NOVEMBER 1, 2026



ALL SAINTS DAY
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 lobby. We would love to meet and learn more about you, and we are available to answer your questions. 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 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 people 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 aged 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 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, all-gender, 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 –

November 1, 2026 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM

The numbered hymns are from The New Century Hymnal
**All who are able may stand*
Bold text read in unison

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Josh Privitt

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CENTERING BREATH**

CONSECRATION PRAYER (written by Kevin Coyle) ERUCC Youth

O Lord,
As we gather here, anticipating Consecration Sunday, bring our minds back to how you gave all. With just words, deeds, and a cross of cost you left behind a legacy that keeps on giving. Just as you invested in your disciples, awaken us to the many ways we can invest in our community and the strengthening of our church. As we move from day to day, may we grow in spirit, knowledge, and hope together. Even after we leave this space of welcome, fill us with a charitable spirit that can inspire neighbors and create a harvest of plenty. Amen.

PRELUDE
In Remembrance – J. M. Rasley
based on hymn tune EVAN by W.H. Havergal

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 34) Eliza Stitely

Bless the Holy One with continuous praise. Magnify Love and let us exalt God's many names together!
We sought the Gracious One. God answered and delivered.
Bless the Sovereign One with boasting and gladness.
We turn to the Glorious God who radiates joy and safety upon us.
Bless the Mighty God who encamps around us!
O taste and experience that God is good! Praise the Holy One!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Creator of the Multitude, be present among us as we gather. Let us worship you in praise and thanksgiving, in spirit and in truth, in season and out of season. May our souls reach toward you and our hearts burn as we encounter you afresh. Renew our minds through your word and our spirits through our praise. May your name be magnified and glorified in our assembly, and may your path become clearer for all who follow you. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

For All the Saints #299

verse 2 sung by low voices and verse 4 by high voices

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old.
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER FOR GRACE** Rev. Josh Privitt

Loving God, we confess that we have not embraced your vision of beloved community. We find ways to restrict who belongs and fail to make space for diversity and difference. We bicker over how we worship and consider practices other than our own with indifference and disdain rather than appreciation and curiosity. We allow the divisiveness of the world to separate your church. We center ourselves in worship and try to make you in our image rather than expanding the circle and recognizing your image in our neighbor. Transform us, O God, so that we may reflect the beauty of your creation and the vastness of your love. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Behold the Host All Robed in Light #296

Behold the host all robed in light,
Arrayed like snow-clad mountains bright,
With palms they stand
Who is this band who gather in God's sight?
These are the faithful ones,
The same who through the time of trial came,
Who Christ has raised
That they might praise unendingly God's name;
And now their journey finished
They with joyful voices join to pray,
Glad songs they sing.
Their thanks they bring to God both night and day.

Their work was hard, their journey long,
But by God's grace their faith was strong,
These saints made pure, their trials endured,
Forever to God belong.
How often in their earthly day
They silently did weep and pray,
But conflicts past, brought home at last,
God wiped their tears away;
No hunger now, nor thirst they know;
Oppression cannot cause them woe.

The Shepherd feeds and gently leads
Where living waters flow.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Children, youth, and all who wish to join them are invited to come forward for a special message.

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 the service today. A book nook with children's programs, books, crayons, and activities is in the rear of the sanctuary and a wiggle space is available in the front of the sanctuary near the baptismal font.
Junior Church for children ages 5 through 5th grade will resume next Sunday.

THE SCRIPTURES (NRSVue translation) Holly Davis

1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

Reader: May God bless the reading of this word.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Josh Privitt

MORNING PRAYER

CONSECRATION SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT Donna and Terry Logee

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY Rev. Josh Privitt

This is a time during worship 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 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.

OFFERTORY Senior Choir

The Beatitudes – Richard Shephard

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy Love, we pray that you receive these gifts. Bless those who have accepted the call to generosity and those entrusted with the responsibility of these offerings. May your church be enlivened and your people nurtured in care through these tangible expressions of our love of you and neighbor.

– LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY –

On All Saints Day, we take time to remember and honor those who have gone before us. While they were with us, we saw them face to face. Their voice, their touch, their smile. And now, beyond the veil that separates this world and the next, all we see is the glow of their Christ-light, flickering as part of the great cloud of witnesses.

