

# The United Endeavor

## UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1973



### MORALITY IS NOT RELATIVE

Jimmy Hoffa, formerly the President of the Teamsters Union and recently on a TV program, when asked if he felt the Teamsters were a morally polluted Union, stated that in his estimation his Union was lily-white when compared with pollution generally, or words to that effect.

As, re. the Agnew case, how often has it been expressed that the action of Agnew was not unusual, that "everybody does it."

Is our sense of right and wrong to be based upon principles of the faith or upon a sliding scale of values, dependent upon what "everybody does." Is morality a relative thing?

We, as the inheritors of the Christian faith, and upon which basis our very life is to be geared, ought to always remember that there are no 'gray' areas between the white of righteousness & the black of unrighteousness. There are no areas in which something is more right than something else. Sin is sin, evil is evil, and wrong standards of practise can never be made right. Though gambling is now legalized through the Lottery still does not make it ethically right.

Of course, there are none of us who are 'lily white,' as the Word says. We are all sinners. We all need to constantly repent of the manners in which we have failed our Lord in our living.

But on the other hand we dare not permit ourselves to adopt the premise that our morality is a relative thing, that we can go the way of the crowd, because "everybody does it." The Christian faith makes us different from others in the expression of our morality. We seek to observe not only the Ten Commandments but these Commandments as augmented by the principles of our Christian faith.

It is time that our nation looks carefully at its morality and makes some mending tactics, for we are a Christian nation. It is also imperative that we, as Christian individuals, look at our own life and take mending action where and when necessary. Morality is not relative.



### NOVEMBER SUNDAYS

SUNDAY, Nov. 4TH

This is our Communion Sunday, with services at 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. The meditation on the communion theme will be included in each service. We have the responsibility as members

to be consistent in our attendance at the Holy Sacrament. Many of us forget this. Let us begin now that which should be our regular practise

#### SUNDAY, NOV. 11TH

The first of two Sundays given over to the theme "Time to Rejoice" The services at 8:00 and 10:15 each Sunday will be helpful to you. On this particular Sunday we will have a special offering for Hoffman Home, the envelopes being sent you with this mailing. Hoffman Home is our Home for Children near Littlestown, Pa., a Home of the United Church of Christ, to which we send our support

#### SUNDAY, NOV. 18TH

The second of our "Time to Rejoice" Sundays with services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. and the message on the theme by Pastor Rasche.

#### SUNDAY, NOV. 25TH

This is Totenfest Sunday, the last Sunday of the Christian Church Year with the theme of immortality expressed in both services & the service of Totenfest in the 10:30 a.m. service. This being the Sunday for the Youth Service at 9:20, our late service begins at 10:30. Special envelopes for your Totenfest Memorial gift are also included in this mailing.



### **THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE — 10 A.M.**

We observe the national day of Thanksgiving by giving praise and thanks unto God in a service at 10 a.m. If you are truly thankful you will be with us at this hour. Bring your family members with you.



### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

We express faithfulness not only by being in the House of God for the services of worship but by also being interested in the business affairs of our church. We give attention to these at the annual meeting on Friday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. in Friendship Hall. At this meeting we consider the 1974 budget and elect members to the Church Council.



### **A THRILLING TIME**

September is gone and with it the formal observance of our 100th Anniversary. The actual days are gone, the events of the month history, but the inspiration of this great event in the story of our church is still and ever-fresh. The impact of those services and events will bring forth beneficial response for many months to come.

To say "thank you" to all the members of the Anniversary Committee and the sub-committees plus the many who labored in choirs and kitchen and at altar is so easy. To express appreciation to you of the congregation who have so marvelously supported the anniversary funds through your contributions is not difficult. But to put into words the feeling of gratitude that I have personally and the sense of worthwhileness of every facet of the anniversary is more difficult. I, as a minister, have experienced many anniversaries in many churches but can honestly say this was the

smoothest and the least worrisome of all such experiences. And, it was also a marvellous expression of concern and loyalty through personal participation and giving.

The 100th year did not begin with September. It continues thru the remainder of 1973. May we, by our continued and lofty concern, make this entire year truly an outpouring of gratitude and joy unto our God for the gift and the responsibility to us of His church. May these days continue to be thrilling days, this time a thrilling time.

## A LETTER FROM OUR MAYOR

His Honor, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Mayor of Baltimore, attended the final Anniversary service. To the church came this letter concerning our anniversary, for which the Mayor had issued a special proclamation some weeks before:

Dear Reverend Rasche: I was so very pleased to attend the 100th Anniversary morning service at your church on Sept. 30. I was certainly impressed with the chancel drama, 'The Challenge of the Cross,' presented by the young people of the church. ....I just felt I wanted to be there, and it was a great spiritual happening that directed me to the Church. I also enjoyed meeting the members of the congregation after the church service, and viewing the growth of the Church over its many years of spiritual and community service. May I wish you and the congregation continuing success for service in the community. Kindest personal regards, W.Donald Schaefer



## ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Chesapeake Association of our Central Atlantic Conference will meet at St. John's Church, Rolling Rd. and Wilkens Ave. on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, beginning at 2 p.m. This is an important meeting of our Association. One of the important topics will be a presentation and decision relative to Cable TV. Also included will be the reception for the new Conference Minister, Rev. Sidney Lovett, Jr. You are invited.



