

# 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.*



## Inside Kyle's Head

Between the worship services on the last Sunday of July, the Weagly House ad-hoc committee/task force/working group led an informational meeting updating people on their work. You may remember in the January annual meeting Consistory was tasked with creating a group to do an analysis of the property and ministry, and to recommend a course, or courses, of action to take with the Weagly House. This was prompted because of the issues we've had with the Memorial Hall apartments project, and whether it was too much of a headache to continue to use the house at 10 E. Main Street.

I want to express my thanks to the diligent work of the task force: Renee Brandenburg-Huffer, JJ Bell-Godfrey, John Delauder, Chris Johnson, and Jason Moser. They have put in a lot of time and care re-creating the history around the creation of this ministry to the community, getting a clear understanding of the costs and financial projections, with the intent of making their informed recommendations to Consistory.

The work they have done has helped us remember why it was we chose to pursue this ministry. It has also raised awareness of the ministry for those who have become part of this church since the house was established. We heard what it has meant to the families over the past nearly two decades who have called it home while they got back on their feet financially. And, practically-speaking, it has clarified what we are putting into the house both in money and in time given by our volunteers.

The work they have done is something essential for the health of our church: to examine and reflect on the ministries we have, why we chose to pursue them, are they all they can be, are they something we want to continue to devote our energies to, how are they fulfilling our purpose as a church here-and-now.

Self-reflection of this nature is more critical to the Church now more than it has been in hundreds of years. We are in the midst of an upheaval in our society and in our church, and the systemic stressors that come along with it. It presents a host of problems, but it can be an opening to a deeper ministry. I believe the work of the Weagly House team is a demonstration of this church's interest in the latter.

*Kyle*

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*a prayer for the*  
**first day**  
**of school**





### Children's Sunday

At CRUCC we want to celebrate our children and youth. The last Sunday of each month at the 10:30 service will be designated as Children's Sunday. Along with the children's story, our youth will be included in various portions of the worship service. There may be a few surprises too!! In order to plan, we need to hear from you to indicate your child's willingness to participate. Please contact the church office at 301-371-6610, to let us know if you will be attending.

### Children's Sunday: Back to School Celebration

It's time to celebrate our youth as they head back to school. On August 27th, as part of our new Children's Sunday, you are invited to attend our 10:30 worship service. We will have a story for children, a blessing of the backpacks and a special activity for our youth.

### In Search of Ushers!



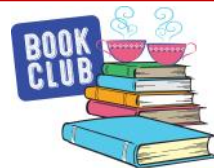
Here is an easy way to get involved in church... Volunteer to be an usher! The duties are pretty simple. Roughly once every 6 services, you greet folks as they arrive, pass out bulletins, collect offering, and a few other minor jobs. Unfortunately, some of our recent ushers needed to step down due to medical issues and scheduling challenges. The good news is that means there is space for YOU on the schedule. (It would be great to also have a few subs available to fill in occasionally.) If interested, please contact Nancy vom Lehn at [gnvom@aol.com](mailto:gnvom@aol.com) by August 10. Come join the ushering team!!!

### Coffee Hour

Going forward, Coffee Hour will be held following our 10:30 am worship service. We will no longer offer Coffee Hour between services. We have a few dates still available: September 3, October 1, December 10, December 17. Contact Debbie in the church office if you are interested in hosting one of these dates.

### Blessing of the Backpacks

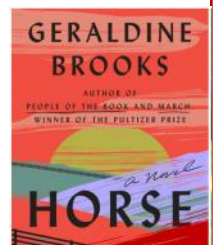
If you or your child is a student, teacher or other school employee we invite you to join us for this special part of worship on **August 27th**. Bring a backpack, briefcase or other symbol of your work or study and we'll join in praying God's blessings for the coming year.



## BOOK OF THE MONTH

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

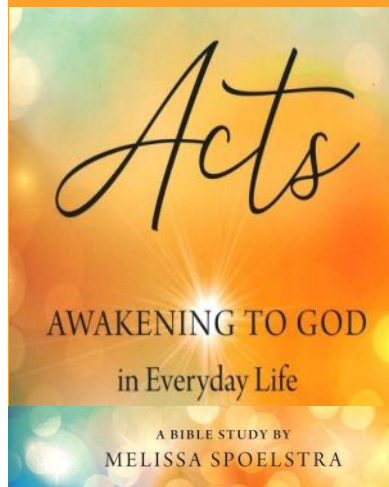
August 22nd @ Noon  
Fratelli's



This book is a sweeping tale that uses the true story of a famous 19th century racehorse to explore the roots and legacy of enslavement.

Please contact Charlotte Hanson at [hansonc3306@gmail.com](mailto:hansonc3306@gmail.com) for more info.

