NOVEMBER 15, 2026



TWENTY-FIFTH 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 15, 2026 Twenty-Fifth 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. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CENTERING BREATH**

CONSECRATION PRAYER (written by Kevin Coyle) Peg Stahler

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
I Need Thee Every Hour – R. Lowry, arr. M. Hayes

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalms 123 and 90) Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

Lift up our spirits to the God enthroned in the heavens!
The Holy One is our dwelling place from generation to generation.
Lift up our hearts to the God who shapes us and guides us.
The Holy One is God, forming the earth, the world, and the universe.
Lift up our worship before the Holy One who is God.
The Holy One teaches us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Praise God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Present God, we worship you and honor your name. Open our hearts with thanksgiving, awe, and possibility. Make your word be written on our hearts, and your purpose ignite a fire within our souls. As we gather as a community, may our faith be renewed, our trust strengthened, and our courage increased. Be glorified in our midst, O God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending #565

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for serving,
That your will on earth be done,
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Honoring you by loving all.

Lend your joy to all our giving,
Let it light our pilgrim way,
From the night of anxious keeping,

Loose us into generous day.
Then when years on earth are over,
And we've lived our human span,
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming,
All our stewardship began.

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

Righteous God, too often, we seek positions of privilege and power for our own benefit. We accept the ways of the world to receive validation, acceptance, and temporary satisfaction. Transform our hearts and our ways to reflect your kin-dom. Grant us courage to live as you demonstrate and empower us for your glory and honor. Amen.

***WORDS OF GRACE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name #276

Holy God, we praise your name;
Sovereign God, we bow before you:
All on earth your scepter claim,
all the heavenly hosts adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising.
Fill the heavens with joys aflame:
holy, holy, is your name.

All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the blessed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,

Holy Spirit, Three we name you,
While in essence only one,
undivided God, we claim you;
So we gather reverently
to adore the mystery.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY Rev. Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads

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.

THE SCRIPTURE (NRSVue translation)
Matthew 25:31-46

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

SERMON Rev. Josh Privitt

MORNING PRAYER

CONSECRATION SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT Emily and Sean Sexton

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

Longing for the Light, We Wait in Darkness (Christ, Be Our Light)
– B. Farrell, arr. J. Raney

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, please receive these gifts from the position of love. May they elevate the position of our neighbor, our witness, and our faith community. We commit to joining you in your work. Magnify our gifts and bless us as we give. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens #556

God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance
Through the silent fields of space;
We, your children in your likeness,
Share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator still creating,
Show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of
Since the childhood of our race,
Known the ecstasy of winging
Through untraveled realms of space,
Probed the secrets of the atom,
Yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction
Or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons,
May it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose
Serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,

Each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
Till our goals and yours are one.

BENEDICTION

May love position you for service.
May trust position you for faithfulness.
May hope position you for the kin-dom.
And may peace position you to rest in the covenant of God.

CHORAL BENEDICTION — Senior Choir

Now May the God of Peace – L. Larson

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

POSTLUDE

Rise Up and Serve the Lord – W. Walter, arr. P.L. Harris

Worship Notes: Liturgy is adapted from **Position Yourself: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Fifth 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 honor of Veterans and those currently serving by Jeff and Starr Schaeberle.

The yellow rose is presented by Audrey Rayfield in loving memory of her husband, John Stush, US Navy.

Attendance Last Sunday: 17 at 8:30 AM, 165 at 10:30 AM, and 45 online.



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

Serving Today: Nov 15		**Serving Next Week: Nov 22**
Deacons:	Kyle Miller	Angela Brittain
	Tommie Bradshaw	Jim Brittain
Elder:	Ave Barr	Starr Schaeberle
Scripture Reader:	Laszlo C. and Dan Smith	Robin Cooney
Acolyte:	Laurel N-P.	Wyatt P.
Greeters:	Julie Ebersole	Sue Pinner
	Cliff Barr, Paul McGinley	Felecia Bishop, Barb Barry
Welcome Table:	Julie Clark	Elizabeth Slade, Eric Weakly
Audio/Visual:	Kelly Esslinger, Jeff Schaeberle	Jeff Schaeberle
	David Howard	Jeffrey Baker
Nursery:		Camryn H.
Fellowship:	Starr Schaeberle, Mark Ulrich	Susan Kulp, David Howard
	Darryl Glick, Julie Chappell	Robert Morris, Linda Coyle
	Betsy Selby, Angela Brittain	Rhea Stein, Jake Stein
	Paul McGinley	Barb Barry

Next Sunday: November 22 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Consecration Sunday

1 Chronicles 29:10-18 | 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The Rev. Chance Martinez-Colon will preach and lead worship. The Senior Choir will sing.

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.

Dylan Rayfield, USAF (great-nephew of Audrey Rayfield)
Kathy Johnston
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)
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)
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!

GENTLE YOGA
Wednesdays
Community Room, 6:30 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. 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 AM – 12:00 PM
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 AM
North Room / Zoom: http://tinyurl.com/ERUCCsunstudy

Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM
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 AM and Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM. 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 AM, Community Room

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 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.

CARE PACKAGES FOR CAREGIVERS
Collection: November 1 – December 6

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 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 - 15

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!

Please update your student or military address by sending it to the Church Office by Friday, November 20.

All ages are welcome to help package these on Friday, November 20, at 5:00 PM in the Community Room (Just before youth group begins).

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 in the back of the bulletin for more information.

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 PM and Sundays following the 10:30 AM service until about 12:30-1:00 PM.

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.

