



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

Recently at the Contemporary Service we talked about the thresholds of our lives – how there are those times when we stand in the door between being open to new possibilities or anxious and wanting to retreat to the familiar. It seems to me thresholds are an appropriate metaphor for the month of October.

We have just stepped through the door to the season of Fall. We eagerly anticipate the cooler temperatures with the lower humidity. We look forward to harvest time and the colorful display of leaves. Pumpkins and apples are more prevalent than cherries and strawberries. Fall is one of my favorite seasons (the other being Spring). It speaks to me of new energy before that time of winter rest. I am reminded by the holidays and the events of the season showing that God is present in life and in death. Our celebrations of All Saint's Day (for us at CRUCC that will be Sunday October 31) reminds us of the threshold between life and death and that we need not be fearful. Thanksgiving allows us to show gratitude for the gift of life and the bounty of God's blessings.

As we continue in our life together during a pandemic, we have new thresholds we have entered and others that await safety clearance. Adult Sunday School classes have begun or will begin. Some of those are in person and we are all learning how to live together in limited space. Others will begin to meet in person soon. Others will continue meeting in Zoom. Kathleen is beginning to have classes and activities with our children and youth. We are all standing in the threshold between re-engaging in person at church and continuing our participation remotely. The Reopening Committee will continue to monitor statistics to provide you the kind of information you need to feel comfortable going through the door to full re-engagement or to ask you to be patient and wait a little bit longer.

In the church of my childhood (Zions' Evangelical and Reformed Church in Greenville, Pennsylvania) I loved looking at the large stained-glass window of Jesus standing at the door and knocking. In that familiar painting there is no doorknob for Jesus to use to open the latch. That must be done by the person on the other side of the door. At this time of continued uncertainty are we willing to open the door to Jesus and walk over the threshold to the possibilities of our future?

Grace and Peace

Clare



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"Leaves are falling
Autumn is calling"

Enjoy the colors and smells
that fall is offering.



from Called to Care

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 which is scheduled to take place in the Sanctuary at 9:15am on Sunday, November 7th. We are looking into the option of having a hybrid meeting, allowing both in-person and via Zoom attendance...more details to come.

Growing Project Harvest Festival



Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as we gather to thank God for another bountiful harvest.

2:30pm Hayride

3:00pm Service of Thanksgiving

Cake Auction

American & Haitian Food

Scarecrow Workshop; Games

Sunday, October 17 @ 2:30 PM

Growing Project Farm 11720 Wolfsville Road,
Myersville, MD

Midweek Bible Study

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



Ladies Only "Chill Night"

Tapia's on Main
Middletown, MD

October 15th @ 6:30pm

Come and enjoy fellowship and food. Add your name to the signup sheet in the Narthex by 10/12.

FEARLESS
CONVERSATION

WHY IS GRACE
SO AMAZING?

Women's Study Weds @ 7pm

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

OLD TESTAMENT
PROPHETS
FOR TODAY



Book Study Sundays @ 5pm

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

8am-4pm
11/6/2021

Day Apart Women's Retreat

Skycroft Conference Center
9621 Frostown Road
Middletown, MD

\$26 per person (*Lunch included*). Payment due by 10/23. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Contact Kathleen for more info.

Laughter is the Best Medicine:

- This from Sylvan Barnet: What do you call the worst cookie in the world?
Answer: crumbly (hahaha)
- "Dad", a little boy asked, "Did you go to Sunday school every week?" "I sure did, son" his father replied. "I'll bet it won't do me any good either," the boy said.
- A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"



- ◆ Donations Needed: As the Community Liaison Kathleen likes to ensure that the students have some sort of nutritional resources available. She is accepting 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.
- ◆ Retreat: Please sign up for the retreat in the narthex, we need to get the final count in by Oct. 25th. The fee of \$26 per person is due by Oct. 23, 2021.
- ◆ Sunday School Projects: I will be using our Sunday School time in October as our service month for projects that the children will need to complete. Please be there at 9:30.
- ◆ New Adult Sunday School Class: Beginning October 3rd from 9:15 to 10:15am in the Social Hall downstairs, Bill Steigelmann will be leaving a 5 week session titled "God is Still Speaking". This is a great opportunity for parents to attend Sunday School after dropping-off their children for Sunday School.



BCMS Pantry

Stewardship

Stewardship - Connecting with God

Watch out for three short skits in upcoming services as we prepare for Stewardship Sunday on November 14th. Written and presented by your fellow congregants. Each presentation considers how we might talk to God.

- Sunday 10/24: Nancy Vom Lehn - Writing God
- Sunday 10/13: Melissa and Nathan Miller - Texting God
- Sunday 11/7: Meagan Fogle - Phoning God



Operating Finances

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

	Actual Income	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Expenses	Variant
Operating	\$214,578.16	\$302,862.32	\$225,796.69	-\$11,218.53
Children's Center	\$493,254.63	\$580,587.28	\$424,159.54	\$69,095.09
Global	\$707,832.79	\$883,449.60	\$649,956.23	\$57,876.56

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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
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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.*

Christ Reformed UCC Church Presents

An Outdoor Concert

Sunday
10/24/2021
2:00-5:00pm

with Frederick Favorites
Andy Carignan & Brian Derek
Todd Walker, Emcee
and featuring ANTE UP

*Proceeds to benefit The Religious Coalition and the
Emergency Family Shelter on Hayward Road in
Frederick.*



\$10 per person
\$20 per family

*In case of rain the concert
will be held in the sanctuary.*