We remember those who died in the past year:
(a bell will chime for each one mentioned)

Though we don't see them face to face any longer, these saints are not gone. Their memory lives on in us as their soul lives on in their Creator. Their Christ-light shines just as brightly as before, unbound by the physical limitations of their earthly bodies. They are now part of the glory that awaits beyond this life. Thanks be to God.

For all their gifts, great and small, we give thanks. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen!

We invite you now to light a candle at home if you are worshipping online or to come forward in the sanctuary to light a candle in memory of the saints in your own life.

You are invited to come forward and light a candle as you remember loved ones. Candles can be lit from the Christ candle in the middle of the table. It has been said that it is better to light one candle than it is to curse the darkness. Yet a candle burning in the night can bring us comfort, peace, and even hope. May the light of the candles remind us that even though our loved ones are no longer present with us in body, the life of their spirit has not been extinguished.

– SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Eternal God, who has created the universe, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. As we partake of this bread and wine, we honor you, everlasting God. We give thanks that you come to us and abide with us.

Come, Holy One, come. Bless this meal; bless this fellowship; bless our lives, that justice and love may be the measure of our common witness. Amen.

As we bless and share these gifts, we celebrate the hospitality of Christ's table. All are worthy, all are welcome! Receive the fruits of the Spirit, and celebrate the communion of all things. Creator, Christ, and Spirit dance as one. So may it always be.

Be present with us as we share this meal and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who, with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever.

***Through* Christ, *with* Christ and *in* Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night he was betrayed, the Light of the World took bread and blessed it. Then he thanked God for it and broke it, saying:
"This is my body which is broken for you.
Whenever you eat it, remember me."

And likewise at the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and thanked God for it. Pouring out the red wine, he said:
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you.
When you drink this cup ever after this night, remember me."

Now, let us come to receive the bread and the cup.

COMMUNION

Meditation on "Ubi Caritas" Traditional plainsong
arr. D. E. Wagner

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All who desire the Sacrament, including children, are invited to come forward at the direction of the deacons to one of two locations at the front of the sanctuary, where you will be served the bread and the cup. The cup contains grape juice (apple juice is provided in the center of each tray), and all bread is gluten-free. Please partake of the elements as they are given to you, then give the empty cup to the nearby steward before returning to your seat by the side aisle. If you want to receive the elements in the pew for any reason, please notify a deacon.

After all have received the bread and the cup:

The bread of life, given for all.
We receive with gratitude.
The cup of blessing, shared for all.
We receive with gratitude.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling #43

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling,
All your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit,
Let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
Love you as your angels love,
Pray and praise for your unfailing,
Wounded arms outstretched above.

Finish, then, your new creation;
Pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation
Perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Savior, Again, to Your Dear Name — music by E. J. Hopkins, text by J. Ellerton

During the postlude, please remain seated and let the music flow over you as a closing blessing.

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
From John Roberts's "Hymns of the Sanctuary"
arr. Marianne Kim

Worship Notes: Liturgy is adapted from **Love God and Neighbor: Service Prayers for All Saints Day Year A** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Please note that there is no **Fellowship** today.
We hope you were able to gather for the Pancake fundraiser!

WE REMEMBER ERUCC MEMBERS

Kitty Bradley
Doris Esslinger
John Hane
Emanuel "Manny" Greber
John "Jack" Stush
Frank Tordoff
Betsy Fisher

… and family and friends who have passed away during the last year, including

Phil Berkheimer
Sue Millione
Rose Plankey
Beverly Rayfield Mapp
Bonnie Wastler Nikirk
Juliet Marie Sweeney
Joseph Eckenrode
Timothy Bowlus
Robert "Buck" Thompson
James Ferguson
Neil Fay
Jayne Richardson
Sue Coltman
Greg Shively
Pauline Zimmerman
Raymond Delano Slifer
Jon Kulp
Nelly Foster
Alice Bertilson
Roy Warrington
Mark Warrington

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of our parents and siblings by Tom and Rachel Ford.

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

Attendance Last Sunday: 18 at 8:30 AM, 107 at 10:30 AM, and 53 online.



