

ACTIVITIES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

United Church Of Christ

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1997

Friendship Hall

*Only Friends We Haven't Met*



*"There Are No Strangers . . . . ."*



## THE MAKING OF A FRIEND by Edgar A. Guest



We nodded as we passed each day  
And smiled and went along our way;  
I knew his name, and he knew mine,  
But neither of us made a sign  
That we possessed a common tie;  
We barely spoke as we passed by.

How fine he was I never guessed.  
The splendid soul within his breast  
I never saw. From me were hid  
The many kindly deeds he did.  
His gentle ways I didn't know,  
Or I'd have claimed him long ago.

Then trouble came to me one day,  
And he was first to come and say  
The cheering words I longed to hear.  
He offered help, and standing near  
I felt our lives in sorrow blend —  
My neighbor had become my friend.

How many smiles from day to day  
I've missed along my narrow way;  
How many kindly words I've lost,  
What joy has my indifference cost?  
This glorious friend that now I know,  
Would have been friendly years ago.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT  
ROBERT W. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR  
1996

SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

1996 was an eventful year for the church and a year in which much was accomplished. Among the highlights were the

\*Attendance in worship services dropped due to the blizzard of 1996. The church was closed for two Sundays in January and for the first Sunday in February. Trends in Sunday attendance were generally down. This was due to the deaths of 12 persons in the parish, and the long term disability of another 17 persons, the addition of 9 persons to our shut-in list, and 2 drop outs. Other factors affecting our attendance was the number of persons moving to to suburban communities and to specialized housing for the older person. Our parish regularly ministered to 51 shut-in persons during 1996. This ministry consists of a regular schedule of visits by the Pastor and Minister of Visitation, cards and notes sent each week to shut-in persons and those in the hospital by Priscilla, and a quarterly "Caring" letter sent by Grace Fader sent to each shut-in. George Finnerty from our Council now visits shut-ins and those in hospital on behalf of the congregation. While we have added new members, they have not be integrated into our congregation fast enough to make up for the losses.

\*Lenten Services and Healing Services in 1996 showed consistent slight increases in attendance in each of the Wednesday Lenten Services, Maunday Thursday Service, and Easter Services. Attendance showed a drop of five on Ash Wednesday, 13 on Good Friday, 60 for the Tableau, and Easter Services. In the Lenten Series we attract mostly our neighborhood people and those interested in healing to these services.

\*In comparison to 1995 and as a result of the addition of our Minister of Visitation, we made 436 visits to shut-ins and increased our visits to hospitals from 127 visits in 1995 to 176 in 1996. In 1996, including Counselling sessions and preparation, we performed 69 professional services for 29 Funerals, 54 services for 13 Weddings, 41 services for 19 Baptisms. In 1996 we received 11 new persons and nine confirmands for a total increase of 20 persons in our membership.

\*We continued our involvement in our joint ministry with neighboring churches. These have included the "Blessing of the Palms" on Palm Sunday at O'Donnell Square with St. Brigid's, Canton Methodist, St. Casimir's and Messiah Lutheran Church, & United Evangelical, the "Good Friday Procession of the Cross" led by St. Brigid's and including Canton Baptist

Church, Canton Methodist Church, Patterson Park Baptist Church, and our own United Evangelical Church. "Vacation Bible School at St. Brigid's" involved United, Canton Baptist Church, Messiah Lutheran Church. The "Interfaith Music Festival" was led by Our Lady of Pompeii, and United and involved St. Brigid's, Canton Methodist Church, Canton Baptist Church, Patterson Park Baptist Church, Our Lady of Pompei, St. Casimir's, and Salem Methodist Church. "Christmas Caroling" was led by Sacred Heart and involved Messiah Lutheran, and United, and the Blessing of the Animals involving St. Casimir's, United, St. Brigid's, Messiah, Patterson Park Baptist Church, and Canton Baptist Church (see picture attached).

\*The Think Tank, made up of representatives of our cooperating churches plans all the activities listed above. This is important to our Fund Raising since many members of other churches come to such events as the Sour Beef Dinner. Father Joe and Pastor Jon Spencer participated in leading our Lenten Services in 1996 and Father Joe came to be with us in the Easter Sunrise Service. This year I in turn served Mass on Good Friday at St. Brigid's and worked with Pastor Jon Spencer of Canton Baptist Church as Vice President of SEARCH in coordinating the work of the churches and social service agencies in the area. This includes our Food Bank and an advocacy program in cooperation with the Maryland Food Committee for the hungry and homeless. (see Picture attached). In addition, I have encouraged our churches in the area to pray by name for fellow ministers, priests, and churches in the area and to visit those who have been sick.

\*This year, due to diligent work by Grace Fader, we also had another story in the Baltimore Sun about our Sour Beef Luncheon and Dinner.

\*After three years of work our church has been successful in getting a Young Adult Group going but was not able to keep it going. With the leadership of Diane Borkman and liaison of Marty Clement working with both this group of about 15 young adults and the Council, we began a group called Parents of Christian Children or P.O.C.C. This group was made up of both men and women and met on Sundays during Church School. Its purpose was to raise money to support programs for church school children children who live in the community, and to involve young adult persons in sponsoring these programs. Because young adults work and have responsibility for young children, this programming seemed to meet their needs in "doing things for children" and at the same time being held at a time when they are not working. The group ran into internal conflict and split up in the Spring of 1996. We need to try again for this is a very worthwhile endeavor.

\*With Elizabeth Kloss, a Doctoral Student at the Peabody Institute of Music, we began in the Spring to offer Piano

Lessons at the Church. Betsy has about 12 very satisfied students who meet each Friday afternoon and evening in the Choir Room.

\*Under the leadership of Carol and Clarence Rowell, the Church School has grown. Janice and Rob Jackson were added to our teaching staff along with Anita and George Williar. This year with the support of our Council and Priscilla, we began a new Adult Bible Class on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM at the Parsonage. This program has served a small group of about seven adults in our church. We have also continued this year to bring children into the church on a regular basis for "teachings" and to learn to function in the church. They come to meet the Pastor, and to feel comfortable there. We have had programs which explain the "Presence Light", "Jesus and the Children", "Why Do we Give Thanks?" etc. This program is designed to build a bridge between the church school and the church - a need which is basic in our church if we are to build for the future. While church school is important, it is very important that young people grow up to understand the importance of regular worship in the Christian life. Many of the new mothers have little background in the Christian faith so they cannot, without help, guide their children.

In December, we had our usual Tinsel Day. Over 200 persons attended.

\* Nine new confirmands were prepared for confirmation in 1996 and five preparing for confirmation in 1997. Confirmation meets each Thursday evening at 7:30 PM. Anita Williar has helped mightily in recruiting acolytes from the confirmands and former confirmands for Sunday Morning worship. We have added a new program to try to include former confirmands in leadership in worship as in "Presenting the Gifts of Bread and Wine for the Lord's Supper", Greeting People, and Receiving the Offering. Anita with the support of our Council is assisting in the involvement of young people in these functions.

\*The Children's Choir performed throughout the year. Lynn Sanders with the support of Donna Pate and Laura Scheeler, and of course Rob Gundlach, have done an outstanding job with this group.

\* Thanks to Grace Fader we regularly send a "CARING LETTER" to those members of the church who are "Shut-Ins" This letter is an attempt to keep them related to the church. Priscilla regularly sends cards to Shut-Ins and those in the hospital. These have been much appreciated by our members.

\*Thanks to members of the church, Art Jones, Jim Tallagsen, Grace Fader, Bill Voelker, and Paul Bauersfeld, and Marty Craig, the all Church Sour Beef Dinner went very well this year. We have a solid constituency of people who look

forward to this dinner. The "vibes" were very good from those who attended the dinner. It succeeded in raising approximately \$14,000 for our church this past year. The AD book under the leadership of Art Jones continues to be an effective additional fund raising tool and recruitment vehicle for this dinner. The ladies' groups were involved in other fund raising programs including, but not limited to, game days, bake sales, crab feast luncheons, Spring Sour Beef Dinner, raffles, etc. Without these programs our church would be in big trouble and the community would miss the fun and fellowship provided by these affairs.

