



Wisdom*Quest*



Welcome to Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ

Thank you for worshiping with us at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ (ERUCC) this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

If you are a guest, please visit us at the Welcome Table in the rear of the sanctuary. We would love to meet and learn more about you and are available to answer your questions ERUCC. Please also feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. We encourage you to join us for in the Community Room for Fellowship after the worship service for casual conversation and connection over light refreshments.

ERUCC is an Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ. We welcome into the full life and ministry persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

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 2nd floor, below the sanctuary, and on the 1st floor, outside the Community Room. Single-occupant, gender-neutral, accessible restrooms are located outside the North and Flora Rooms on the 2nd floor.

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

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.

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



August 18, 2024

Thirteenth 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

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come into this household of God that we might all listen to God's Word
and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

How can we discover such wisdom?

Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom.

When we choose to live according to God's will and plan,
God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

God fills us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs!

We have come to praise God with music from our hearts.

Jesus is here in our midst as living bread.

We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him.

Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

Praise the Lord! Learn of God's compassion and mercy.

Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER**

**God of Wisdom, open our hearts and minds to this time of worship
together, that we may be reminded of ways to live in your wisdom.**

Open us to live in your light; bright and aware of the world around us.

**Help us to imitate you, that all we say and think and do might bring glory
to you, and joyous peace to our world. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

– HYFRYDOL

**Praise the Source of faith and learning
that has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning
how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing
from the wonders we survey
keep our faith for ever growing
and renew our need pray.**

**As two currents in a river
fight each other's undertow
till converging they deliver
one coherent steady flow,
Blend, O God, our faith and learning
till they carve a single course,
till they join as one, returning
praise and thanks to you, their Source.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

As Jesus gathers us together in his presence, let us turn now to name and confess the many ways we so often deny or overlook that what we need that comes only from beyond our imaginations and knowledge.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time to look into our words, thoughts, and deeds. We confess that we fool ourselves into believing that we possess all of the knowledge that we need. As we go from place to place, we try to block you out. Even though we say we want to hear your Word and speak with you, we fail to see that we are always in your presence. We stray seeking other gods, whose ways may be easy but cannot show us the ways of love and truth. We are afraid of being fed with the living bread of Jesus. Fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we might live each day according to your will and plan for us and for your world. Help us to discern your wisdom so that we might live eternally with you and Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In God's wisdom and compassion, we receive grace that we might live anew,
unburdened by the obstacles and pride of the past.

Continue to feast on the living bread which is given to us each day.

Give thanks to God who lifts us up with the gift of forgiveness.

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 of all ages are invited to participate in today's service. A book nook with children's programs, books, crayons, and activities is in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table, and a wiggle space is available at the front near the baptismal font.

***HYMN**

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

#346

**Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead,**

**Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed,
And be your feast to us the token
that by your grace our lives are fed.**

THE SCRIPTURES

Eliza Stitely

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 OT page 304

John 6:51-58 NT page 98

Reader: May God bless the reading of this word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Choosing Wisely*

Rev. David Cooney

MORNING PRAYERS

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

Often, we come to worship like King Solomon, with seeking hearts. Our prayers are filled with questions of what is right or wrong, hearts yearning to know what to do, or how to live in God's world. When in doubt, we can return to gratitude. Noticing, knowing, and naming all the ways we are blessed can provide clarity. Now is the time in our worship together that we take a moment to breathe in gratitude (*pause*) and exhale generosity (*pause*), sharing financially for our community of faith and for the wider world through mission and service.

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, 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

God of bread and God of kings, we pray for understanding. Into your presence we come with grateful hearts, seeking to be wise, loving, and generous. Take the gifts we have shared today and walk with us as we transform them into your church in the world. With humble hearts we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#42

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!**

**My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**Jesus! the name that calms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears,
is life, and health, and peace!**

**Glory to God, and love and praise
be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age,
the church in earth and heaven.**

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth into the world trusting with your hearts the wisdom God bestows upon all who seek to follow God's will.
When called to lead, do so with humility and confidence in God.
Be in this world a sign of Jesus' presence.
Share compassion with all whom you encounter.
Live wisely in God's name, and glorify God in all you do. And may the grace, mercy and wisdom of God be our support, guidance and strength from this day forward and for ever more. **Amen.**

***THREEFOLD AMEN**

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POSTLUDE *Please be seated.*



Worship Notes: Today's liturgy is from UCC Worship Ways. *Wisdom Quest* was written by the Rev. Dr. Bertrice Wood, of Cleveland, Ohio. The Call to Offering and Prayer of Dedication are © 2024 The United Church of Canada.

