

UNITED PLEASURE CLUB

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President	Mark Ermer
Vice President	Dr. Timothy Madgar
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50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Mark Ermer - Chairman
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P R O G R A M

Opening Greetings

Mark Ermer
President

Invocation

Max Hoffman
Deacon
St. Michaels Lutheran Church

Toastmaster

Will Ermer

Introduction of Past Presidents

Recognition of Charter Members

Dancing and Socializing

M E N U

Buffet Served 8-10 PM

Top Round of Beef Au Jus
Boneless Stuffed Breast of Chicken

Crisp Garden Tossed Salad
Scalloped Potatoes
Peas and Carrots

Ice Cream with assorted toppings
(make your own Sundae)

Coffee Tea Assorted Soft Drinks

Open Bar All Evening

Coors Light Budweiser Beer

Choice of Mixed Drinks

THE WONDERS OF MEMORIES



The following pages are a summary of the many social activities that have been part of our history in the past and at the present time.

Be sure to stop by the display of memorabilia prepared for us by our Historian Ed Myers. Some of the articles are sure to bring back fond memories of the many wonderful years we have shared together.



The United Men's Club (hereafter known as "UMC") was organized on June 4, 1945 with the following men in attendance: Paul E. Bauersfeld, Ernest Braun, Henry Ellick, Fred Gross, Albert Hofmann, Fred Kacher, Morris LeBrun, Fred Long, Louis Mueller, Marcus Strovel, Edward Weidel, Fred Witzke, George Yeager and Rev. Titus Lehmann. Officers elected were: Fred Gross/

President, Edward Weidel/Vice President, Paul E. Bauersfeld/Secretary and Henry Ellick/Treasurer. Dues were set at \$0.25 per month.

Various activities that "UMC" held will be explained under the various functions that transpired throughout the years.

"UMC" became incorporated and Charter was approved sometime during 1948.

Between 1967 and 1973 we were known as the United Social Club. Unfortunately all the records of this period of time were destroyed by fire at the home of our Secretary, Roland Spedden.

United Pleasure Club (hereafter known as "UPC") applied for and was approved to be incorporated and our charter was approved on December 20, 1974.

The original purpose of "UMC" was to provide fellowship and brotherhood to the returning servicemen of World War II. The principles of fellowship and brotherhood still prevail at "UPC" to this day.

An original copy of the first minutes of "UMC" can be seen at the memorabilia table.



"UMC" bowling league was formed and began bowling on September 7, 1945 at New Highland Alleys. The cost was \$1.00 per bowler: cost of games \$0.59, tip for pin boy \$0.10 and league treasury \$0.21. Fred Gross was nominated as Secretary of the league. Since then we have bowled at Seidel's, Greenway East and presently at Hillendale Lanes.

In June 1946 our first Crab Feast and Bowling Awards Party was held at the home of Mark Strovel (located on Frog Mortar Creek - Bowley's Quarters).

Do any of you remember the spirited softball games we played each summer?

Do you remember who umpired these games? Ask Gil Felter to comment on this!

Our yearly Oyster Roast was held in January 1947 at the then new coal yard of Fred Gross & Sons. When this location became impracticable because of the expansion of business we moved to the Fernwood Club where we enjoyed many years of good fellowship. More recently we moved to the Conkling Club until the facility was closed.

On June 5, 1947 there was a bowling match between "UMC" and Sacred Heart bowling league and on January 10, 1948 a second match was held - a social gathering was then held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



Father-Son Banquet

"UMC" held its first Father & Son Banquet on January 16, 1946 with sport celebrities as guests. The cost for this was \$1.25 per person and only 200 tickets were printed and no tickets were sold at the door.

Annual banquets were held each year and the last one that we have any record of was January 27, 1967 which was the 22nd banquet.

Programs from several of these banquets can be seen at the memorabilia table.

Many sports personalities appeared at these parties in the early years when ballplayers, coaches, managers and sportscasters considered it a privilege to participate in public relations free of charge.

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Another activity of "UMC" were the delightful moonlight cruises aboard the Wilson Line Steamer Bay Belle.



The men of "UMC" treated the ladies to a night at the Vagabond Theatre, February 6, 1952 and for several years thereafter.

On February 20, 1946, Professor Szazma of the US Naval Academy performed at the United Church Hall. Professor Szazma is a hypnotist and his show was so enjoyable that he made a second appearance on October 25.

"UMC" and "UPC" also took bus trips to Lily Langtry and other dinner theatres.

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"UMC" formed a softball team in June 1946 with John Willey as manager.

We played in several leagues around the city for a number of years and climaxed this activity with a game at Bugle Field.

On July 27, 1954 the elderly men and one elderly umpire (who showed no favoritism) accepted the challenge to a softball game with the young men. The outcome of the game was 4 to 3 in favor of the elderly men.



Tableau - Lord's Supper Pose



Tableau - Lord's Supper Cast

In early fall of 1947, Rev & Mrs Lehmann while on vacation in St Louis, Mo. attended a performance of "The Last Supper". The church people gave Rev Lehmann a copy of the life story of each disciple. With this information, Rev Lehmann, Ann & Al Witzke put together the tableau and the men of "UMC" were contacted to be part of this tableau.

