



# The United Endeavor

## UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

EAST AVENUE & DILLON STREET  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21224

*February, 1975*

### OUR RETREAT

On the weekend of January 10, 11 and 12th, our Youth Group sponsored a retreat to Summit Lake Camp In Emmitsburg, Md., which is in the Catoctin Mountains. We left Friday night at 6:00 p.m. and when we arrived at the camp, supper was waiting for us. After supper we sang some songs and put on skits that were taken from the Bible. We had to act out these skits in modern times, and even though some were funny, all of them had a lot of meaning to them. After the program, we had a small surprise birthday party for Mr. Fred Long and Lori Stinchcomb, whose birthdays were the 10th. By the time we were done eating cake and drinking soda, it was time for us to go to our cabins. The girls had cabins 1 and 2, and the boys had cabin 11. They were very nice.

On Saturday morning, after breakfast, we had a worship service. We also had one on Saturday evening, and one Sunday morning. Each service was prepared by a different group of youth.

It rained Saturday morning, but that still didn't stop us! We took hikes and silk screened shirts. By lunch time it was sunny but still muddy outside. After lunch the boys got up a game of tackle football and when the game was over, you could hardly tell who was who because everyone of them was covered with mud from head to toe. We also went boating in the lake which was fun too.

Sunday was another day of adventure, although we didn't have much time to do many things. We ate breakfast, packed our clothes, cleaned the cabins,

played football again, and took our last hike.

The owners of Summit Lake were really nice and the food was great! I think the whole Youth Group enjoyed every minute of the trip from start to finish. I know I did!

Lynn Stinchcomb

### CHURCH YEAR - FIRST HALF

We began the Church Year with Advent. That was a period of preparation for Christmas. Then there was the 12 days of Christmas- the Christmas Season. We are now in Epiphany which began on January 6 and continues through March 11, 1975. Epiphany is a word meaning "manifestation." Jesus was born to the Jews. When the wise men who followed the star adored Jesus, this is interpreted to mean that in that act Jesus was manifested or shown to the Gentiles - to us.

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### ASSOCIATION AND CONFERENCE

Annual meetings for both the Association and Conference are being set. Delegates need to be named shortly. June is the month for Conference. Association annual meeting has not been set. There are guidelines for the number of delegates to each.

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### HOST TO WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

United Evangelical United Church of Christ will be host to World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7. The service will be held in the evening. Christians throughout the world will unite in Prayer. You are encouraged to participate in this worship. Join your fellow Christians in prayer.

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Timber Ridge U.C.C. Parsonage  
Rt. 1, Gore, Va. 22637  
Monday, January 13, 1975

Dear Friends of United:

In the midst of our unpacking and getting our new home in shape, our thoughts go back to the many friends and good people of United congregation, and we reflect upon the countless kindnesses shown us in our final days in Baltimore. Our memories are still vivid in relation to the great numbers of you folk who remembered us with special cards, gifts and tokens of thoughtfulness in inviting us into your homes for a farewell meal. We cannot possibly thank each of you individually, so we wish to express our deep appreciation through the avenue of this letter to you all.

The farewell service and reception on our final day as your parsonage family was an outpouring of affection which truly touched us deeply. To the church which provided the farewell reception we express heartfelt thanks. The occasion was tastefully arranged and the entire menu was exquisite. Further, to the many individuals who joined together in the provision of the 'purse' presented us, as well as the thoughtful checks from the organizations - to all of you, individuals and groups, we say 'thank you' so very sincerely.

Our home here is truly to our liking. The setting is superb. No matter what window one looks out of one can see beautiful mountains. This will truly be a wonderful situation for our semi-retirement. Yesterday, on the first Sunday here, we were made to feel right at home and the little church was well filled with children, youth and adults. We know we shall enjoy our work here too.

And now, in gratefulness we bid you adieu.

Gratefully,

The Rasches

#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-SHARE

##### OUR SUBSTANCE

The OGHS-SOS all church offering will be made on March 9. Plan now to make this offering. BDW

#### THE HYMNAL

The Hymnal which we use in our worship is the Hymnal of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and was copyrighted in 1941 making it 34 years old. The Hymnal also contain the following - Orders of Worship: (1) The Morning Service, beginning on page 3 (2) The Evening Service, beginning on page 10 (3) The Preparatory Service beginning on page 14 (4) The Order for Holy Communion, beginning on page 21 and (5) An Alternate Order for Holy Communion, beginning on page 32. After the hymns there are Responsive prayers, Responsive readings and various indexes. The Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church in 1957 to become the United Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ has had no hymnal published as a denomination until very recently. In a future issue there will be a feature on the hymnal of the United Church of Christ.

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#### OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our Sunday worship presently is the Morning Service beginning on page 3 of The Hymnal of The Evangelical and Reformed Church. It is the Hymnal found in the pew.

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I'm God's child  
to have and to hold.  
I have needs and feelings,  
they shall be fulfilled.  
I have expectations,  
they shall be brought forth.  
I need love from the Son,  
who has always loved me.  
In turn I shall remember his  
Holy Name.  
To be a Christian means what I  
want to be.

Julie Wareheim

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Lancaster Theological Seminary of the United Church of Christ, Lancaster, Pa., is celebrating 150 years of service. On Feb. 3 - 5 a historical symposium-colloquy The "Mercersburg Theology its contribution to Christianity in the United States" is part of the celebration.

It is planned that you will be informed of events in which you may participate in celebration.

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## LENT

The word Lent comes from the Old English "Lencten" which means the Spring season.

In the Christian calendar Lent is the period of preparation from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday for the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and as a time of penitence.

There are forty days in Lent excluding Sundays.

