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## **CREATION CARE SUNDAY**

**Evangelical Reformed  
United Church of Christ  
October 13, 2024  
10:30 AM**

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, below the sanctuary, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, outside the Community Room. Single-occupant, all-gender, accessible restrooms are located outside the North and Flora Rooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

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



October 13, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

The numbered hymns are from  
The New Century Hymnal

\*All who are able may stand

**CREATION CARE SUNDAY**

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Spirit  
– M. Miller

*Welcome*

***Refrain* Singing welcome, welcome to this place  
You're invited to come and know God's grace  
All are welcome the love of God to share  
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Church, where do you see God?

**We see God in the wide reach of sky,  
in the towering height of mountains,  
in the depths of the sea,  
and in the vividness of flowers.**

Church, where else do you see God?

**We see God in early morning sunrises,  
in the quiet after a snow,  
in the reaching of rivers and tributaries,  
and in the stars that light the night.**

And in your seeing, what do you know?

**We know that God is here,  
and we know that God is good.**

Let us worship the God of creation!

**Let us worship our with-us God.**

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Creator God, You speak to us in a thousand different ways—in the wind that rustles through the trees, in early morning’s birdsong, and in the first blooms of spring.**

**Everywhere we look, creation whispers of your creativity. So as we turn our hearts toward scripture, clear the distractions from our minds. Silence in us any voice but your own, so that like the birds, and the flowers, and the mighty rushing wind, we might sing of your goodness. We are leaning in. We are in awe. We are listening. Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

*Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works*

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**Many and great, O God, are your works,  
Maker of earth and sky;  
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,  
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;  
deep seas obey your voice.**

**Grant unto us communion with you,  
O star abiding One.  
Come unto us and dwell with us;  
with you are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end,  
eternal life with you.**

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

One of the things that is amazing about the Earth is that even after a fire, a flood, or an oil spill, new life always finds a way to grow.

Friends, God’s grace is like that. No matter the mistakes we make, the mess we create, or the harm we do, God’s love for us is unending.

Trusting in that good news, let us share today including our Creation Justice Covenant as both a confession of damage done and a commitment to fulfill God’s directive to us to care for all creation.

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator God, we have lost our way. Forgive us God. Fill our hearts with compassion for your world.**

(ERUCC Creation Justice Covenant)

**We, the members of this congregation, realize that God has given us an amazing planet on which to live. This planet is shared by the rest of humanity and will be shared with future generations as well. As such, it is our responsibility to care for this precious gift and keep it healthy for those who will come after us. Being good stewards of our environment will be at the forefront of our thinking as we plan for, and carry out, our ministries.**

**We further realize that negligence in the care for our planet has resulted in damage to our environment and that this damage has disproportionately affected marginalized people in our country and throughout the globe. Therefore, we commit to advocating for environmental justice so that those who may not be in a position to speak for themselves can reap the rewards of such efforts.**

**As a church, and as individuals, we pledge to care for our planet and to seek justice for those whose lives have been adversely affected by the neglect of our environment. We will recycle responsibly, use the earth's resources with as little waste as possible, support efforts at reducing the effects of climate change, help protect endangered species, reduce our carbon footprint and stop air and water pollution.**

**With hope in our hearts for a better day, we pray: Amen.**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, when it comes to creation care, we have a lot to confess. But even here, even now, God's grace for us is like a mighty rushing stream. Trusting in God's unrelenting mercy, may we be inspired to action. Just as flowers that bloom after the fire, there is nothing that God cannot redeem.

## **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 aged 5 through 5th grade who wish to participate in Junior Church may meet  
leaders at the back of the sanctuary and proceed to the Thomas Room.*

*Children will return to their families in worship by 11:30 AM.*

## \*HYMN

*The Garden of the World*

– S.E. Murray / L.S. Hong  
see next page

## THE SCRIPTURES

Darryl Glick

Genesis 1                      OT page 1  
Exodus 23:10-11              OT page 69  
Jeremiah 17:5-8              OT page 719

Reader:    May God bless the reading of this word.