\*The Dance Class for Adults under the leadership of Darlene Waters continued in January 1996. This class has brought great joy to participants and made possible new life for many who have lost spouses or loved ones in these last years.

\*A Program of Chinese Boxing led by Charles Wallace was planned to begin in January 1997.

\*The SUPERPANTRY program designed to help single women heads of households and their children to get off welfare continued in the Spring but was moved to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This program was intended to be a model for the state in helping single parents who are out of work. The program was discontinued this fall for lack of funding. With the money raised by the Interfaith Music Festival and as a program sponsored by S.E.A.R.C.H. (Southeast Association Resolved to Combat Hunger) we are ready to go again in the Spring of 1997 at St. Paul's.

\*D.C. IMPACT continued this year. This Self Defense Program for Women resulted in a substantial contribution to the operating income of our church in addition to providing protection for women. IMPACT is one of the best programs of its kind in the United States. Spring and Fall Classes were conducted. These Classes serve about 15 people each. We will continue the program in the Spring of 1997.

\*Boy Scout Program continues under the leadership of Lester Wolf as Scoutmaster and Cathy High as Cub Master. Wayne Shaeffer served as Institutional Representative. The program served approximately 10 Cub Scouts and 7 Scouts. Ben Long is no longer affiliated with our Scout Program.

\*The program FAITH ALIVE, honoring the faith of individual members of the church, continues. Each individual member of our church will eventually be raised up and honored. It points to Jesus teaching that each of us is the "light of the world." It introduces members of the church to each other and shows the various ways in which the faith of individual members is shared in the parishes of their lives (see attached list of those honored in 1996). It also enables us to express our appreciation to Guests for their work in God's

Kingdom.

\*The Unity Candle continues to be used to recognize the unity of each member in our household of faith as "mother, sister, and brother" under the Fatherhood of God. While we celebrate anniversaries and marriages, we also rejoice in Jesus teaching that, if we do His will, regardless of the kind of family we have in this world, we all are members of a spiritual family, our household of faith, which will last forever.

\*This year Bill Voelker, our Treasurer has begun work on revision of our Constitution and By-Laws. This work has been completed and will be presented to the Congregational Meeting in January 1997.

\*Participation continues in the food pantry efforts of SEARCH at Canton Baptist Church, with provision of food baskets for needy person at holiday times, and the provision of food and supplies for needy persons in emergencies.

\*During the Spring of 1995 we joined with PACT (Parents and Children Together) to establish a Learning Center for children 2, 3 and 4 years old in the Christian Education Building of our Church. This program now serves approximately 40 children and prepares them for school. The program is now self-supporting. The program required us to prepare our Christian Education Building to meet the standards for licensing. Concetta Clark as Director of P.A.C.T. brings to us 30 years of experience and training in child development and about 27 years of experience in our neighborhood in operating the program. This program involves development of a parent support group which works with the children and discusses various aspects of parenting developed from direct experience in teaching the children. We opened the center in October 1994 with approximately 25 children. It now is self-financing.

\*Rebuilding the Bell Tower

With the leadership of Harvey Jacob the long awaited rebuilding of the Bell Tower has begun. In 1996 we owe a debt of gratitude to Harvey and to Jim Tallagsen, our Property Manager, who coordinated the work of cleaning the tower, removing the old equipment, screening the tower to protect it from the birds, and cleaning and painting the bells, Harvey has proceeded with the re-construction of the clock faces, the plan for re-lighting the clock faces, created a box to hold the mechanism to drive the clock, and ordering the electronic instruments to ring the large bell and the smaller "potato bell". During this year the parts will come together and the clock and bells now function. It will soon be time for the dedication of the newly reconstructed tower when the painting of the clock face has been completed. Many thanks should go to John Strong, Henry Will, John Price, and others

who have contributed time and energy to this work. In addition, we need to thank all those who have contributed to the funding of the tower and especially to Harriet Lloyd, granddaughter of our member, the late Howard Froelich, whose major financial gift was key to seeing this project through. Many thanks to Frank Klima, who was the kick off giver for this project.

\*Making the budget. This year we set out to make the budget. We can rejoice that with the help of the Lord, we were not only able to do that but in the midst of this recession we exceeded that goal. During the year All of us owe Rob Jackson, our Financial Secretary, for the first part of 1996 and Cal Gundlach, our Financial Secretary for the second part of 1996, and Bill Voelker, our Treasurer, a vote of thanks for a job well done.

#### EXPRESSIONS OF THE LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Thanks to Karen Foster and Rachael Pritchett as maintenance and housekeeping personnel who have done an outstanding job for the church. With Jim Tallagsen as their leader, the building has never looked better.

Thanks to the Senior Choir whose loyal devotion has made possible the growth of the church, and to those who played instruments, or sang solos, duets, and trios, during the year. Special thanks to Rob Gundlach, our organist and Choir Director whose artistic skill, creativity, and leadership made all this possible and whose work as music coordinator in the Interfaith Festival made that an outstanding event in the life of our community and church.

Thanks to the Children's Choir and to Lynn Sanders and those who have worked to make their performances in church so memorable for all of us.

Thanks to Carol Borkman, whose Child Care Program is so important to the life of our church and who, with her helpers, provides care while parents attend church.

Thanks to the Church School Teachers and to Carol and Clarence Rowell and Ed Meyers who watch over a growing enterprise. They help to make real our "raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Thanks to Marty Clement and Priscilla Armstrong for their work in helping to deepen the spiritual life of our church by teaching Bible Study and Prayer. Thanks to Marty for taking on the new task as liaison to P.O.C.C. in guiding them to relate to the church and to know how to raise their children in the knowledge and love of the Lord. And thanks to Diane Borkman, the enthusiastic President of P.O.C.C. for her spirited leadership of P.O.C.C.. Special thanks to Priscilla for her leadership of Bible Study, and the Lenten Series on

Prayer and Healing.

Thanks to George and Anita Williar for picking up the challenge of building a Youth Group which has been sorely needed in our church. They are working together for the future of our church. We support them and wish them well in 1997.

Thanks to Paul Bauersfeld ("St. Paul"), Art Jones, and Cal Gundlach for devoted assistance in serving communion. Thanks to Fred Long for his support in parish visits and teaching church school.

Thanks to the women who are the backbone of the church in our three groups, the Sewing Group, the Guild, and the Ladies Aid. And Special Thanks to those members of the Altar Guild who worked so diligently with their Chairman, George Finnerty, to see that the Altar is always prepared for Communion, Sunday Worship, and Special Events such as Tinsel Sunday.

Thanks to the Dance Group, the Bowling Group, P.A.C.T., P.O.C.C. and our Senior Citizen Group (Canton Friendship Circle) for financial contributions to the work of the church and for bringing so much joy to our people. You make United live for many, some of whom are not members of our particular church.

Thanks to Lester Wolf, Cathy High, Ben Long, Wayne Schaefer, and the Boy Scouts for their help in building the character of boys.

Thanks to the Council for the many hours of devoted service in formulating policy, giving attention to the financial details of our operation and planning and directing the future programs of United, providing such vital services as ushering and assisting in serving communion and in supporting the work of the Pastor.

Thanks to Pastor Roy Joellenbeck, our Minister of Visitation, for his substantial contribution to up-grading our ministry to the "shut-ins" and those in the hospital. Thanks for his loving support to our members and for his prayerful ministry.

Thanks to Millie Slechta and Cass Young for their devoted work as our Church Secretaries. Thanks to Grace Fader for her "Caring Letters" to our shut-ins, to Priscilla for her helpful and compassionate cards and notes to the sick, and Ruth Beckwith for her support in assisting in the office during this year.