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

The flowers on the altar this morning are placed in honor of this congregation who embody the UCC motto, “to believe is to care, and to care is to do”. They are given with gratitude by Jean N. Fish and Barbara J. Biser.

The yellow rose is placed today by Karen Justice in honor of her husband, John Justice.

Attendance Last Sunday: 9 at 8:30 AM, 108 at 10:30 AM, and 37 online.



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

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

Serving Today: August 18

Deacons: Harrison Fisher, Kyle Miller
Elder: Ave Barr
Scripture Reader: Eliza Stitely
Greeters: Tom Ford, Rachel Ford
David Cooney, Robin Cooney
Welcome Table: Molly Black, Sue Pinner
Lobby Attendant: Rich Stolz
Audio/Visual: Rodney Martin, Jeff Schaeberle
Kelly Esslinger
Nursery: Maria Lagrotteria
Fellowship: Karen Justice, Marj Berkheimer
Peter Brehm, Rob McGuire
Alex Martinez, Felecia Bishop

Serving Next Week: August 25

Jim Brittain, Angela Brittain
Peter Brehm
Jim Weitz
Kathleen Jefferson, Niel Jefferson
Felecia Bishop, Barb Barry
Jeanellen Kallevang, Thi Nguyen
Owen York
Rodney Martin, Jeff Schaeberle
Kelly Esslinger
Kate Fromknecht
Linda Coyle, Shelley Weakly
Eric Weakly, Tommie Bradshaw
Colleen Baldree, Chuck Baldree

Next Sunday: August 25 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 84 | John 6:56-69

Together, this week’s readings remind us of the mutual indwelling of God in us and us in God. Psalm 84 celebrates the temple as a dwelling place for God. “How lovely is your dwelling place” sing the pilgrims as they enter the temple in Jerusalem. They have reached this place of prayer, preparation, and sustenance. In John 6:56–69, Jesus’ own disciples seem to be offended by his teachings, yet Peter recognizes that in Jesus is the “Holy One of God.” In Christ, a dwelling place of God, they have found their home and strength to go on when others have turned back.

The Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads will preach and lead worship. We will also honor the milestone ordination anniversaries of Rev. Fred Wenner, Rev. Robert Manthey, Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads, and, posthumously, Rev. Dr. Gerry Hanberry.

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.

Members who are in nursing homes and those who currently reside in their homes but are unable to come to Sunday morning services 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.

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:

Tom Frazier
Kayla Merry (niece of Kim Sexton)
Carol Spera (mother of Mark Ulrich)
Tyler Schaeberle
Pauline Marendt
Cliff Barr
Haley Duff
Bill Gourlie
Sherry Murray
Jack Mens
Charlotte Blue and Family (friends of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)
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)

Please notify the church office when you want your request removed from the prayer list.

This Week at ERUCC

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 18

The first day of school is just around the corner! Today is our annual celebration and blessing for the start of the new school year. ALL students, teachers, and staff, from all levels of school are invited to bring their backpack, tote bag, or briefcase to church for a special blessing!

REJOICE IN OUR WELCOME SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8

Let us rejoice in God's extravagant welcome! On Sunday, September 8 we will surely rejoice as we celebrate our connection and community as we launch a new year of faith formation activities for children, youth, and adults.

Classes begin for **Children's Sunday School**, with classrooms for Pre-K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade, and **Youth Sunday School**, with classrooms for Middle School (6th-8th grade) and High School (9th-12th grade). Junior Church will also begin for children aged 5-5th grade and will again take place during worship following the Thought for the Day.

Faith formation for adults also returns with **Let's Study the Bible**, led by Rev. John Shillingburg.

Dr. Morgan will preach and lead us in worship, Spirit will lead us in song, and we will commission and bless Christian Education and faith formation teachers.

Following the 10:30 AM worship service, we encourage you to connect during a special time of Fellowship in the Community Room.

Rejoice in Our Welcome Sunday will certainly be a joy-filled day. If you have friends or family looking for a church community, this Sunday is a great opportunity to invite them to come and learn more about ERUCC.

GET-OUT-THE VOTE POSTCARDING

Sunday, September 8

Community Room, 9:00 – 10:15 AM and 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Join us in making a difference this November by helping to send non-partisan Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) postcards aimed at increasing BIPOC voter turnout in Georgia. Your support can empower infrequent voters who are overlooked by political campaigns, offering a bridge from non-voter to empowered voter. Come be a part of this impactful initiative to help make every voice count! You can also help with postcards immediately and on your own time from home!

