



# The United Endeavor

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church at its best. Yes, the church as the exponent of 'the Christian way' is still needed today.

And the church will be needed to morrow. By 'tomorrow' we mean all that is beyond today. How long the tomorrows will last we know not, till the Lord returns. But in all this time His Church will ever be required to continually translate the gospel of salvation for every day of those tomorrows. It is in the Christ working through His Church by means of the Holy Spirit that men will either come to the way of salvation or will reject it. The place of the church is to be the preparation grounds for the coming of the Kingdom, and of the Church our Lord has high hopes. Tho the Church is far from perfect it is still the vehicle by which the Christ would operate. We here, moving beyond a 95th birthday, must permit our church, our congregation to be thus used. This is the destiny of our church if it is to continue to be of service of God and man. It will be used. May our prayer be that our congregation may be amenable to be used by God greatly in the every new day.

## THE CHURCH MUST BE USED



We have celebrated our 95th birthday here at United Church. Tho the actual time of observance has past, we ought not let its influence dim, for an anniversary is always a point from which we can look back and look ahead.

This church was originally founded because it was needed here in this community. Folk with a faith desired a place where they could gather together to express that faith. They needed a church in their day, for themselves and their children. Christ was real for them.

The church was a vital part of the life of this community and its people. Thus with joy we celebrated this birthday. Thanks are here given to all, the committees, the choirs, the staff, the special speakers, who made our anniversary the meaningful event it was.

This church is needed today. This need has not diminished, though the response on the part of some of the folk of our generation has. It is not the mission of the church which has changed, it is not the need of human souls which has changed (we are still sinful people as were our forbears) It is that perchance we have made too many compromises with the non-Christian influences in our lives today. We have but to look about in our lives today to discover that the need of the world is still the Christ, as expressed in the



## HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCT. 6

This is World-Wide Communion Sunday and brings the Sacrament in the 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. services. This is the Fall Sunday on which most protestant groups observe the blessed Sacrament. Christians the world over, in their time zones, come to

the altar of their church to receive the forgiveness of sins thru the partaking of the bread and wine in a state of repentance. Won't you also join these millions and come to your church this day.

## **LAITY SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCT. 13**

"The Local Church in God's Mission" is the theme of our Laity Sunday, as it is the theme of the 2 yr emphasis of our denomination, as explained in Pastor Weisser's article. Laity Sunday will bring the participation of representatives of each of our groups (10:15 service only) and the message by Pastor Weisser.

## **BIBLE SUNDAY OCT. 20**

With this copy of 'The Endeavor' you receive a family Bible reading chart, which is to be used daily in your family from Oct. 20 through Thanksgiving. This is again a world wide event which your family is encouraged to join. We will think together on Bible Sunday of the 'good book,' the guide of life and faith.

## **REFORMATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCT. 27**

Annually we give attention to our Protestant Church, a wonderful gift of God through Christ to our world, a Bible-based faith which not only is Christian but brings the Christ to us in a most convincing and convicting way as our only hope and guide to salvation. Be with us this Sunday as we center our attention on the revelation of God's Will to us through our glorious Protestant faith.



## **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST fall offering for homeland needs**

The 'Neighbors in Need' offering this year carries the special title

'Neighbors in Crisis.' It is to be received in all our United Churches of Christ, and is truly an opportunity for each of our families to do something about the many critical situations in our world today. So often we exclaim, "There is so much trouble in the world, and I feel so helpless to do anything." You are not helpless. Through your church and Protestantism in general you can by your gift in the enclosed envelope, meet some of the human needs before us in our world.

Our denomination is at work in the crisis areas, in urban and rural situations, not only providing relief work but also workers to assist in the meeting of crisis problems: needed housing, job training, provision of low-cost food in needy areas, provision of better educational standards in schools of nation. Further, on a world level your church is supplying food to be flown in to Biafra by night; work with children in many areas across a world; physical help to farmers who have no tools, no livestock, etc. because of ravages of war.

You are a part of this. Please don't disregard the special envelope enclosed. We are setting aside the first two Sundays in October as the days these special gifts are to be brought to the church. As this is a family envelope, please let its contents reflect the offering of your entire family.

## **FALL RETREAT, OCT. 18, 19**



Many churches hold planning conferences in the fall, looking ahead at the new year of local church activity, seeking to coordinate the work of various organizations and groups, in order to reach specific goals as a church. This can be important. But United Church has decided to have a fall conference this year that goes a bit deeper than this.

We are gathering together a group of our people for an October Retreat to consider the question, "What does the Bible say about our Churchmanship?" We won't cover that entire subject, but we do expect to open it up in a meaningful manner. The Church Council and the

pastors believe that our U C C denomination is on the right track in emphasizing 'The Local Church in God's Mission' at the present time. And we believe that our own church should look at itself as to how well we are fulfilling what God and Christ would have us do. Our church is now 95 yrs. old, yet that need not mean that we are antiquated or grown stale. We do, however, live in difficult times, changing times, challenging times. It could even be called a 'frustrating, exasperating nerve-wracking time.' Such days call for churches to open themselves for renewal of their capacity to meet the challenges and serve God properly. It has been said that 'the strange thing about the church is not that it grows old, but that it seems to have discovered the secret of being born again.'