#### THE BOTTOM LINE

The Treasurer's Report is key to understanding the financial viability of our church and so the Pastor shall leave that to

him. This year however, we owe another debt of gratitude to Rob Jackson, who fulfilled the demanding task of Financial Secretary this year and with the help and support of Cass and John Price, got the computer to work for us in this most crucial endeavor.

However, we all know something which dominates all that we do and is even more important than those results. Jesus said "where your treasure is, there is your heart also. So the future of our church will be determined by how faithful we are to the call of Christ. That is where our treasure is and the key to that call is the commitment of our people to proclaiming the gospel. If we are committed, we will be inviting new people to join the church and telling of the great things God has done for us personally and for the Church. If we do that the church will grow. If we are a happy committed people, new persons will want to be a part of the church because they will know that this church is where people love one another. The love which we share for one another and which the Pastor has found here, is our greatest and most valuable jewel. It exists because United is a family church rooted in faith. This is why we call ourselves, as did early Christians, "followers of the Way" - followers of a way of life and "children of God".

For his current work this past year, the Pastor, on behalf of the congregation expresses our thanks to George Hammerbacher, our President. It is a tough job to be a Council President in these difficult days, keeping a church going in the hard economic times we have been experiencing. We appreciate the steady and disciplined and caring leadership he has given us for another year in living through the expansions of our ministry.

The report is a record of our ministry together as "followers of the Way". It is good that we understand the details of our work, the immense scope of our ministry and that we appreciate the involvement of so many persons who have made it possible.

The Pastor has thought about what characterizes our church. He can only conclude that it is the great love which people show for one another. This is our greatest single strength. In spiritual terms he has attempted to symbolize this love in baptism when we raise up a baby and say these words from the first letter of John (I John 3:1)

"See what love the father has given us, that we should be called the children of God, and that is what we are!". That my friends is what we are called to be, "children of God: and it is our faith and calling to that "way of life" which will insure our survival as a people of God and expand our mission to the Canton-Highland community and to the world at large.

PASTOR PERSONAL CONTACTS EXCLUDING WORSHIP SERVICES

SERVICES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
SHUT-INS*	13	4	14	7	10	19	30	17	11	9	15	19	168
HOSPITAL*	11	8	14	3	8	10	14	9	9	7	13	14	120
ADMIN*	18	12	5	18	15	8	10	9	13	6	11	14	139
GROUPS	9	12	17	4	2	9	2	2	1	6	14	11	89
WEDDINGS*	10	8	10	2	1	4	3	4	8	0	4	0	54
BAPTISM*	1	3	2	0	4	4	8	6	5	5	3	0	41
FUNERALS*	5	5	7	7	4	12	11	6	0	5	2	5	69
TOTALS	67	52	69	41	44	66	78	53	47	38	62	63	680
LOSS OR GAIN	0	-15	17	-28	3	22	12	-25	-6	-9	24	1	-4

MINISTER OF VISITATION

PERSONAL CONTACTS EXCLUDES FIRST SUNDAY LORD'S SUPPER

SERVICES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
SHUT-INS*	13	27	22	28	9	29	34	13	23	33	16	21	268
HOSPITAL*	1	0	6	20	1	4	1	10	4	4	2	3	56
ADMIN*	5	4	5	3	2	4	6	12	5	3	4	6	59
NEW-MEM*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GROUPS	0	5	2	15	1	1	3	4	2	3	2	4	42
WEDDINGS*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BAPTISM*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FUNERALS*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	36	35	66	13	38	44	39	34	43	24	34	425
LOSS OR GAIN	0	17	-1	31	-53	25	6	-5	-5	9	-19	10	15

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE DEC 1996

SERVICE 8:00 AM								
ATTENDANCE 1995	,1st	,2nd	,3rd	,4th	TOTAL NET	,5th	,6th	TOTAL NET
ATTENDANCE 1995	50	32	53	53	188	0	0	0
ATTENDANCE 1996	24	44	36	31	135	0	0	0
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LOSS OR GAIN 1995	-26	12	-17	-22	-53	0	0	0
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SERVICE 10:30 AM								
ATTENDANCE 1995	,1st	,2nd	,3rd	,4th	TOTAL NET	,5th	,6th	TOTAL NET
ATTENDANCE 1995	79	80	107	79	345	0	0	0
ATTENDANCE 1996	70	77	151	77	375	0	0	0
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LOSS OR GAIN 1995	-9	-3	44	-2	30	0	0	0
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NET TOTALS 1996	-35	9	27	-24	-23	0	0	0
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COMBINED 1995	533	{1}	% CHANGE		-0.043151	0	{1}	
COMBINED 1996	510	{2}				0	{2}	
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PERCENT CHANGE	0.95	{3}				0	{3}	

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If the figures in line {2} are larger than the ones in line {1}, then the figures in line {3} indicates a gain for the month

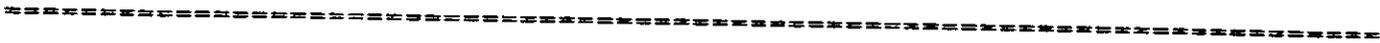
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COMPARISON OF JANUARY TO JANUARY 1995 TO 1996

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
1996	-276	-163	-85	-116	-59		-80
1996 %	-50	-30	-13	-14	-11		-15

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
1996	43	-31	9	-127	-37		-23
1996 %	10	-7	2	-21	-7		-4

ALL FIGURES ARE BASED ON A FOUR WEEK MONTH



**UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
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	BUDGET 1996	ACTUAL 1996	BUDGET 1997
<b>DONATIONS</b>			
Regular Envelopes	68000.00	65005.80	68000.00
Communion Envelopes	3500.00	3554.16	3500.00
Holiday & Special Day Envelopes	5000.00	3713.50	4000.00
Initial Envelopes	250.00	215.25	250.00
Improvement Envelopes	8500.00	4294.00	6000.00
Quarter Folders	5000.00	3876.00	4500.00
Memorials	12600.00	16252.60	16500.00
Love Gift	9300.00	5760.00	9000.00
Unity Candle	350.00	2559.00	1500.00
Poor Box	500.00	182.94	400.00
Pennies for Heaven	300.00	72.00	200.00
UEC Organization Gifts	6000.00	3499.04	5000.00
Miscellaneous Cash Donations	1959.00	1623.22	2150.00
Holiday Flowers	600.00	1042.00	1000.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	400.00	156.00	300.00
Neighbors in Need	400.00	176.00	300.00
Hoffman & Homewood Homes	500.00	16.00	400.00
Remembrances & Bequests		16479.23	
Bell Tower		2460.00	
Organ Fund		355.00	
New Heating System		9487.25	[75000.00]
Brass Ensemble		35.00	250.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			
Suppers & Luncheons	12000.00	13826.91	14000.00
Raffles	3250.00	3408.00	3500.00
Ad Booklet	3000.00	954.00	2000.00
Fund Raisers	1000.00	1890.00	1500.00
Sale of Miscellaneous Items	100.00	343.21	300.00
Vending Machine	250.00	128.00	200.00
Use of Church Facilities	2000.00	1702.00	2000.00
Interest on Accounts	7800.00	8265.44	8200.00
Other (General Fund)	200.00	1876.29	1227.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>152759.00</b>	<b>173207.84</b>	<b>156177.00</b>
<b>COST OF REVENUE</b>			
Supper & Luncheon Costs	4700.00	4856.96	4700.00
Raffle Costs	200.00	200.00	75.00
Ad Book Costs	300.00	—	150.00
Fund Raising Costs	700.00	1753.00	700.00
Envelope & Folder Costs	950.00	527.27	900.00
Other Direct Cost of Revenue	—	—	—
<b>TOTAL COST OF REVENUE</b>	<b>6850.00</b>	<b>7337.23</b>	<b>6525.00</b>