All:            **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

## MORNING PRAYERS

*Our Morning Prayers are part of our response to the Word. This morning, we  
will have a collective time of Prayer, which Pastor Kirstin will explain.*

*This will include the following questions:*

- 1. What am I celebrating in the season of fall?*
- 2. What transition, change, or letting go is God calling me to?*
- 3. Can I trust God that what grows next when I let go can also be good?*



## The Garden of the World

## Lament for the Earth

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1 The gar - den of the world, the par - a - dise we share, the  
 2 New proph - ets tell the signs of fire, flood and storm, now  
 3 The poor and the dis - placed must strug - gle more than all when  
 4 The cal - lous face of greed, the trad - ing of the powers will

green - ing of all life is dy - ing in our care, the  
 all cre - a - tion groans as na - ture chang - es form, and  
 hope and har - vests fail, when drought has tak - en toll, when  
 fu - el and will feed a life - style such as ours. We

cov - e - nants we made are ren - dered null and void, the  
 yet we will not change, though ice floes melt a - way, though  
 air is poi - soned breath, when wa - ter does not flow, earth's  
 pray for one more chance to tend to earth's re - pair! The

gar - den that is God's, dis - hon - ored and de - stroyed.  
 crea - tures lose their homes in des - o - la - tion's day.  
 chil - dren bear the cost, earth's plant - ing can - not grow.  
 green - ing of all life is dy - ing in our care.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Lim Swee Hong

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CARTERET ISLANDS

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

Generosity is a spiritual gift that may be cultivated, grown, and nurtured. Let us plant seeds today with our gifts that will bloom and provide a harvest beyond our expectations or imagination.

*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.*



## OFFERTORY

*Care for Creation*

Spirit  
– P. Choplin

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, may our gifts be magnified and do miracles in our community. Use them for restoration and hope. Amen.

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*Touch the Earth Lightly*

#569

**Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
Gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.**

**We who endanger, who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
We who would foster clouds of disaster -  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!**

**Let there be greening, birth from the burning,  
water that blesses ,and air that is sweet,  
Health in God's garden, hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.**

**God of all living, God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
Teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently, and making us one.**



**\*BENEDICTION**

Family of faith, as you leave this place,  
may your heart swell for the beauty of this Earth.  
May it break for the suffering of creation.  
May you burn with the conviction to do something about it,  
may you have a sense of awe to inspire you to learn from and protect it,  
and may you always be aware of the holy ground beneath your feet.  
In the name of the Creator, the created, and the source of creativity:  
Go in peace, and do the good that is yours to do.  
**Amen.**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*An Old Irish Blessing*

– T. Jennings

**May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again, until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of God's hand until we meet again.**

**POSTLUDE** *Please be seated.*



**We thank Laura Walling and Joe Baker  
for sharing their gifts with us in worship today!**

Please join us for **Fellowship** with light refreshments and time for casual conversation after worship in our Community Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor). Today we will enjoy a meal of homemade soups!

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**The flowers on the altar** are given by Cindy Smith and Cindy Duranko in memory of our dear friend, Jack Patterson.

**The yellow rose** is presented in honor of veterans by Peter Brehm and Jack Day.

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**Attendance Last Sunday:** 17 at 8:30 AM, 132 at 10:30 AM, and 47 online.



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

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

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### **Serving Today: October 13**

Deacons: Robin A. Brady-Slifer  
Robin L. Brady-Slifer  
Elder: Matt Hueting  
Scripture Reader: Darryl Glick  
Greeters: Cathie Duncan, Felecia Bishop  
Robin Cooney, David Cooney  
Welcome Table: Rob Black, Sue Pinner  
Lobby Attendant: Andrew Beadle  
Audio/Visual: Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Baker  
Jeff Schaeberle  
Nursery: Emily Spear  
Fellowship: Ave Barr, Cliff Barr, Jen Powell  
Joan Maples, Allen Maples  
Pat Condo, Bud Rossig

