



# The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224

## OUR NEW EMBLEM

As of this issue we have incorporated the new emblem of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, into the masthead of our church paper. Thus we will always be reminded that United Evangelical Church is not a church unto itself, but is a part of a wonderful fellowship of United Churches of Christ across this nation. From our denomination we receive wonderful blessings and to it we have definite responsibilities in terms of augmenting programs by our interest and participation and by sending in the gifts from our church treasury to the "Our Christian World Mission" in a regular manner; that the many-faceted impact of our national church may be made; that a sufficient witness of our United Church of Christ may be forthcoming in a day when there is such need for direction of the life of our nation and a world as can be given and demonstrated by the Christian Church.

This emblem, adopted in October 1964 by the Executive Council, is based on the ancient Christian symbol known as the Cross of Victory or the Cross Triumphant. In its original colors the cross is white on a blue background with a red crown and white lettering. Traditionally this symbol of the cross with a crown on top and all standing upon an orb signifies the kingship of the Risen Christ over all the world. The orb is divided into three parts to signify the command of our Lord to His disciples, "Ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the world." Also, the text is significant to our denomination, known as a uniting church.

## OUR CHOICES

This morning I happened to listen to a portion of the "Today" show on television. Featured were Bobby Richardson of baseball fame and the Rev. Bob Richards, the pole-vaulting minister and TV personality. They and Jack Lescoulie were converging about the Christian Athletes organization - a gathering of athletes of high school age and upward into an organization which proclaims the validity of the Christian point of view in everyday life, in athletic contests, in all of life. During the conversation Bobby Richardson said that living his life as one completely dedicated to Christ was of first importance to him, even before his baseball career. This viewpoint could certainly be shared by the many, many well-known athletes in all sports who are members of the Christian Athletes as well as by the scores of high school youth who have become a part of this fine and outstanding group. We have at least one young man in our fellowship who is a Christian Athlete. Each have made the choice to follow the Lord Jesus as the chief purpose of their lives and to be emissaries of the Lord to others in their time.

Life brings to each of us this same choice. Who are we to follow? We are not forced to follow the Lord Christ. We have the freedom of choice. But the Christian faith, to which we adhere, suggests we do more than merely be a Christian in name, but that our choice be to ardently dedicate our lives unto God.

If we make this right choice, we need not make many others. Jesus made just one. He decided to do the Father's will and that one choice determined all His life's de-

cisions.

We now stand at the threshold of another period of intense activity in school, work, community and church. The summer lull is about ended. It is a time of decision. Who or what in life will you put first? Life can be made much easier by making full commitments. A half-way decision can tear our lives asunder. To want to serve both good and evil results in tensions, where as if our whole personality says, "Yes" to the Lord, we can move forward and be at peace.

Whoever you may be who reads these words, think about this. Talk about it in your family circle. Act ually, how dedicated are you? How far have you gone in this matter of dedication? Perhaps not far enough. If so, then go all the way. Say "Yes" to the Lord. Be completely His. Cast your whole life to Him and you will find a new sense of worthwhileness come unto you, a new sense of purpose in living. Then, a regularity at church, a joy in giving, a passion for witnessing will be but tokens of this inner dedication, of this choice you've made.



## SEPTEMBER SUNDAYS BRING RETURN TO FULLER LITURGY

As September comes and choir returns, specifically on Sunday, Sept 19, we will change to a formal liturgy. Early service on the 5th is at 7:45 instead of the regular 8 am hour because we will be having Communion at both services. Also, the Pastor resumes the sermons on the Epistle for each Sunday. Many of us have been at shores most of the summer, and September is the tradition

al month of "beginnings again" in school, at our jobs, and in the community. Your church also intensifies its schedule with September and urges all our folk to reassert their faithfulness to the cause of the Lord represented by our beloved United Evangelical Church by their constant presence at the services of worship and by a full participation in the total work of the church.



## CHICKEN SUPPER WED., SEPT. 1

The Ladies Aid is completing plans for this wonderful meal on Wednesday, Sept. 1. You will have opportunity to come and eat from 12 noon onward through 7:00 p.m. The tickets are at \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children 12 and under. Sometimes folk say to me, "I heard you had a supper at your church. If I'd known about it, I would have been there." To you of the congregation, we suggest you inform your neighbors about this event, so that none are disappointed by lack of knowledge. And - come yourself, and bring your family.



## CHURCH - TIME NURSERY BEGUN

Under the leadership of a group of our women, assisted by Girl's Guild members, a Nursery in the Nursery Room of the Church School Bldg is in operation during the 10:15 am service each Sunday. Although we do not prohibit the presence of little children in the services, mothers and dad's might desire to use this facility. It is only for pre-school children. Older children should go to church with parents. Children are to be taken to the Nur



sery(3rd floor of the Church School Bldg,with entrance off East Ave)and pick them up there after services.

Folk of the church who would offer to assist in this endeavor are requested to call Gloria Single at 866-2159.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BE ORGANIZED

As announced in June, the Confirmation Class will be organized and begin sessions on Thursday, Sept. 16th at 7:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall, with entrance off Dillon St. Youth who are 13 by Jan. 1, 1966 or who are beginning the 8th grade this Sept. are eligible for membership in the class, to be confirmed on the Palm Sunday of 1966. Parents are requested to pre-register the son or daughter early with the church office (BR 6-0393) so that study materials may be secured and prepared by organization time. Confirmation will be each Thursday at 7:30 to 9 p.m., and each member of the class is requested to also be a member of the Youth Choir, which rehearses at 6:30 on Thursdays and which choir sings the 8 a.m. service each Sunday. This choir experience is part and parcel of the over-all Confirmation experience.

