



The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224

U.S. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Quite recently there came to my desk a summary of church membership for 1970. Sometimes we wonder just how the various faiths stack up in terms of total strength. First, here are the facts relative to the major faith groupings in the U.S.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Number of Churches</u>	<u>Total Membership</u>
Buddhists	59	100,000
Old Catholic, Polish Cath., Armenian Cath. Eastern Orth. Church	435	793,876
Jewish Cong.	1352	3,526,068
an Cath.	4700	5,780,000
Protestant	23781	47,873,238
	288539	70,396,454

Protestant denominations

South. Baptist	11,330,481
United Methodist	10,990,720
Nat. Baptist	5,500,000
Episcopal	3,373,890
Luth. Ch. in Amer.	3,278,517
United Presbyterian	3,222,663
Nat. Baptist Convention	2,668,799
Luth. Ch., Missouri Synod	2,781,892
Amer. Lutheran Ch.	2,576,105
Churches of Christ	2,400,000
Latter Day Saints	2,180,064
United Church of Christ	2,032,648
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (North and South Amer.)	1,875,000
Disciples of Christ	1,592,609
Nat. Primitive Baptist	1,465,000

Grand total Membership of all religious groups in the U.S.
128,469,636

SUMMER SUNDAYS INVITE YOU

Though this issue of the Endeavor is for the three summer months; the many of our groups do not have regular meetings during the warm months - this does not mean that we let up on the importance of the worship of our Lord God on the Lord's Day mornings. No, your church provides the services of worship each Sunday at the regular hours of 8:00 and 10:15 a.m., save on the 1st Sunday in the month of June, when the early Communion service begins at 7:45 a.m.

Do not cheat your spiritual life and laugh in the face of God by purposely remaining home from worship merely because it is summer. We are aware that you will be gone some of the Sundays for vacation jaunts, but on those Sundays you are in the city, don't fail to be in service.

During June and July Pastor Rasche will be presenting a series of helpful sermons on the great events in the spiritual history of the Christian Church through the ages; messages which not only will be helpful to your religious knowledge but also will bring great inspiration for the living of the Christian life by you in our time. Then, during August, Pastor Weisser will be conducting the services. The choirs will be present during the month of June, and thereafter we will have special music by various choir members.

Always remember, that it is just as cool, or maybe cooler, here than at home, for we have full air conditioning and the sanctuary is always delightfully cool. Also, always remember that we invite you to bring your guests with you.

**COMMUNION
SUNDAY
JUNE 7**



This will be the last Communion Sunday until September. It behooves our church family to be present for this gift of the Holy Sacrament.

Services 7:45 & 10:15 a.m.



GRADUATION
OPENS A BIG WORLD

**GRADUATION
SUNDAY
JUNE 21**

A double-barrelled Sunday, on which we honor our fathers and also the graduates from High School and College this Spring of 1970. That we may rightly honor these graduates, we need to know who they are. Thus, may we request the grads and their families to register their names at the church office verysoon for we desire to secure a gift for the grads, to present to each one in the 10:15 a.m. service that day.



**"COUNTY FAIR"
FUN TIME
FRIDAY, JUNE 19
7:30 P.M.**

This big night of fun for both old and young is being planned by our Church School, a new idea to supplant the traditional Strawberry Festival. This County Fair will get under way at 7:30 p.m. and will provide Side Shows, Freak Booths, Thrilling Events, a whole host of fun things. Entrance price is 75¢ and each one going by the main en-

trance will be given a set of tickets which will give him free admission into every booth and side show at the County Fair. Also, and get this, there may even be some special prizes for the lucky ones. And to top off the evening, a free lunch is included in the price of admission.

This is not planned only for the children, but will hold plenty of excitement and laughs for all age groups.

So, plan to save this date and, COME TO THE COUNTY FAIR!



"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE
UNTO THE LORD"

**VACATION CHURCH
SCHOOL, HERE
JUNE 22 — JULY 2**

The Vacation Church School, under the auspices of the Canton Christian Council, will be held here beginning Monday, June 22 at 9 a.m. Hours each day will be from 9 to 12 in the morning. All youth from 3 through 15 are invited to attend. The closing exercise will be on Thurs. July 2 in the evening.

You can help this school in several manners -

1) Be certain that the children of your own family are in attendance

2) Circulate the news in the neighborhood, for this is for all children, of any or even no particular church.

3) Bring large cans of fruit juice, that can be used for the snack time in the morning. If we can secure sufficient fruit juice this will save our treasury.

4) Volunteer to help. Mrs. Getz will be the Gen. Sup't. Tell her you'll help this year. It takes quite a large staff to care for the 100-150 children who are enrolled in this nine day school.

