

Deutsche Vereinigte
Evangelische
Christus Kirche



100th
Anniversary

1886 - 1986

Sunday, October 12, 1986

Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church
United Church of Christ
Beacon & Decatur Streets
Baltimore, Maryland



The Reverend Roy W. Joellenbeck

Dear Members and Friends of Christ Church,

On the radio the other night someone gave dog imitations and then told a dog joke. Why is it that a dog cannot dance? Answer: because he has two left feet, — of course, the very problem many have claimed for not dancing.

But this year is a great year for Christ Church, and dancing is not out of order. We dance to the fact that one hundred years of life is a long time, and Christ Church should have a celebration.

Some churches use modern dance as an art form to enhance morning worship. Christ Church has never done this as far as I know, but still we do have the right to dance for such an occasion as this Centennial Year.

Many years ago we had a dinner guest in our home. He was a man who has since that time written a number of books for church leaders. His main theme has been about God's great openness toward us. God has been solicitous toward us through Christ. About Jesus we have learned that He is "Lord of the dance." There is the greatest of rejoicing with Him!

Let us celebrate with great rejoicing in this year of 1986! Our congregation's traditions may not provide much room for dance in the sanctuary, but, we have had our ways of trying to carry out a ministry in the world through our church. May many years, even centuries ahead, find Christ Church at work seeking to provide for the world and its needs.

History Of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church United Church Of Christ

In the organization of this congregation, there were three attempts before an enduring organization was established. In April, 1886, after Pastor Conradi had conducted preaching services on several Sundays, a number of people assembled under the leadership of Pastor Conradi and organized a congregation under the name: "Evangelisch Lutherische St. Bartholomaeus Gemeinde." However, this congregation was disbanded on June 28 of the same year. For some reason a split occurred and some left the meeting. Those remaining organized a new congregation still under the leadership of Pastor Conradi. This second congregation received the name: "Erste Deutsche Evangelisch Lutherische Gemeinde von Locust Point."

There still seemed to be dissatisfaction and on July 19, 1886, a congregational meeting was held and Pastor Ed. Huber was invited to this meeting. At this meeting, the action of June 28, regarding the name, was reconsidered and the name "Vereinigte Evangelische Christus Gemeinde" was adopted. This is the congregation which has continued to this day. A reorganization of the congregation took place in January, 1941. This action was the outcome of the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America, with which this congregation became affiliated, with the Reformed Church of the United States. A new constitution was adopted and the name changed to "Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church."

In June of 1957, the Evangelical and Reformed Church merged with the Congregational Christian Church and formed a new denomination. The name of the new denomination became the United Church of Christ. After several years of litigation in the courts, a constitution was adopted at a general meeting on July 4, 1961. This congregation is now a member of the United Church of Christ.

While this congregation was never strong numerically, it was always very active. It has been a feeder for other congregations in the City and there are many in active Christian service throughout the City that have received their basic training in Christian service in this congregation.

Christ Church has an active Women's Guild, an aggressive Church School, and the young people are organized under the name: "The Youth Fellowship of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church."

The official guiding body of this congregation is the Consistory, which consists of the pastor, six elders and six deacons and they are:

Reverend Roy W. Joellenbeck, **Pastor**

Elders

Karl F. Ballwanz, Jr.
Charles Baumann
John Baumann
Eveline Craig
Charles Gardner
Robert Voelkel

Deacons

Karl Ballwanz III
George Chaney
Clifton E. Fitzhugh, Jr.
Susan Fitzhugh
Audrey Hyson
Dolores Uzarowski
Stanley Uzarowski

Organist and Choir Director, Robert Bangert.



Pastors Who Have Served This Congregation

W. Paul Batz	1886 to 1887
Pastor Dalhoff	1888 to 1898
O. Apitz	1899 to 1905
F. A. Giese	1905 to 1909
Fr. HanZunft	1909 to 1912
P. Briesemeister	1913 to 1919
Charles F. Brandt	1919 to 1927
F. A. Giese	1927 to 1939
John G. Grimmer	1939 to 1943
John S. Hollenbach	1944 to 1956
John R. T. Hedeman	1956 to 1963
Thomas Perry	1963 to 1965
Charles Wentling	1966 to 1968
Michael Eldridge	1969 to 1971
Roy W. Joellenbeck	1972 to



100th Anniversary Committee

Christine Lowe

Owen Lowe

Anna Voelkel

Dolores Ballwanz

Gregory Craig

Robert Voelkel

Clifton Fitzhugh

Dennis Eder

Eveline Craig

Dolores Uzarowski

Hope Marsten

Charles Walker

Karl Ballwanz, Jr.

Susan Fitzhugh

Church Organizations

Church Officers

President Karl F. Ballwanz, Jr.
Vice President Charles Gardner
Treasurer Clifton Fitzhugh
Secretary Eveline Craig
Recording Secretary Dolores Uzarowski

Governing Body

Elders

John Baumann
Charles Baumann
Robert Voekel
Karl Ballwanz, Jr.

Deacons

Dolores Uzarowski
Stanley Uzarowski
Karl F. Ballwanz III
George Chaney

Women's Guild

President Mrs. Kate Wilson
Vice President Mrs. Frances Holtman
Secretary Mrs. Susan Fitzhugh
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Anna Voekel
Treasurer Mrs. Eveline Craig

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten Joanne Heller
Primary Isabel Eder
Juniors Christine Lowe









A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther
Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge

HEIN FESTE BURG

Martin Luther

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threaten to un-do us;
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, No thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

Our Help-er He, a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos-ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us.
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is He, Lord Sab-a-oth His
 The Prince of darkness grim, We trem-ble not for him; His rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al-so; The bod-y they may

great; And, armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure, One lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still, His king-dom is for-ev-er. A-MEN.

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