<b>INCOME/REVENUE</b>	<b>BUDGET 1996</b>	<b>ACTUAL 1996</b>	<b>BUDGET 1997</b>
<b>PASTORAL EXPENSE</b>			
Pastor's Salary	27800.00	27800.00	28300.00
Pastor's Social Security & Medicare	4400.00	4605.76	4688.00
Auto Allowance	2580.00	2580.00	2580.00
Health Care Insurance	4650.00	2619.32	2500.00
Pension	5480.00	5478.80	5577.00
Fuel Oil Parsonage	1100.00	1195.67	1100.00
Electric Parsonage	1200.00	1087.01	1100.00
Telephone Parsonage	400.00	415.61	400.00
Water & Sewer Parsonage	400.00	346.85	400.00
Maintenance Parsonage	700.00	291.60	700.00
Pastor of Visitation	5000.00	3772.50	4500.00
Guest Pastor	400.00	300.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL PASTORAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>54110.00</b>	<b>50493.12</b>	<b>52145.00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSE</b>			
Secretaries Salaries	15000.00	16404.50	18795.00
Secretaries Social Security & Medicare	1200.00	1254.94	1440.00
Office Supplies	2200.00	2973.59	2000.00
Postage	1200.00	1030.32	1000.00
Printing & Copying	1400.00	1615.38	1400.00
Employees Insurance	1600.00	1584.00	1600.00
Bank Charges	200.00	151.33	150.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>22800.00</b>	<b>25014.26</b>	<b>26385.00</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS</b>			
Janitor/Custodian	13000.00	13000.00	13520.00
Janitor Social Security & Medicare	1100.00	1182.48	1100.00
Insurance Church	5700.00	7406.00	6000.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	800.00	923.00	1800.00
Fuel Oil Church	8200.00	10535.31	9500.00
Gas & Electric Church	3800.00	1953.42	1700.00
Telephone Church	1400.00	1229.67	1200.00
Water & Sewer Church	400.00	581.18	550.00
Minor Repairs Church	1000.00	1591.86	1800.00
Maintenance Supplies & Service	1200.00	1588.52	1500.00
Cleaning Supplies & Service	1200.00	755.84	1000.00
<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE EXPENSE</b>	<b>37800.00</b>	<b>40747.28</b>	<b>39670.00</b>
<b>SANCTUARY &amp; MUSIC EXPENSE</b>			
Music Director Salary	8690.00	8629.92	8994.00
Music Director Social Security & Medicare	713.00	660.21	688.00
Guest Organist	450.00	240.00	350.00
Music & Choir Supplies	450.00	615.12	450.00
Organ Repair & Service	600.00	851.20	600.00
Choir Outing	200.00	200.00	200.00

INCOME/REVENUE	BUDGET 1996	ACTUAL 1996	BUDGET 1997
<b>SANCTUARY &amp; MUSIC EXPENSE (Cont.)</b>			
Altar & Sanctuary Supplies	700.00	1463.86	1000.00
Flowers & Decorations	750.00	695.00	750.00
Receptions & Refreshments	1000.00	1080.30	750.00
Nursery Attendant	696.00	696.00	720.00
Advertising	1200.00	751.80	1200.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1000.00	2873.44	1000.00
<b>TOTAL SANCTUARY &amp; MUSIC EXPENSE</b>	<b>16449.00</b>	<b>18756.85</b>	<b>16702.00</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCES</b>			
Central Atlantic Conference	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
Chesapeake Association	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Eden Seminary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Lancaster Seminary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Baltimore United Church Ministries	—	—	400.00
Hoffman Home	300.00	300.00	200.00
Homewood Home	300.00	300.00	200.00
Salvation Army	100.00	100.00	100.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	400.00	400.00	300.00
Neighbors in Need	400.00	400.00	300.00
Other Benevolences	150.00	200.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCES</b>	<b>4750.00</b>	<b>4800.00</b>	<b>4750.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT &amp; IMPROVEMENTS</b>			
Purchase of Equipment	5000.00	3710.00	5000.00
Major Repairs & Improvements	5000.00	1388.50	5000.00
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT &amp; IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>10000.00</b>	<b>5098.50</b>	<b>10000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL COSTS &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>152759.00</b>	<b>152247.24</b>	<b>156177.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUE</b>		<b>173207.84</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>		<b>20960.60</b>	
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>			
Nations Bank (Checking)		15144.75	
Hopkins Federal (Savings)		53032.94	
Eastern Savings (Memorial CD)		100000.00	
Homewood Federal (New heating plant)		8723.00	
Petty Cash		126.57	
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS 12/31/96</b>		<b>177027.26</b>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BEGIN YEAR 1996</b>		<b>156066.66</b>	
<b>GAIN 1996</b>		<b>20960.60</b>	



# UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

(UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)

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January 22, 1997

TO: Church Council Members and the Congregational Membership

FROM: J. Edwin Myers, Chairman/Auditing Committee

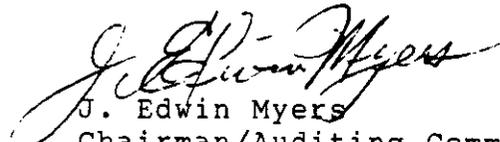
SUBJ: Audit of Church's Finances for 1996

The Church's financial records/reports, statements and financial procedures were reviewed by the Auditing Committee. J. Edwin Myers, Harvey Jacob in the presence of Darlene E. Waters/Treasurer and Calvin Gundlach Financial/Secretary, on the above date.

The books are in balance and all transactions checked were found to be accountable.

In our opinion, this examination truly reflects the financial position of the Church.

Yours in Christ,

  
J. Edwin Myers  
Chairman/Auditing Committee

1997 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

AUDITING (1997 Books) (Chair and 2 members)

J. Edwin Myers (Chair) (410) 288-2368  
Calvin Gundlach (410) 732-6752  
Harvey Jacob (410) 679-6163

ALTAR (Chair and 1 member)

Olga deBloom (Chair) (410) 574-3091  
John Williams (410) 327-2064  
George Finnerty (410) 633-3971  
Anne Wetherington (410) 675-4789  
Dorothy Green (410) 327-1098  
Helen Bogucki (410) 276-8447  
Lois Duvall (410) 485-3076

CALENDAR (Chair and Recording Secretary)

Anita Williar (Chair) (410) 342-7825  
Darlene Waters (Assistant Secretary) (410) 675-3932  
Catherine Young (Church Secretary) (410) 276-2388

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Chair and representative of all organizations)

George Nassner (Chair) (410) 444-2511  
Mildred "Mutz" Surdel - Young Women's Guild (410) 285-0134  
Margaret (Marty) Craig - Ladies' Aid Society (410) 675-2251  
Lillian Buschman - United Sewing Group (410) 288-2632  
Grace Fader - United Sewing Group (410) 391-4358  
Bill Raddatz - Senior Choir (410) 285-0894  
Robert Gundlach - Director of Music (410) 732-6752  
Lynn Sanders - Children's Choir (410) 679-1452  
Lester Wolf - Boy Scout Troop #19 (410) 563-1317  
Catherine Young - United Endeavor (410) 276-2388  
Paul Bauersfeld - United Bowling League (410) 284-2474  
Carol Rowell - Church School (410) 866-3522  
Darlene Waters - Dance Classes (410) 675-3932  
Priscilla Armstrong - Bible Study/Prayer Group (410) 276-0621  
Jo Ellen Shorb - PACT Program (410) 342-7721

FELLOWSHIP (Chair and 3 members)

George Finnerty (Chair) (410) 633-3971  
Clarence Rowell (410) 866-3522  
Jim Tallagsen (410) 686-6723  
John Strong (410) 284-6917  
Grace Fader (410) 391-4358  
Olga deBloom (410) 574-3091  
John Williams (410) 327-2064  
Helen Bogucki (410) 276-8447  
Arthur Jones

FINANCE (Treasurer, Financial Secretary and two members)

Darlene Waters (Co-Chair) (410) 675-3932  
Calvin Gundlach (Co-Chair) (410) 732-6752  
Harvey Jacob (410) 679-6163  
Bill Voelker (410) 342-2875

