fromknecht  
Susan Kulp, David Howard  
Carolyn Roberts, Colin Neely  
Robert Morris, Jake and Rhea Stein

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**Next Sunday: July 28 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Samuel 11:1-15 | John 6:1-21

God's abundant presence sustains us in all circumstances. God provides more than we need – food, faith, grace, salvation. We are called to respond to God's activity among us, ordering our lives in ways that proclaim and extend God's abundant gifts to others. In 2 Samuel 11:1–15, God acted in David's life with an abundance that sustained David, yet David makes foolish and selfish decisions as he abandons God's way. In John 6:1-21, it would be easy to spend time focusing on the miracles that are the headline stories, but perhaps in doing so, we miss an important revelation about who the person of Jesus was and what he revealed about the reign of God, its welcome, generosity, and dependability.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

ERUCC members who are in nursing homes and those who currently reside in their homes but are unable to come to regular Sunday morning services will continue to receive visits (and communion) from Rev. Bob Manthey.

If emergency pastoral care is needed in the case of crisis, death, or severe illness, please contact the church office at (301) 662-2762 or [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org).

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## PRAYER LIST

*We always ask permission before adding a name to 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:**

Pauline Marendt  
Cliff Barr  
Haley Duff  
Bill Gourlie  
Charlie Woodward  
Sherry Murray  
Jack Mens  
Charlotte Blue and Family  
(friends of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)  
Mark Ulrich  
Emogene Wyand  
Richard Leslie  
Bob Pinner  
Betsy Fisher  
Delmar Speak  
Donna Hill (mother of Collen Baldree)  
Philip Hill (father of Colleen Baldree)

Tanya Pearre (sister of Colleen Baldree)  
Jim Baldree (father of Chuck Baldree)  
Anne Gallagher (friend of Milt and Bettie Joe Crutchley)  
Lee Thomas  
Joan Thomas (mother of Dan Smith's friend)  
Autumn Crutchley  
Jason Rhoads  
Nathan Cable  
Greg Rhoads  
Marcia Eisenstein  
Derek C. Hupp (grandson of Beanie & Gaylon Cornell)  
Wayne Kolb (friend of Stefan and Judi Mach and Tony and Linda LaFianza)

Jeannette Johnson  
Jackie Keyser (sister-in-law of Betsy and Phil Selby)  
Barbara Lee Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley)  
Marcy Channell (daughter of JoAnn Fritz)  
Paige Coffey  
Fran Wenner  
Bonnie Devilbiss  
Tina Prescott (daughter-in-law of Barbara & Bill Prescott)  
Heleen (sister of Karin Mens)  
Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)  
Gretchen Manuel (niece of Audrey Rayfield)

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**THE ERUCC PARKING LOT  
WILL BE CLOSED  
JULY 18-19 & 22-25  
FOR REPAIRS.**

**There will be no parking or thru traffic  
while repairs are made.**

**The lot will be open for  
worship services on Sunday, July 21.**

## **Activities and Events at ERUCC**

### **ERUCC BOOK GROUP**

**Tuesday, July 23**

**North Room / Zoom**

**7:00 PM**

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

Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574

Passcode: 226669

*Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can't fix their own marriage. There's a wealthy bank director who has been too busy to care about anyone else and a young couple who are about to have their first child but can't seem to agree on anything. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world.

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### **SHOWING OF THE MOVIE *ORIGIN***

**Thursday, July 25**

**Community Room**

**7:00 PM**

Earlier this year, a *Let's Talk* group read and discussed Isabel Wilkerson's powerful book *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*. The book examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human-created divisions.

During our discussions, group member Felecia Bishop suggested we view the movie *Origin*, which is based on this book. We are set to do so on Thursday, July 25, starting at 7:00 PM in the Community Room. We anticipate having a discussion after watching the movie. There is no fee to attend, registration is not required, and you do not need to have read the book prior to watching the movie. All are welcome!

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### **SACRED CONVERSATION ABOUT LIFE TRANSITIONS**

**Tuesday, July 30**

**Flora Room**

**2:00 – 3:30 PM**

Join us in sharing stories and challenges with the changes that life brings related to body limitations and changes in dependency when you just can't do as much yourself. We will gather in the Flora Room to listen, pray, and connect with each other in a time of holy sharing. Pastor Kirstin and Ave Barr will facilitate this time, knowing it is important, especially in seasons of change, that we lean on each other, and know we aren't alone. Please let us know if you can attend by contacting Ave Barr or Linda Coyle.