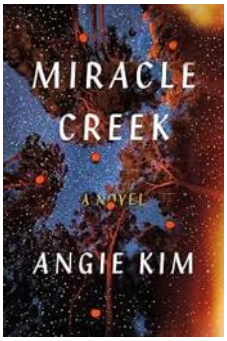
The Consecration Sunday program is grounded in Biblical teaching that financial stewardship is part of our faithful response to and worship of God. It provides us with a structure in which we can, together, examine our values and our patterns of giving and think consciously about what percentage of our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

NOVEMBER SPIRITUAL PHOTOGRAPHY WALK
Sunday, November 22, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Back by popular demand! The Green Team, led by Tom Dorsz, is hosting another spiritual photography walk on November 22 from 2:30 - 4:00 PM on the Murphy-Chambers Farm Trail, which is 1.5 miles round trip on flat terrain and includes a spectacular overlook of the Shenandoah River.
Our last Spiritual Photography Walk was great fun, and we had many people ask if we would be doing it again. So yes, we are! November 22 is Consecration Sunday. Let's continue the day by walking off lunch together!

Meet at the Murphy-Chambers Farm Parking Area in Bolivar, WV 25425. If you need a ride or want to carpool, contact Linda Coyle.

ERUCC BOOK GROUP
Tuesday, November 24, 2026
North Room / Zoom, 7:00 PM
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.

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS
Sunday, November 29
Immediately following 10:30 AM Worship

Help us deck the halls and prepare our sacred spaces for the Advent and Christmas season! Hanging of the Greens is a joyful ERUCC tradition—a time to work side by side, laugh together, and transform our church with the beauty and hope of the season.

Please use this Sign-up Genius link to confirm which decorating opportunities you can assist with. Many hands truly make light—and joy-filled—work!

Sign up: https://tinyurl.com/greens2026 or scan the QR code:

Questions? Please contact Peter Brehm at pbrehm@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATES!
MID-WEEK ADVENT WORSHIP AND POTLUCK LUNCH SERIES
Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 12:00 PM
Sanctuary and Community Room or North Room

Join Pastor Josh on Wednesdays in Advent for a special worship service at 12:00 PM, followed by a potluck lunch. More information to come!

LET'S TALK – ADVENT CELEBRATION IN MUSIC
A three-week exploration led by David Howard featuring George Frideric Handel and his amazing masterpiece, MESSIAH
Sundays, November 28 - December 13 | Adult Sunday School
9:15 - 10:15 AM, Community Room

In 1741, George Handel and librettist Charles Jennens created what has become one of the most frequently performed choral works in Western music. It is music of great emotional impact and full of uplifting messages.

MESSIAH is in three parts: 1) the Birth of Christ; 2) the Passion of Christ; and 3) the Promise of Redemption. Musician David Howard will lead us in exploring Part One, listening to the music, viewing slides, and reading the Scripture on which it is based.

As familiar as you might be with MESSIAH, there is always more to discover. Please attend ready to learn all about this fascinating and multi-layered masterwork.

6TH ANNUAL COOKIE SWAP
Sunday, December 6
Thomas Room, 12:00 PM

Celebrate the sweet treats of the season at ERUCC's 6th 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 https://tinyurl.com/6thAnnualCookieSwap or scan the QR code:

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

FRANKLINTON CENTER AT BRICKS PARTICIPANT
Sunday, December 6
9:30 AM

It's that time of year again! Our church service and learning trip to Franklinton Center at Bricks will be Saturday, January 16 - Monday, January 18. This December meeting is mandatory for all who will be attending. If you will be out of town or unavailable, please email Pastor Kirstin by December 13 to confirm your attendance and schedule a make-up date. All participants, youth and adults, must attend a meeting. We celebrate with FCAB the arrival of their new director, Timothy Peterkin, and look forward to meeting and hearing more from him in January!

Questions? Contact ksrhoads@erucc.org

CANDLELIGHT TOUR OF HISTORIC HOUSES OF WORSHIP
Monday, December 28, 3:00 – 8:00 PM

The beloved Candlelight Historic Houses of Worship Tour returns this holiday season in Downtown Frederick. This special open house celebrates Frederick's tradition of religious diversity, local history, and the holiday season on Monday, December 28, 2026, from 3:00 – 8:00 PM.

ERUCC will open its main building, located at 15 West Church Street, to the public for this tour. We will be offering refreshments and our wonderful hospitality.

Interested in volunteering at this event?
Scan the QR Code or go to **https://tinyurl.com/2026ERUCCCandlelightTour**.

Questions? Contact Julie Clark, Jclarkad@yahoo.com.

ARE YOU FIRST AID TRAINED?

If you are first aid or CPR trained, a nurse, doctor, or emergency responder, let us know! We are seeking to put together a list that we can share with church staff of folks we can call on should the need arise on a Sunday morning. E-mail: erucc@erucc.org, revjosh@erucc.org, or call the office at 301-662-2762 to let us know. Thank you!

Children & Youth Activities, Events, and Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 AM

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 AM.

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.

STAFFED NURSERY SCHEDULE

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 20	Youth Group Meeting
December 6	Youth Dress-Up Dinner
December 11	Kris Kringle Hot Cocoa Outreach
December 18	Family Advent Fair and Ham Dinner
December 20	Intergenerational Impromptu Christmas Pageant

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Sunday Morning Schedule

subject to change

8:30 – 9:15 AM	**Early Worship**, Sanctuary
9:00 AM	**Coffee and Conversation,** Kieffer Lobby
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	**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.

MULTIFAITH COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving Service

REJOICE IN ALL THE GOOD THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU

MONDAY

NOVEMBER | 23 | AT 7:00 PM

JACKSON CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5609 BALLENGER CREEK PIKE,
FREDERICK, MD 21703

Join us for prayer, music, fellowship and Thanksgiving for the blessings in our lives.

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