Watch worship live every Sunday at 10:30 AM or on-demand:
https://erucc.org/visit/sunday-live-stream

Serving Today: Nov 1		**Serving Next Week: Nov 8**
Deacons:	Mark Ulrich	Robin A. Brady-Slifer
	Quynn Adkins	Robin L. Brady-Slifer
Elder:	Peter Brehm	Jeanellen Kallevang
Scripture Reader:	Holly Davis	
Acolyte:	JD B.	Emmie R.
Greeters:	Felecia Bishop, Robert Morris	Julie Ebersole, Karen Justice
	Rob Smith, Paul McGinley	Rob Smith, Paul McGinley
Welcome Table:	Molly Black, Betsy Selby	Jeanellen Kallevang, Sue Pinner
Audio/Visual:	Ethan Kline, Kelly Esslinger	Ethan Kline, Kelly Esslinger
		David Howard
Nursery:		Julie Chappell
Fellowship:	Replaced with Pancake	Emily, Chris, Abby and Ben Spear
	Fundraiser	Jocelyn, Chris and ElaRose Vara
		Rachael, Josh, JD and Vivi Bowman
Communion Prep:	Cathie Duncan	
Communion Clergy:	Rev. Richard Leslie	

Next Sunday: November 8 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:6-18
1 Corinthians 13

The Rev. Josh Privitt will preach part 1 of the series "Best and Worst". Spirit will share in music leadership.

PRAYER LIST

We invite you to hold the following people in your prayers this week. Though we may not know the specifics of their needs, God does, and our prayers are a meaningful way to surround them with love and support.

ERUCC seeks permission before adding a name to this list or in worship announcements. There are many for whom we pray and visit whose names are not listed in the bulletin by their request.

Jan Dinterman (friend of Patti Patterson)
Christian Brady Tolbert Neely (daughter of cousin of Mary Boswell)
Sally Jane Bussiere (friend of Mary Boswell)
Barbara Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley)
Peg McGuire (sister of Nan McNamara)
Sherry Hoover (mother of Ashley Coen)
The friends and family of Susan Slade (mother of Arthur Slade)
Jack (nephew of Pastor Kirstin in military duty)
Jessica Snyder (niece of Janice Staley)
Debbie Jennings
Betty Schaeberle
John Maslowski
Dan Rice (partner of Alison Shafer)
Daniel Schaffer (neighbor of Kathleen & Niel Jefferson)
Mike Simms
Carroll Smith (friend of Sandra Trout)
Tom Ford
Ingrid Jacobsen
Charlie Woodward
Izzie Sims (friend of Molly Black)
Robert Debonis (uncle of Sophia Carliss)
Barbara Heverley
Todd Starr (nephew of Mary Staley)
Sharon DiDonato (aunt of Darryl Glick, friend of Mark Ulrich)
Ginny Peters
Karen Stitely
Donna Baumgardner Smith (friend of Sandra Trout)
Bill Cassell (brother of Ave Barr)
Sandra Trout
Mary Staley
Pat Condo
Wells Condo
Tom Frazier
Pauline Marendt
Colton Pudvah (great-nephew of Kim Sexton)
Carol Spera (mother of Mark Ulrich)
Emogene and Don Wyand
Bob Pinner
Jim Baldree (father of Chuck Baldree)
Lee Thomas
Marcia Eisenstein
Derek C. Hupp (grandson of Beanie and 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)
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)

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

PASTORAL CARE

ERUCC 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 communion from our pastoral team. 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.

Activities, Events, and Announcements

WINTER COAT AND HYGIENE DRIVE

October 1 – November 30

We are collecting NEW coats and winter gloves, hats, and scarves for babies, children, and adults and hygiene items (soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, laundry pods, and hand and feet warmers) for our first giving opportunity of the season! These items, collected in partnership with Asbury United Methodist Church, will be distributed to community members by ten local non-profit organizations in our community. Last year we collected 40 coats, 42 hats, and 80 pairs of gloves… how many items can we collect this year?

Bring NEW winter items to the collection box in the Sanctuary Lobby through November 30!

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 1

Mortgage Assistance: On the first Sunday of each month, we have a special opportunity for giving towards Mortgage Assistance. Donations fund ERUCC's mortgages with the Fisher Fund and FCB Bank, a division of ACNB Bank, payments on which are about $153,000/year.

GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays
Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

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. Participants of all levels are welcome. Each drop-in class is $10. Questions? Contact Renae, rdkline15@gmail.com.

