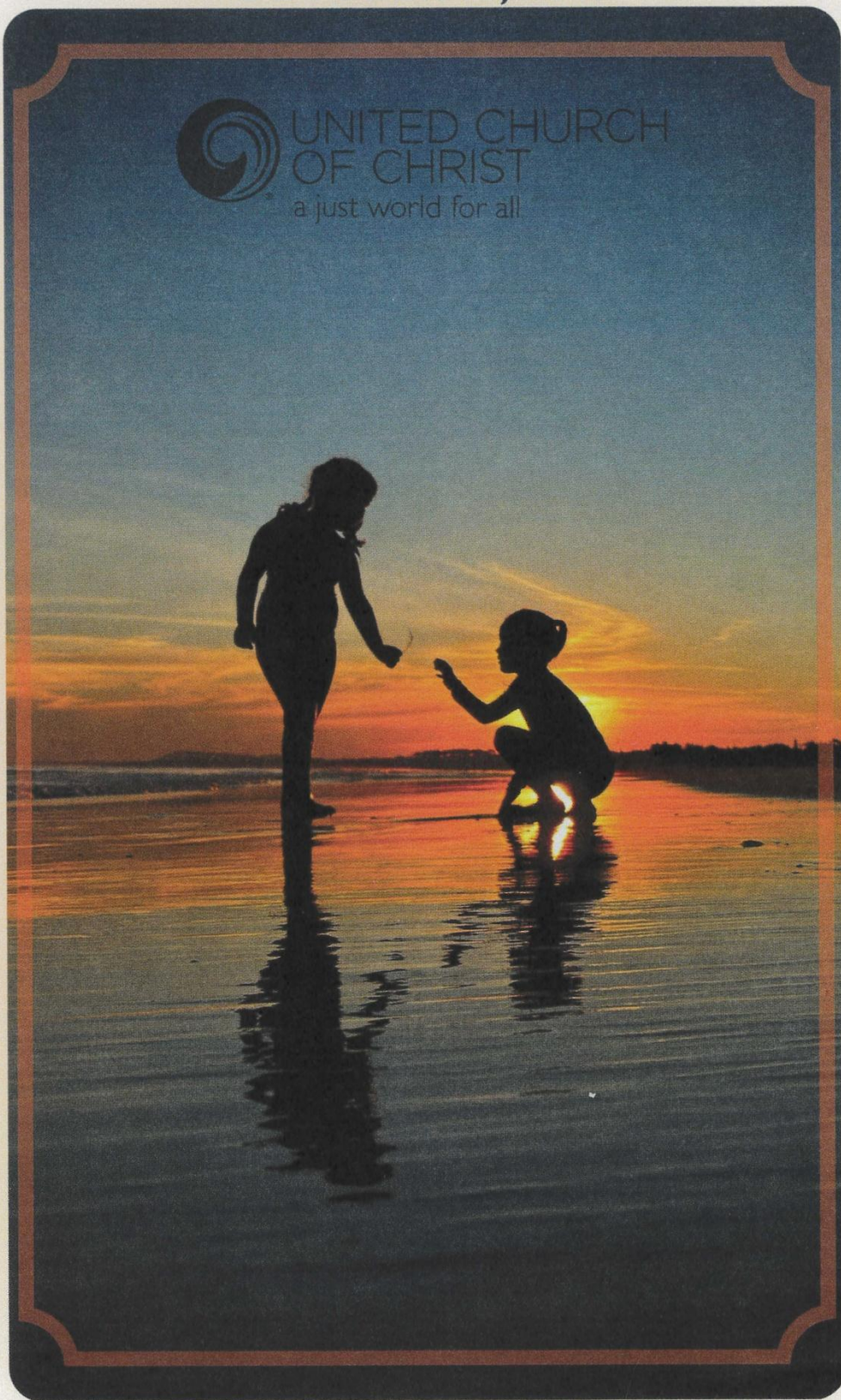


OCTOBER 18, 2026



**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENETCOST

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 –



October 18, 2026

Twenty-first 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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Josh Privitt

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CENTERING BREATH**

PRELUDE

– Lani Smith

Morning Litany

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 96)

Sing to the Holy One, all the earth. Declare God's glory!

Great is the Holy One, who made the heavens and the earth.

Sing a new song unto the Holy One. Join with all creation in praise and reverence!

We witness God's marvelous works among the peoples.

Worship the Holy One, all the earth! Declare God's sovereignty!

Rejoice and be glad! God is great!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Sovereign God, before the beginning of time, you held everything close.

