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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



February

The Lectionary Reading for the Epistle for Sunday, January 23, is a passage from I Corinthians. *But as it is, God arranged the members of the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members we clothe with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. ....*

Without getting into our culture's use of "respect" – listen to those wise words from the Apostle Paul speaking to a church in Corinth. ALL members of the community are important.

ALL members of the community are needed. As Paul says – we are members one of another.

CRUCC is moving into a time of a beginning ministry. We have been keeping things together for two years now as we have adjusted to the dynamics of a pandemic. That has meant we are not sitting in the same room for meetings, for many months we have worshiped only online and some continue to do that at a time of their convenience. It has been easy to drop participation in some activities or support you once did. It has become easy to disengage.

As this new settled ministry unfolds it is going to be important for all of you to find what you can do to support the life and ministry of CRUCC. Your new pastor will need your enthusiasm and your help. There is no way one person can do it all and not burn out. No contribution is too small or too large as we are reminded by the Apostle Paul – but all contributions are needed! You, as a faith community of CRUCC, are members one of another and together you are part of the body of Christ. Blessings on your journey together.

*Clare*

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**Inspiration Korner**

**Message to all....**

*Sometimes we are the only image of Jesus that people get to see.*

**Special Congregational Meeting**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**10:30am Combined Worship**

**Meeting to Follow**

Join us in person or via Zoom to vote on the call of our new pastor.

**A Message from the Financial Secretaries**

The end of the calendar year means it's time to gather documents for taxes. You may be wondering how to get your Giving Statement for 2021 from the church. There are a few options:

- ◆ If you have entered an email address in your REALM account, you should have received an email with a link to access your 2021 statement.
- ◆ If you did not receive the email, you can still log on to your REALM account and print out your statement.

If you have difficulty accessing your REALM account or need help setting up your account, please contact Debbie in the church office. If you are unable to print out your statement, contact the church office or the Financial Secretaries to request a copy. Requested statements will usually be printed each Thursday when the weekly deposit is completed. You can stop by the church office to pick up your statement or request to have it mailed to you. In an effort to save money on paper and postage, Nancy and Paul will not print out statements for church members unless requested.

**Officer Installation**

You elected your new slate of officers at the Annual Meeting on January 23. As part of that meeting we asked your leadership to affirm their willingness to serve as your leadership. We heard their affirmation and those congregation members present spoke on behalf of all in joining in covenant to move into the future. We are grateful for your participation.

**Church Access**

Due to continued Covid-19 mandated restrictions for the Children's Center, if you need access to the church during the week, please contact the Center directly at 301-371-0360 or Debbie in the church office for any access to ALL church facility spaces.

**Plan Your Calendar**

Sunday 2/27 @ 1pm  
Mountain View Diner  
Route 40 Frederick

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Kathleen for more details.

**Fellowship Lunch**

**STUDY GROUPS****Devotional Book Study**

5pm Sundays in February via Zoom

Details were sent via email. Please contact Kathleen at [kathleen.rogers1@comcast.net](mailto:kathleen.rogers1@comcast.net) for more information and the zoom link.

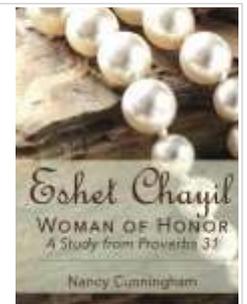
**Midweek Bible Study**

8am Wednesdays  
via Zoom  
with Pastor Clara

**Women's Study**

7pm Wednesdays  
via Zoom

Books are available in the Narthex. Please contact Kathleen at [kathleen.rogers1@comcast.net](mailto:kathleen.rogers1@comcast.net) for the link.