## MEETINGS OF MONTH

Church Council, Tues. Nov. 6  
Ladies Aid, Wed. Nov. 7  
Church School Annual Dinner for all staff personnel, Tues. Nov. 13  
Men's Fellowship, Wed. Nov. 14  
Women's Guild Thanksgiving Dinner meeting, Tues., Nov. 20, 7 p.m.  
Youth Events, 1st and 3rd Sundays  
1st Sunday, meeting at church from 2 - 5 p.m.  
3rd Sunday Bowling party  
Sewing Group, each Tues. at 10  
Choir, each Thurs. at 7:30  
Confirmation  
1st yr. Sundays at 9 a.m.  
2nd yr. Thursdays at 7:30  
Scouts, each Monday and Tuesday at regular scheduled times.

## SEWING GROUP REPORT

Our Sewing group is a most active group, concerned with preparation of materials for hospitals and the Leprosy Mission, plus other outlets; is busy at work this fall and winter season and already reports the following materials prepared:

To City Hospitals: Baby sacks & gowns; baby bibs, utility bags, quilted lap robes, towel bibs, bed jackets, therapy balls, knitted scuffs.

To Leprosy Mission: shirts, knitted bandages, rolled bandages, dresses.

Why don't you join this group. You are welcome. Come and use your sewing skills for the help of other folk who need the things our women can prepare.



## A CHURCH PAPER CLIPPING

It's very strange that rain on Sunday  
Seems so much wetter than on Monday  
And on week day, pains that we ignore,  
On Sunday seem to hurt much more.  
'Till we decide to stay in bed  
When we should go to church instead

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptisms

Iris Lee, daughter of Walter and Marie Cymek, on Sept. 23

Kenneth Russell, son of Jack G. and Fay Luckhardt, on Oct. 14

Angela Maria, daughter of James and Deborah Pizzini, on Oct. 14

Terry Lee, daughter of Gerard G. and Darlene Smoot, on Oct. 14

Deanna Lynn, daughter of John F. and Patricia DeLoach, on Oct. 21

Christina Lynn, daughter of Wayne A. and Carla Fader, on Oct. 21

### Marriages

Michael G. Santucci and Karen Burdyck on Sept. 5

Robert E. Elliott and Estelle Oberlander on Sept. 14

William R. Brown and Martha Porter, on Sept. 22

Norman J. Dawson and Mayllson Buschmann, on Sept. 29

H. Richard Drnec and Nancy Rzepnicki, on Oct. 6

Ronald E. Geho and Mary Emge on Oct. 6

Robert A. Lindenau, Jr. and Vivian Harris on Oct. 20

Alan L. Crispin and Jeannette E. Deickman, on Oct. 20

Charles J. Phillips and Phyllis Bohlen on Oct. 20

### Funerals

Wm. J. Laukeman, Jr. age 50, on Sept. 10

Mrs. Marie L. Kuser, member, age 69, on Sept. 20

Wm. L. Byerley, Sr., age 38 on Sept. 24

Mrs. Ada E. Brilhart, age 69 on Sept. 29

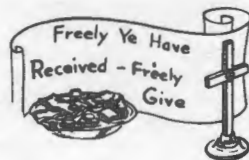
Frederick H. Settan, Sr., age 58 on Oct. 8

Mrs. Johanna Yammer, age 78, on Oct. 10



*"Once more the liberal year laughs out,  
O'er richer stores than gems or gold;  
Once more with harvest, song and shout  
Is Nature's bloodless triumph told."*

—Whittier.



## WE NEAR THE END OF THE YEAR

Soon 1973 will be at an end, for with Thanksgiving in the offing, it will not be long until Christmas and the end of the year. It behooves us to make certain that all our 1973 envelopes have been turned in up to date. May we not get behind in our church giving. Remember, envelopes are issued automatically, only to those who have fulfilled their obligations for the former year, ie, 1974 envelopes will be issued automatically to those who have given in 1973 through envelopes.



## BAKE SALE

Our Girl Scouts will be having a Bake Sale at the church on Saturday Nov. 17th. The sale will be in the Auditorium (Gym) with entrance off East Ave. Come and patronize our Girl Scouts. They will appreciate it, and you will enjoy the goodies.

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Worship

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

Church School — 9:00 a.m.