## Women's Study Group



Wednesdays  
@ 7pm  
via Zoom  
Begins 9/6

Books are available in the Narthex.  
Please contact the church office for the zoom link.





SUMMER  
2023



# Operating Finances Year to Date (Ending June 30 2023)



<b>CRUCC</b>	Actual Jun 01, 2023 - Jun 30, 2023	Actual This Year to Date	Budget Remaining This Year to Date
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Operating Income	\$ 16,112.00	\$ 145,297.56	\$ 251,047.01
Grant/Loan Revenues	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (7,500.00)
Investment Income	\$ (181.81)	\$ 10,497.61	\$ (10,497.61)
Other Income	\$ 4,089.94	\$ 23,950.77	\$ 37,044.23
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 20,020.13</b>	<b>\$ 187,245.94</b>	<b>\$ 270,093.63</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Compensation Expenses	\$ 19,857.55	\$ 116,019.38	\$ 153,419.19
Operating Expenses			
Program Expenses	\$ 32.20	\$ 107.20	\$ (107.20)
Worship-Related Expenses	\$ 306.39	\$ 3,717.44	\$ 5,782.56
Education-SS/CCCC	\$ -	\$ 510.54	\$ 3,989.46
Office & Supplies	\$ 1,515.64	\$ 11,437.53	\$ 13,513.47
Utilities	\$ 1,409.06	\$ 19,339.67	\$ 13,860.33
Building & Property	\$ 1,109.68	\$ 38,324.28	\$ 39,675.72
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 187.00	\$ 957.00	\$ 1,543.00
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	\$ 4,559.97	\$ 74,393.66	\$ 78,257.34
Ministry Expenses	\$ 5,847.36	\$ 13,939.18	\$ 17,910.82
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 30,264.88</b>	<b>\$ 204,352.22</b>	<b>\$ 249,587.35</b>
Net Total	\$ (10,244.75)	\$ (17,106.28)	\$ 20,506.28

<b>CCCC</b>	Actual Jun 01, 2023 - Jun 30, 2023	Actual This Year to Date	Budget Remaining This Year to Date
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Operating Income	\$ 62,063.50	\$ 453,907.00	\$ 509,047.76
Investment Income	\$ 953.79	\$ 988.14	\$ (988.14)
Other Income	\$ 75.00	\$ 6,055.56	\$ 3,144.44
Designated Income	\$ -	\$ 24.98	\$ (24.98)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 63,092.29</b>	<b>\$ 460,975.68</b>	<b>\$ 511,179.08</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Compensation Expenses	\$ 54,646.13	\$ 349,490.12	\$ 435,264.64
Operating Expenses			
Program Expenses	\$ 6,040.41	\$ 30,175.35	\$ 41,824.65
Education-SS/CCCC	\$ 845.98	\$ 1,007.79	\$ 1,992.21
Office & Supplies	\$ 2,511.51	\$ 13,769.88	\$ 19,430.12
Utilities	\$ -	\$ 1,686.84	\$ 1,313.16
Building & Property	\$ 3,775.00	\$ 24,660.63	\$ 48,039.37
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 323.97	\$ 1,109.01	\$ 2,390.99
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	\$ 13,496.87	\$ 72,409.50	\$ 114,990.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 68,143.00</b>	<b>\$ 421,899.62</b>	<b>\$ 550,255.14</b>
Net Total	\$ (5,050.71)	\$ 39,076.06	\$ (39,076.06)

## Ladies Chill Night

**August 25 @ 5:30pm**  
**China Garden**

*Come and enjoy fellowship and food.  
Add your name to the signup sheet in  
the Narthex by 8/22. Contact the church  
office for more details.*

## Online Lectionary Based Bible Study

8am Wednesdays w/Pastor Kyle

Contact Kyle at [kyle.crucc@gmail.com](mailto:kyle.crucc@gmail.com)  
for the Zoom link.

## Guys Night Out



**Brewer's Alley**  
**8/28 @ 6pm**

Join us for fellowship & food.  
If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Bob Galey at  
[robertgaley@hotmail.com](mailto:robertgaley@hotmail.com) or text or call 301 712-8022.

## BINGO! Buds

*LUNCH, BINGO & FELLOWSHIP*

**August 10**  
**Noon to 2pm**  
**Coffee Hour Area**

Add your name to the sign up sheet or  
contact the church office.



**Monday**  
**8/21 @ 6:30pm**  
**Main Cup**

God on Tap is an opportunity for members  
and friends of CRUCC to gather to come to  
know each other and to wrestle with some  
of life's great (and small) questions.

**.....on Tap!**

For more information, please contact  
Christine at [97cfontaine@gmail.com](mailto:97cfontaine@gmail.com).



**BLOOD  
DONATION**

*will save someone's life*



## Downstairs Discussion Group

**Sundays @ 9:15 am**  
**Coffee Hour Space**

Contact Bill Steigelmann @ 240.490.5880 for more info.