## DON'T FORGET THE TREASURY

Summer time is proverbially a difficult time for church treasurers, for on the one hand the business of operating the church demand withdrawals upon the treasury for salaries and other necessary expenses, whereas on the other hand there is a tendency on the part of some members to forsake bringing or sending in their offering envelopes during this same period, and the balance falls to a low ebb. Thus it is important that all offerings for

the summer, all envelopes for the summer months, be filled and given into the care of the church.

Especially is this important now, for there are extraordinary expenses incurred in connection with our remodeling which must be coming from the general treasury, which puts a slow drain on our funds.

So, may we sincerely request you to not only bring the offerings up to date but that you be generous, following the plan of definite percentage giving which has been the suggested plan for our stewardship. The 3% or 5% or larger percentage of your income which you devote to the things of the Lord is a token of your constant thanksgiving unto God for all His blessings.

## REFLECTIONS

A number of important events occurred since the last issue, and we need to reflect upon these - -

### Central Atlantic Conference

This judicatory of the United Church of Christ is the one in which we hold membership. The annual meeting in June was attended by Mrs. Mae Getz and Mrs. Alberta Bauersfeld, our official delegates. The chief action at this meeting was the selection of clergyman who will become full-time Minister of our area (the Balt-Wash. area) He is the Rev. Warren Hilfiker and will be having offices in Catonsville.

### Our Vacation Bible School

As has been reported, this school was the most successful Bible school in recent years. Held the 2 weeks after school dismissal, our total enrollment exceeded 100 and there was a high regularity of attendance thru out the school. And offering of \$65 was received during the school for the American Leprosy Mission. The pastor expresses deep appreciation to all the staff who were the ones responsible for this fine school.

### General Synod Meets in Chicago

The highest body of our denomination - the biennial General Synod, attended by more than 700 delegates from our more than 7000 churches - convened in Chicago in early July and sat in session the greater part of a week. The officers of our large denomination were reelected for another four years. Much of the discussion and action of this meeting of General Synod was in relation to making the program of the church at large, and of member churches, relevant to the great issues of our society today, interpreted from a religious and Christian point of view.



Thus such items as urban life, poverty, Vietnam, discrimination, were discussed from the aspect of how the church can make its impress up on the solutions of these grave problems. As time passes these discussions and actions will be translated into specific programs and plans which will then be sent into the local church such as ours for amplification in action. The General Synod adopted an annual budget in excess of 11 million dollars.

#### Annual Church Picnic

Slowly the folk of our church are grasping the fact that what was once a Sunday School picnic is now an occasion for fellowship for all folk of the church as well as neighbors and friends. Our picnic on a Sat. in mid-July brought an attendance of nearly 500, and saw many, many family groups present for this happy occasion. Games and races for the younger ones, a baseball game between the Jr. and Sen. Council, and a period of informal singing made the day complete, as well as the swimming in the bay and the wonderful breezes off the water. So you bashful ones, you missed a good time. Remember, when any of our all-church fellowship events are announced, be sure to come.

### **CHURCH RECORDS**

#### Baptisms:

Stephen Michael, son of Clayton and Janet Lee Myers on June 27.

Mary Ann, daughter of David and Alice Pyles on July 4

Cindy Marie, daughter of George and Frances Bettman on July 11

Robert Darrin, son of Calvin and Lillian Brundick on July 18

Jacqueline Kathleen, daughter of Wm. and Caroline Haberkam on July 23

Richard Edward, son of Thomas and Christine Davis on on July 25

Brenda Gay, daughter of Donald and Gertrude Boothe on July 25.

#### Weddings:

William J. Goldburn and Beverly Ann Otto on May 29

Everett K. Barton, Jr. and Mary Ann Clary on May 29

Patrick J. Collins and Catherine Myers on June 5

William A. Rodgers and Elizabeth Hennigan on June 5

George S. Sahlbon and Dorothy Elliott on June 5

James J. Maranto and Josephine Spencer on June 12

Richard L. Leikam and Martha Ladany on June 12

Leroy A. Jefferson and Barbara North on June 12

Richard Bathurst and Frances Watts on June 25

Salvatore Tropea and Marlene Grist on June 26

Frederic L. Forte and Bonnie Ann Bauersfeld on July 10

Jerry W. Wisner and Diane King on July 10

John K. Boyd and Mary Carrick on July 17

Robert D. Allen and Linda Neal on July 18

#### Funerals:

Miss Julianna Altwater, member, age 78, on June 2.

Thomas Clements, age 68, on June 9

George E. Kurtz, age 82, on June 10

Frederick Schubert, 54, on June 11

John Walter, age 57, on June 14

Mrs. Bertha Knapp, age 71, on June 22

Arthur Warren, age 55, on June 23

Mrs. Elizabeth Regulski, member, age 76, on June 24

Mrs. Marie Borchardt, member, age 69, on June 24

Eugene Yeager, age 47, on June 25

Mrs. Irene Updegraff, 77, on July 2

Mrs. Anna Wolf, age 95, on July 9

Harry Bergund, member, age 83, on July 10

Walter Davis, age 74, on July 10

Miss Anna Mangels, age 79, on July 13.

Mrs. June Malone, 57, on July 13

Mrs. Mary Riegel, age 82, on July 20

Henry H. Feldman, member, age 92, on July 23

Mrs. Sarah Witzke, member, age 76 on July 30

#### New Members:

Mrs. Helen Meyers, by Restatement of Faith.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Mills by First Profession of Faith.

Mrs. Gloria P. Single by Restatement of Faith.

Mrs. Emily K. Single by First Profession of Faith.

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