

NEWS FROM UNITED CHURCH

INTERIM INTERLUDES

Well, the time has come for us to say goodbye. We all knew this day would come when I came to you as your interim pastor 25 months ago.

Last month, your president, George Nassner, reported to you that as the search committee progresses towards completing their task of calling a new pastor, that I, too, would begin discerning where I felt God was calling me to serve. In prayer, and discussions with Wesley, I believe God is calling me to become the Interim Pastor of Light Street Presbyterian Church beginning on November 8th. (809 Light St., 21230, one block so. of Inner Harbor)

While these "good-byes" never get any easier, there is a positive side to them. What do I mean? After serving ten churches over twenty years, I marvel at the strength of Christ's church, each unique personality, yet, because we worship one God, hold common goals, fears, dreams, joys, sorrows, our problems are not so different. I realize I am at home in most any church, anywhere.

Now, together, let's take a quiz to chart our progress over these last two years in the following characteristics.

1) FEAR or anxiousness of the UNKNOWN.

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear. Not the absence of fear. "Do the thing you fear and the death of fear is certain." No matter where I am, part of my ministry centers on working with people to become not only comfortable about what is ahead but look forward to it. "Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up." (Heb12:2)

Do we, as individuals and as a congregation, look forward to the future, able to trust God or do we worry and fret about what is ahead? As my Mom says, "Worry is like a rocking chair: It gives you something to do, but doesn't get you anywhere."

2) TRUST. Do we trust one another? Or do we sometimes think someone might do "it wrong". More

importantly, did you and I learn to trust one another? If so, then we have learned to model Christ's example, if not, let's keep at it. *MOST IMPORTANTLY*, do we trust God? Or do we think God needs help in running the world? Can *WE* take care of the possible and trust God with the impossible? Are we able to encourage another's attempt without interfering or do we need to speak right up and help them do it "the right way."

3) SERVICE. 1 Tim.4:14 "Anyone who buries his talent is making a grave mistake." OK. I'm going to answer this one. Most people, yes *MOST*, wish to serve God - but only in an advisory capacity. And folks, we have *TOO MANY* people on the side-lines! More of us need to feel "I *CAN* volunteer, I *CAN* pitch in, and then find our courage and our voice and speak up and say out loud "I can contribute". *ESPECIALLY SINCE SEPTEMBER 11*, your community needs the peace and love Christ offers through our church. They need your self-confidence and belief in the church. What will help you become more comfortable about serving others in our community? How do we serve God outside of our four walls? You can easily determine the quality of a person by the amount of opposition it takes to be discouraged. Everyone can *DO SOMETHING!* I paraphrase Hebrews 6:12, "Too many churchgoers are singing 'Standing on the Promises' when all they are doing is sitting on the premises."

4) FAITH. "Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death." Do you have the courage to dare yourself to go beyond what your eyes can see? As St. Paul says, "We walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Cor. 5:7)

5) COMPASSION, UNDERSTANDING, PATIENCE. I give plenty of plus marks here! You do a superb job often of caring for one another. OK - once in a while we slip and have a tendency to get with our little group and complain about "things". You are kind hearted and loving people! *DON'T BE AFRAID TO SHOW IT!*

6) DO WE ENJOY BEING TOGETHER AND HAVING A "MERRY HEART?" (PROV. 17:22) Here is another plus, in my book! I love to hear so many of you laugh a lot. I was always told that the most wasted of all days is the one where I have not laughed.

7) GIVING FINANCIALLY. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. Is the church in your will? Do you tithe? Giving is a matter of faith and trust.

Now, let's look over our answers. How did we do? ..

Where can we grow and improve? Pray about how you can *be* part of the solution? The best good-bye you could give to me would be that you **BEGIN NOW to think you can follow an idea, a dream, and go do it!** No one else is going to do it for you. It won't always be easy - but who wants to try something that is easy. If you can't feed 100 people, then feed just one! Don't settle with just surviving! Do you believe this church can make a difference in other peoples lives? You can! You will never get there, if you do not begin. If you think we are IN trying times, DON'T, quit trying!

Remember: You are never alone - "Nothing can separate you from the love of God."(Rom.8) Some people succeed because they are destined to, but most people succeed because they are determined to. Keep at it - don't give up!