### **Serving Next Week: October 20**

Harrison Fisher  
Kyle Miller  
Eric Weakly  
Quynn Adkins  
Tom Ford, Rachel Ford  
Felecia Bishop, Rob Peters  
Molly Black, Jeanellen Kallevang  
Jaci Clayton  
Rodney Martin, Jeff Schaeberle  
Dawn Lagrotteria  
Karen Justice, Marj Berkheimer  
Peter Brehm, Felecia Bishop  
Rob McGuire, Alex Martinez

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### **Next Sunday: October 20 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38:1–7, (34–41) | Mark 10:35–45

We all go to God with questions. It's what happens next that can be interesting. Conventional wisdom is turned on its head by God's wisdom. We don't get the answers we were hoping for. In today's readings, God responds to Job and Jesus responds to the disciples in ways that illustrate the true nature of God's wisdom.

*Jonas Dawson will be our guest organist. The Senior Choir will sing.*

*We will welcome Mateo Calvert Fisher through the Sacrament of Baptism. Mateo is the child of Harrison and Stephanie Fisher and the grandchild of Robert and Betsy Fisher.*

# 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 regular Sunday morning services will receive visits (and communion) from Rev. Dr. Morgan. Our Faithful Friends Team also makes visits, calls, and sends care cards.

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:**

Veronica Beadle  
Beanie Cornell  
Sandra Trout  
Raymond Slifer (father of Robin A. Brady-Slifer)  
The Black Family  
Susan Bonhag (friend of the Mercier family)  
Milt Crutchley  
Asher (Vida Penn's infant grandchild)  
Father of Sherry Murray  
Craig, Carrie, Aaron, Chase and Maddy Percopo (friends of Lois Gaul)  
Kat Weedon (friend of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)  
Tom Frazier  
Kayla Merry (niece of Kim Sexton)  
Carol Spera (mother of Mark Ulrich)  
Pauline Marendt  
Cliff Barr

Haley Duff  
Sherry Murray  
Charlotte Blue and Family (friends of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)  
Emogene Wyand  
Richard Leslie  
Bob Pinner  
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 Jo Ann 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.*

## Adult Christian Education Opportunities

### BIBLE STUDIES for ADULTS

#### **SUNDAY MORNING LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE**

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

**This class will not meet on October 13 and 20**

Zoom: [bit.ly/ERSunstudy](https://bit.ly/ERSunstudy)  
Meeting ID: 893 8670 5888  
Passcode: 327128

#### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

with Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg  
North Room / Zoom, 11:00 AM

Zoom: [bit.ly/ERTuesday](https://bit.ly/ERTuesday)  
Meeting ID: 875 1423 3398  
Passcode: 973365

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE**

with Rev. John Shillingburg  
North Room / Zoom, 7:00 PM

**This class will not meet on October 16 and 23**

Zoom: [bit.ly/ERWedstudy](https://bit.ly/ERWedstudy)  
Meeting ID: 892 1764 4500  
Passcode: 848933

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### LET'S TALK

*Let's Talk is an adult educational opportunity that focuses on how we can live out our faith and share our knowledge and expertise. Contact Linda Coyle, [lkcoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:lkcoyle@yahoo.com) with questions or ideas for a presentation.*

#### **NATURAL GREEN BURIALS**

Sunday, October 13  
Flora Room, 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Join Linda Coyle for a video presentation and discussion on natural burials as an alternative to traditional burials or cremation. Green burial has been defined as a way of caring for the dead with minimal environmental impact that aids in the conservation of natural resources, reduction of carbon emissions, protection of worker health, and the restoration or preservation of habitat. Learn about the options available in Maryland and explore if a green burial is right for you.

#### **COMPOSERS IN THEIR TIME**

presented by David Howard  
Sundays, October 20, 27 and November 3  
Flora Room, 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

In this series, we will listen to musical excerpts and view slides as we explore what inspired composers to write certain works.