The first performance was given in the Church on Palm Sunday night, April 12, 1950 at 7:45 PM of that year. There were six men of "UMC" started with the production and they were: Fred Long/Andrew, Martin Haas/Bartholomew, Charles Behnke/James the Great, Paul Bauersfeld/James the Less, Frank Hutchinson/Judas and J Edwin Myers/John.

On April 12, 1995 the 45th Anniversary of the Tableau of the Lord's Supper was presented in memory of Dr Titus Lehmann, Mr & Mrs Albert Witzke who faithfully directed this drama for 27 years.

One of the cloths used on the table was sent to Mrs Lehmann by her son Ted, while he was serving in the Air Force during World War II. When Pastor & Mrs Lehmann retired, they left the cloth to be used in future presentations.

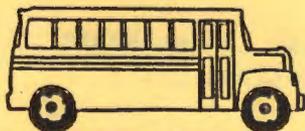


MEN'S RETREAT

On September 12-14, 1947, we attended Brotherhood Retreat at Camp Machaux, Caledonia, PA. The following year we were assigned kitchen duty for the weekend. When "AA" Hofmann arrived, the Treasurer told him we will have roast beef for dinner. "AA" asked was it rib-eye and he said no. After a discussion on the matter "AA" won out and phoned someone in Baltimore and told them to stop by Esskay and pick up so many pounds of rib-eye. Also, we instituted the use of paper plates and cups which gave the kitchen crew time to take part in the programs planned. We attended several retreats after that until they closed the camp. We then attended retreats at Mar-Lu Ridge in the Catactin Mountain Park near Thurmont, MD.

Several members of "UPC" attend the yearly Brotherhood Lenten Services held at various churches of the United Church of Christ.

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One of the first social activities "UMC" attended were baseball games in Washington, DC to see the Major League Senators.



At one of the Washington games, Lou Mueller's father got lost and we had to wait around for one hour until we finally found him.

Upon the return of baseball to Baltimore "UMC" attended many games. More recently "UPC" worked concession stands at Memorial Stadium to raise money for various purposes.



On May 12, 1948 "UMC" prepared and served a delicious dinner at the first annual Mother and Daughter Banquet held at United Church.

Many members of "UPC" are still active in this activity at United Church.

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We held our first Ladies Night Dance on February 7, 1948 at the Arundel Boat Club. Our refreshment chairman "AA" Hofmann and his crew prepared and served delicious food at all our dances.

"UMC" held regular Ladies Night Dances at various locations until May 17, 1958.



"UMC" had it's first stag social at Gunther Brewery tap room on October 29, 1948.



We continued this activity both at Gunther's and later at National Brewery until May 12, 1956.

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"UMC" and "UPC" make a twice yearly journey to Chesapeake Beach in search of "Rock" Fish. Clete Orr started this activity and Ed Dietsch now organizes these trips.



"UMC" formed a basketball team in 1951 and was entered in the Eastern Protestant Church Club League. The team won the league championship that year. In 1957 the team won the championship and went to the invitational City finals before being eliminated.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop #19 was forced to move from the Church on the corner of East Avenue and Fleet Street. Baltimore Area Council approved the charter to transfer the Troop to United Evangelical Church on January 22, 1952.

Troop #19 is still active and the current sponsor is United Evangelical Church.

"UPC" still makes a yearly contribution to the Boy Scouts of America as requested by Eagle Scout Ed Myers.

The officers and members
of United Pleasure Club hope you
have enjoyed this evening together.

If you would like to be a
part of our fellowship or you would
like to bowl with us, see Tim Madgar.

P R E S I D E N T S

1945-46 - Fred Gross	1971-72 - Earl Yingling
1946-47 - Edward Weidel	1972-73 -
1947-48 - Marcus Strovel	1973-74 -
1948-49 - *Louis Mueller	1974-75 - *George Rathgeber
1949-50 - Wilbert Ermer	1975-76 - Raymond Fogler
1950-51 - George Hammerbacher	1976-77 - James Gorsuch
1951-52 - *Albert J Fader Sr	1977-78 - Herbert Gough III
1952-53 - Henry Smit	1978-79 - Kenneth Heimbach
1953-54 - John Will	1979-80 - James Moubray
1954-55 - *Ferd MEdinger	1980-81 - Larry Byers
1955-56 - ERnest Jones	1981-82 - James Moubray
1956-57 - *Frederick Klingmeyer	1982-83 - Milton Ritterpuschl
1957-58 - Rudolph Diamond	1983-84 - Milton Ritterpuschl
1958-59 - Edward Dietsch	1984-85 - *Cyril Lanehardt
1959-60 - J Edwin Myers	1985-86 - Edward Ward
1960-61 - George Hammerbacher	1986-87 - Edward Ward
1961-62 - Gilbert Felter	1987-88 - Mark Ermer
1962-63 - Marcus Strovel	1988-89 - Mark Ermer
1963-64 - *Harry Bauersfeld	1989-90 - Patrick Renehan
1964-65 - *Kenneth Burmeister	1990-91 - Patrick Renehan
1965-66 - *Edward Schwartz	1991-92 - Norman Houck
1966-67 - Thomas Bocek	1992-93 - Norman Houck
1967-68 - Gilbert Felter	1993-94 - Henry Rossmark Jr
1968-69 - Gilbert Felter	1994-95 - Henry Rossmark Jr
1969-70 - Wilbert Ermer	1995-96 - Mark Ermer
1970-71 - *Frederick Klingmeyer	

*Deceased