I will always remember our special worship services, United's Sour Beef Dinners, and the "talent show"! etc. I love this church! You love this church! NOW TELL OTHERS HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THIS CHURCH AND INVITE THEM! I will miss Rob and the way he plays to the glory of God, I will miss Cass and Darlene in many little, funny ways, I will miss the council, I will miss you all, dear sisters and brothers. Goodbyes are a natural part of God's pattern as one door is closed and another is opened. I have felt especially blessed that God opened your door and called me to be your pastor during this part of your life and mine and now as we close what I like to think of as a thicker and sturdier door, and both open new doors to the future, I celebrate and give thanks for our time together.

I will follow lovingly and yes, even proudly, the continued unfolding of Christ's presence in your community and beyond. You are always close to my heart and in my prayers. Thank you for your love and encouragement - especially when my Dad died.

"Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the holy Spirit." *Love, Pastor B.*



ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE
was held in O'Donnell Square with over 200 in attendance. Many from around the square came to sing and pray.

Father Joe Bochenek from St. Brigid's, Rev. Lee Hudson from Messiah Lutheran led the service with Pastor Corinne Baker. Betty Brocato, Pastoral Assistant at St. Brigid's, passed out red, white and blue flowers. St. Brigid's and Messiah provided candles to burn in memory of those killed. Pastor Hudson also unrolled a long banner of butcher Paper for all who wished to express a thought, a prayer or a drawing. Pastor Baker read the names of those killed from Maryland as well as designed the service which, along with songs, hymns and prayers were printed in a commemorative bulletin.



PRAYER SERVICES HELD

A meaningful and moving prayer service in remembrance of those who were killed as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11th was held the next evening in the church sanctuary. The doors

of the church were opened so that the community could hear the singing of hymns and patriotic songs.

LET
NO
BE HEARD
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VIOLENCE
LONGER
IN OUR LAND

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dear Heavenly Father, We continue to be moved by the alarming news and crisis that our country is facing. This, the greatest nation, founded in the belief that "In God We Trust" and the "Land of the Free". Please have mercy on those suffering, hurting and in fear, and give wisdom and strength to those who are assisting. May the forces of evil be broken by your power and may we humble before thee, our strength and refuge. Give wisdom to our President and all our leaders and bring your comforting peace through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us reach out to those who have been affected by this tragedy. In the name of our Savior, Christ Jesus. Amen

COPIES OF "HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN" AND "COMFORTING SCRIPTURE PASSAGES" IN TIMES OF CRISIS are available in the church office.

GLOBAL PARTNERS WALK IN SOLIDARITY Many of the United Church of Christ Global Ministries Partners from around the world are grieving for and praying with the United States after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. They have sent many messages of encouragement and prayers. These messages have been compiled along with reflections, worship resources, and ways a congregation can assist those most effected by this tragedy. Log onto "ucc.org" for this information.



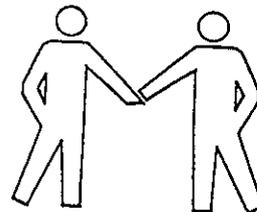
BEARING OUR GRIEF AND MAKING FOR PEACE: A RESPONSE FROM JUSTICE AND WITNESS MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The horrific terrorist attacks of Tuesday, September 11 were a hate-inspired crime against all humanity, leaving thousands dead and wounded, while millions around the world have been left to grieve under a heavy burden of shock, sorrow, anger, and fear.

Congregations in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and the District of Columbia have experienced tremendous sorrow, as multiple families have experienced the death of family members and dear friends.

Even in the midst of death and destruction, however, we are already witnessing incredible signs of love, hope, and resurrection. UCC members and congregations are responding with generous acts of kindness and charity, even while our pastors and lay leaders are helping us to individually name our deep sorrow and collectively share these heavy burdens. This, we must recognize, is part of the heroic work and healing of God.

To help, make checks payable to "Wider Church Ministries" marked "Hope from the Rubble" and send it to our church office who will send it on to the denominational center.



Religious and government leaders throughout world call for end to anti-Muslim violence

The website of The United Church of Christ reports that in spite of efforts by church leaders and public officials in many countries to head off potential anti-Muslim sentiment in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, tension has been on the increase in places around the world.

In the United States, members of the U.S. Muslim community have praised national and city officials for issuing strong words against intolerance aimed at Muslims and Arab Americans, but continue to be worried about new outbreaks of violence. By some estimates there are at least 8 million Muslims in the United States and many Americans personally know Muslims as friends, colleagues and neighbors.