Before humans walked this earth, you watched over all that is and would be. Thank you for holding us and all creation. We are here in worship to give you the things that are yours. We are here to offer praise, thanks, and our lives to follow your way. Come Spirit, comfort us, give us peace, give us courage to follow your way. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Jesus Shall Reign

#300

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Does its successive journeys run

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore

Till moons shall wax and wane no more

**Through Christ shall endless prayer be made
Borne by the Spirit's ceaseless aid
Like sweet perfume new hymns shall rise
With every morning sacrifice**

**People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on God's love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their earliest prayers in Jesus' name**

**Blessings abound where'er Christ reigns
The prisoners leap to lose their chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all who suffer want are blessed**

**Let every creature rise and bring
Tributes of praise for all to sing
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen**

***PRAYER FOR GRACE**

Gracious God, you have revealed yourself in scripture, prophets, and the Christ. Yet, we have reduced your gospel of liberation for all people, restoration of all creation, and redemption for the world into personal piety and devotion. We make idols of the trappings of empire, trusting in our own plots and plans while failing to believe and trust you with bold, transformative prayers. Help us, O God, live in faith and access your power. Remind us that you equip and endow us to be your body in the world so that all may flourish and experience abundance. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

#543

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

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

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

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

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

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Robin Cooney

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 aged 5 through 5th grade who wish to participate in **Junior Church** may meet leaders
at the back of the sanctuary. Children will return to their families in worship by 11:30 AM.*

Psalm 96

Matthew 22:15-22

Reader: May God bless the reading of this word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Josh Privitt

MORNING PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Kevin Coyle

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The offerings we bring before the Holy One do not function as a tax. They are a gift given freely. At times, we give sacrificially. Mostly, we give from the abundance that the Holy One has seeded throughout all creation. Let us give generously, hopefully, and lovingly knowing that needs will be met and lives will be changed through our ministry.

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

Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song

- Eugene Butler

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of good and perfect gifts receive our humble gifts of time, talent, and treasure. May they contribute to a world of abundance and your kin-dom come. May we experience the joy and privilege of giving as a gift in and of itself. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#77

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;

Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each your love possessing,

**Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.**

**We give thanks and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.**

**So that when your love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Fear of death shall not appall us,
Glad your summons to obey
May we ever, may we ever
Live with you in endless day.**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Threefold Amen

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

POSTLUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Traditional American Melody,
arr. Mark Hayes



Worship Notes: Liturgy is adapted from **Whose Head: Service Prayers for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Year A**, written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

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

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Jo Ann (Nolder) Leslie, placed by her family on the anniversary of her death.

The yellow rose is presented by in remembrance of Corporal Ray A. York, U.S. Army, Missing in Action in North Korea on October 20, 1950.

Attendance Last Sunday: 13 at 8:30 AM, 105 at 10:30 AM, and 100 online.



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

Serving Today: Oct 18

Deacons: Kyle Miller
<https://erucc.org/visit/sunday-live-stream>
Tommie Bradshaw
Elder: Susan Kulp
Scripture Reader: Kathy Gourlie, Emmy R.
Acolyte: Abby S.
Greeters: Julie Ebersole, Susan Kulp
Felecia Bishop
Welcome Table: Betsy Selby, Jeanellen Kallevang
Audio/Visual: Jeff Schaeberle, Kelly Esslinger
David Howard
Nursery:
Fellowship: Karen Justice, Marj Berkheimer
Peter Brehm, Rob McGuire
Felecia Bishop, Alex Martinez

Serving Next Week: Oct 25

Angela Brittain
Jim Brittain
Susan Kulp
Willa C.
Wyatt P.
Paul McGinley, Susan Kulp
Cliff Barr, Rob Smith
Eric Weakly, Sue Pinner
Jeff Schaeberle, Jeffrey Baker
David Howard
Vivi B.
Linda Coyle, Shelley Weakly
Eric Weakly, Tommie Bradshaw
Colleen Baldree, Chuck Baldree

Next Sunday: October 25 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Reformation Sunday

Psalm 1 & Matthew 22:34-46

We give thanks this Reformation Sunday as we ponder our history, ancient and still developing. We honor the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. The Rev. Josh Privitt will preach and lead worship. The Senior Choir will sing. Market Street Brass will be featured.

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.

