



**THE 1968
CONFIRMATION CLASS**



Our class in 1968, confirmed on April 7 (Palm Sunday) began its work together back in September with 32 members. Through the year dropped their membership, and so the class numbered 28, 18 girls and 10 boys. We rejoice in the joy of bringing to these young people the Rite of Confirmation and the inclusion into membership with the congregation here at United Church. We pray that each one may remember the vows of loyalty taken and continue in active connection with this our church.

The members of the class are as follows: -

(Top row, 1. to r) Jacqueline Radatz, Denise Hamer, Charles Lanehardt, Deborah Reif, William Walton, Jr. Jean Dimick, Joan Dimick.

(2nd r. from top) Donna Walton, Lawrence Curcio, Bonnie Wilson, Barbara Jones, Nadine Haas, David Jones, Margaret Watson.

(3rd r. from top) Herman Fischer, Gary Logue, JoAnn Magee, Linda

The United Endeavor

MAY 1968

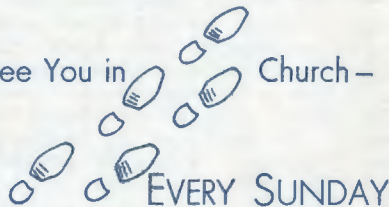
UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224

Deegan, Garry Schorr, Denise Framp-ton, Donald Long, Gary Helton.

(bottom row) Pastor Rasche, Susan Becker, Sharon Dillon, Margaret Carnucci, Joseph Bush, Robin Lough, Linda Holman, Pastor Weisser.



See You in Church -



EVERY SUNDAY



CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

No communion services in May, since we had Communion at the Easter season. Church Services are to be at the regular time - 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. with the Church School at 9 a.m. May we keep our regularity of attendance at the services at a high pitch. Keep coming regularly to your church on Sundays.

MOTHER'S DAY (FESTIVAL OF THE HOME)
SUNDAY, MAY 12

On this day we honor our families and mothers. On this day we make the traditional journey to our church as an entire family group and sit together as a family. Join this endeavor and have your family here for the service. At both services the church will present a memento to each family present in the form of a 6x9 copy in color of a

famous religious art masterpiece, suitable for framing and hanging in your home.



MEMORIES OF A WONDERFUL LENTEN SEASON

Though Holy Week was marred by the riots and resulting curfews, thus limiting our services, the Lenten season all in all was a good season in the House of God. Though the aforesaid trouble in the city prevented the 17th annual presentation of "The Lord's Supper" in dramatic form, we did have service that Wednesday of Holy Week. The attendances were less than normal on the evenings of Holy Week because folk were afraid to leave their homes. The services on Easter, however, brought a larger attendance than in 1967 on a most beautiful day. The church was attractive for all the Lenten services with our Lenten Cross motif at the side of the pulpit. And, on Easter, it was a beautiful sight, with the array of 51 lily plants at the altar apiece, plus the hyacinths at each window and the lily-sheathed cross of resurrection at the pulpit. It was a soul-stirring experience, and the services were heightened by the offerings of our choral groups.

It may be interesting to report here that our little goal of 435 in attendance each Sunday in March was achieved and passed, with an average attendance of 443 in spite of the one very rainy Sunday which kept many at home. It is possible, you see, to have good attendances, if all work together on the matter of being here oneself.

HOFMANN HOME ENVELOPE

As per the announced plan by the Church Council for support of the Hofmann Home in its Capital Funds Drive, to which we desire to contribute \$2000.00 per year for the next

three years, we will make use of several methods -

1) quarterly special envelopes which will be sent to our membership for special gifts to this effort;

2) the gifts to our Poor Boxes will be gifts to the Hofmann Home Drive;

3) in '69 and '70 each we will place an amount of \$600 in our budget for this cause.

Thus you can see that your Council is depending greatly upon the quarterly offerings through these special envelopes. Please find enclosed the first of these, for the use of your family by a very generous gift. We are designating Sunday, May 5 as Hofmann Home Envelope Sunday, and request that you return this envelope with your offering on this day. As we cooperate in this plan we will be helping Hofmann Home to become a better institution for the children of today.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Your vote on May 14 on the matter of the new constitution of our state is a very important action of your citizenship in Maryland. The need for a new constitution was seen in the formation of the Constitution convention. The high caliber and worthwhileness of the new constitution as drawn up was attested by the almost unanimous approval of the proposed document by the delegates to the Constitution Convention - these coming from all types of political thinking. Yet these had the state so much in mind that they could vote so decisively for this constitution they drew up. All this speaks loudly as to the necessity of your vote on this matter. Let us consider very carefully this issue in a dispassionate manner, not letting ourselves be moved by those with only political motives. This is a matter which must be considered by our states' citizens in truly a non-partisan manner. If you let politics enter into your vote, then you lower the value which the Constitution must have for each of us.

This is the first time in 100 years that a new constitution is proposed. Make your vote count.