President George W. Bush spoke Sept. 17 at the Washington Islamic Center and said: "Islam is peace. These terrorists don't represent peace."

Such words from the President and Mayor Giuliani along with leaders of major denominations encourage Muslim leaders, but violence continues throughout the United States, England and Australia.

Vicious attacks have left at least three dead. "These people [the suspected hijackers] represented only themselves," said Imam Mohamed Gemeaha, the chief cleric of the Islamic Cultural Center in Manhattan at a Sept. 16 news conference at the center's mosque. "They did not represent Muslims. They only represented their satanic desires."

For by one Spirit we are
all baptized into one body
I Corinthians 12:13

NEWS FROM UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

The Newsletter this month has a calendar of events for the days of the Sour Beef and Dumpling Supper and events happening in November. Now onto the news.

PASTORAL SEARCH

Pastor Baker has informed the Council that she has received her next call. Her last service with us will be on Sunday, November 4, 2001. We all give thanks that God has guided her to her next church. The two years that Pastor spent with us have been spiritually rewarding. We thank her for all that she brought to our worship service and to our church. We will all continue to pray for God's blessings and guidance in her spiritual life. Pastor Baker will be dearly missed, but will always be welcomed as a member of United's family of faith.

As you know, the search committee is still working toward finding a pastor to service our church. To date, the committee has interviewed several prospective Pastors by telephone as well as face to face. They are now in the process of having one of the Pastors preach a sermon at a neutral pulpit in accordance with the guidelines of our Constitution and Bylaws. Should the search committee find the sermon acceptable, they will then have him/her deliver a guest sermon at our church and informally meet with the congregation afterward. The congregation will then have an opportunity, by vote, to accept or reject the prospective Pastor. It is our fervent prayer that our search will soon come to an end. The search committee will keep you informed of their progress.

BIBLE STUDY

Ever wonder what the Bible is trying to tell us? Feel free to join us as we try to understand God's word. We meet every Sunday right after the 8:00 a.m. service in the quiet room. We choose a book of the Bible, read it, discuss it and try to apply it to our every day lives. We occasionally watch videotapes about the Bible. We are constantly learning new things about the Bible and about ourselves. Come join us.

CHURCH COUNCIL

THE CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

There are six openings on the Church Council. There will be an election at our November 25th congregational meeting. It is very important for the life of the church that we get everyone involved in the operation of the church. Please consider donating some of your time for the church. **WE NEED YOU!**

P.A.C.T

P.A.C.T. Scholarship's are available for members of Church born in 1999. Program for two year olds – "Learning Thru Play" classes, begin Tuesday, October 9th. If you need some information about this preschool contact Concetta at 1- 410-995-0118.

THE SENIOR CHOIR

The Senior Choir officers and members hope all of you had a safe and healthy summer. Rehearsals resumed on Thursday, August 23, 2001. We will be singing some new music this year and, of course, some of our old favorites. Let us know if there is an anthem you would like to hear us do. We will certainly give it a try. Better yet – why don't you come and sing with us? We would love to have you join us. Any Sunday morning or come to any Thursday night rehearsal (7:30p.m. in the choir room). We would love to have you join us.

WE REALLY DO NEED YOU !!

Sincerely,
Margaret Jean Myrick
Senior Choir Secretary

COOK BOOKS

There are still cookbooks available for the minimal donation of \$8.50 per copy. All proceeds go directly to the church.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

As in past years, we are selling the entertainment books again. This year the books are north and south combined. There are also a great number of coupons in the book for Ocean City, Maryland. The donation price is **\$25.00**. If you want a copy, call 410-276-0393 or visit the church office. We will be glad to help you.

HEAT FUND RAFFLE TICKETS

Anyone wanting more heat fund raffle tickets, please contact the church office at 410-276-0393. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, October 21, 2001 at 9:30 a.m.

FALL CALENDAR 2001

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 10

Ladies Org. will be Making Candy to be sold at Bazaar
10:00 a.m.

Thursday & Friday, October 11 and 12

Beef delivered and marinated
9:00 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday, October 13 and 14

Cook Beef
8:00 a.m.

Monday, October 15

Cook potatoes and cool
Cut vegetables if time permits

Tuesday, October 16

Cook and cool balance of potatoes
Make cole slaw, Set up Dining room

Wednesday, October 17

START COOKING DUMPLINGS AT 9:00 A.M.