## Blood Drive

**Saturday, August 26**

**8am to 1pm**

**CRUCC Chapel**

To schedule an appointment please visit  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Keyword:  
ChristReformedUCC or call the church office at 301-371-6610.

## Metal Recycling

Every Sunday from approximately 8:30am until 12:00pm in the Holy Family Catholic Community parking lot, Bill Traube and a core of volunteers collect any kind of metal, aluminum cans, steel, etc. All of the proceeds go to support 1) the local Middletown Ministerium Day of Service projects; and 2) local charities such as the Myersville Area Growing Project, Frederick Rescue Mission, Religious Coalition, Mission of Mercy, etc. In 2021, they donated over \$17K to these charities. All are encouraged to bring their scrap metal for a good cause. Arrangements can be made for picking up large items by contacting Bill Traube at 240-457-3953.



## MIDDLETOWN FOOD

### FOOD ITEMS

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Flour
- Jam or Jelly
- Oatmeal
- Mayonnaise
- Canned Veggies



### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toilet Paper
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Bars of Soap
- Hand Lotion
- Facial Tissue
- Paper Towels



*The mission of Heartly House is to end domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse, and to provide victims with safety, shelter, and supportive services.*

- ♦ Toiletry Items
- ♦ Gift cards: Walmart, Giant, Weis, Safeway, Food Lion, Target, Sheetz, Shell, Giant Eagle, CVS, Walgreens, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Wawa, Exxon, etc

Collection boxes are found in the hallway between the sanctuary and the chapel.  
Gift cards for Heartly House can be dropped off to the church office.

## Looking for Your Help!



Occasionally we have members who need our additional support. We are looking for people who are willing to lend that extra hand. If you choose to volunteer to help, you are volunteering to be placed on a list. You will be contacted only when there is a specific need in the area(s) you volunteered. You can always decline to help when you're contacted due to your availability. If you're willing to add your name to our list, sign up using one of the following methods:

- ♦ Call the church office (301-371-6610).
- ♦ Add your name to the signup sheet found in the narthex.
- ♦ Use the link or QR code to complete the information electronically.

Thanks for your willingness to  
volunteer to support each other!



<https://tinyurl.com/3tf5t6r3>





# COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

A partnership with Holy Family, Middletown United Methodist (MUMC), and Zion Lutheran for a community-wide day of service in the valley.

## Saturday, September 10

**Are you in need of some assistance on small home projects?** Examples of projects are indoor/outdoor painting, repairs, yard work, cleaning. Since our introduction we have assisted over 40 families. If you are in need of assistance on a home project, please contact Renee Brandenburg-Huffer at [aquatictraining@aol.com](mailto:aquatictraining@aol.com) for more details.

## Around the Congregation

### ALTAR FLOWERS

August 6	TBD
August 13	TBD
August 20	TBD
August 27	Gail & Chris Johnson

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

August 6	Book Club
August 13	Parish Life
August 20	Paul & Crystal Fink
August 27	Discipleship Board

### SOUND TECHS

August 6	Nick Fink
August 13	Tony Verdi
August 20	Pat Joy
August 27	Paul Fink

### CHILDREN'S STORY

August 27	Kyle Powderly
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### PSALMIST

August 27	Isaac Cummings
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### LAYREADERS

August 6	Wendy Campbell
August 13	Dick Burd
August 20	Bunny Cramer
August 27	Sue Wickless

### USHERS

August 6	Pat Joy, Nancy vom Lehn
August 13	Wendy Campbell, Pat Joy
August 20	Linda DeLauder, Bill Falconer
August 27	Ed Higginbottom, Be' Hill



## Church Attendance

### JUNE 2023

	8:15 am	10:30 am
June 4	17	63
June 11	19	53
June 18	20	49
June 25 Picnic	55	

*Christ Reformed  
United Church of Christ*  
Rev. Kyle Powderly, Pastor

In-Person  
8:15am Contemporary Worship  
In Person & On-Line Worship  
Traditional Worship 10:30am

1st & 2nd Sunday  
Coffee Hour 9:30am

3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays  
Coffee Hour 11:30am

Church Summer Office Hours  
Mon-Thurs 10am-2pm/Fri 9am-12pm  
301-371-6610  
Fax: 301-371-6912

12 South Church Street  
P.O. Box 333  
Middletown, Maryland 21769  
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[www.crucc.org](http://www.crucc.org)

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

*Christ Church Children's Center*

Mrs. Missy Payne, Director  
6 Weeks—5th Grade  
Mon-Fri 6:30am – 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.*

# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Last Sunday of each Month  
during our 10:30 Service

Along with Children's Story, our youth will be included  
in various portions of the worship service.