It is for the purpose of letting God speak to us through His word as to how a process of renewal could begin in our congregation, that we are first gathering this fairly small group of thirty or so people for the Retreat at the Church World Service Center at New Windsor, Md. on Friday evening and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19. We begin with the evening meal at 6:30 p.m. Friday and continue with informal group Bible study, devotions, brief talks and a film presentation, ending at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Overnight accommodations will be provided at the Center. Groups to be represented by two or more people include the Church Council, Young Women's Guild, Ladies Aid, Men's Group, Youth, Church School, Junior Council, Sewing group, Choir and Congregation at large. Pastor Weissner.



## **CANTON CHRISTIAN COUNCIL A YR. OLD**

It was on Sept. 24, 1967 that we dedicated the Canton Christian Center at Potomac and O'Donnell. Through this year of activity this cooperative work of the five Protestant Churches, the Canton Christian Council, has made considerable headway in the beginning of many activities which have been and are of great purpose and service to the folk of our community - Protestants, Roman Catholics and folk of other faiths.

Following are ten worthwhile activities which are either now in pro-

gress or have been, in the past. Some of these are new activities or cooperation, others have been ongoing but are now under the umbrella of the Canton Christian Council.

1. Pre-Kindergarten School, for 4,5 yr. olds, operating 2 days per week.
2. Camping periods. We served 60 of the youth of our community at two camp periods.
3. Vesper services. 2 were held during summer, more planned.
4. Teen-nites. 2 centers to be opened through winter-spring.
5. Senior Citizens. Group of 45 active at Canton Center each Tuesday.
6. Vacation Bible School. About 200 participated in the school.
7. Food Depot. Food supply always on hand for needs of community.
8. Clothing Depot. Used clothing available for needy.
9. Ecumenical services. Services between Protestant and Roman Catholics planned several times during year.
10. Scouting program. Scouting groups for boys and girls in operation through year.

A big need of our Council, however, is to feel that it is recognized and backed by the folk of our churches. We need the interest and concern of all our congregations and ask you to become, not only aware of the Council's existence, but concerned of its welfare and willing to participate personally in its growing program.

## **SOUR BEEF AND OYSTER SUPPER**

**OCTOBER 22-23**

**PRICE \$2.00**

**CHILDREN TICKETS AT DOOR**

**NOON LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY**

**SERVING - 5:00 - 7:30 P.M.**

**BAZAAR TABLES IN**

**AUDITORIUM**



## DATES AND NOTES

### Fall Meeting of Chesapeake Assoc.

This is an official meeting of our church in this area, and should be attended by representatives of each of our organizations. Meeting place will be St. Matthew's Church. And the time will be afternoon and early evening, Sunday, Oct. 20.

Women's Guild Bus Trip, Sat. Oct. 5 with departure, 10 a. m. We will visit our Homewood Home for the Aged, the Pearson Unit and then have dinner out.

Ladies Aid Bus Trip, Wed., Oct. 16 Going to Rod and Reel Club for the noon meal, departure in the morning Men's Club. The Men's Club has been reactivated, under new management. Meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the church. This is for all men of the church 18 yrs old and older. A fine group.

Teen Nites begin. The Teen Nites will begin on Friday, Oct. 11th at 7:30 p.m. This year we are limiting the admissions to those between the ages of 12-15, none older, none younger. A similar Teen night will be held each Sat night for same age group at Messiah Church.

### Mission Emphasis in Church School

Beginning this fall the Church Sch. departments will feature an emphasis on the mission program of the church for one Sunday each quarter. A series of filmstrips have been secured, and a schedule for showing in each department is being set up by our Visual Education department.

New series of pamphlets in Rack. A new pamphlet per month will now be available in our pamphlet rack in the Narthex of the church. Be sure to keep up with these. They are for all the church folk, and are free for the taking.

Servicemen and Student's Names. Enclosed please find a questionnaire on those of our youth who are in the service of the country or enrolled in college or university. We want to keep in touch with our special youth in these categories and ask your assistance. We will seek to get some special mailings off to them. So, may we have your cooperation. Even though you feel the church office has the address of your youth away in service or in college, please send it in again, that our records may be complete. Even if your youth is attending a school in the Balto. area, may we have the name and address. It will be turned over to our Servicemen-Student secretary. Thank you for this help.

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptisms

Ruth Ellen, daughter of William and Rose Carrigan, on Aug. 25

Karen Lynn, daughter of Leo and Sharon Johnson, on Sept. 8

Lois Eileen, daughter of James and Lois Uttenreither, on Sept. 8

Alfred Raymond, Jr. son of Alfred and Lucille Hasset, on Sept. 15

Denise Jane, daughter of William and Bernice Hodges, on Sept. 15

Danielle Valeria, daughter of Danial and Valeria Ellis, Sept. 15

### Weddings

William Hopkins and Linda Borst, on Aug. 25

Robert Clark and Nancy Botzum, on Aug. 29

Wallace Levie and Margaret Hathaway on Sept. 5

Ronald Grieb and Debra Kauzla on Sept. 8

William Baublitz and Sandra Six on Sept. 21

Gordon Hock and Cheryl Riley, on Sept. 21

### Funerals

Mrs. Anna Marie Bosz, age 66 on August 31

Mrs. Ella Orzech, member, age 68 on Aug. 31

Charles Mack, age 56, on Sept. 18

Edward Peters, age 58, on Sept. 25

William Pitt, Sr. age 72, Sept. 27



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