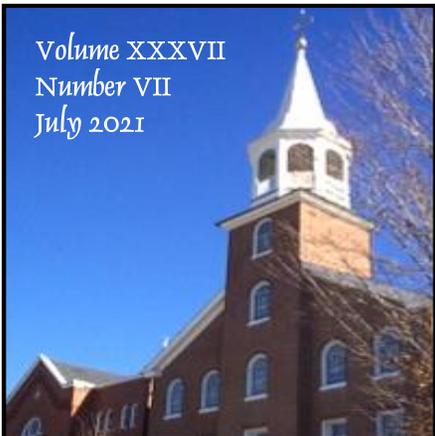


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Christ Reformed United Church of Christ

VISIONS

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Because Jesus has taught us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves we declare Christ Reformed UCC to be an Open and Affirming church. We invite people of every race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, economic circumstance, and physical and mental ability into the worship, rites & sacraments, fellowship, and leadership of our church.



Young Thoughts

Summer is here! Long days – warm, even hot, weather – fresh produce from gardens and Farmer Markets – beach trips – days in the mountains – vacation time – school breaks.

In the cycle of our year, summer is our sabbatical time. It is when we allow ourselves recreation time. Hopefully, as people of faith, it is a time of re-creating as well as recreation.

When we re-create we put down our “to-do” lists, our troubles and our worries if only for a little while. We allow ourselves to live in the moment. Those moments, enjoying the warmth of the sun, the feel of the ocean, the smell of the forest, the sight of new places, the touch of reunited families, have the power to reshape our priorities too and to re-create and renew us.

Joy is a gift from God. After a year of anxiety and sadness and isolation, we have the opportunity to once again experience these moments of joy and possibility.

Summer is Sabbath time when we rest from our daily chores and enjoy the goodness of all creation. Whether in the sound of surf on a busy beach or the quietness of a mountain trail, may you find rest and renewal this summer.

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Grace and Peace

Clare

**We are the Land of the Free.
 We are the home of the Brave.
 Let's pay tribute
 To our brave American Heroes
 On this day and forever**



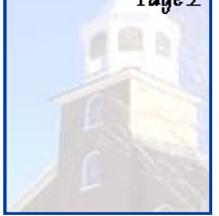
**Happy Independence Day
 from Called to Care**

Worship Schedule for Summer

July 3rd at 4:00 PM – Outdoor worship with Praise Band followed by picnic. Details in this newsletter. No worship service on Sunday July 4th.

Beginning July 11 there will be one service – Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the sanctuary. The Contemporary Service will resume in the fall.

August 15th – Sunday morning – Outdoor Worship with Praise Band.



Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir.



In May, our beloved Director, Anne Grieger, finished our final tutelage. Anne and David will be moving. We have been so thankful for her leadership and encouragement these past few years. We will miss you!

Ringer of the Month:

This month's ringer is Lara Wilson. Lara and her family started joining us in worship during the pandemic. And she has only been ringing with us for a few months. Lara loves the teamwork that bells require, and the sound of them. She enjoys Italian food, travel and watching documentaries with her husband. Her favorite thing to do is hang with her family. And Lara is good at word games!

\$2.00 per kit. *Do not enclose money inside the kits or shipping boxes. If you have any questions or need your donation picked up, please call Anita Link at home at 301-371-8896 or on her cell at 443-310-5726.

Called to Care

Called to Care (CTC) is still searching for a volunteer to lead this group. CTC sends cards for special occasions, including holidays. Meals and transportation are available for those who need them. The 80+ Club is sponsored by CTC and hopefully will soon be able to resume Bingo & lunch gatherings. CTC distributes Christmas Bags to those who don't get out or those finding it difficult to get out and about. New ideas to be in service are always welcome. There are currently 11 members and new members are always welcome. CTC meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. For questions or interest in keeping this group active, please contact Bunny Cramer at silverhare20@comcast.net or call 301-662-8082.

Coffee Hour Fellowship

We have resumed our Coffee Hour following our Sunday morning worship. Please join us on the Parish House Porch immediately following worship. At this time, all snacks must be pre-packaged. If you would like to "host" a Coffee Hour, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Debbie in the church office.

Live Stream Update

Funding for the project comes ½ from Memorial Funds and ½ from cash reserves; these would be offset by member contributions to "Live Stream Tech Project". Thanks to your generous donations and bequeathments, we have received almost \$13,000 toward this \$24,000 project. You can contribute to this upgrade either by using Realm (crucc.org/online-giving) or by sending a check to the Church office with "LiveStream Tech Project" in the memo line.