To help with our GOTV efforts, contact Rebecca Shillingburg, rebecca.shillingburg@gmail.com, and Kathleen Jefferson, kathleen.jefferson@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDIES for ADULTS

SUNDAY MORNING LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE

with Revs. John and Rebecca Shillingburg
Sundays, beginning September 8
North Room / Zoom, 9:00 – 10:15 AM

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

with Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg
Tuesdays, beginning September 10
North Room / Zoom, 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE

with Rev. John Shillingburg
Wednesdays, beginning September 11
North Room / Zoom, 7:00 PM

LET'S TALK: AN EXPLORATION OF PRAYER

led by Rev. Richard Leslie
Sundays, September 15 – October 6
Flora Room, 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Jesus was a man of prayer. What does this mean for you and me? Can we have hope in this time? What is the relationship between our prayers, our hope, and contemporary physics? We will talk about, and all participate in the experience of centering prayer.

Let's Talk is an adult educational opportunity that focuses on how we can live out our faith and share our knowledge and expertise. If you have any questions or have ideas for a presentation or topic, contact Linda Coyle, lkcoyle@yahoo.com

ERUCC BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, September 23
North Room / Zoom, 7:00 PM

Zoom: bit.ly/ERUCCbooks

Meeting ID: 848 7056 7574

Passcode: 226669

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich. Based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich's grandfather, who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C., this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, September 28

Worman's Mill Clubhouse, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Save the date! We will discover and practice rest based on Dr. Sandra Dalton-Smith's book *Sacred Rest*, explore which kind of rest each of us individually needs, and offer choices to practice rest in various ways. Lunch will be provided from Prospect Pantry.

Cost: \$20 per person. Registration will begin later in August.

MISSION TRIP TO BERKS COUNTY, PA

October 6 – 11

Exciting news from the Mission, Evangelism, and Social Justice Team! We've been given the green light for a mission trip in Berks County, Pennsylvania, from October 6-11, 2024.

In June of 2023, a devastating flash flood wreaked havoc on Alsace Township and the surrounding areas in Berks County. The aftermath left homes, businesses, schools, and roads severely damaged. Despite the damages, they were denied state and federal aid, leaving many without the resources to rebuild. Local churches and civic organizations have stepped up to meet the needs of this community.

Now, we have a chance to make a real difference. With leadership from the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference UCC's Disaster Ministries, we have been called to the area to lend a hand. Our base will be at The Bridge Fellowship Church in Reading, PA, where comfortable accommodations await us in men's and women's bunk rooms. Plus, there's full access to kitchen facilities and bathrooms with showers.

Our work will be coordinated through Lutheran Disaster Ministries and focuses on home restoration tasks like drywalling, woodworking, flooring, and painting. Don't worry if you're not a pro—every skill level is welcome! We'll have a construction coordinator onsite to guide us and a tool trailer stocked with everything we need.

This is an opportunity to do meaningful work and connect with a community in need.

The registration deadline is September 8, 2024, so if you're interested or want more details, contact Sedonia Martin at (410) 596-5419 or smartin@towson.edu.

Let's come together and make a difference where it truly matters.



Children, Youth, & Families

POOL PARTY

Sunday, August 18

Home of Rodney and Becky Martin, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

As we say goodbye to summer, we invite children, youth, and their families to a parent-supervised pool party at the home of Rodney and Becky Martin (3228 Middle Ridge Way, Middletown). Bring snacks to share (no glass containers please) and a camp chair for a comfy place to sit.

YOUTH GROUP – OVERNIGHT PLANNING RETREAT

Friday, September 6 – Saturday, September 7

Camp Manidokan

Let's kickstart our Youth Group this year with an overnight planning retreat! Our time together will include high ropes and pizza on Friday night and breakfast, lunch, and rec games on Saturday. We will envision and plan programming, activities, and mission projects for the 2024-2025 year.

RSVP on BAND app. Cost \$40. Pay by check or online by scanning the QR code or at ppay.co/QPDotubetQg



Parents will join us for planning on Saturday afternoon. Parents should let Pastor Kirstin know if they want lunch by August 23. Lunch cost is \$10.

GLOW! PARTY

Saturday, September 7

Community Room, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

All children and youth from Pre-K through middle school are invited to our end-of-summer GLOW Party with glowsticks and surprises galore!