Christian Brady Tolbert Neely (daughter of cousin of Mary Boswell)	Tom Ford Ingrid Jacobsen Charlie Woodward	Carol Spera (mother of Mark Ulrich)
Sally Jane Bussiere (friend of Mary Boswell)	Izzie Sims (friend of Molly Black)	Emogene and Don Wyand
Barbara Crutchley (sister of Milt Crutchley)	Robert Debonis (uncle of Sophia Carliss)	Bob Pinner
Peg McGuire (sister of Nan McNamara)	Barbara Heverley	Jim Baldree (father of Chuck Baldree)
Sherry Hoover (mother of Ashley Coen)	Todd Starr (nephew of Mary Staley)	Lee Thomas
Susan Slade (mother of Arthur Slade)	Sharon DiDonato (aunt of Darryl Glick, friend of Mark Ulrich)	Marcia Eisenstein
Jack (nephew of Pastor Kirstin in military duty)	Ginny Peters	Derek C. Hupp (grandson of Beanie and Gaylon Cornell)
Jessica Snyder (niece of Janice Staley)	Karen Stitely	Wayne Kolb (friend of Stefan and Judi Mach and Tony and Linda LaFianza)
Debbie Jennings	Donna Baumgardner Smith (friend of Sandra Trout)	Jeannette Johnson
Betty Schaeberle	Bill Cassell (brother of Ave Barr)	Jackie Keyser (sister-in-law of Betsy and Phil Selby)
John Maslowski	Sandra Trout	Paige Coffey
Dan Rice (partner of Alison Shafer)	Mary Staley	Fran Wenner
Daniel Schaffer (neighbor of Kathleen & Niel Jefferson)	Pat Condo	Bonnie Devilbiss
Mike Simms	Wells Condo	Tina Prescott (daughter-in-law of Barbara & Bill Prescott)
Carroll Smith (friend of Sandra Trout)	Tom Frazier	Heleen (sister of Karin Mens)
	Pauline Marendt	Kathy Blue Shores (friend of Jean Fish & Barb Biser)
	Colton Pudvah (great-nephew of Kim Sexton)	

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!

BEST AND WORST

The Bible is beautiful, moving, and confusing. Starting in November, we will be covering both extremes in worship, and we need YOUR help. Fill out the survey below to let us know what your favorite scriptures are and what are the most troubling/hardest scripture. We'll learn about what we love as a Church family and grow together as a community! Use this link to submit your answers <https://tally.so/r/obPQJV>, scan this QR code, or send Pastor Josh an e-mail (revjosh@erucc.org) or text.



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.

WEDNESDAY PRAYERS

The Wednesday prayer group has concluded.

Thank you, Richard Leslie, for leading us in prayer for a year. This sacred time of prayer was appreciated. We are grateful to be part of the great luminous web.

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

Community Room, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

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.**

October 18 — The Body & Dying

Holly Davis, BSN, RN

What happens to our bodies as we die? What do we know about the process of death?

October 25 — Near-Death Experiences

Rev. Richard Leslie

What do people experience when they come close to death? We'll share stories and explore different perspectives.

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

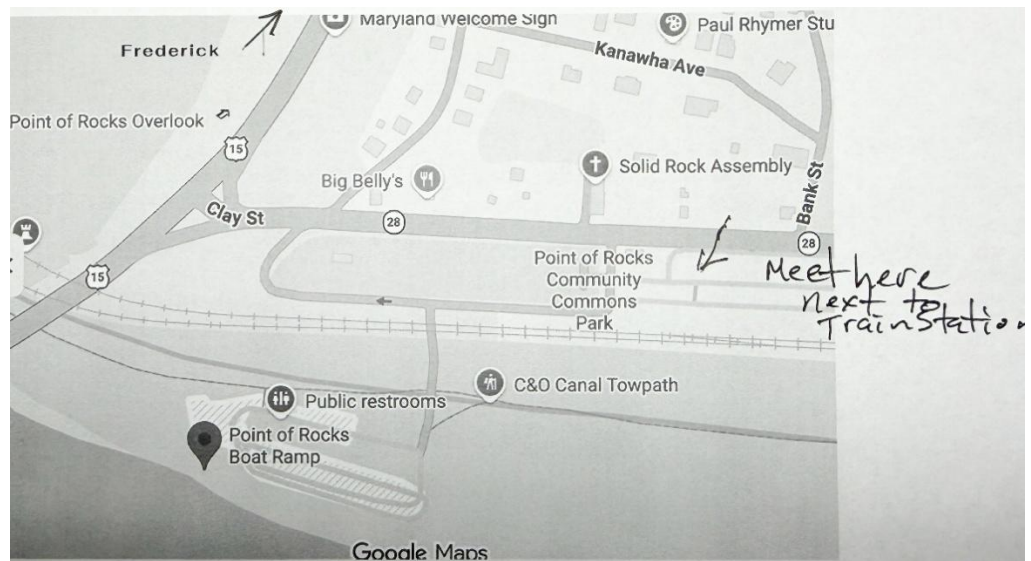
Questions, stories & conversation

A final gathering to explore what we've learned, what we believe, and what we're still wondering about.

SPIRITUAL PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

Sunday, October 18,
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Tom Dorsz, one of our resident photographers and Green Team member, has agreed to lead a Spiritual Photography walk. Whether you have a fancy camera or just a phone camera, we invite you to join us in taking a closer look at our awesome natural world.



We will meet at the Point of Rocks Community Park next to the train station, then follow Tom to the boat ramp area. From there, the canal path is easy and flat with great scenery. See the map below. If you need a ride, let Linda Coyle know so we can arrange carpooling.