- October 20** “Judas Maccabaeus” by Handel
- October 27** “Mass in Time of War”, Haydn,
- November 3** The finale to "Beethoven's 9th Symphony"

## Activities and Events at ERUCC

### HURRICANES 2024 RELIEF EFFORTS

On October 9, **Hurricane Milton** landed on Florida's west coast, less than two weeks after Hurricane Helene devastated the region. As of Thursday, October 10, over 3.3 million customers are without power, and several communities have been devastated by tornados and flooding.

Due to limited communications capability in the impacted areas, the [Global HOPE](#) team is still learning about the impacts of this devastating storm, gathering information from Florida conference staff and local churches.

**Hurricane Helene** landed in Florida on September 26 as a category-four storm. It brought a devastating 20-foot storm surge and 140 mph winds. After landfall in Florida's Big Bend region, the storm proceeded northeast into Georgia, western South Carolina, western North Carolina, and eastern Tennessee as a category one storm. Over 230 people have been confirmed dead, with this number expected to rise as remote areas become accessible.

The Global HOPE team has regularly communicated with Southeast, Southern, and Florida Conference staff, ecumenical partners in disaster recovery, and response coordination calls with the national network of voluntary organizations active in disasters (VOAD).

Several UCC churches throughout the affected region have suffered extensive damage to their church buildings and surrounding communities. As the full impact of both storms continues to become realized, the Global HOPE team is helping to connect victims of the storm's devastation with immediate resources as well as preparing to support long-term recovery efforts.

The United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster and their plight fades from the headlines. Your support of this appeal will ensure that communities are supported and accompanied for years as they rebuild.

As we continue to pray for and support those who have experienced unimaginable loss, we invite you to support recovery efforts with a direct donation to the UCC Hurricane Helene relief efforts: <https://support.ucc.org/hurricane-helene-relief>

Or, give via ERUCC to Hurricane Helene relief efforts: <https://ppay.co/J2phiV4dZok>



## T TEAM: HERITAGE PRESENTATION AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 13  
Community Room / Zoom, ~11:45 AM

Zoom: [bit.ly/er1013mtg](https://bit.ly/er1013mtg)  
Meeting ID: 882 6728 6934  
Passcode: 056909



Lunch will be provided at Fellowship as a panel of T Team members first present on the Heritage focus point; a special Congregational Meeting will immediately follow.

As part of its understanding of our congregation's heritage, the Transition Team has identified four foundational topics that we could study in order to discern as a congregation whether we should make any changes. The first one we are studying is whether we should change the name of our congregation from "Evangelical Reformed."

At the Congregational Meeting on October 13, after a presentation from the study group and discussion, we will decide whether to consider changing our name.

We encourage you to review the information sheet prepared by the study group before the meeting: [bit.ly/ERname](https://bit.ly/ERname).

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## FOREST BATHING EXPERIENCE

Sunday, July 28  
Walkersville Watershed, 6:00 – 8:00 PM



Forest Bathing is a therapeutic practice that involves spending time in nature to connect with it through your senses. It is associated with many health benefits and is prescribed as medicine in Japan. This will be a calm, peaceful time together. There are opportunities to participate at different levels. The main trail is relatively flat. It is a short walking distance from the parking area to a small pond. If you do not want to walk very far, you may decide to spend your time at the pond area. We will bring some folding chairs for anyone who chooses this option. Others will continue following an easy loop with several reflection points along the way.

For your comfort, we suggest you wear long pants or socks and possibly a hat, use bug spray, and bring a water bottle.

From Frederick, travel east on Rt. 26 past Mt. Pleasant, Liberty Road Seafood and a golf/putting range. Turn left on Chestnut Grove Rd. Continue past the homes then steeply downhill. At the bottom of the hill, meet in the small parking area on the right.

RSVP to Linda Coyle, [lkcoyle@yahoo.com](mailto:lkcoyle@yahoo.com) or Pastor Kirstin, [ksrhoads@erucc.org](mailto:ksrhoads@erucc.org).