PASTOR AND CHOIR ON TV, MAY 19

United Evangelical Church will be featured on Channel 11 on Sunday May 19 at 9 a.m. on the program - "Sunday Sermon." The choir and pastor will cut the tape for this presentation during the previous week. So tell all the shut-ins to be sure to tune in channel 11 on Sunday, May 19th for this half hour service at 9 a.m.

CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATION MEETS, SUNDAY, MAY 19

The annual meeting of the Chesapeake Association of our Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held on Sunday, May 19 at St. Paul Church, Beechfield Ave., off Frederick Rd. Meeting begins at 3 p.m. and lasts through the evening. Each organization of the church is to have representatives to this annual meeting. Please report to the office who your representatives will be and prepare to pay for their evening meal. Reservations should be confirmed in by the presidents by May 12th, calling the church office.



CONFIRMATION PAPERS

For its presentation to the congregation, the class of 28 was divided into seven groups of 4 each, and to these groups were given a topic which became the basis of a composite paper. These seven papers

were then read to the congregation on Presentation Sunday.

During the coming months we desire to publish these papers, as presented. The only additions, to make the reading easier, are added in parenthesis. The paper for this month is entitled, "What I Think Membership with United Church Entails."

"To become a member of the United Evangelical Church you have to be able to hold many responsibilities. They are regular attendance; devout use of the Holy Scripture; regular financial contributions; support of all church activities; obedience to the church's established laws and order; to advise people without a church home to come to our church; that the spirit of fellowship unto all is shown and observed; to bring your child to Confirmation; to come to the Lord's Supper each first Sunday of the month, and to bring your child up in the Christian faith and have them baptized.

One of the duties was to have your child baptized. Before anything else which concerns you, your child should be baptized. Baptism usually occurs at infancy. The parents which bring the child to be baptized are asked to bring their child up in the Christian faith, also that they will provide and maintain a Christian home, and that they will lead a Christian life themselves. The child is also supposed to be provided with the privilege of attending Church School and Confirmation.

The child should be sent to Church School at the proper time. During the time the child is in Church School he will become advanced in the thoughts and ways of God. As time goes on he or she will then be ready for Confirmation. When he or she is in the 8th grade or 13 they should be sent to Confirmation. It is just like school but you come to learn about God and his ways of life and your church. This is the time when you become a real member of the church, by first studying and learning about the Bible, then being confirmed and finally taking Holy Communion

In between (congregation) meetings the church has a (governing) group which is called the Church Council. The church work is delegated to it. It is made up of an elected body of men who have been members of the church. The Church Council meets each month. It is made up of 12 members. The pastor attends these meetings but is not a

real member. Together they discuss many things which have to do with the church. The church is also represented in larger groups (Association meetings)

By being best (in) service to the Lord and to the church is to help the organizations as much as possible to the existing relationship between the Pastor and the congregation; regular partaking of the Lord's supper; regular financial contributions toward the maintenance and benevolent undertakings of the church; obedience to the laws and order of the church and careful attention to the religious training of the young people. In our own words these requirements mean you should come to church every Sunday. When you come to church you come to learn about God and how to be better people. We should come to the Lord's Supper because it provides us the chance to become closer to the Lord. After the Lord's Supper we should feel a better person. When we give through the church we are helping other people as well as ourselves and the congregation. As we grow older we should continue to go to Church and Sunday School. We should also help in all church activities."



SUMMER CAMPS & COST

All camps of 1 wk. duration, \$30.00
 Local Church School pays ½ of fee for all who are members here. Camps are for following age groups. All these listed are at Camp Michaux --
 Junior (5 and 6 grade completed)
 June 16-22; 23-29; 30 to July 6;
 July 14-20; 21-27; 28 to Aug. 3;
 Aug. 4-10; 11-17.
 Jun. Hi (7-8 gr. completed) June 23-29
 30-July 6; July 7-13; 14-20; 21-27;
 Aug. 4-10; 11-17.
 Mid. Hi. (9, 10 grade complete) June 16-22; July 4-10; 21-27; 28-Aug. 3;
 4-10
 Sr. Hi (11, 12 gr. complete) June 16-22
 Aug. 11-17; 29-Sept. 3

Advance notice is given of the dates for this school at United Church - eight days beginning Monday, June 24, every morning..

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms -

Bruce Frederick, son of Charles and Peggy Ann Bennett, March 24

Weddings -

Wayne Fader and Patricia Dorsey on April 6

Dale Franke and Esther Erdman on April 6

Funerals -

George Hulseman, member, age 63, March 19.

Mrs. Bertha Fletcher, age 87, on March 19

Oscar Rainey, member, age 67 on March 23

Charles F. Buechler, member, age 82, on April 1

Mrs. Anna Janne, age 67, on Apr. 2

Frederick Kroll, age 62, April 6

Mrs. Christina Slitzer, age 77, April 9

John Phillips, age 61, April 16

New Members

Feb. 11

John A. DiGiovanni

Mrs. Linda Schoenberger

March 24

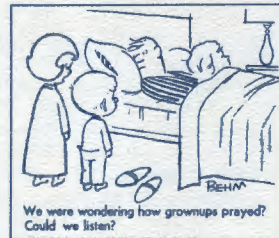
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