MEMBERSHIP (Chair and four members)

Bill Meyers (Chair)	(410) 276-6585
George Nassner	(410) 444-2511
Paul Bauersfeld	(410) 284-2474
Harvey Jacob	(410) 679-6163
Andrea Waters	(410) 276-0651
Catherine Young	(410) 276-2388

PROPERTY (Vice-President and three members)

John Price (Chair)	(410) 282-5519
Harvey Jacob (Vice-President)	(410) 679-6163
Jim Tallagsen	(410) 686-6723
John Strong	(410) 284-6917
Henry Will	(410) 644-0844
Waverly (Dick) Loving	(410) 288-3685
Arthur Jones	

MUSIC (Council Member, Pastor, and Organist)

Darlene Waters (Chair)	(410) 675-3932
Pastor Robert M. Armstrong	(410) 276-0621
Robert Gundlach	(410) 732-6752

SPIRITUAL (Chair and five members)

Olga deBloom (chair)	(410) 574-3091
George Finnerty	(410) 633-3871
George Nassner	(410) 444-2511
Marty Clement	(410) 276-0621
Florence Gundlach	(410) 732-6752
Baptist Hoffmann	(410) 282-2683

USHERING (8:00 am) (Head Usher and four assistants)

George Nassner (Head Usher)	(410) 444-2511
Harvey Jacob	(410) 679-6163
John Strong	(410) 284-6917
George Finnerty	(410) 633-3871
Art Jones	

(10:30 am) (Head Usher and four assistants)

John Williams (Head Usher)	(410) 327-2064
John Price	(410) 282-5519
Bill Voelker	(410) 342-2875
Catherine Young	(410) 276-2388
Clarence Rowell	(410) 866-3522

LIAISON PERSONS

Bill Raddatz - The Choirs	(410) 285-0894
J. Edwin Myers - Church School	(410) 288-2368

BOILER FUND COMMITTEE

Bill Voelker (Chair)	(410) 342-2875
William Single, III	(410) 866-2159
John Price	(410) 282-5519
Harvey Jacob	(410) 679-6163
John Strong	(410) 284-6917
Jim Tallagsen	(410) 686-6723

## YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD ACTIVITIES REPORT

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Time goes by so quickly that it is hard to believe that the Young Women's Guild has passed another successful year.

Unfortunately with success, we also have sadness. We lost several of our members this year, namely :

Sadie Zinn  
Ida Jefferson

We extended our sympathy to their surviving families and friends, and we are sure they are resting peacefully with our Lord.

January 16, - We had to cancel our meeting due to the aftermath of the "Blizzard of '96".

February 20, - Ash Wednesday. We held only a brief business meeting so our members could go home early and make preparations to attend the 1st Wednesday of Lenten Worship Service with ashes for those deserving them.

March 20, - We had a wonderful ham and cabbage luncheon prepared by Olga deBloom and her helpers. Prescilla then showed us slides of Ireland. Prescilla and Pastor had vacationed in Ireland in September of 1995. The Scenery was so delightful, we all enjoyed thoughts of someday visiting that country.

April 17, - We celebrated the 52nd Anniversary of the Young Women's Guild by going to Michael's , on Eastern Avenue, for lunch. A nice afternoon enjoyed by all those who were in attendance. Also in April we worked with the Ladies' Aid Society for their very successful Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner.

May 1, - Our Entertainment Committee Chairperson, Marty Craig, had made full arrangements for us to go on a bus trip to Annapolis. It was a cool, sunny day, ideal for sightseeing and shopping. Later we visited the Fisherman's Inn for a grand luncheon. Topped off the day by making a brief stop at Wal-Mart in Glen Burnie.

May 7th, - We worked in the hall and dining room getting ready for our "Big Day" - the Mother and Daughter Banquet.

May 8, - Full house for the Mother and Daughter Banquet. The flowers on all the tables were beautiful. The men "God Bless Them", came out to help prepare the food, serve and clean up. The Guild Mother of the year was announced Kathleen "Dolly" Earl. Unfortunately Dolly wasn't there so it was decided the Crown would be given to her on Mother's Day. Our very talented Choir put on a show for us. A full evening enjoyed by all.

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD ACTIVITIES REPORT CONTINUED

May 12, - Mother's Day - Guild Members marched in as a body, honoring All Mothers. Dolly Earl was crowned "Guild Mother of the Year", at the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service.

May 15, - The 3 Ladies Organization Luncheon and Games Party. We had a Roast Beef Platter and then Bingo. It was the first time the Girls did it on their own and it was very successful. Allproceeds went to the Church.

June 21, - Working all day Thursday the 20th, we came back on the 21st for the Guild's Annual Crab Cake Supper. The food was excellent and it was well attended.

July 1, - We went to Fisherman's Inn for a Crab Feast. Olga deBloom was the hostess. Everyone that went feasted on the Crabs and other goodies that were provided.

August - We took a vacation.

September 15, - We started our Fall/Winter Meetings. The Guild provided the main entree and members brought in their favorite salad or dessert. Such good food. Everyone stuffed themselves. A birthday cake was brought, honoring Mrs. Lillian Sauer, celebrating her 92nd Birthday on September 13. More than a few tears were shed.

September 28, - We went to a Church in Frederick, Maryland, for a delightful Oyster and Turkey Dinner.

October 13, - After the late Worship Service, we boarded a bus for the Homewood Retirement Center in Williamsport, Maryland. We had a box lunch aboard the bus. As usual, the residents of the home were glad to see us. Our Choir entertained the residents, and we had an old time "Sing Along". In late afternoon we reboarded the bus to Dandee Inn, for a delicious chicken supper. Marty Craig plans for the best meals for us.

October 16, - Halloween Theme Meeting. A few of us dressed in costume. Olga deBloom was the prettiest Witch ever.

October 19, - We came in the morning and stayed all day making Candy for the All Church Sour Beef Supper.

October 20-21-22-23, - Working for , preparing the food and clean up. It was the biggest Sour Beef Supper ever. Unfortunately we had to close an hour early on the 2nd night because we were running out of food. We are pleased to say that many new faces appeared as volunteer help.

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD ACTIVITIES REPORT CONTINUED  
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November 20, - Guild Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting. We charged \$5.00 per person and each Guild Member could bring a guest. It was a complete Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner including Dessert. The money was turned over to the Church to buy food coupons for the Needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

December 18, - Our Annual Christmas Party at Williamsburg Inn, with a Gift Exchange. Our Special Guests were the Pastors Armstrong and Joellenbech and Prescilla. Food was great and we all left after the party with the true Christmas Spirit.

December 20, - Our Corresponding Secretary and Senior Church Secretary, Millie Slechta, retired after 22 years. We love Millie and wish for Her and Jim, a Long, Happy, Healthy Retirement.

Won't you join us too? You will enjoy coming to meetings the 3rd, Wednesday of the month at 12 noon.