## COMMUNION ON THE CREEK

Tuesdays, October 15 and 22

Carroll Creek Trellis, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM

At the Lord's Table, everyone is welcome, and we rejoice together as we celebrate that all are already loved by our Creator, just as we are. On each of the first four Tuesdays in October, Rev. Michelle Beadle will celebrate Communion on the hour from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Trellis area of Carroll Creek Linear Park (NE corner where Market Street intersects park). These celebrations will last 15 minutes and will lift one of the following themes:

- Celebrating the Open Table
- Remembering What "Remembering" Means
- The Mystery of the Cross
- The Anatomy of Communion

All four themes will be lifted once each week. The rotation will stagger so that if anyone comes at the same time on different weeks, they will be able to enjoy a new celebration.



No RSVP is required, just come as you are when you feel so moved. But it's always great to know if we might see you! Drop us a note: <https://forms.gle/sAKTJbXFabUGMrE36>.

Please pray for those who gather, that the Spirit of God illuminates our time, that any who would seek to disrupt our time has a change of heart, and that the spirit of abundance reigns among us.

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## GENTLE YOGA

Tuesdays

Trinity Chapel, 7:00 PM

Experience tranquility and wellness in this Gentle Yoga Class. Led by experienced Yogamour instructors, this nurturing practice focuses on gentle postures, mindful breathing, and deep relaxation techniques. Join us in this spiritual journey to strengthen the body, soothe the mind, and connect with your inner self. Participants of all levels are welcome.

Each drop-in class is \$10. Questions? Contact Renae, [rdkline15@gmail.com](mailto:rdkline15@gmail.com).

*To access the yoga classroom in Trinity Chapel, walk through the gate to the left of the building, down the walkway to the side door, and into the hallway leading to the classroom.*

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The Fall edition of ERUCC newsletter, *Trinity Chimes*, is available to read now!

Get a copy in the Kieffer Lobby, in the Sanctuary, or online:

<https://erucc.org/category/news/monthly-newsletter/>.

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## **Children, Youth, & Families**

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Children's **Sunday School** takes place in ERUCC's main building. Children should be checked in by one of their grown-ups at the Check-In Station in the Kieffer Lobby before class.

#### **Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Liz Coffey Room, 9:15 – 10:00 AM

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Thomas Room, 9:15 – 10:00 AM

Immediately following Sunday School, teachers will transition children to Children's Music and Movement. Participating children should be checked out by their grown-ups from the Liz Coffey Room at 10:20 AM. If not participating in Children's Music and Movement, children should be checked out from their Sunday School classroom at 10:00 AM.

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### **CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND MOVEMENT**

Liz Coffey Room, 10:00 – 10:20 AM

This music group for children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to participate in rehearsals each Sunday morning following Sunday School from 10:00–10:20 AM in the Liz Coffey Room. Children will explore a variety of musical styles including the use of rhythm instruments, hand chimes, expression through movement, and vocal choirs.

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### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Trinity Chapel, 9:15 – 10:15 AM

**Youth Sunday School**, with Middle and High School classes, meets in Trinity Chapel, 10 West Church Street. Enter through the side door behind the iron gate on the left side of the building. Always use the crosswalk. Teachers in their classrooms will check in youth upon arrival. When class ends at 10:15 AM, Youth will return as a group to the Kieffer Lobby in the main building.

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### **JUNIOR CHURCH**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

dismisses from 10:30 AM worship service

Junior Church, a space to join in creative spiritual formation activities, meets most Sundays during the school year. Children ages five through 5<sup>th</sup> 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, one floor below the sanctuary. On the first Sunday of each month, children participate in worship and communion with their families.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 27

ERUCC Parking Lot and Patio, 5:00 – 6:00 PM



The ERUCC Youth Group is inviting the whole church to a spooktacular Trunk or Treat event! Put on your best cape, crown or costume and come join the fun. Trunks will be decorated to impress, as you make your way from car to car to fill your bag with treats.

