

United Evangelical Church



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What is the History of United Evangelical Church?

Back in 1873 when the streets of Canton were mud and clay, at East Avenue and Dillon Street there was a small schoolhouse which became the place for the founding of United Evangelical Church. Originally known as German United Evangelical Church of Canton, it later became affectionately known among the neighborhood people as "Batz's Church" after the pastorate of the Rev. William Batz. After extensive growth and development, the original buildings for worship, Christian education, social activities, and the pastor's home were replaced with the buildings as they now stand on that street corner. Yet those same concerns and caring for the people of Canton and Highlandtown extend from the past into the present and future as this church ministers in new ways to the people of this area of Baltimore. Using a representative form of local church government, ties to the larger church are by congregational decision and member participation or election.

What do the members believe?

As a Protestant church, in the fullest sense, this originally German-background congregation maintains and shares a rich heritage of faith. Building upon its Lutheran, Reformed, and Congregational traditions which now form the United Church of Christ, United Evangelical Church bears open witness to its loyalty to Jesus Christ as God's only true Son revealed to us by the Holy Spirit through The Holy Bible, the total history of the whole Church, and present-day experience of His living presence. Maintaining the two Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; the Rites of Confirmation, Christian Marriage, and Christian Burial are also celebrated. Looking forward toward the future with hope, we invite all Christians and potential Christians to visit with us and join us in our ministries of Christian worship. Christian education, social activities, and serving others in Christ's name. We

are committed to a life-style which makes relevant in our individual, family, and corporate lives the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

What are the future goals of United Evangelical Church?

By 1980 we will experience:

1. Telling the Good News through increased Bible-oriented ministry for all ages and interests and by increased involvement in our neighborhood.
2. Doing the Good News through greater caring for our older members and members needing special help and by increasing our benevolent giving for church-related projects.
3. Being the Good News by having at least 25% of the congregation in the 20-34 age group and through more effective communication among ourselves.
4. Celebrating the Good News in our worship services and outside celebrations.

What kinds of activities are available for everyone?

1. Children:
 - a. Infants, when baptised, are included on our Cradle Roll.
 - b. Church School every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
 - c. Canton Happening (Vacation Church School) in July.
 - d. Cherub Choir to be formed in September, 1977.
 - e. Youth Worship Service the last Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. (except July and August).
 - f. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Cubs, and Webelos meet weekly.
2. Youth:
 - a. Church School every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
 - b. Youth Group meets every other Sunday afternoon, 2 to 5 p.m., for fun and trips and prepares a musical show in July and August.
 - c. Youth Services Group and Choir meets on Tuesday evenings to prepare monthly youth worship services (senior highs only).

3. Young and Middle Adults:

- a. Young Adult Group for couples and singles ages 18-35, meets the third Sunday evening of each month for planned events, trips, and projects.
- b. Senior Choir meets weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (except during July and August).
- c. Women's Guild meets third Wednesday each month (except July and August) for planned events, trips, and projects.
- d. Men's Fellowship group is reorganizing for male-oriented activities.

4. Older Adults:

- a. Friendship Senior Citizen Group meets every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- b. A Sewing Group meets on Tuesday mornings (except July through September) to prepare materials for use at City Hospital and Rosewood State Hospital.
- c. Ladies' Aid Society meets for lunch on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) for planned activities and trips for women who prefer to meet during the day.
- d. Senior Choir also includes some older adults.

5. Families:

- a. All-Church Dinners are special events for the entire family.
- b. Special family gatherings and parties sponsored by the Church and Church School and held on special holidays.

How can a person or family become part of the mission and ministry of United Evangelical Church?

- 1. If you have no home church at present, come to visit and worship with us and learn how this church can minister to you and your family, and how you can become involved in our Christian ministry to others.

- a. Sunday worship services - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. (7:45 a.m. on Communion Sundays, first Sunday of each month).
- b. Sunday Church School - 9:00 a.m.

How can you help us help you?

1. If you are a widow or widower, we are developing a new group to expand our ministry of friendship and concern for those who lost their marriage partner through death. Come and join this group which meets for a covered-dish luncheon at noon on the Second Sunday of each month, except during July and August.
2. If you are a young adult couple or single, our newly revitalized Young Adult Group is where the action is beginning to happen. This group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month.
3. If your family wants to experiment with a new concept in Christian education for the whole family together, let us know your interest and we will include you and your family in our planning.
4. United Evangelical Church is a regular meeting place for neighborhood concern and interest groups. Personal, family, pre-marital, and marital counseling are provided by the Pastor, as well as referral to other services provided elsewhere.

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