Respectfully Submitted

Mildred "Mutz" Surdel  
President

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURY REPORT  
January 10, 1996 thru December 31, 1996

Balance in Y. W. G. Treasury January 10, 1996 \$1,423.54

INCOME

Dues	\$	165.00
Profit-St. Patricks Day Luncheon		56.00
10% to Mission Fund		19.30
Donation		5.00
Sale of Greeting Cards		17.13
Raffle		19.41
Sale of Food		11.65
Profit-Mother/Daughter Banquet		425.96
Profit-Crab Cake Supper		1,187.08
Profit-Bus Trip to Frederick, Md.		443.50
Refund-5% Sales Tax Williamsburg Inn		39.50
TOTAL INCOME		2,389.53

\$2,389.53  
\$3,813.07

TOTAL CASH

EXPENSES

Cost of 1995 Christmas Dinner, Williamsburg Inn		230.28
Cost of Birthday Party Michaels Steak House		158.04
Cost of Christmas Party, 1996, Williamsburg Inn		247.70
Thanksgiving Supplies		47.38
10% to Mission Fund		19.30
Bank Service Charge		60.60
Luncheon Expenses		17.00
Donation-Lily Fund		75.00
Memorial-Mrs Savina Rossmark		10.00
United Evangelical Church-Anniversary Gift		500.00
Memorial-Mrs. Anna Schaefer		10.00
"AD" Sour Beef Brochure		16.00
Christmas Gift-Pastor Armstrong		15.00
Christmas Gift-Prescilla Armstrong		10.00
Christmas Gift-Pastor Roy Jollenbeck		10.00
Donation-Poinsettia Fund		75.00
United Evangelical Church-Christmas Gift		500.00
Donation-World Day of Prayer		10.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,011.30

TOTAL

Total in Y.W.G. Checking Account 12/31/96

\$2,011.30  
\$1,801.77

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURY REPORT CONTINUED

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD MISSION FUND  
January 10, 1996 thru December 31, 1996

Balance in Mission Fund December 31, 1996		\$1,801.77
		\$207.49
<u>INCOME</u>		
10% to Mission Fund	19.30	
Money returned to Mission Fund	5.35	
TOTAL INCOME-MISSION FUND	<u>24.65</u>	24.65
TOTAL		<u>\$232.14</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Gifts for Homewood Home and Lunch on Bus	50.00	
Refund to Y.W.G. for Expenses to Homewood Home	<u>137.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES MISSION FUND	187.00	<u>\$187.00</u>
Balance in Mission Fund December 31, 1996		\$ 45.14
Balance in Y.W.G. Checking Account 12/31/96		\$1,801.77
Mission Money		45.14
TOTAL		<u>\$1,846.91</u>
Adjustment		4.91
BALANCE IN YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURY 12/31/96		<u>\$1,851.82</u>
BANK-NATIONS BANK		

Respectfully Submitted  
Grace E. Fader  
Treasurer

# *United Evangelical Church School*

EAST AVENUE and DILLON STREET  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21224

1996

## UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES REPORT

While the Church School's enrollment and attendance showed no significant changes during 1996, there were several changes among the Church School staff. Fred Long, who has been involved in the Church School for longer than most of us can remember, decided it was time for him to retire; thus creating a major vacancy in our Confirmation Class. Fortunately, Anita Williar has taken on this task of teaching this class. George Williar, who was assisting Anita with the Junior/Junior High Class, is now teaching that class. Lori Pijanowski has assumed responsibility for the Primary Department. We believe these changes will provide us with a strong teaching base upon which we can build and strengthen the Christian Education program within the Church School.

Although we experienced no major physical changes to the Church School facility during the year, we are still building up our Renovation Fund, and we hope to finally purchase new drapes for the entire Church School Building. This promises to be a major undertaking, but one that is necessary and will improve the atmosphere and decor of the Church School, as well as increase the efficiency of heating and cooling the building.

Our financial condition continues to be very sound, which has enabled us to continue our mission support to many groups both in the Church as well as those outside the Church. We were able to give the Church a \$500 donation which was designated for the Boiler Fund. We still continue to provide Bibles for the confirmands and new members joining the Church.

The Church School Christmas Program on Tinsel Day, during the regular Church Service, continues to be one of our most successful and well-received activities. The children really look forward to this program each Christmas season!

Church School meets at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday, and we welcome all to join us. If your family is not involved in our Church School program, we invite you to join in helping sustain our growing Christian Education program at United. Even if you do not have children in Church School you are urged and invited to walk through and visit with us at any time. As always we need, and welcome, help in maintaining our staff so as to be able to expand our service to the children. We especially need someone to maintain our Cradle Roll records and maintain contact with those families in hopes of involving them in Church School. We are also looking for a teacher for the older youth who have completed their Confirmation training. Please remember, it is the children that are the future of our Church! If you are interested in helping please let us know, and we certainly welcome you!

Clarence Rowell  
Superintendent

# United Evangelical Church School

3200 MILLON STREET  
BALTIMORE, MD 21224-5028

FINANCIAL REPORT  
Month Ending 31 December 1996

GENERAL	INCOME	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	BALANCE
Building Fund - - - - -	\$ .94	\$	\$ 9.16	\$ 121.57
Furniture & Fixtures - - - - -	.94		9.16	59.02
Lesson Supplies - - - - -	+157.05	193.45	84.38	84.78
Miscellaneous - - - - -	.68 71	243.00	-62.17	46.16
- Mother's Day Flowers				
+ Sale/Flowers				
- Christmas Candy				
- Jesus Birthday CAKE				
* Trans funds from Reserve Acct				
Lesson Supplies \$100. - Misc Acct \$50.				
Stationery-Printing & Postage - -			=14.42	444.20
UECS Missions - - - - -	14.04	425.00	287.61	69.19
Flower/Refreshment - - - - -	1.84		18.20	291.36
Sub Total - - - - -	\$ 243.52	\$ 861.45	\$ -242.90	\$ 1,116.28
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS</b>				
Christmas Banks - - - - -	38.68		62.10	222.53
Easter Banks - - - - -			63.05	101.33
Renovation Fund - - - - -	25.00	500.00	-240.00	1,471.00
POCC			661.40	661.40
Youth Group			437.47	437.47
Sub Total - - - - -	\$ 63.68	\$ 500.00	\$ 984.02	\$ 2,893.73
<b>SPECIALS</b>				
Canton Happenings - - - - -				161.31
Cradle Roll - - - - -				101.09
Reserve (Dividend) - - - - -	199.41	150.00	97.20	4,108.12
Office Fund (Personal) - - - - -				59.95
Nursery Department - - - - -				38.77
Bible Memorial Fund - - - - -			-114.36	225.5
Sub Total - - - - -	\$ 199.41	\$ 150.00	\$ -17.16	\$ 4,604.81
TOTAL - - - - -	\$ 506.61	\$ 1,511.95	\$ 723.66	\$ 8,704.82
Net Gain or Loss - - - - -		-1,004.84		
Balance (11/30/96) - +12/31/95 - -		(9,709.66)	+7,980.86	
GRAND TOTAL - - - - -	\$ 506.61	\$ 1,511.95	\$ 8,704.82	\$ 8,704.82

**DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:**

Checking Account -	\$ 1,641.86
Savings Account - HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK	\$ 7,062.96
	\$ 8,704.82

**ATTENDANCE**

Last Year - 222=44 - 1,780=34  
This Year - 152=30 - 1,297=27

**OFFERING**

Last year - \$108.48=\$21.70 - \$1,170.53=\$22.09  
This Year - 92.52= 18.70 - 1,005.94= 20.53

Respectfully submitted,

*Edwin Myers*  
Edwin Myers Treasurer

CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>BIBLE MEMORIAL FUND</u>			<u>A M O U N T</u>
<u>D A T E</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>FROM</u>	
06/09/06	Bertha A Loomis	Ed & Cass Myers	
06/26	Anna M Schaeffer	Ed & Cass Myers	
07/02	Kate Myers	Ed & Cass Myers	
08/28	Joyce F hammerbacher	Ed & Cass Myers	
09/30	John M Myers	Ed & Cass Myers	
03/07	Bibles for Confirmants		\$ 139.96
<u>CHURCH SCHOOL LESSON SUPPLIES</u>			
Various			574.37
<u>RENOVATION FUND (RECEIVED)</u>			
Various	Donations	Rowell Family	
12/02/96	Church Boiler Fund		500.00
<u>MISSION FUND</u>			
12/03	UCC - World Ministeries	\$100.00	
	India Fund	25.00	
	Leper Fund	<u>25.00</u>	\$150.00
	BARC		25.00
	Meals-On-Wheels		25.00
	Central Md Ecumenical Council		25.00
	UCC/Supper Club		25.00
	Dakota Boys Ranch Foundation		25.00
	Emmaus Homes Inc		25.00
	Tressler Lutheran Services of Md Inc		25.00
	Hoffman Home For Children		25.00
	Maryland Bible Society		25.00
	BSA Troop #19		25.00
	BSA Cub Pack #19		<u>25.00</u>
			425.00
<u>CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHURCH SCHOOL SCHOLARS</u>			
12/22	Candy/ 1/2# boxes of Candy	\$216.00	
	Jesus Birthday Cake	<u>27.00</u>	
			<u>243.00</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS - - - - -			<u>\$1,882.33</u>
<u>HELD FOR &amp; DISBURSED</u>			
09/09	Canton Baptist Church (Coins & Cans)		\$ 222.65

UNITED CHURCH SEWING GROUP NEWS

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The United Church Sewing Group has just completed another year of making arts and crafts work for the benefit of our beloved Church, and THANK YOU to all of you who attend our various affairs held at the Church and bought our art and craft work, etc.. We really appreciated it.

