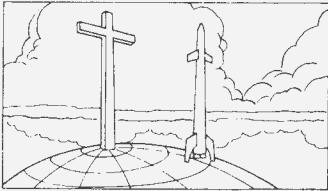




# The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224

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"We live today in a world of tremendous upheavals. Instead of being fearful, Christians ought to face these conditions hopefully and bravely."  
— from an editorial by Dr. Wilson G. Weldon, editor, in the July-August, 1968 issue of The Upper Room.

## CAN WE PREVENT IT?

In my reading I came across this provocative prognosis of history. It is not new, it has appeared in many forms, and perchance you are acquainted with it. Its seeming prophecy of future history causes us to stop and think. Read it carefully.

"The average age of the world's civilizations has been 200 years. All nations have progressed through this sequence:

From Bondage to Spiritual Faith  
From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage  
From Courage to Liberty  
From Liberty to Abundance  
From Abundance to Selfishness  
From Selfishness to Complacency  
From Complacency to Apathy  
From Apathy to Dependency  
From Dependency back again to Bondage

In just 7 years our United States will be exactly 200 years old."

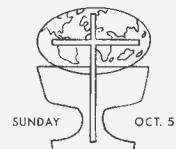
Can we prevent this? I am of the opinion we can. I have never believed in the unalterable march of cycles. If I did I could not at the same time believe in the ability of man, by God's grace, and through the efforts of the Holy Spirit, to

change situations. I would then have to believe that human nature never changes. And this I do not believe.

If I believed in the above I could not believe in Christianity. I could not believe in Christ, for then His Suffering and Death would have been to no avail. For the Christian faith has not to do only with spiritual peace, with inward peace. It is also to find expression in the 'more abundance' of man's outward life.

To prevent this means we shall have to find the solution to the grave problems of which bondage is born - poverty; a militaristic system; an imbalance between the various peoples of the earth on the basis of color, race and national origin; population explosions. Our Christian faith, if really put into practice, can thwart the demons of bondage which would engulf us. But the answer is to conquer apathy and dependence and to strike out in new Christian freedom, freedom which expresses itself in alertness, awareness, and assumption of the battles for the emergence and continuation of freedom for all God's people.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION



## COMMUNION — OCT. 5

Though on our regular Communion Sunday, this communion each October takes on special significance, for it is designated throughout Protestantism as World-Wide Communion. Many denominations and churches pre

pare for this occasion with a special home visitation on each home of the parish by folk of the congregation, extending personally the invitation to have a 100% attendance of members at this Communion.

In Sept. we held our Back to Church Sunday and suggested an all-out attendance at the Sacrament that day. Many, however, were still absent at cottages and week-end spots. Thus, the invitation is extended to make this 1st Sunday in October a 'must' for your presence in God's House, either at the 7:45 or 10:15 a.m. services. Let us be present at the 'table' of the Lord.

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING — OCT. 5

There is crisis in our nation in these days and a challenge to the Christian Church and its people is to band together to build programs to whip this crisis. We cannot leave it all to the federal and state governments, nor can these instrumentalities, in the final analysis, provide the answer. The answers are spiritual, are in the form of compassion. Program of compassion are being instituted by the church at large, of which our denomination is a part. These programs must have funds to operate and achieve their purpose. The 'Crisis in the Nation' program is a central once in our denomination and the 'Neighbors in Need' offering a vital part of it. Read carefully the enclosed brochure on this great subject and then bring your special offering to the Communion services on October 5th.



## PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

The two middle Sundays in October will be devoted to the great theme of preserving the great heritages which have been given us.

Sunday, October 12 is Columbus' Day and this day is a legal holiday in our state. On this day we shall

dwell upon the heritage of our citizenship as Americans.

Sunday, October 19 is United Nations Sunday, the beginning of United Nations Week. Here too is a heritage in which we have a big stake. Approaching the 25th year since the signing of the Charter of the U.N. in San Francisco in 1945, the United States has ever been in the forefront giving the U.N. the importance it should have in world affairs. It is worthy to not only keep but to improve upon as the organ of world unification.



## A VERY SPECIAL DAY — SUNDAY, OCT. 26

Features of the day:

1. Visiting lay speaker (morning services)
2. Noon meal at the church
3. Visiting speaker (afternoon)
4. Talk sessions for all (small groups)
5. Final worship (mid-afternoon)

Laity Sunday this year will be different. The success of it will depend very much on all of our members. So we ask you to put this day on your calendar in red letters. The Church Council, through its Spiritual Committee and the Pastors announce these plans:

Mr. George Herold, a lay member of the First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Pa. (near Phil) will be our special guest speaker and guest resource person. He will speak briefly at both church services, supplementing a brief sermon by the Pastor. Mr. Herold will also speak in the afternoon as described later. He is a prominent layman of this Germantown Church, being Chairman of its Council on Ministries. His church has gone far in bringing new life into its midst by helping its lay people to enter into mean-

ingful Christian tasks in the church and community. We believe that he can inspire us all and give us helpful information.