THEOLOGY AMONG THE PEOPLE WITH REV. DR. REBECCA SHILLINGBURG

Tuesdays
North Room / Zoom, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Zoom: tinyurl.com/tuetap

Join us as we read and discuss *Genesis for Normal People* by Peter Enns and Jared Byas. If you are not a Bible scholar but want to be able to read Genesis and understand its big picture, this brief, witty book is the guide you've been waiting for. Clear summaries and thought-provoking questions provide direction for personal reflection and group discussion.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. JOHN SHILLINGBURG
Sunday, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
North Room / Zoom: http://tinyurl.com/ERUCCsunstudy

Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.
North Room / Zoom: http://tinyurl.com/ERUCCwedstudy

Each week there are two opportunities to engage in Bible study with other adults--Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. and Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. Both classes are hybrid: you can join in person in the North Room or via Zoom.

LET'S TALK – FACING DEATH, FINDING HOPE
A Six-Week Conversation About Death & Dying
Sundays, October 11 – November 15 | Adult Sunday School
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Facing Death, Finding Hope will move its location to the Flora Room for November 1st and to the North Room for November 8th, to accommodate Community Room activities. On the 1st, feel free to grab pancakes and join us in our discussion of grief with Jenna Duranko. On the 8th, we continue with Cathie Duncan and discuss preparations for death.

An honest and open exploration of death and dying through Scripture, personal experience, practical preparation, and conversation. **Bring your questions—there are no questions we're afraid to ask, and no expectation that we all have the same answers.**

November 1 — Grief & Loss
Jenna Duranko, Thanatologist & Author of ***Good Grief***
What happens to us when someone we love dies? We'll explore grief, mourning, healing, and how we walk with one another.

November 8 — Preparing for Death
Cathie Duncan
How do we begin meaningful end-of-life conversations with the people we love? We'll explore sharing our wishes, making plans, and helping our loved ones know what matters to us.

November 15 — Open Forum
Questions, stories & conversation
A final gathering to explore what we've learned, what we believe, and what we're still wondering about.

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 1
Community Room, 8:30 – 10:15 AM

The ERUCC Youth Group invites you to an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast with pancakes, meat, fruit, yogurt, and breakfast beverages all included. You get all of this for any monetary donation! Fundraising will benefit ERUCC Youth Germany visit in Summer 2027.

CARE PACKAGES FOR CAREGIVERS
Collection: November 1 – 15

Our Faithful Friends volunteer team is collecting small items to put together care packages for caregivers of our Faithful Friends and others. Donations will be collected through November 15. Our youth will pack them up along with other packages on December 6.

- Prayer cards
- Playing cards
- Cards to send to other people with stamps
- Shelf-stable food (protein bars, nuts)
- Lip balm
- Socks
- Gloves
- Lotion
- Question books/cards
- Pet treats/toys
- Tea bags
- Small stuffed animals
- Low-maintenance plant

Bring donations to the Sanctuary Lobby and place them in the designated donation box. Thanks!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CARE PACKAGES TO THOSE IN COLLEGE & MILITARY
Collection: November 1 - December 6

We're sending care packages to our young adults in college, job training, or military service—just a little reminder that ERUCC's care extends to them no matter where they are on life's journey! As a church, we are collecting individual snacks and small office or household items to include in these care packages. Donations could include hot chocolate packets, chips/crackers, fruit pouches, popcorn, granola bars, cookies, soup packs, candy, sticky notes, silly pens, reusable straws, decks of cards, hand-sized word search or game books, stress balls, and lip balm. Think: what can be useful and fun?!

Bring donations to the Sanctuary Lobby and place them in the designated donation box. Thanks!

CONVERSATIONS FOR A HEALTHY CHURCH
Saturday, November 7
Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Successful congregations understand the importance of connectivity, relationality, and boundaries. Join our associate conference minister, Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice, in the sanctuary on November 7th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. as she leads a discussion on the foundations of good pastoral beginnings, positive relational practices, and sound decision-making around the nuts and bolts of active church life.

RINGERS NEEDED! The ERUCC handbell choir is reforming and seeking adults interested in joining! Being able to read music is not required, but enthusiasm and joy in music certainly are. Contact Jonas at music@erucc.org for more information.

PACK THE PANTRY
Sunday, November 8, during both worship services

Let's continue to BE the Church by supporting our neighbors in need. Once a month, we work together to fill the Frederick Community Fridge pantry in our parking lot.

Thanksgiving in a Bag for Two – Create a complete Thanksgiving meal in a gallon Ziploc bag: box of instant stuffing, bag of instant mashed potatoes, can of green beans (or vegetable of choice), 2 cans of chicken (or turkey), chicken or turkey gravy packet, and a can of cranberry sauce. Feel free to add a dessert treat!