## Children and Youth Ministry

### **GLOW! - A FUN-FILLED SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH! ✨** **Sundays, July 21 and 28** following Thought for the Day in worship

We are thrilled to invite all children and youth from Pre-K through middle school to our summer program **GLOW!** This special program will take place during the "Junior Church" time (following Thought for the Day in worship) in the Thomas Room.

GLOW! is a vibrant, engaging program where children will have a blast with glow stick crafts and activities while learning how they can shine brightly for Jesus. Just like a light brightens a dark room, we will discover how Jesus can illuminate their lives and the lives of others.

Activities include:

✨ Crafts

✨ Skits

✨ Games

Our program will culminate in a fantastic end-of-summer party with glowsticks and surprises galore! We would love for our youth to join in the fun, help with activities, and participate in skits and games. It's a great opportunity for our youth to mentor and inspire younger ones.

For any questions, please reach out to Trish Coffey at (240) 815-9118 or [trishcoffey1195@gmail.com](mailto:trishcoffey1195@gmail.com). Let's make this summer a glowing success!

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**August 5 – 9**

**Mon-Thur 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Fri 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



ERUCC's Vacation Bible School will be August 5-9! This year's VBS program is **Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs**. We look forward to welcoming your children and their friends for a week of fun and learning. With daily themes like Shelter Protects Life, Food Energizes Life, Water Hydrates Life, Air Sustains Life, and Community Produces Life and activities including yoga, music, creative play, and compassion in action, who could ask for more?

Sign up to attend VBS by picking up a registration form in the Sanctuary Lobby at church or by download the form at [bit.ly/ER24vbs](http://bit.ly/ER24vbs).

Cost is \$25 per child. Pay by cash/check (note: VBS) or pay online by scanning the QR code or go to at [ppay.co/uNLbG8dRRac](http://ppay.co/uNLbG8dRRac).

Questions? Contact Pastor Kirstin, [ksrhoads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrhoads@erucc.org).



## Other Announcements

### ERUCC SUPPORTS THE UNITED WAY STUFF THE BUS CAMPAIGN



ERUCC will be collecting NEW, UNUSED school supplies through July 30 for The United Way's Stuff the Bus Campaign to benefit local schoolchildren. Supplies may be placed in the big yellow bins in the Sanctuary Lobby. The supplies most needed include markers, earbuds with microphones, composition notebooks, pencil boxes, and crayons. Complete lists of supplies may be found above the yellow bins.

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### SOLES OF LOVE

Soles of Love is not about the shoes. It's about the person wearing them. Their mission is to provide children and teens in need with the right pair of shoes for their first day of school to instill the confidence to succeed. Your help is invited to donate new, sturdy shoes to children of all genders in grades K through 12. The group works with non-profit organizations in Frederick County and Washington County to distribute donated new shoes before the school year starts.

Here is how you can help **by July 24:**

- Bring new shoes to church, and place them in the collection box in the Sanctuary Lobby;
- Purchase shoes online and have them shipped to Betsy Selby (1204 Pinewood Drive, Frederick, MD 21701);
- Donate funds through ERUCC by check or online at [www.erucc.org/give](http://www.erucc.org/give) (use "Local Missions" and note "Soles of Love" in the memo line) and Betsy will do the shopping.

Questions? Please email Betsy at [theselbys@comcast.net](mailto:theselbys@comcast.net).

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### UPDATE ON *TRINITY CHIMES* NEWSLETTER

Changes are coming to our *Trinity Chimes* newsletter! We want to provide a high-quality newsletter full of meaningful information and content that fosters community, inspires you to engage with our mission, and nourishes your spirit. We are evaluating formats, content, and publication schedules and will share our plans with you soon. In the meantime, stay up-to-date by reading through announcements in the Sunday worship bulletin and in our weekly *Thursday Thoughts* email – subscribe now at <http://eepurl.com/gDNCu5!>

We plan to publish our next issue of *Trinity Chimes* by Sunday, September 8 – Rejoice in Our Welcome Sunday! Share your thoughts with us on what content you value and want to see in our newsletters at [erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org).

P.S. Updates are also coming to our website, [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org), and we are working to add more tools to communicate with you. More to come!

## 2024 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Evangelical Reformed UCC is fortunate to have scholarship programs available to our post-secondary students as they seek educational opportunities to develop knowledge and skills to realize their full potential.