Sour Beef and Dumpling
Luncheon 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dinner 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 18

CARRY-OUTS WILL START TODAY AT 12:00 NOON AND GO UNTIL 7:00 P.M. TONIGHT

Dinner 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Carry-out during all serving hours

This year we are trying something new. We will deliver the dinner if you have an order of **THREE (3) or MORE** to one location. All dinners this year are \$10.00 per dinner eat in or carry out.

FALL CALENDAR 2001 CONTINUED

Sunday, October 21

You may start sending in your memorials for Memorial or Totenfest Sunday which will be on Sunday, November 25, 2001.

Sunday, October 28

At 2:00 a.m. on this day daylight savings time will end. Remember to turn your clocks back 1-hour before you go to bed on Saturday, October 27, 2001.

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 11

This Sunday, Veterans Day, will be observed in both worship services.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2001

TOTENFEST MEMORIALS ARE DUE TODAY,

Thursday, November 22

There will be a worship service held at 10:00 a.m. in celebration of Thanksgiving Day.

Sunday, November 26

Today, Sunday, November 26, 2001 is Totenfest Sunday. We will be remembering our loved ones at both services. There will be a Congregational Meeting on this Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. Service. The meeting will be held in the Friendship Hall with light refreshments.

IF YOU, AS A NEWSLETTER READER, WOULD LIKE TO PUT AN ARTICLE OR STORY OF A MEMORY ABOUT THE CHURCH IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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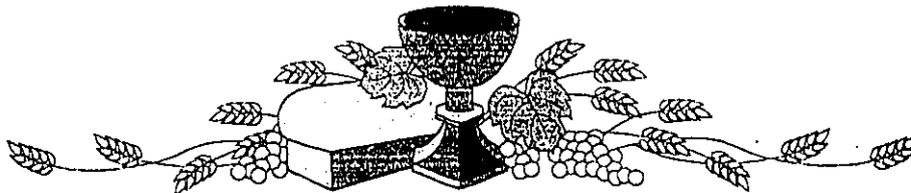
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**WORLD COMMUNION SERVICES
AND
NEIGHBORS IN NEED
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2001**

All Church
Sour Beef & Dumpling Luncheon & Supper

United Evangelical Church
East Avenue & Dillon Street-Friendship Hall
Parking on St. Brigid's lot

Wednesday & Thursday October 17 & 18, 2001

Supper served both days - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Luncheon on Wednesday ONLY - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE during ALL Serving Hours

Donation - ADULTS \$ 10.00

CHILDREN \$5.00

ALL CHURCH SOUR BEEF LUNCHEON AND DINNER

NEW FEATURE

CARRY - OUT - DELIVERIES

MINIMUM OF THREE (3) DINNERS

DONATION \$10.00 EACH

BOUNDARIES ARE:

NORTH - BALTIMORE STREET

SOUTH - BOSTON STREET

EAST - HAVEN STREET

WEST - BROADWAY

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FAITH / LIFE SERIES

FALL 2001

Mondays 9:30-10:45am

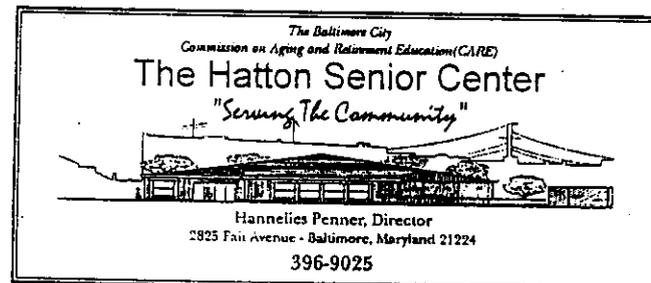
OCT 15 Fr. Ross Syracuse, OFM
St. Casimir

