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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



Six Sundays from when I write this – we will be celebrating the First Sunday in Advent. Just as you receive this – it will be time to say goodbye to Daylight Savings Time and adjust to that lost hour of sleep as we enter Eastern Standard Time. Dare I say next month is Christmas! The leaves are beginning to change color and we as a church are entering one of our busiest times of the year.

After the fall of 2020, this feels pretty good! We are actually meeting together in person to make some decisions about the future of CRUCC! There is reason to rejoice as the choirs rehearse for holiday music. This year, we should be able to welcome the Christ Child from inside a candlelit sanctuary. Plus, there is every reason to believe that a new settled pastor will be coming.

As things stand now, there are some dates you need to place on your calendar.

- November 6 – Ladies Day-Away Retreat (reservations have already been made)
- November 7 – Annual Budget Meeting
- November 14 – Ingathering of Pledges for the ministries of CRUCC
- November 21 – Thanksgiving Sunday in the morning and Middletown Community Thanksgiving Service in the evening at Church of the Transfiguration
- November 25 – Thanksgiving
- November 26 – Office closed for Thanksgiving weekend
- November 28 – First Sunday in Advent
- December 5 – White Gift Sunday
- December 12 – Christmas Choir Concert (one service that day)
- December 21 – Longest Night Service
- December 24 – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 – Christmas

This is also the time of the year that some of you will be asked to make a commitment of your time to serve on the Consistory or on one the Boards or Committees. We continue to ask for volunteers to provide refreshments for a Fellowship Time after worship services. Our time in isolation has meant that we have gotten out of the habit of serving our church in its various ministries. The time has come to schedule the church as well as other activities you enjoy. Being in community is important. It is important in making things function. But, more important, it is vital to our well-being. As you prepare to receive a new settled pastor, it will be crucial in making his/her ministry fulfilling for you as a community to pitch in and do your part to make the outreach and ministries of this church function. Now is the time to decide if you will say "yes" when you get that phone call!

With thanksgiving and gratitude let us enter this busy season willing to do our part in sharing the good news of God's Love to all.

Grace and Peace
Clare

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"November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life"

Happy Thanksgiving from our house to yours.



"Honoring all Veterans on Veterans Day. Thank you for your service".



from Called to Care



Adopt a Family

Through Middletown Valley People Helping People our congregation is being invited to help provide Christmas gifts for families who are facing hard times. The Discipleship Board has placed a small Christmas tree in the back of the Narthex. On the tree are ornaments representing gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Amazon, or any grocery store in amounts of \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$75. You are invited to take an ornament, purchase a gift card through the church's gift card program (see Gail) or through a retail outlet, and place the card in the offering plate or return it to the church office. If you are unable to join us in person, you can simply send a gift card(s) or check made out to CRUCC to the church office. Gift cards are due no later than Sunday, December 5th. If you have any questions please call Judy Brandenburg.



Plan Your Calendar

FEARLESS
CONVERSATION

Women's Study Weds @ 7pm

Please contact Kathleen at kathleen.rogers1@comcast.net for the link.

WHY IS GRACE
SO AMAZING?

OLD TESTAMENT
PROPHETS
FOR TODAY

Book Study Sundays @ 5pm

Please contact Kathleen at kathleen.rogers1@comcast.net for the link.



Midweek Bible Study

Wednesday Mornings @
8:00AM Via Zoom
with Pastor Clara



Congregational Budget Meeting on Sunday, November 7th

Our constitution calls for a meeting of the congregation on the first Sunday of November to adopt a budget for the next year. You are encouraged to attend that meeting (or join via Zoom) which is scheduled to take place in the Chapel at 9:15am on Sunday, November 7th.

REMINDER: WE WILL ONLY HAVE ONE SERVICE @10:30.

Ladies Only "Chill Night"

Modern Asia

1306 W Patrick St, Frederick, MD 21703

November 12th @ 6:30pm

Come and enjoy fellowship and food. Add your name to the signup sheet in the Narthex by 11/8

Don't forget....

Daylight Savings Time ends.

Set your clocks back one hour on November 7th at 2:00AM.

FALL BACK

Laughter is the Best Medicine:

Bloopers from Students essays and exams:

- “Esau was a man who wrote fables and sold his copyright for a mess of potash.”
- “The brother of Jacob was called Seesaw.”
- “The Israelites made a golden calf because they did not have enough gold to make a cow.”
- “Joshua led the Hebrews in their victory in the battle of Geritol.”



◆ Donations Needed: As the Community Liaison Kathleen continues to accept donations of Juice boxes, Pop tarts (very popular), bottled water, rice krispy treats, fruit snacks, non-refrigerated yogurt packs. There is a donation box in the Narthex labeled BCMS. Thank you for any support given.



◆ CE Board : Meets on Nov. 1 at 7pm

◆ **Women's Retreat** : Nov. 6 from 8am to 4pm. Theme: JOY

◆ Nov. 7 Service: NO contemporary service –ALSO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (FALL BACK)

◆ I Made This Pottery: Nov. 21—1-3pm we will leave the parking lot at 12:30, bring a snack if you would like one. Parents are urged to come. *A group of 10 gets us 25% off of the pottery price.*

◆ First Sunday of Advent : November 28

◆ Advent Study: **Starts Nov. 28 at 5pm via Zoom.** We will study “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” by Richard B. Wilke

◆ White Gift Sunday: December 5

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for your donation to my Walk to End Alzheimer's® fundraising efforts! Your generosity will help the Alzheimer's Association® provide care and support to all those facing Alzheimer's and all other dementia, and advance critical research. With your help, I raised over \$1500 in this fight!!! (met my first goal of \$1000, reset, and met second goal of \$1500!). Thank you for making a difference in the fight against Alzheimer's!

All the best, Beth

Thank You

Thank you everyone for the cards, phone calls and words of support following the death of my brother Tommy. Your kindness during this difficult and sad time is much appreciated.

Thanks again, Debbie

We raised \$383 at our benefit concert for the Religious Coalition . I would like to thank ALL of you for your help in pulling this concert off. Anita (and Ed), Wendy (Logan & girl friend), Judy and Linda; were so instrumental in carrying out all the logistics of everything and I cannot begin to express my gratitude! I appreciate everything you do for our church!!

Pat Joy!

Operating Finances

2021 Operating Finances Year-to-Date – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Actual Income	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Expenses	Variant
Operating	\$234,635.73	\$340,720.11	\$260,250.35	-\$25,614.62
Children's Center	\$553,432.02	\$653,160.69	\$475,442.56	\$77,989.46
Global	\$788,067.75	\$993,880.80	\$735,692.91	\$52,374.84

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Rev. Clara Young, Pastor

In-Person Worship
Sunday Worship 8:15am

In Person & On-Line Worship
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Sunday Coffee Hour 11:30am

Church Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9am-3pm
301-371-6610
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Christ Church Children's Center

Mrs. Missy Payne, Director
Mrs. Jesi Bell-Godfrey, Asst. Director
6 Weeks—5th Grade
Mon-Fri 7:00am – 6:00pm
301-371-0360
www.christchurchchildrenscenter.net

*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.*

Stewardship Sunday

Come celebrate the surprising gifts of God and the generous response of God's people as we dedicate our expressions of support for the work of God through our church.

November 14

8:15am & 10:30am



"Rooted In Love"

To help celebrate our church and dedicate the financial commitments of our members and friends to the church's work in 2022 we invite you to join us on Sunday, November 14th. Following the 10:30am service the Stewardship Committee will host Coffee Hour.