FALL FUN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, October 25
Community Room, during Fellowship

We had so much fun on our Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday that our Creative Expressions team has planned more fun things! Join us for Fall Fun Fellowship on Sunday 10/25 during our 11:30 a.m. fellowship time as we decorate pumpkins and eat fall snacks together. Join a table of diverse people to decorate your BEST pumpkin (and yes, you can bring your own supplies). The winning pumpkin will get a prize and bragging rights.

SACRED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT LIFE TRANSITIONS

Tuesday, October 27 (monthly, 4th Tuesdays)
Flora Room, 2:00 PM

Join us for our monthly gathering to share stories and challenges related to life's changes, body limitations, and shifts in dependency. This is a sacred space to listen, pray, and connect as we navigate these transitions. This time of holy sharing emphasizes the importance of leaning on each other and recognizing that we are not alone on our journeys.

Contact: Ave Barr or Linda Coyle with questions.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 1

On All Saints Sunday, we will remember those in our congregation, as well as loved ones and friends, who died during the past year. During the prayers at both the 8:30 & 10:30 AM services, the names will be read aloud, followed by the tolling of a bell. You are invited to bring a photo of the ones we will remember to place on the table in front of the chancel rail.

If you wish to include the name of someone who has passed away since November 1, 2025, please share the name(s) with us by October 28. You can tell Ann at the reception desk on Sundays, or contact the church office at erucc@erucc.org or (301) 662-2762.

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 a monetary donation. This fundraiser will benefit ERUCC Youth Germany visit in Summer 2027.

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.

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. in order 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>





Walking Together Toward Racial Justice: A Learning and Action Series

The Central Atlantic Conference is offering a seven-session evening Zoom series for individuals and congregations that are curious about, in early stages, or just needing a review on how to work toward racial justice. We will explore what racism looks like across major life domains and person-to-person interactions. We will also identify ways that we as the church can work towards changing systems and institutions that promote and maintain racism. We CAN make the future

better than the present and the past! Join us. Find your unique place in the work against racism, gain energy through our faith, get to know others engaging in the work, and learn about resources available generally and through the Conference.

We'll be meeting Thursdays – 7:00- 8:30 pm ET

Start date: October 22nd (excluding Thanksgiving). End date: December 10th

Facilitators: Rev. Marty Kuchma, Vivian Jackson, Saskia Campbell

Register at <https://www.cacucc.org/events/p/walking-together-2026>

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 <https://tinyurl.com/AlisonsRetirementParty>, scan this QR code, or call the office (301-662-2762) with any questions.



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.



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.

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>

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.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Sunday, October 18

Community Room, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group is back on October 18 from 6-8 pm in the Community Room! Youth (6th-12th grade folks) come join us for games, snacks, activities, friends, and conversation around our mental health. With fall in full swing and winter approaching, being intentional on our own mental health is key. Come join your friends and mentors as we have fun and grow together! Reach out to Pastor Josh (revjosh@erucc.org or 573-999-5640) with any questions.

FALL FEST & TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Friday, October 30

ERUCC Parking Lot and Patio, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The Youth Group is hosting a Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 30, on an early dismissal day for Frederick County Students. All ages are welcome to attend, though snacks and games will be geared toward elementary-aged children. We are looking for help from people who are willing to bring a car, decorate your trunk, and hand out candy and/or treats! You may bring your own candy or use candy donated to the church. AND we will have games, snacks, and decorated pumpkin judging.

Sign up to decorate a car or donate treats:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA72DA3FBC34-66284236-trunk#/>



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!

MANNED NURSERY SCHEDULE

10/25 - Ashley & Vivi
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

October 18	Youth Group, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
October 30	Trunk or Treat at ERUCC, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
November 1	Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, 8:30 – 10:15 a.m.
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

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.

God is still speaking,
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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 <i>Pre-K, Nursery</i> <i>K – 5th Grade, Liz Coffey Room</i>
9:15 – 10:15 AM	Youth Sunday School <i>Middle School Youth, Flora Room</i> <i>High School Youth, Alcove</i>
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Worship , Sanctuary and Online at www.erucc.org Junior Church , Thomas Room <i>Participating children are dismissed from Worship (2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays)</i>
11:30 AM	Fellowship , Downtown Community Room

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- ♥ Christmas Alive
- ♥ Eliza's House
- ♥ Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP)
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Soap / Body Wash



Shampoo / Conditioner



Deodorant



Lotion



Toothpaste / Toothbrush



Hand & Feet Warmers

Every item makes a difference!



DROP OFF:

Near the MESJ Bulletin Board
Outside the Sanctuary
October 1 – November 29



♥ TOGETHER, WE CAN BRING WARMTH, DIGNITY, AND HOPE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

ERUCC Youth Group
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 1, 8:30 - 10:15 AM
Community Room

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

Fundraiser Supporting Youth Germany Trip 2027



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