



The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

EAST AVENUE & DILLON STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21224

NOVEMBER 1974



BLESS THE LORD

"A speaker addressing a church group at their Thanksgiving meeting used as his theme, "Blessed are those who give without remembering and receive without forgetting."

How often we are inclined to dwell upon the things we do to help others and perhaps feel we are not appreciated as we should be. A better practice is to count the blessings that come our way and be thankful for them. Most of us have many things we take for granted and neglect to be thankful for. Among these are life and work, home and family, friends and neighbors who show kindness to us. Are we really thankful for freedom to worship God and to do so in the way we choose?

In a world where we see so much suffering and want, we can show our thankfulness by helping others who are in need. It has been said that a kind word or deed is the sign of a grateful heart."

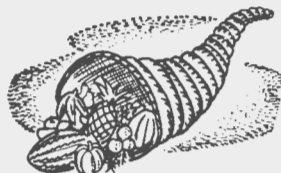
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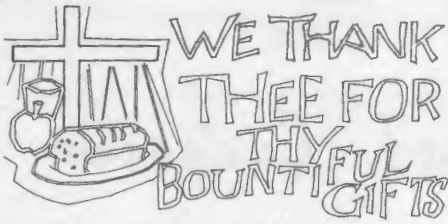


**SUNDAYS
IN
NOVEMBER**

From the Latin word 'novem', nine, November was the ninth month of the Roman year. The anglo-Saxons called it 'Wind-Monath', wind month, the beginning of the colder season of winter. For us it is not the ninth but the eleventh month, but is still the harbinger of the windy and colder weather which encompasses our section of the country until another Spring comes to us.

November brings us into the season of settled living, time being taken out for only the major holidays which our calendar brings. As this is true, it is also true that this is a time for the resumption of the habit of church-going for those who have been week-ending in to this fall season. Now we can be regular in our presence in God's House. Because we want you here we have arranged interesting and helpful services for the month. Read the Announcements about the services on the next page and then determine that you will be with us each Sunday.





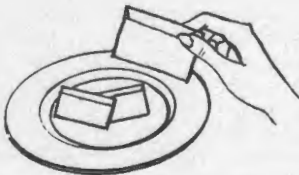
**SUNDAY, NOV. 3
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Services at 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. Two Communion services with the hymns and Scripture for the day & with the messages at both services by Pastor Kitchen.



**SUNDAY, NOV. 10
23rd SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. and the Church School Session at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Rasche brings the message entitled, "Entangling Jesus" at each service.



**SUNDAY, NOV. 17
STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY**

Services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. with an expanded Moment of Concern in which the Budget for 1975 will be presented by the Stewardship

Committee. Pastor Rasche will have a Sermonette with the title, "Claims of Jesus" Church School at 9 a.m.



**SUNDAY, NOV. 24
TOTENFEST SUNDAY**

Services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. with the Totenfest Celebration at the 10:30 service. The Totenfest Service is a service of memory of all who have been laid to rest during the past 12 months by the pastors of the church. During the observance the names of the deceased will be read, a rose presented to the family of each deceased member or friend and a candle lighted on the memorial cross. Pastor Rasche brings the Totenfest message.

Youth Service at 9:30 this Sunday for all folk of church. This is a service prepared & presented by the youth of the church.



**THANKSGIVING DAY
NOV. 28
WORSHIP AT 10 A.M.**

"Come ye thankful people, come" So runs the Thanksgiving Hymn. But are we truly thankful? We ought to be, for in spite of many difficulties these days God's bounteous hand is still showering us with

His magnanimous gifts. We ought truly be thankful, and show our thankfulness by being a part of the worshipping host in God's House on this national day of Thanksgiving. The service will be at 10 a.m. and will include the message by Pastor Rasche and other special features.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FRIDAY, NOV. 29

This is the first of two annual meetings of the congregation and is the meeting at which the budget for the new year is official adopted and elections are held for offices on the Church Council. It behooves the members of the congregation to be concerned about the affairs of the church. You as members of the church are the official body, of which the Council is the representative body which acts between the annual meetings to carry out the wishes of the congregation. So, it is important that members come to these meetings to formulate working plans which the Council can then put into action.