Contact Trish Coffey at (240) 815-9118 or trishcoffey1195@gmail.com or Pastor Kirstin, ksrhoads@erucc.org with questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

begins Sunday, September 8

- Pre-K – 2nd Grade
 - 3rd – 5th Grade
 - Middle School Youth
 - High School Youth
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JUNIOR CHURCH

resumes September 8

Junior Church, a space to join in creative spiritual formation activities, meets most Sundays during the school year. Children ages 5 years-5th grade begin 10:30 AM worship in the sanctuary with their families, then dismiss after the Thought for the Day for well-supervised instruction and activities held in the Thomas Room, which is located one floor below the sanctuary. On the first Sunday of each month, children participate in worship and communion with their families.

Other Announcements

DO YOU HAVE YOUR NAMETAG?

If you've lost your nametag, misplaced it, or never received one, please let us know so we can make sure you have one ready for Rejoice in Our Welcome Sunday on September 8. Nametags are essential for connecting with guests, remembering names, and strengthening our community bonds. You can request a nametag using the request cards available at the Welcome Table before and after worship, or simply contact the church office at erucc@eruc.org.

ERUCC COLLECTS ITEMS FOR FREDERICK FOODBANK YEAR-ROUND

Remember! ERUCC collects items for the City of Frederick Foodbank, operated by the Department of Housing & Human Services. The foodbank provides a three—to five-day supply of food to individuals and families facing an economic crisis who cannot afford to buy their groceries. The City operates two locations, serving between 600 and 800 households each month.

You can find donation baskets in the Trinity Chapel narthex and the Main Sanctuary narthex every week. The Foodbank accepts a wide range of donations, including non-perishable food items such as:

- Breakfast cereals
 - Canned fruits
 - Canned meats
 - Canned vegetables
 - Pasta
 - Rice
 - Other staple items
(home canned foods cannot be accepted)
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The United Church of Christ's 2024 Our Faith Our Vote campaign asks the church to answer the call of 1 John 3:18 to “let us not love with words or speech, but in action and in truth,” by “voting with love.” Vote with love for creation, for our neighbors both here and abroad, for a just peace, for repair and reconciliation of the brokenness of our nation. And encourage your family, friends, and community to do the same. The 2024 election season is well underway, so please check www.ucc.org/our-faith-our-vote for nonpartisan resources to empower faithful engagement in our nation's democratic process.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

subject to change

8:30 – 9:15 AM	Early Worship , Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Coffee and Conversation , Kieffer Lobby, 2 nd Floor
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Nursery Care , 1 st Floor
10:30 AM	Worship , Sanctuary and Online at www.erucc.org
11:30 AM	Fellowship , Community Room, 1 st Floor

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Ways to Give to Evangelical Reformed UCC

<p>WEBSITE www.erucc.org/give</p>  <p><i>one time or recurring gifts</i></p>	<p>GIVE THE NEW WAY</p>  <p><i>We're moving to a better way of giving. Scan to try it for yourself!</i></p>	<p>CASH OR CHECK <i>made payable to</i> Evangelical Reformed UCC 15 W. Church St, Frederick MD 21701</p>  <p><i>offering plates are available in the rear of the sanctuary before and after worship</i></p>
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18, 2024

1 Kings 2:10–12, 3:3–14

“Wisdom Quest”

It’s the time of year when many of us prepare members of our households - or ourselves - to return to school. If you are a life-long learner and would like to return to school, the United Church of Christ has many opportunities for you, including Pathways. Pathways, an online program in progressive theology, offers many points of entry and programs of different lengths and intensity depending on what the student would like to focus on.

“PATHWAYS offers you a program for progressive theological engagement that values the past without being limited by it, moving intentionally into the present while looking boldly towards the future. We provide a welcoming online space to bring your questions, doubts, and desire to deepen your understanding. Pathways welcome all people who yearn for a still-speaking God. Whether you are on the path to authorized ministry, want to hone your current skills, or just want to explore your faith more deeply, we have a program for you.

What Makes PATHWAYS Unique

Why does a Pathways education work so well for its students?

- **Affordable, Accessible, and Flexible** – We are able to include students from a diversity of regions, backgrounds, and economic means, with coursework that flexes around the rest of your day-to-day life.
- **Learner-Centered Adult Education** – Our pedagogical approach, including weekly readings and facilitated online discussion forums, allows you to focus on your own personal educational goals so that you can get out of each course whatever is most relevant to your own needs.
- **Asynchronous Education** – Rather than following a traditional semester and set class-times, with just a computer and internet-access, you can opt-in to weekly forums for our six-week regular courses, four-week Explorer courses, or 12-week UCC history and polity courses.”

To find out more and to register for Pathways, navigate to
<https://www.secucc.org/ministries/pathways/>