You are invited to bring any shelf-stable, unopened, and unexpired items to worship. You can place them on the table at the chancel as you arrive. We will offer a prayer of dedication over the items before sending them out to bless our neighbors. If you're unable to bring donations on Sunday, you can place them in the pantry at any time.

Contact: Kim Sexton, mkcssexton@comcast.net.

ALISON'S RETIREMENT PARTY
Sunday, November 8
Community Room, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Our beloved Alison retired in August, and we are celebrating her 40+ years of ministry on November 8th. After honoring her during worship, we will gather in the community room to further the celebration with a meal and some other surprises. You don't want to miss it! RSVP via this link or call the office (301-662-2762) with any questions.
https://erucc.ccbchurch.com/event_invite_reply.php?id=277&tk=c24618da730f0fb6afecdc0efd0aa64d

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WOMEN'S RETREAT - EXPERIENCING GOD'S GOODNESS AND LOVE
November 13 – 14
Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center
1600 Harpers Ferry Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758

We pray that this weekend of time apart gives us full view of the gift of God's goodness in our warm community of friends, expressions of poetry that we read and write, exploring in the outdoors, practicing gratitude, and fun ways to "Taste and See that the Lord is Good!" We will gather Friday night as early as 5:00 p.m. and have a crockpot dinner together around 6:30 p.m. We will depart Saturday around 4:30 p.m. to give time for those who want to attend Jenna Duranko's evening book signing at ERUCC to do so.

Sign Up: https://bit.ly/46TWhMw 

SENIOR CHOIR, NOW RECRUITING TEENS AND UP!

Our Designated Director of Music, Jonas, is actively recruiting for the senior choir and wants to expand the group to include teens and up. He's also weighing changes to the rehearsal schedule to accommodate more people if that has been a barrier for you. If you're interested in joining, there are only a few requirements:

1. You must have a love for music and collaboratively making music with others
2. You need to be willing to sing solo in front of me for an audition
3. You need to be willing to commit to attending rehearsals and Sundays when the Senior Choir sings (actively from September through May, and as availability allows over the summer)
4. Having experience and confidence singing in parts is of course very welcomed, but is also not required. You just have to be willing to learn!

We currently rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. service until about 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Good Grief: A Collection of Poetry and Prose: A Somatic Approach to the Intersection of Grief and the Arts by Jenna Duranko, will be released on Monday, November 2nd. Published by Tehom Center Publishing, a nonprofit press publishing feminist and queer authors, with a commitment to elevate BIPOC writers.

Good Grief is a collection of poetry and prose that follows grief through the body. Trained in thanatology, ministry, and music, Duranko draws on Peter Levine's Somatic Experiencing to track where loss lives in the nervous system. She then follows the creative impulse that rises once it is finally felt. The poems move through three sections: acknowledgment, the depths, and the first cracks of light. Grief is not only something you feel. It is something your body carries. This book is for you if:

- Your loss doesn't have a ritual attached to it
- You've been told you should be over it by now
- You're grieving someone who is still alive
- You suspect your body has been keeping a record your mind hasn't caught up to
- You want a book that will not rush you.

Three poems come paired with original marimba compositions you can listen to as you read. The collection closes with a guided somatic exercise for moving from sensation to creation, an invitation to make something from your own grief.

Available for purchase at Barnes and Noble online: https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/good-grief-jenna-duranko/1150957047?ean=9781966655855
or Amazon.com at: https://a.co/d/09Ak891q

HOMELESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS – ANNUAL HYGIENE COLLECTION FOR SHIP
Collection: November 1 – December 31

Collection boxes are in the Sanctuary and Kieffer lobbies. Please see the flyer on the back of the bulletin for more information.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY – A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP AND REFLECTION

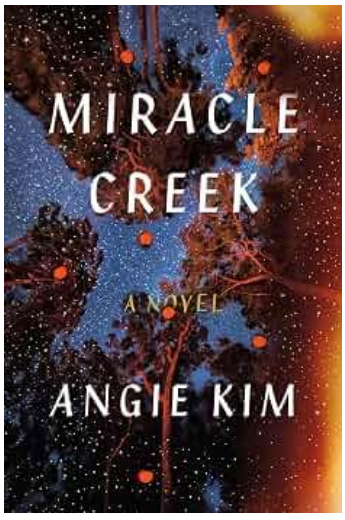


This year's Season of Stewardship will conclude on Consecration Sunday, November 22, when we formally offer our Estimates of Giving to the church for the coming year and joyfully join together after the 8:30 AM worship service for a Celebration Breakfast or after the 10:30 AM service for a catered Celebration Luncheon. We are again using the spiritually focused stewardship program this year, and we hope you find it meaningful.