Robert McCardell established the McCardell Scholarship Fund in honor and memory of his family. The Kieffer Scholarship Fund was established in honor of Dr. Henri L. Kieffer, pastor of this church from 1910 to 1946. The Liz Coffey Scholarship Fund was established in memory and in honor of our beloved youth Liz Coffey. Contributions to these Scholarship Funds by members and friends of the church are always welcomed.

The Scholarship Committee awarded gifts to church members for post-secondary undergraduate education based on the quality of the candidate's plan for the use of the funds, the ability and promise of the applicant, the need for financial assistance, and active participation in the life of the church. The aid may continue for subsequent years after an interview with the committee, submission of intent to reapply, and submission of their transcript of grades from the current year.

Our committee was very impressed with the academic accomplishments of all of this year's recipients. They shared their involvement in many worthwhile extracurricular programs during the annual phone interviews with committee members.

For the 2024 academic year, the following members were recipients of scholarships:

Aiden Baldree	Senior	Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Colleen Hueting	Senior	Susquehanna University
Lucy Adkins	Junior	St. Mary's College of Maryland
Alex Cumber	Junior	St. Mary's College of Maryland
Erin Gohegan	Junior	Wilson College
Trevor Weakly	Junior	Gettysburg College
Luke Chappell	Sophomore	University of Maryland, Baltimore
Paige Coffey	Sophomore	Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Matthew Mercier	Sophomore	University of Maryland, College Park
Liam Cumber	Freshman	Salisbury State University
Jared Hueting	Freshman	West Virginia University

Scholarship Committee

Sandra Trout, Chair, Tricia Coffey, Cathie Duncan, and Dan Smith



# Ways to Give to Evangelical Reformed UCC

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are available in the  
rear of the sanctuary  
before and after worship

## Sunday Morning Schedule

*subject to change*

8:30 – 9:15 AM	<b>Early Worship Service</b> , Sanctuary
9:00 AM	<b>Coffee and Conversation</b> , Kieffer Lobby, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Nursery Care</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
10:30 AM	<b>Worship</b> , Sanctuary and Online at <a href="http://www.erucc.org">www.erucc.org</a>
	<b>GLOW!</b> , Thomas Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <i>Children &amp; Youth are dismissed from worship after Thought for the Day</i>
11:30 AM	<b>Fellowship</b> , Community Room, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor

## Stay Informed

Subscribe to receive our weekly *Thursday Thoughts* email at [eepurl.com/gDNCu5](http://eepurl.com/gDNCu5) or by scanning the QR code!



## Mission Statement of Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ

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.

Worship services and events at Evangelical Reformed UCC are sometimes photographed and videotaped to document the vibrant life of our church. If you do not wish to be included in these recordings, please notify a deacon or the church office. Always obtain permission prior to sharing images and videos that include minors on your personal social media.

## “Wherever You Are”

In today’s reading, the Holy One speaks and asks for a place to live, and then offers specifications about what is needed. Is God still speaking to your congregation, asking for a place to live? Even if you are in the early stages of listening for God’s voice, the time may be right to call on the Church Building and Loan Fund.

According to their website, “Our vision is to transform communities by helping the Church live into God’s economy. We assist new and renewing congregations of the United Church of Christ—and other Christian denominations in the United States—with programs and services that help a congregation plan, raise, finance, and build projects, including property and social enterprises, that advance the mission of the church.”

“The United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund offers several programs to support and help facilitate your project planning process, including: Visioning & Strategic Planning, Leadership & Capacity Building, Training & Learning Programs, including Partners in Building, and Congregational Legacy Planning...

Fulfill your vision and mission. Build a new sanctuary. Renovate an old building or construct a new one. Add space for your educational or family life ministry. Expand your staff. Grow your endowment...

The United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund offers the only professional capital campaign services authorized by the United Church of Christ. Our capital fundraising executives help churches meet their fundraising goals, and our services are cost-effective...

Our loan programs are available for site purchase, construction and renovation, building purchase, loan refinancing, energy and environmental upgrades and disaster recovery. We serve new United Church of Christ congregations that are younger than 30 years, as well as renewing UCC congregations of any age—and Christian churches (regardless of denomination) in the U.S....

The United Church of Christ Church Building & Loan Fund facilitates several programs that support the development phase of projects and enterprises, including the Adese Fellowship, Redeem!, and Partners in Vision.”

*Find out details about all these opportunities at <https://cblfund.org/>.*

