

February 15, 1982

Rev. Lee Rice
Highland Assembly of God
3033 Eastern Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21224

Dear Rev. Rice:

Thank you for your letter of February 6 showing interest in renting our educational building.

A committee, including Pastor Hengen, would like to meet with you at your convenience in your church office, to discuss this inquiry.

We now await hearing from you.

Yours truly,



Rev. W. Scott Hengen III
Pastor

(Mrs.) Grace E. Fader
President
Church Council

BCC: Pastor Hengen
Church Council President
Church Council Secretary

Clara Wise

February 18, 1982

The Rev. Eugene Paul Bartell, Pastor
Mr. John Lowensen, Jr., President
The Church Council
First United Evangelical Church U.C.C.
1728 Eastern Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21231

Dear Pastor Bartell and Mr. Lowensen:

The Church Council of United Evangelical Church received your letter of January 30, 1982. Your inquiry about our interest in engaging in some joint endeavors was well-received and struck a most positive response from the Council members. The ideas you suggested prompted some additional ideas from us. Of course, any future endeavors we may decide to do together will be built upon the kind, cordial, and mutually supportive relationship that already exists between us. And events such as our assisting with and sharing in your 135th Anniversary celebration only tend to re-inforce that good and wholesome Christian relationship between sister (mother-daughter) congregations.

The ideas you suggested, such as having mid-week Lenten services together, pastoral pulpit exchanges, and joint choir events, can begin to be developed immediately. Additional plans for other shared program events can grow from these positive experiences. Another suggestion was made that our two Church Councils meet together for a fellowship dinner event so we could get to know each other better and share mutual concerns. In any case, we should begin with the three ideas you suggest and work out the details as soon as possible.

First, our mid-week Lenten services are planned here for each Wednesday evening in Lent beginning at 7:45 p.m. with a short hymn-sing, informal worship with sermon, and a fellowship hour and bake sale (sponsored by various groups). It is not too late for us to do something together during the 1982 Lenten season if we plan it carefully.

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Second, United Evangelical is participating the Pulpit Exchange being sponsored by Chesapeake Association on February 21. Those arrangements are already made. Also, on February 28, 1982 we will have as our special guest for both services (8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) Dr. Martha E. Church, President of Hood College, an affiliated school with the U.C.C. Members and friends of First United will be most welcome to help us develop a closer tie between the UCC churches of SE Baltimore and Hood College. And further, a pulpit exchange involving our pastors could easily be arranged during March and/or April as a start. We are already involved in a procedure to invite special speakers to our worship services to help us become more acquainted with UCC-related ministries in this area, such as the Chaplains at Johns Hopkins University and Goucher College, in the near future. Perhaps we would want to explore those possibilities together also.

Third, our choirs have already begun doing events together, including the Festival Choir of Chesapeake Association. That mutual growth together can and should be expanded for our mutual benefit.

In short, your letter is an important first step. Our next step can be for the Pastors and Church Council Presidents to meet here at United on Sunday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. if that is open on your calendar. If not, give us a call and we can arrange another time and/or place. We look forward to that meeting with you.

Most sincerely,


Rev. W. Scott Hengen III
Pastor

(Mrs.) Grace E. Fader
President - Church Council

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CC: The Rev. Richard Dodds, Area Conference Minister, U.S.C.
BCC: Church Council Secretary

February 2, 1982

Mr. Joe Blanc
3306 Noble Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Dear Mr. Blanc:

It was indeed a pleasure to have you worship with us last Sunday and we hope that your visit with us was meaningful to you. If you do not have a church home we invite you to join our fellowship. If you are affiliated with a local congregation, or live elsewhere, we wish you joy and blessings in your home church.

Please feel free to call upon us if we can be of service to you and return soon to share again in our fellowship in the Lord.

May God bless you and may the fruits of regular worship bring hope and peace to your heart.

In Christian love,

S.H.

Rev. W. Scott Hengen III
Pastor

(Mrs.) Grace E. Fader
Church Council President

BCC: Pastor Hengen
Church Council President
Church Council Secretary ✓
Membership/Stewardship Committee

February 17, 1982

Mr. John Strong
585 S. 47th Street
Baltimore, Md. 21224

Dear John:

On behalf of the congregation and Church Council of United Evangelical Church, we express our sincere appreciation to you for having served as Financial Secretary and Council Member of the church during the past recent years.

Please express our deepest thanks to your wife Norma and Daughters for any help and assistance they have given you.

Our warmest good wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Grace E. Fader
President
Church Council

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CC: Pastor Hengen
Church Council Secretary