The Consecration Sunday program is grounded in Biblical teaching that financial stewardship is part of our faithful response to and worship of God. It provides us with a structure in which we can, together, examine our values and our patterns of giving and think consciously about what percentage of our income God is calling us to give.

We are grateful to be on this spiritual journey with you and look forward to celebrating with you on November 22!

ERUCC BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, November 24, 2026
North Room / Zoom, 7:00 p.m.
Zoom: bit.ly/ERUCCbooks



The ERUCC Book Group's upcoming selection for discussion is ***Miracle Creek: A Novel*** by Angie Kim, a Baltimore author.

A literary courtroom thriller about a Korean immigrant family and a young single mother, who is on trial for murdering her 8-year-old son, who is on the autism spectrum. The story begins with an explosion at an experimental oxygen chamber called the "Miracle Submarine," which kills two people and leads to a murder trial that uncovers secrets and lies within a community. The book draws on Kim's experiences as a former trial lawyer, an immigrant, and the mother of a child with a disability. Here's a podcast interview with the author: https://www.sarahsbookshelves.com/podcast-episode-22-literary-mysteries-angie-kim-author-miracle-creek/.

For more information, please contact Barb Barry at ebbarry1@gmail.com or Rebecca Shillingburg at rebecca.shillingburg@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE - 6TH ANNUAL COOKIE SWAP
Sunday, December 6
Thomas Room, 12:00 PM

Celebrate the sweet treats of the season at ERUCC's 5th Annual Cookie Swap! Bring five dozen cookies and an extra container to take your cookies home. Children and their cookie creations are welcome. We will also be taking cookies to our members who are homebound. There will be a designated place to bring your cookies before attending worship or a Christian Education class.

Sign Up information coming soon!

If you have questions, contact Starr Schaeberle, starr.schaeberle@comcast.net or (301) 662-6902.

DONATE TO THE FREDERICK FOOD BANK

Did you know that in addition to our monthly "Pack the Pantry" initiative in support of the Frederick Community Fridge, we also collect food for the Frederick City Department of Housing and Human Services' (DHHS) food bank every week? Donations are needed to meet the growing need for services in our community. You can donate through ERUCC by bringing items to the baskets located in the narthex of the Sanctuary.

The Frederick Food Bank's most needed items are:

- Non-perishable foods: canned fruits, canned vegetables, snack items, cereal, and condiments.
- Hygiene items: toothbrushes (singles), toothpaste, disposable razors, shampoo, deodorant, and shaving cream.
- Bottled water.

Also, the Food Bank and Community Table are very low on volunteers and need more helping hands. Whether you can volunteer regularly, occasionally, or just when you're able, every hand makes a difference. Please consider signing up for a shift and invite a friend to join you! Sign up here: https://frederickmd.gov/VolunteerSignUp

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Staff News

WE'RE HIRING!

ERUCC is seeking a Sunday Morning Nursery Assistant to work 2 Sundays a month from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., $25 per hour. Staff member will provide a safe and caring environment for infants and children. Stamina to work with toddlers, ability to lift 40 pounds, and good communication skills are expected. Building trust with children and families is critical. Applicants should share inclusive values of welcoming diversity in a variety of ways, including church LGBT membership and leadership. Email erucc@erucc.org to apply. Provide a resume and 2 references. Visit https://erucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Nursery-Assistant-Position-.pdf for the complete job description.

Children & Youth Activities, Events, and Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Join us for a joyful hour of learning, connection, and faith formation with classes for all ages.

All classes are in the Main Building. Children and Youth check in at the Kieffer Lobby.

Children in K – Grade 5: please check in at the reception desk in the Kieffer Lobby. Class is held in the Liz Coffey Room.
Elementary classes will be learning one Bible story for 3-5 weeks using different modalities, including games, art, cooking, science, spiritual practices, and more!

Pickup: All families must check out children from the leaders in the Liz Coffey Room at 10:15 a.m.

