

Soul Food:
A Weekly Update of Christ's Reformed UCC
"Growing people of faith who live in Jesus, love one another and bear abundant fruit"
September 22, 2020

Join us Sunday for Worship Service online at Christ's Reformed!!!

Our online worship services with REV. DAN will continue at 9:30 am each Sunday and will be by phone or computer using the Zoom application. We will conduct the service virtually until we open the sanctuary for live services hopefully after NOVEMBER 22nd.

Dialing in to listen to the church service is easy. Simply dial 1-301-715-8592, wait for the prompt, enter the access code 853 3757 7035 followed by #, wait for the prompt then enter # again. There is no charge for this phone call.

To join the meeting by computer, enter the following into your web browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337577035>

A **bulletin** for this Sunday's worship service (September 27) is attached to this email if you would like to follow along and join in with the readings.

** Here is a video link of last Sunday's service (September 20). **
<https://youtu.be/dO1ezD9jIPi>

Celebrations

If you have celebrations in your life, we want to celebrate with you! Celebrations take many forms: new babies, marriages, accomplishments at work, a child's successes, transitions in life, just plain old good news. Please contact the church office (crc1854@myactv.net) and share celebrations with us.

- Beautiful Fall Weather!!
- What are your celebrations? May you give God praise and honor and glory for them!

Prayer Requests

- Our Country's unrest, our President and the November Presidential Election
- Pray for the pastoral search process and team

Connections

- **Upcoming Services:**

- ALL LIVE IN-PERSON SERVICES/EVENTS ARE CANCELLED THROUGH **NOVEMBER 22nd**.

- **LECTIONARY GROUP** – The Lectionary Group will meet on Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86393839530> or call the following local number: **301.715.8592** Enter Meeting ID: 863 9383 9530
- **Washington County Gives** – Aspiring to Serve is again participating in Washington County Gives which occurring on Tuesday, September 22. You can give donations anytime during the day. Karen will be in the office if you would like help with the internet. Go to <https://www.washingtoncountygives.org/organizations/aspiring-to-serve> and donate. You are also invited to join members of the ATS board that day via Zoom for an update on the 5th floor progress or anything else you want to know.

Washington County Gives Chat with ATS Board

Time: Sep 22, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87086233739>

Meeting ID: 870 8623 3739

One tap mobile

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

Meeting ID: 870 8623 3739

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kchGGgrDn7>

- **CRC Congregational Meeting** – Please join us virtually on October 11th following the Sunday morning worship service. We will be voting on the 2021 Budget and open leadership on the Consistory.
- **Media Job Position Needed** – Since we are starting to put our services online, we are in need of a person who will take control of this position. If you are interested in this paid position, please call the church office or contact John Kessler at 240-818-7640.

Food for Thought

Since we are without a full-time pastor, these thoughts are taken from the *Our Daily Bread* devotional. If you would like to supply a devotional for next week, just send to Karen. Thanks!

A Risky Detour

Today's Scripture & Insight:

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

~ 2 Timothy 4:1-5

What a waste of time, thought Harley. Her insurance agent was insisting they meet again. Harley knew it would be yet another boring sales pitch, but she decided to make the most of it by looking for an opportunity to talk about her faith.

Noticing that the agent's eyebrows were tattooed, she hesitantly asked why and discovered that the woman did it because she felt it would bring her luck. Harley's question was a risky detour from a routine chat about finances, but it opened the door to a conversation about luck and faith, which gave her an opportunity to talk about why she relied on Jesus. That "wasted" hour turned out to be a divine appointment.

Jesus also took a risky detour. While traveling from Judea to Galilee, He went out of His way to speak to a Samaritan, something unthinkable for a Jew. Worse, she was an adulterous woman avoided even by other Samaritans. Yet He ended up having a conversation that led to the salvation of many (John 4:1–26, 39–42).

Are you meeting someone you don't really want to see? Do you keep bumping into a neighbor you normally avoid? The Bible reminds us to be always ready—"in season and out of season"—to share the good news (2 Timothy 4:2). Consider taking a "risky detour." Who knows, God may be giving you a divine opportunity to talk to someone about Him today!.

By: Leslie Koh

Reflect & Pray

Whom might you meet today? How might there be an opportunity to talk about Jesus? How can you go out of your way to share the good news in a bold but loving, sensitive way?

*Jesus, teach me to see the doors You've opened for me to share Your love,
and give me the courage to tell others about You.*