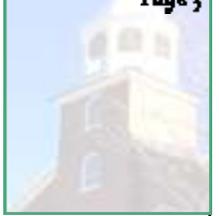
**Ladies Only "Chill Night"**

Main Cup

Middletown, MD

February 18th @ 6:30pm

Come and enjoy fellowship and food. Add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex by 2/15



Laughter is the Best Medicine:

- **Ed : How's your job at the travel agency? Ned: Terrible, I'm not going anywhere.**
- The manager of a glass and window company advertised in the paper for experienced glaziers. Since a good glass man is hard to find, he was pleased when a man who called about the job said he had 12 years of experience. "Where have you worked as a glazier?" the manager asked. The man replied, "Krispy Kreme."



- ◆ **New Family Fellowship.** Join us on February 27th at 1pm at Mountain View Diner on Rt 40. **Husbands, wives, children, let's just gather and reconnect and enjoy good food with good friends. Add your name and number of attendees to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.**
- ◆ **2022 Study Groups Agenda:** The agenda for the Sunday and Wednesday evening study groups for all of 2022 has been emailed. Please check your emails for what is happening.
- ◆ **Wednesday Night Ladies Study:** Wednesdays at 7pm via Zoom beginning February 2nd. We will be **discussing "Eshet Chayil: Woman of Honor" based on Proverbs 31. Books are available in the Narthex.** Please read Chapter One. Hope to see you there.
- ◆ **Sunday Night Group:** Starts on February 6th at 5pm via Zoom. A copy of our lesson for the month of February was sent out via email. Please use it and join us.
- ◆ **Girl's Nite Out :** Join us on February 18th at 6:30pm at the Main Cup, bring a friend. Add your name and number of attendees to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- ◆ **Christian Ed Board Meeting:** CE meeting on Monday, February 7th via Zoom.

### "Make Me Like Joe!"

Joe was a drunk who was miraculously converted at a Bowery mission. Prior to his conversion he had gained the reputation of being a dirty wino for who there was no hope, only a miserable existence in the ghetto. But following his conversion to a new life with God, everything changed. Joe became the most caring person that anyone associated with the mission had ever known. Joe spent his days and nights hanging out at the mission doing whatever needed to be done. There was never anything that he was asked to do that he considered beneath him. Whether it was cleaning up the vomit left by some violently sick alcoholic or scrubbing toilets after careless men left the men's room filthy, Joe did what was asked with a smile on his face and seeming gratitude for the chance to help. He could be counted on to feed feeble men who wandered off the street and into the mission and to undress and tuck into bed men who were too out of it to take care of themselves. One evening when the director of the mission was delivering his evening evangelistic message to the usual crowd of still and sullen men with drooped heads, there was one man who looked up, came down the aisle to the altar and knelt to pray, crying out for God to help him to change. The repentant drunk kept shouting, "Oh God! Make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! The director of the mission leaned over and said to the man, "son, I think it would be better if you prayed, "Make me like Jesus." The man looked up at the director with a quizzical expression on his face and asked, "Is he like Joe?"

## Operating Finances

### 2021 Operating Finances Year-to-Date – DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Actual Income	Budgeted Expenses	Actual Expenses	Variant
Operating	\$338,835.12	\$454,294.00	\$344,450.95	-\$5,615.83
Children's Center	\$806,686.08	\$870,881.19	\$654,882.82	\$151,803.26
Global	\$1,145,521.20	\$1,325,175.19	\$999,333.77	\$146,187.43

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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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*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](http://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.*

# SETTLED PASTOR CANDIDATE WEEKEND EVENTS

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

- 6:30-8:30PM: Open Zoom hours will be held to allow congregation members to join in an open discussion with the candidate. Zoom Meeting information will be sent out via email.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

- 9:30AM - 12:00PM The Search Committee will host an in person meet-and-greet in the Sanctuary space at CRUCC.
- 2:00-4:00PM: Open Zoom hours will be held to allow congregation members to join in an open discussion with the candidate. Zoom Meeting information will be sent out via email.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

- 10:30AM: The candidate will lead worship and preach. After worship, we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on the call to our new pastor. For those that wish to attend the congregational meeting virtually, the Zoom Meeting information will be sent out via email.

If you have any questions, please contact Jesi Bell-Godfrey (Chair) at [cruccsearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:cruccsearchcommittee@gmail.com).