NEW: Elementary and Middle School will begin together for a 15-minute gathering of songs and celebrations outside of the Thomas Room and then divide for lessons at 9:30.

Middle and High School Youth: Please check in at the self-service kiosk in the Kieffer Lobby before proceeding to your classroom: Middle School in the Flora Room, High School in the Alcove.

JUNIOR CHURCH
2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays

Children in K – Grade 5 are invited to Junior Church most Sundays during the school year. Children begin worship at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary with their families and, after the Thought for the Day, are dismissed for creative, well-supervised spiritual formation activities. On the first Sunday of each month, children remain in worship to participate in worship and receive communion with their families.



GOD'S KIDS' CLUB
Tuesday, November 3

Join us on Tuesday, November 3 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a fun-filled day at ERUCC's God's Kids Club! This program is designed for elementary-aged children to come together for a day of learning, creativity, and fellowship. Activities in November will include a focus on Mini-mission projects related to organizations in Frederick, Maryland. Youth helpers can also sign up at this link: https://erucc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/112/responses/new.
One project will be to make Art kits for kids in the Family Shelter. Please consider bringing one or more of these items to help pack kits that day.

- Washable markers — the star of the show!
- Drawing paper or a small sketch pad
- Colored pencils or crayons
- A small coloring book or activity book

Sign-up link: https://erucc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/112/responses/new, or scan

BIBLE GIFTING SUNDAY
Sunday, November 8
4th grade and 9th grade are significant transition points in life. We as people start to understand our Sacred Stories more deeply and ask important questions. To honor these transition points, we as ERUCC will be gifting our 4th and 9th graders Bibles. Join us on Sunday, November 8, during our 10:30 am worship service as we honor and celebrate these folks! If you have a child who is in 4th or 9th grade, be sure to let one of your pastors know (if we haven't talked to you already) so we can be sure they are included!

STAFFED NURSERY SCHEDULE

11/8 - Ashley & Julie
11/22 - Ashley & Cam
12/6 - Ashley & Linda
12/20 -Ashley & Molly
1/3 - Ashley & Kate F.
1/17 - Ashley & Katie
1/31 - Ashley & Vivi

IMPORTANT "SAVE THE DATES" FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

November 1-15	Care Package Collection for College Students and Faithful Friends
November 3	God's Kids' Club
December 6	Youth Dress Up Dinner
December 11	Kris Kringle Hot Cocoa Outreach

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Sunday Morning Schedule

subject to change

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	**Early Worship**, Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	**Coffee and Conversation,** Kieffer Lobby
9:15 AM	**Adult Bible Study,** North Room
9:15 AM	**Let's Talk – Facing Death, Finding Hope**, Community Room
9:15 AM – 12:00 PM	**Nursery Care**
9:15 – 10:00 AM	**Children's Sunday School** *Pre-K,* Nursery *K – 5th Grade,* Liz Coffey Room
9:15 – 10:15 AM	**Youth Sunday School** *Middle School Youth,* Flora Room *High School Youth,* Alcove
10:30 – 11:30 AM	**Worship**, Sanctuary and Online at www.erucc.org **Junior Church,** Thomas Room *Participating children are dismissed from Worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays)*
11:30 AM	**Fall Fun Fellowship,** Downtown Community Room

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Homeless for the Holidays

Homeless for the Holidays Annual Hygiene Collection
November 1-December 31, 2026

If you could, stop for a moment and picture the holiday season. For most of us, the holidays are a celebratory time to gather amongst family and friends to spend time together under a warm roof and catch each other up on the excitement of the previous year.

For hundreds of young people in Frederick County, this time of year is incredibly difficult. This Holiday season, we're seeking hygiene donations to provide for our students! All items collected from the hygiene drive will be distributed to students experiencing homelessness within Frederick County. Top items requesting for hygiene donations:

- Ethnic Hair Care Products**
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and Conditioner**
- Body Wash
- Laundry Detergent**
- Hand Soap
- First Aid Items
- Dental Floss
- Mouthwash

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Product (Pads) **
- Body Lotion**
- Hair Brushes
- Hair Ties
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

New and sealed items only, please do not donate used hygiene items.
*Most Needed Items **

To make your donation, please scan the QR code to the right:
Your gift, no matter the size, will make a meaningful impact in the life of a student experiencing homelessness.



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