5) Include this school in your prayers, that much may be accomplished in the bringing of God's Word to these children and youth.



CRABCAKE SUPPER JULY 10

Our church is noted for many fine things, it has a good reputation in the community. Aiding that reputation is the quality of the meals prepared by our women. The Crab cake Supper, sponsored by our Guild is another example of this goodness. Tickets for this will soon be available. The price is \$1.75. Get your tickets soon & save this date. Serving both at luncheon and dinner time.

CHURCH AND CHURCH-SCHOOL PICNIC JULY 25



The picnic again is on a Saturday, and at the same spot as last year - MagoVista Beach. Let's make this a family event, taking along our basket lunch. Busses will be provided for those not having private transportation. Ticket prices will be announced in plenty of time. For now, save Sat. July 25 for the annual Church and Church School Picnic, and, bring the entire family.



IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER

Confirmation procedures at United Church will be different as of this September, by vote of the congregation early this year.

Confirmation instruction will generally be changed to a two-year course to be begun when the youth is at the age of 12. It will be necessary to have both years of instruction to be confirmed.

The 1st year class will meet on Sunday mornings at the regular Church School hour and will follow a course set up by the Pastor but taught by a layman. It will be necessary for the members of this class to be steady in attendance, to complete required assignments of home work during the week, to be in the church service each Sunday, even as the 2nd year class.

The 2nd year class will meet with the Pastor on Thursday evenings at 7:30 to 9 p.m. as is the practice now.

For 1970, the 1st year class, the 12 year olds, will register and have their first session on Sunday, September 13 at the hour of 9 a.m. in Friendship Hall.

Important!!! For only this year of 1970-71, for those youth who are 13, a one year class will be organized, this class organizing on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 in the Friendship Hall. After this year, even a person who may be 13 will have to begin with the first year class. This will be the last one-year class.

Important!!! The Pastor desires advance registration for both of these classes, so, will you parents please call the office and pre-register your son or daughter. And, as of this year, unless the parent or parents will cooperate fully with the Confirmation requirements, which states the parents also should attend services, the Pastor may refuse to confirm the child.



MAKE YOUR VACATION
MEANINGFUL

TAKE CARE WHAT YOU DO

A vacation is a time to recreate—that is, to rebuild the body and mind in all ways to better assume the responsibilities of your job. So, don't let your vacation be such as wears you out. This is sinning against yourself. Let your vacation renew you in the essentials of life.

And, when on vacation, don't forget your faith. Go to church. Further, don't forget your church here. Send in envelopes before going



SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHURCH FOLK

Many of you who are adults may remember church camps in your youth as rather primitive and yet providing a splendid experience in Christian fellowship and learning.

Church camps have progressed through the years. Now the variety of camp programs is much greater. And, our United Church of Christ provides many different kind of camping experience for children and youth from the Junior level through young adult age. There are regular type camps, wilderness camps, canoe trip camps, a folk-art Festival camp experience, and a Youth Ministry Conference. The variety is too large and the number of camps too great to list here. There is a listing, however, on the bulletin board at the entrance off Dillon St. and, the Church School office has full information. This is a good year to have your youth attend a church sponsored camp. The Church School pays half the fee for anyone who is a part of our Church life. Get the information from the Church School office, but, don't wait too long before sending in registration, for the camps fill up fast.

OUR CAMPS NEED HELPERS!!!

Maybe you as an older youth would like to work at one of the camps. This too is a possibility, and information about this is on the bulletin board also and the Pastor would be glad to help you. Our camps need counsellors, folk with special abilities, life guards, nurses, etc. This plea is for adults also, single and married folk.



CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms -

William Peter, son of Peter J. and Ruth Philpott, on May 17

Weddings -

Frank Malik, Jr. and Bernice Malik, on May 1

Henry J. De Giacomo and Donna Shiflett, on May 9

Funerals -

Oliver T. Linthicum, member, age 81 on May 6

Elwood Waters, age 34 on May 15

New Members -

Turman Isaac, by baptism and profession of faith
Anna E. Watson, by reprofession of faith

William H. Watson, by profession of faith

Raymond L. Noteware, by profession of faith

John W. Ziegler, Jr., by profession of faith

Keeping You Posted

The Church Attendance Campaign, followed for the 7 Sundays from Easter through Pentecost, seems to have been very successful. At this writing, the returned cards have not been studied carefully, but it seems that a group somewhere in the neighborhood of 150 folk were present on each of the 7 Sundays. This is fine. The Honor Roll and the Attendance certificates will be compiled shortly.

New sidewalk is being installed in front of the church plant during these summer months.

Notice the new coat-pocket Usher insignia being worn by our Senior and Junior Council men each Sunday.

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