All the members of the Sewing Group enjoy doing this, but sometime we run out of ideas as to what to make. You can help us greatly by suggesting new ideas to us.

Our ladies stay active all year long helping with all the activities that take place here at Church.

This year we gave the following gifts to the Church:

Poinsettia Fund	25.00
Boiler Fund	200.00
Lily Fund	25.00

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and all profits made on articles we sold during the year.

We are a small group of ladies. Please come and join us. We are always looking for new members. Come next Tuesday at 10 A.M., however if it is inclement weather (snow, ice, rain), call the Church office to find out if we will be meeting that day. See you next Tuesday.

Love You All,  
Lillian Bushman, President  
Grace E.Fader, Advisor

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UNITED CHURCH SEWING GROUP TREASURY REPORT

December 31, 1995 thru December 31, 1996

Balane in United Church Sewing Group Treasury  
December 31, 1995 \$ 384.87

INCOME

<u>Dues</u> Collected	\$107.00
Interest from Bank	21.55
Profit Fancy Table	106.55
Donations	40.00
Mutz Surdel sale of garbage bags	16.00
Marguarete Spliedt (sale of nearly new items)	40.55
Rose Byrdyck (sale craft work)	99.00
Margaret Craig sale of garbage bags	225.25
Profit - Bus Trip	<u>255.25</u>
TOTAL INCOME	965.25
TOTAL	\$1,350.12



SENIOR CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT, 1996

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1996	\$120.20
Bank Balance	248.48
<u>INCOME</u>	
Offering (Thursday Nights)	260.35
Interest on Bank Account	<u>8.31</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$637.34

<u>GIFTS AND EXPENSES</u>	
Gifts	\$100.00
Christmas Dinner	170.00
Patron Ad for Church	16.00
Memorials	25.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>22.93</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$333.93

Cash On Hand	\$196.62
Bank Balance	<u>106.79</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	303.41

Respectfully Submitted,  
Holly Raddatz

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ACTIVITIES BY THE SENIOR CHOIR

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January	7	- Church Closed Due to Blizzard
January	11	- No Rehearsal Due to Blizzard
January	18	- No Rehearsal Due to Blizzard
January	28	- Congregation Meeting Cancelled Blizzard
February	4	- Congregation Meeting Cancelled Blizzard
February	8	- Dolores Canoles Retirement Party
February	11	- Congregation Meeting Held in Church
February	18	- Pat Kelly Preached
February	21	- Ash Wednesday
February	22	- Started Mother/Daughter Banquet Rehearsals
March	28	- Rehearsal with Brass Ensemble for Easter
March	31	- Palm Sunday - Confirmation Class
April	2	- Rehearsal for Last Supper Tableau
April	3	- Last Supper Tableau
April	4	- Maundy Thursday Service
April	5	- Good Friday - Carry Cross through Neighborhood
April	7	- Easter Sunday - Brass Ensemble
April	18	- Rehearsal for Mother/Daughter Banquet
April	21	- 50 Year Confirmands Reunion
May	7	- Dress Rehearsal for Mother/Daughter Banquet

ACTIVITIES FOR 1996 BY SENIOR CHOIR CONTINUES

May 8 - Mother /Daughter Banquet  
May 12 - Mother's Day  
  
June 13 - Last Rehersal went to Poplar Inn  
June 20 - Bowling at Middlesex Fairlanes free for  
all Church Members by Rob Gundlach.  
June 30 - Will break for Summer  
  
July 4 - Paul's House for Cook Out  
  
August 29 - Choir Rehersal Started  
  
September 15 - Choir Sang for Church's Anniversary  
  
October 13 - Homewood Home with Guild  
October 22 - All Church Sour Beef and Dumpling  
October 23 - Luncheon and Dinner  
  
November 28 - Thanksgiving Service  
  
December 1 - Congregation Meeting (Advent)  
December 5 - Christmas Party Captain James  
December 8 - Interfaith Music Festival at  
Our Lady fo Pompei Church  
December 14 - Christmas Caroling -Sacred Heart of Jesus  
December 15 - Sunday School Christmas Party and  
Tinsel Sunday  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

Some or all of the Senior Choir Members participated in the  
above dates. We also want to wish the Church and entire  
Congregation a VERY HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Respectfully Submitted ,  
Margaret Jean Myrick  
Senior Choir Secretary

THE LADIES AID SOCIETY  
1997

The Ladies Aid Society is the oldest group in the church. We meet the first Wednesday of the month with a Luncheon, (except July and August), due to very snowy winter we had to postpone a few of our meetings.

In April we held a Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner with the help of friends and our faithful Church members. We donated half of the profit (\$2,500.00) to the church and \$100.00, to the P.A.C.T. group for helping with the Bazaar.

Every year in May we go Maying. This year we went to Annapolis and had lunch at the Fishermens Inn. May 15 joined 2 other Ladies Group for a Games Party which all proceeds was donated to the church.

Wednesday June 5th we had a trip to Friendly Farms with a games party.

In September another Games Party and Luncheon was held by 3 Ladies Groups, again all the proceeds were turned over to the church. Our September meeting held on the 11th, was Friendship Day. All members were asked to bring a friend.

October is a busy month we work 5 days preparing for Our Sour Beef Supper for the church. All members help to make this a success.

Our November 6th meeting was another big meeting , it was Christmas Cookie Day. Members baked batches of cookies and brought them to the meeting. After we sampled them we sold the ones left to the members. On this day also we paid our \$5.00 dues for 1996. The Ladies kept their dues and try to make them grow by baking cakes, pies and Italian Cookies. Some saved pennies and dimes , as the result we made over \$300.00 which we donated to the Boiler Fund.

On December 4th , we held our Christmas Party at Winterlings. Our Hostess for the party was Emma Essel, we thank her for doing a wonderful job.

We are inviting all the Ladies of the Church to join our group in 1997. We shall meet on Wednesday, January 8th, at noon. Come help us work for our beloved Church.

"God be with you till we meet again."