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## GOD'S KIDS CLUB

Monday, October 28

Community Room, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We will make crafts and toys from fall items, clean up sticks and leaves around the ERUCC grounds, cook snacks on the campfire, and take an exploration walk around town to see what fall brings! As part of our time together, we will create thankfulness gifts to give away. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

In God's Kids Club, children in elementary grades participate in creative, faith-filled fun through various activities, including art projects, creation care, and service projects. During God's Kids Clubs events, middle and high school youth are welcome to help with the leadership of activities. Youth helpers should let Pastor Kirstin know they are attending.

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before and after worship*

## Other Announcements

### **SONGS FOR THE EARTH: A MULTI-FAITH MUSICAL SERVICE**

Sunday, October 20

Coffman Chapel, Hood College, 3:00 – 4:15 PM



## **SONGS FOR THE EARTH**

**a multifaith musical service**

The Multi-Faith Alliance of Climate Stewards (MACS) of Frederick County and Hood College jointly host a spiritual service, *Songs for the Earth*, at Hood College's Coffman Chapel to remind people of faith of our shared mission to care for the Earth and all its inhabitants and find ways to work

together. Various local groups will share musical gifts related to caring about and for the Earth. Representing diverse spiritual groundings, readings, and prayers focus on the dual themes of grief and hope through action.

Contact Linda Coyle with questions.

**Free registration:** [bit.ly/songsforearth](https://bit.ly/songsforearth)



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### **SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR THE REV. CATHERINE THOMPSON**

Wednesday, October 30

106 W Church St, Frederick, 3:00 PM

All Saints Episcopal Church cordially invites your presence and prayers to the Service of Installation for Rev. Catherine Thompson as rector of the congregation.

If clergy would like to participate in the processional, they are invited to wear their preferred clergy attire and a white stole. Please arrive by 6:15 PM and meet at the church steps.

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### **SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR THE REV. CHANCE MARTINEZ-COLON**

Sunday, November 10

Grace UCC, 25 East 2nd Street, Frederick, 3:00 PM

The Catoctin Association, Central Atlantic Conference, United Church of Christ and Grace United Church of Christ in Frederick cordially invite your presence and prayers to the Service of Installation for Rev. Chance Martinez-Colon as pastor to the congregation. There will be a reception of light refreshments following the service.

Clergy are invited to wear robes and red stoles for processional. Clergy who wish to process are asked to arrive by 2:45 PM. Clergy are invited to RSVP by emailing Chance at [pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com)

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Thomasa Pomeroy | Bud Rossig | Eliza Stitely | Lucas Nguyen-Powell | Isaac Pomeroy

## Sunday Morning Schedule

*subject to change*

8:30 – 9:15 AM	<b>Early Worship</b> , Sanctuary
9:00 AM	<b>Coffee and Conversation</b> , Kieffer Lobby
9:00 AM	<b>Let's Study the Bible</b> , North Room
9:15 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Nursery Care</b>
9:15 – 10:00 AM	<b>Children's Sunday School</b> <i>Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</i> , Liz Coffey Room <i>3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</i> , Thomas Room
9:15 – 10:15 AM	<b>Youth Sunday School</b> <i>Middle School Youth</i> , Trinity Chapel <i>High School Youth</i> , Trinity Chapel
9:30 AM	<b>Let's Talk</b> , Flora Room
10:00 – 10:20 AM	<b>Children's Music and Movement</b> , Liz Coffey Room
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 <i>Participating children are dismissed from Worship (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)</i> <b>Young Spirit Rehearsal</b> , Marj Menchey Berkheimer Music Suite <i>Participating Youth are dismissed from Worship (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)</i>
11:30 AM	<b>Consecration Sunday Luncheon</b> , Community Room <b>Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> , Sanctuary <i>Children and Youth</i>

## Thursday Rehearsal Schedule

*subject to change*

6:15 PM	<b>Cambridge Handbell Choir Rehearsal</b> , Sanctuary <i>Contact: Trish Coffey and Kelly Esslinger</i>
7:00 PM	<b>Senior Choir Rehearsal</b> , Marj Menchey Berkheimer Music Suite <i>Contact: Alison E. Shafer</i>

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