But we do not want the day to stop with Mr. Herold's talks. All of you who read this have your own part to play. We are trying to make it appealing to all.

So here is your part:

1. Attend one of the morning services on October 26

2. Stay over or return for a box luncheon served in Friendship Hall.

3. Hear Mr. Herold speak again at 1 p.m. (children are welcome, but will have a special program of their own)

4. Join in a small Focus Group (10 or 15) led by one of our own members to talk together about "What Can Our Church People Do Today?"

a) about gaining more involvement fostering stewardship, visitation of members, evangelism, etc.

or

b) about making our church more of a learning community

or

c) about better life for our whole Canton Community (children, health, etc.)

or

d) about improved education for Baltimore City and County

or

e) about conditions of poor housing, undernourishment, lack of job opportunities and other handicaps of ghetto-dwellers

or

f) about world peace and world missions

5. Join in closing worship at approximately 3:15 p.m.

IT'S NEW

IT'S DIFFERENT

WE NEED YOU TO BE THERE  
FOR THE SAKE OF UNITED CHURCH  
AND ITS FUTURE IN COMING YRS.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

7:30 — 9:30

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN  
PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES  
ALL-CHURCH EVENT, FOR YOU  
FOOD - FUN - FELLOWSHIP.



## CHESAPEAKE ASSOC. MEETING OCT. 19.

This is the fall meeting of our Chesapeake Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of our United Church of Christ, and this yr. will be held at our Park Community Church, 3608 Mohawk Ave (this is out in the northwest section of the city.) Opportunity is afforded in these meetings to share in the knowledge and work of the larger church. Our church should be represented by folk from all our organizations. A catered meal will be served at the supper hour, so reservations must be received. Time - 3-7:30 p.m.

## SEWING CIRCLE TO RESUME

Our newest organization, the Sewing Circle, will resume activity on Tues., Oct. 7 and will meet each Tues. thereafter at 10 a.m. This group engages in preparing sewn materials for various hospitals, etc. in the city and elsewhere. It is for all women of the church, you are welcome.



## REMEMBER SHUT-INS

You are asked, month after month to remember our shut-ins by a call or note. The ones for this month, as we begin our alphabetical list - are -

Mrs. Charles Albers, 2714 Dillon  
Mrs. Catherine Bangert, 706 S. East Ave. (24)  
Mr. Tom Bassford, Sr. 5113 Pembroke Ave. (06)  
Miss Matilda Becker, 4526 O'Donnell St. (24)  
Mrs. Jane Belzner, 815 S. Potomac St. (24)  
Mrs. Herman Berends, 16 N. Poto-

mac St. (24)  
Mrs. Gustella Bergund, City  
Hospital, Bldg. D, 4940 Eastern  
Ave. (24)

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptisms

Ricky W. Beavers, foster-child of  
Mrs. Martha Hoffman, on Sept. 21  
Brian Craig, son of Edward and  
Catherine Ellick, on Sept. 21  
Robert Clifton, son of George and  
Patricia Mills, on Sept. 21

### Weddings

Hugh McGlynn and Madelyn Neely, on  
Aug. 29  
Glenn W. Pryor and Betty Savage,  
on Sept. 6  
Robert Cook and Rosalie Sampson,  
on Sept. 6  
Sylvester Czosnowski and Mary Ann  
Siejack, on Sept. 6  
John Darda and Marian Sehnke, on  
Sept. 20

### Funerals

Mrs. Bessie Gross, age 80, on  
Sept. 2  
George Wachter, age 76, on Sept. 12  
Miss Bertha Leimbach, member, age  
69, on Sept. 12  
Mrs. Margaret V. Kaiss, age 81  
on Sept. 21



## THIS N'THAT

Our Choirs - The choirs are a  
very important component part of  
the entire church life. We do need  
the services of more folk in all  
the choirs. Don't push this off  
lightly, but come, give of your tal-  
ents to the musical organizations.

Confirmation - The Confirmation  
class organized itself this year on  
Sept. 18 with 26 members.

Guild trips - a number of trips  
are scheduled for the women of the  
church, as -

Trip to Hagerstown Home for the  
Aged, on Oct. 11

Mystery Bus Trip, on Oct. 15

Tinsel Day - Advance announce-  
ment of this date, Sun, Dec. 14

Canton Christian Council - This  
cooperative grouping of our five  
Protestant Churches in the Canton  
area is now 2 yrs. old. Your pastor  
is chairman of this group, Mrs. May  
Getz the Sec'y and Paul Bauersfeld  
the Treasurer.

Youth groups having a fall be-  
ginning, with the High School meet-  
ing the 2nd Sun. and the Y. Adults  
on the 4th Sunday.

**SOUR BEEF AND  
OYSTER SUPPER  
TUESDAY, NOV. 4  
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5  
ADULTS — \$2.00  
CHILDREN — \$1.00  
(PAYABLE AT TABLE)  
LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY  
12:00 — 1:30 NOON  
EVENING SERVING BOTH NIGH  
5:00 TO 7:30 P.M.**

**COME — BRING  
GUESTS**



WORLD-WIDE DEVOTIONS

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