Yours In Christ  
Marty Craig - President

Marty Craig -----	President
Elizabeth Erdman -----	Vice President
Ann "Sis" Miskar -----	Treasurer
Lillian Hammerbacher -----	Secretary
Helen Bogucki -----	Corresponding Secretary

LADIES' AID YEARLY TREASURY REPORT

January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996

Balance in Ladies' Aid Checking Account  
December 31, 1996 \$ 951.55

INCOME

Transactions for Savings Account	3,000.00	
Cake / Cookie Sale	45.00	
Profit from Sour Beef Supper	5,185.37	
Profit form Faith Church Trip	257.00	
Profit from Annapolis Trip	141.25	
Profit from Friendly Farm Trip	282.15	
Dues	115.00	
Raffle	22.00	
Fund Raiser	329.50	
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,377.27	\$ 9,377.27

TOTAL

\$10,328.82

EXPENSES

1995 Christmas Party Refund	20.00	
Day of Prayer	10.00	
Lily Fund	75.00	
Donation to P.A.C.T.	100.00	
Secretary's Day	10.00	
Memorials	30.00	
Transferred to Savings	3,500.00	
Church from Sour Beef Supper	2,500.00	
Anniversary Gift (CHURCH)	1,000.00	
(\$500.00 to Church - \$500.00 to Boiler Fund)		
Tickets from Dundalk Community College	350.00	
Poinsettia Fund	75.00	
Christmas Gift (Church)	1,000.00	
(\$500.00 to Church - \$500.00 to Boiler Fund)		
Christmas Gift Pastor Armstrong	15.00	
Christmas Gift Mrs. Armstrong	10.00	
Christmas Gift Pastor Jollenbeck	10.00	
Ladies' Aid Christmas Party	334.00	
Retirement Gift for Millie	25.00	
Luncheons	75.43	
AD for Church Sour Beef Supper	16.00	
Donation to Boiler Fund	382.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,537.93	\$ 9,537.93
Balance in Checking Account December 31,1996		\$ 790.89
Balance in Savings Account December 31,1996		\$ 4,099.67

INCOME

INTEREST	149.45	
Transfer from Checking Account	3,500.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,649.45	\$ 3,649.45

TOTAL

7,749.12

EXPENSES:

Transfer to Checking Account	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Balance in Savings Account December 31,1996		\$4,749.12

LADIES' AID YEARLY TREASURY REPORT CONTINUED

SUMMARY: December 31, 1996

Balance in Checking Account	790.89
Balance in Savings Account	<u>4,749.12</u>
Balance in Ladies' Aid Treasury December 31,1996	<u>\$5,540.01</u>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anna W. Miskar  
Treasurer

OFFICERS - CHURCH COUNCIL - 1997

Mr. Clarence Rowell - President  
Mr. Harvey Jacob - Vice President  
Mr. Calvin Gundlach - Financial Sect.  
Mrs. Darlene Waters - Treasurer  
Mrs. Anita Williar - Secretary

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Mrs Cass Young - Church Secretary  
Mrs. Darlene Waters - Assistant Church Secretary  
Mr. Robert Gundlach - Director of Music  
Mrs Dorothy Green - Volunteer Collater  
Mrs. Lois Duval - Volunteer Collater  
Mrs. Olga deBloom - Volunteer Collater  
Mrs. Karen Foster & Mrs. Rachael McGee-Custodians  
Mrs. Carol Borkman - Leader - Child Care - Nursery  
Mrs. Concetta Clark - P.A.C.T. Program - Director  
Mrs. Kathleen Meehling & Mrs. Patricia Foster - Teachers

# United Evangelical P.A.C.T.

Parents and Children Together  
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Baltimore, Md. 21224

Telephone 276-0393

## Financial Report on United Evangelical P.A.C.T. School Year 95 - 96

Finances 1/1/96 - 06/30/96

Opening balance 1/1/96		597.95
<b>Income:</b>		
tuition	4957.00	
registration	553.50	
bull roast ticket sales	4100.00	
fundraisers	1486.75	
bank interest	28.85	
donations	300.00	
eliminate petty cash	2.80	
		<u>11428.90</u>
<b>total available</b>		<b>12026.85</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
salaries/social security	6100.51	
classroom supplies	258.96	
bookkeeping	27.30	
equipment	1067.55	
trips	76.40	
refreshments	86.28	
licencing	68.00	
puppet show	280.00	
donations	50.00	
eliminate petty cash	2.80	
fund raising expenses	3906.65	
<b>total outgoing</b>		<u><b>11924.45</b></u>
<b>total available</b>		<b>102.40</b>
<b>Closing balances 12/31/96:</b>		
<b>checking</b>	<b>102.40</b>	

Finances 7/1/96 - 12/31/96

Opening balance 7/1/96		102.40
<b><u>Income:</u></b>		
tuition	5539.00	
registration	336.00	
raffle ticket sales	847.00	
fundraisers	22.50	
bank interest	15.66	
donations	145.00	
petty cash	25.00	
puppet show	239.00	
		<u>7169.16</u>
<b>total available</b>		<b>7271.56</b>
 <b><u>Expenses:</u></b>		
salaries/social security	5835.03	
classroom supplies	375.26	
bank charges	6.80	
red cross course	38.00	
equipment	21.56	
trips	60.00	
puppet show	300.00	
raffle permit	10.00	
licencing	34.00	
petty cash	25.00	
		<u>6705.65</u>
<b>total outgoing</b>		<b>6705.65</b>
<b>total available</b>		<b>565.91</b>
<b>Closing balances 12/31/96:</b>		
<b>checking</b>	<b>540.91</b>	
<b>petty cash fund</b>	<b>25.00</b>	

P. A. C. T.

This year there are 35 Children and parents enrolled in the P.A.C.T. program. Financially between tuitions and one successful fund raiser the program is totally self sufficient. We plan to make a donation to the Church in the Spring in appreciation for the support P.A.C.T. has received.

In the mean time a vision screening and several class trips are scheduled. Some of the parents are meeting in February to do some repair work to the play house and a few other areas of the room.

We are beginning enrollment for next year. If you know someone who has a pre-schooler and might be interested in P.A.C.T., please have them call Concetta at 995-0118.

UNITED CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE  
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This year we added 5 teams to our league. They use to be the Dundalk Moose League. We were very happy to welcome them to our league. Everyone has a fun night of bowling and fellowship. We bowl Friday at 6:00 P.M. at Middlesex Bowling Lanes. We welcome anyone who would like to have fun and meet new people, **come join us.**

Sharon Daniloski,  
Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF PACK 19

In February of 1996, we had our Blue and Gold Banquet. We had 3 boys crossover into Boy Scouts, and 2 boys move from Tiger Cubs to Cub Scouts. In June we had a picnic. Our unit started the Baltimore Historical Trails. We visited the Baltimore Zoo, Fort McHenry plus different ships at the harbor. In October we had a Halloween Party. We operate our unit on dues and fund raisers. We will welcome any help we can get. Currently we are not as active because of the weather. We have 10 youth members.

Yours in Scouting

Cathy High

Cubmaster

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH - UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Milton Graig, brother-in-law of Marty Craig, attends Christ Lutheran Church downtown and heard this story from the Pulpit.

A Roman Catholic priest and a Lutheran minister were playing golf together. After teeing off they went to their golf balls only to discover that one of the balls had hit a rabbit and killed it. They were distressed at seeing the animal come to such a fate at their hands. They nudged the animal with a shoe and stroked the poor thing wishing it hadn't happened. "Well," the Priest said, "I'll go back to my car, and get the bottle." On the poor rabbit the priest sprinkled some Holy Water. The minister felt left out of some needed ritual, and he went back to his car, and brought a bottle and poured a little of its contents on the animal. The rabbit jumped up and ran away. "Great Scott!", the Priest said. "How strange?" "What is in that bottle?" The minister hesitated, but then said, "Well, it is hair restorer."

RESTORATION! Christ came to restore the world. Christ is with us to bring us back to God when we make traditional confession, "and there is no health in us." Through forgiveness God restores us to new life. What the law could not do, St. Paul says, Christ has accomplished through the Cross and Resurrection, bridging the gap between us and the Divine. A pastor's lifetime vocation is to make this Good News known wherever she or he may be.

May all of you at United Evangelical Church Congregation have a good New Year through the restorative powers that are in Christ.

The Rev. Roy Jollenbeck  
Minister of Visitation



**HUNGER REPORT CARDS**-United Evangelical Church pastor Robert M. Armstrong (center) presented the Maryland Food Committee's release of their Federal Report Card on Monday. The MFC graded the Maryland congressional delegation's votes on welfare reform, nutrition programs and living wage. Democrats generally scored higher than Republicans. MFC presented their findings at Canton Baptist Church, which operates a food pantry.



Photo by Colleen Wolfe  
A collie named Lady is blessed during the annual St. Francis' Blessing of the Pets ceremony on Sunday at O'Donnell Square Park. The event was sponsored by Canton churches.