Hygiene Kits

Discipleship Board is collecting hygiene kits for Church World Services until Sunday July 18th. The cost of the supplies comes to about \$15. CWS Hygiene Kits (please put ONLY the items listed and the amounts listed in the bag)

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x18" to 16"x32". (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package.
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids

All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey. Processing fee:

ALL-CHURCH WORSHIP & PICNIC



Join
Us!

Parish Life will provide the chicken and drinks, and we ask that you all bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Debbie in the church office Please bring your lawn chair too.

**SATURDAY
JULY 3RD @ 4pm**

NOTE: We will NOT have worship service on July 4th

Laughter is the best medicine:



- “During a taxi ride, the passenger taps the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screams, loses control of the car, nearly hits a bus, drives up on the sidewalk and stops just inches away from a shop window. For a second everything goes quiet in the cab. Then the driver says, “Look, buddy, don’t ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!” The passenger, completely shaken says, “Geez, I’m really sorry. I did not realize a little tap would scare you so much.” The driver thinks a minute and then finally replies, “That’s okay, it’s not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. For the past 25 years I’ve been driving a hearse.”



- ◆ **Children and Youth: Craft days** in July are July 11th and July 25th. We will meet on the parish house porch at noon. Time will be 12-2 pm on these Sundays. Hope to see the youth and children. We will have a meal together and then work on a few projects.
- ◆ **Volunteer** needed to organize the children to set up a lemonade stand at our outdoor service on August the 15th. Proceeds would go to Barnabasaid.org to feed hungry Zimbabwean Christian Children. Please contact me if you are willing to lead this event. Thank you.
- ◆ **Wednesday evening group** study to begin again on September 1, 2021. We will be doing a study on, Fearless Conversation “Why Is Grace So Amazing” you can find the book on E-bay, it is a 13 week course. It is by Group, it is discussions from Acts, Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians and 1 Thessalonians. Book cost \$5. Sessions will start at 7pm. Hope to see you in the fall.
- ◆ **Sunday evening group**, I would like to start regrouping on September 12th at 5pm. Any ideas on readings? Please share thoughts with the group.
- ◆ **HEY ALL YOU SKILLET FANS:** they will be in Silver Springs at the Fillmore on September 17th at 7pm. Tickets are starting at \$106 per person. If you think you would like to attend, please let me know no later than Sunday July 11th.
- ◆ **FYI** check out the books in the parish house for your reading delight. They are located in the conference room. Stop by and check them out. The books include books for study groups or personal study, there are books that will make you laugh etc., I am sure you will find something of interest.
- ◆ Christian Education Board will not be meeting in July.

Plan Your Calendar



Blueberry Sundae
July 11, 2021
Following the 10:30 Service
Hosted by Parish Life Board

Ladies* Only "Chill Night"
Capital Crave
5901 Old National Pike, Frederick, MD
July 16 @ 6:30pm
Come and enjoy fellowship and food. Add your name to the signup sheet in the Narthex by 7/12.

Operating Finances

2021 Operating Finances Year-to-Date – MAY 31, 2021

	Actual Income	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Expenses	Variant
Operating	\$153,451.49	\$189,288.95	\$144,918.70	\$8,532.79
Children’s Center	\$302,890.67	\$362,867.05	\$237,475.93	\$65,414.74
Global	\$456,342.16	\$552,156.00	\$382,394.63	\$73,947.53

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Rev. Clara Young, Pastor

Saturday Worship 5:00pm
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Sunday Coffee Hour 11:30am

July/Aug Church Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm/Fri 9am-Noon
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Childcare*

Mrs. Missy Payne, Director
Mrs. Jesi Bell-Godfrey, Asst. Director
6 Weeks—5th Grade
Mon-Fri 7:00am – 5:30pm
301-371-0360
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*Reaching out to help people to know
God through Jesus Christ.
Equipping people to love God through
the community of faith.
Sending people to serve God
throughout the world.*

Fellowship In The Park

July 7th Meagan and Melissa, Leaders
July 14th Kathleen, Leader
July 21st Kathleen and Stephanie, Leaders
July 28th Meagan and Melissa, Leaders

Memorial Park
WEDNESDAYS
IN JULY
5:30PM

Bring the children for fun play time and fellowship. Bring your meal and we will eat together and then spend time playing and reconnecting with each other. Hope to see you there !