OCT 22 Pastor Corrine Baker
United Evangelical

OCT 29 Pastor Lee Hudson
Messiah Lutheran

NOV 5 Fr. Joseph Bochenek,
Bette Brocato
St. Brigid

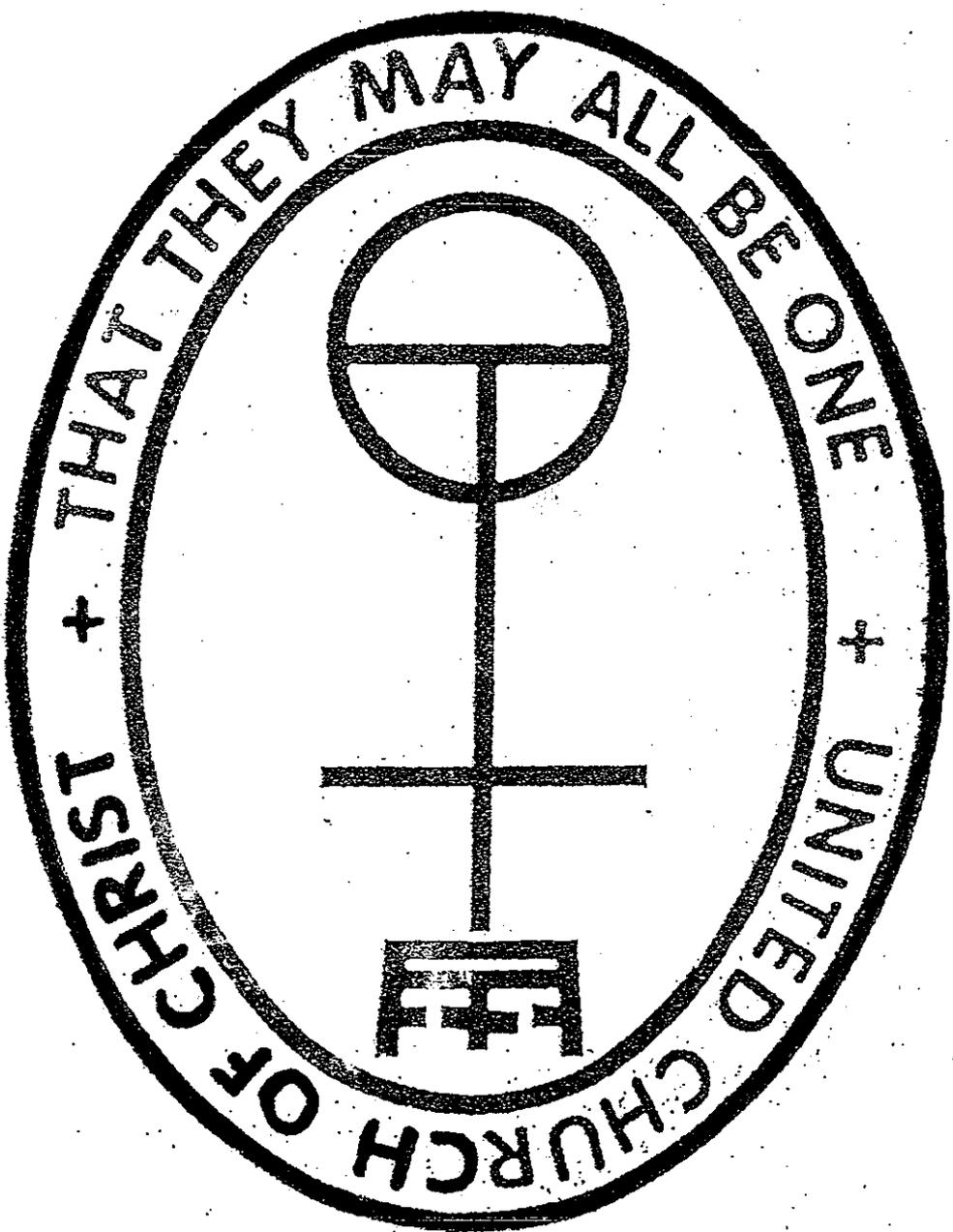
NOV 12 Dr. Eric Gritsch
Retired Prof/Gettysburg



“We are a nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”

911 We awakened to the alarming news of that day’s attacks---senseless deaths of thousands of innocent people, and even today, the on going crisis that our country is facing. In moments of such tragedy and terror, images and emotions either freeze in our hearts, or change with rapid-fire succession, as we stay glued to the media of the hour.

Rather than filling prayers with predetermined words, we invite you to a special series of LISTENING & REFLECTING with neighboring church Clergy. In their own style, with their individual gifts, they come to help us ‘REMEMBER WHO WE ARE’, children of a loving GOD. We look forward to being with you on these mornings and sharing prayer for our nation and the many victims of this tragedy. Please bring a friend and join us. UNITED WE STAND!



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