Forty days is the number of days of the flood; the years of the Israelites wandering; of the days of the fast of Elijah; of Moses on Sinai and of Jesus in the wilderness.

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## WHAT ABOUT FASTING?

Is there a place for fasting in the observance of Lent?

Fasting is a form of discipline. In the Old Testament fasting was a part of Hebrew religion. It remains so today. Remember Elijah. Then too Jesus fasted forty days for a more effectual prayer and contemplative life. The body was put into a kind of dormant state and all energy was concentrated in the mind.

Certain Christians fasted as part of their Lenten observance.

If there was any time in the history of civilization and Christianity when man needs to curb his desire of food and other material things that time is now.

Those who practice fasting must guard against legalism. Fasting is not an end in itself. It is to help us in our devotional and prayer life.

Those who wish to practice fasting should do so.

I am encouraging all Christians to practice fasting. Discipline is ended in Christianity. The growth of oriental religions and the occult shows the desire for the meditative and contemplative life which goes with them.

Christianity rises out of Judaism which in turn rose from Eastern religions. Fasting was an ingredient, Jesus did not throw out this facet of the Hebrew religious life. Begin your fasting with denying yourself a reasonable amount of food. Don't start on a crash program.

For more than 25 years I have given up desserts and smoking as part of my self denial.

Begin to add a disciplinary dimension to your life in Lent.

It doesn't have to be a dismal experience. Make it a positive pro-

ductive experience.

Self denial is an added dimension for spiritual growth rather than exercise in mortification.

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## BANKETT DEGREE RECITAL

Mr. John Bankett, our organist and choir director, will be in degree recital for a Master's degree in organ performance on Sunday, February 16, at 4 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church, Eutaw and Madison Sts. You are invited.

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## FEBRUARY 2

For those of German descent Feb. 2 is Ground Hog Day. If the Groundhog sees his shadow on that day he will reenter his burrow and remain there for six additional weeks. That means 6 more weeks of winter. So goes the myth.

But February 2 is also Candemas Day. It is a mini \*ephiphany. The Biblical background is Luke 2: 22-40.

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## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

40% of the adult population went to church in a typical week in 1974 which was the same level for 3 previous years.

By faith the percentages were:

37% Protestant; 55% Catholic;

16% Jewish.

The percentages for the ages 18-30 were: 13% Protestant; 41% Catholic.

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## CONFIRMATION II

Periodically members of Confirmation II will receive printed announcements and assignments. Parents should read these announcements and while the parents should not do the assignment for the Confirmand, they should be supportive of the confirmands needs.

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## THE PSALM IN WORSHIP

Presently we are reading a portion of a Psalm responsively after the Trinitarian Ascription or Solemn Declaration. The Bible in the pews make this possible. The Psalms take us back to the Old Testament. Jesus used Psalms in his worship. The Psalm for the Sunday is one used by most Christians throughout the world. In worship where the Psalm is not read as we do, it is part of the Introit, which means entrance and the Introit is sung or said after the clergy enters the chancel.

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### CONSISTORIAL BANQUET

Seven persons and the Interim and Associate pastors attended the annual Consistorial banquet held at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, Catonsville, on Sunday, January 26. 179 persons were in attendance representing seventeen churches.

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### YOUTH MAGAZINE

The "official" magazine of our denomination for youth is called YOUTH. It is published monthly. Participating denominations are the United Church of Christ, The Episcopal Church, The United Presbyterian Church in the USA., The American Lutheran Church, The Moravian Church, The Lutheran Church in America, The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., The American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Subscription rates, single, \$5/year. Group rates, three or more to one address, \$4/year each.

The wide acceptance by the many denominations attests to its popularity.

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### INSTALLATION OF REV. SCHNEIDER

On Sunday, February 9, at 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Edward Schneider will be installed as Pastor of Zion United Church of Christ, Golden Ring Road. You are invited to give Christian witness to this event.

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### WORLD HUNGER

Much is being said about World Hunger.

We are reading a lot about World Hunger.

We are seeing many pictures about World Hunger.

Talking, reading, seeing about world hunger does not give aid to the hungry.

What can you do to help the world hunger problem?

You can contribute to campaigns to aid these people in need.

More close to home is the fact that you can practice stewardship in the use of food.

Perhaps you can eat less.

We can all cut down in our waste of food. Eat left overs.

Jesus Christ taught us that any person in need is our neighbor.

Christians care about others. Remember The Golden Rule.

Let us practice what we preach.

Of course offer a prayer of Thanks giving for the food that you do have.

Sing the Doxology at your meals.

There is a Youth group in our association that is going to observe a period of fasting. There will be sponsors for those who participate. The proceed will go help world hunger.

The United Church of Christ has strongly encouraged its members to participate in programs to alleviate world hunger.

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### TENTH GENERAL SYNOD

The Tenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ will meet in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 27-July 1. You may attend as a guest.

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### CHURCH RECORDS

#### Funerals

Charles Harry Clapin, 60, died 1/7/75, buried, 1/10/75.

Anna F. Duvall, 81, died 1/7/75, buried, 1/11/75.

Florence Schader, 84, died 1/15/75 buried, 1/18/75.

Mildred Nelson, 61, died 1/11/75 buried, 1/14/75.

Katherine Deares, 75, died 1/20/75 buried, 1/23/75.

### ASHES IN ASH WEDNESDAY

The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday. The days gets its name from the act of putting ashes on the forehead of the worshipper.

Read Job 2:9; 13:12; 30:19:42:6; Psalm 102:9; 147:16; Isaiah 44:20; Jeremiah 6:26; Lamentations 3:16; Daniel 9:3; Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13.

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Each Sunday — 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

(7:45 a.m. each Communion Sunday)

Church School — 9:00 a.m.