ADULT CLASS

Pastor Kitchen, Mr. Albert Witke and Mr. Edwin Myers have been working together to plan an adult study class to meet on Sunday mornings. This class will start on Nov 3 at 9 a.m. with the first topic of study World Religions to cover six weeks. The schedule to be followed is:

- Nov. 3 - movie: The Major Religions of the World."
- Nov. 10 - Hinduism
- Nov. 17 - Buddhism
- Nov. 24 - Judaism

Dec. 1 - Islam

Dec. 8 - Christianity.

In studying these different religions particular attention will be given to the beliefs of that religion and the effect this belief has on the life of the average person. Through the study of these religions we will come to a respect for the beliefs of others and will gain a better respect, appreciation and understanding of our own tradition of Christianity.

If you are interested in this topic you are invited to attend all of these classes or any particular class which would interest you.



GIVE THANKS
TO THE
LORD

THIRTEEN YEARS AND ONE MONTH

This is the length of time Pastor Rasche will have been with the folk of United Church as he retires as of the last Sunday of December, having spent nearly 40 years in the active ministry of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor, the Evangelical and Reformed Church and even the predecessor of that body, the Evangelical Synod of North America. More information will be given later as to the retirement plans of Pastor and Mrs. Rasche.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

David William, son of William and Sharon Gensler on Sept. 22

Michele Lee, daughter of Edward and Brenda Young on Sept. 22

Joseph Ronald, Jr., son of Joseph and Shirley Bailey, on Oct. 13

Weddings

Lester Still, Jr. and Patsy Hare on Sept. 27

Kirby Addington and Dorothy Vakkoutis, on Sept. 28

Joseph Wolenski and Janice Williams on Sept. 29

Vincent Alfinito, Jr. and Frances Klingelhofer, on Oct. 10

Louis Eble and Dawn Griest, on Oct. 12

Funerals

Mrs. Marie Karwacki, age 54 on Oct. 10

*Let us
Give* **THANKS**
in the House of the Lord

THIS AND THAT

Through the request of the Recreation Commission of our city, permission has been given by the Council for the organization of a Senior Citizens group here at our church, on a community basis, to be begun and operated under the direction of the Recreation Bureau. A leader will be provided and the Senior Citizens organization will be for all senior citizens of our area. The group is to be organized near the middle of the month. More direct information will be given later.

Advent begins on first Sunday in December, Dec. 1. This is the pre-Christmas season at our church and is always a happy time. The particulars of this season will be included in the December Endeavor.

FOUR MONTHS LATER

As your new Associate Pastor this will be my first opportunity to editorialize in the Endeavor. I thought it would be appropriate at this time for me to express my appreciation of the warm reception that I have received both from the members of the congregation and the community. I would also like to take this opportunity, as a newcomer, to give an assessment of the situation here at United Evangelical.

I am, of course, as disappointed as you must be in Pastor Rasche's retirement. I had looked forward to working with him for more than just a brief six months. However, in the short time that I have been here I have been most impressed by the overall strength of the church membership and feel confident that they will take the lack of a Senior Pastor in stride and move speedily toward locating a replacement.

Looking over the situation here at United Evangelical I am continually astonished at the affection which many in the community hold

for this church. Many who now bring their families to church were baptized, confirmand, and married here themselves. Many of those whom I have visited at home hold fond memories of United Evangelical.

There is a danger which we all recognize in a church which looks to the past for its identity and its greatness. The past becomes idealized and appears so much better than the present. The tradition and history behind a church are very important, but we all recognize that it must be a living tradition and a living history, not a dead one. Here at United Evangelical we are going to rely upon the strength of our history and tradition to look and move forward toward our future. We are going to allow ourselves to be guided by the Spirit of Christ, developing the enormous potential we have for the future.

Pastor Mary-Ellen Kitchen

NEW JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Plans are now in the process of being formulated for a new junior high age fellowship group. This new group will meet twice a month in connection with the confirmation classes. Please watch for further announcements in the Sunday bulletin.

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Each Sunday — 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.
(7:45 a.m. each Communion Sunday)
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