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N E W S L E T T E R

Dear Members & Friends of United,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND YOUR TWO BOOKS OF HEAT FUND RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE DRAWN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1999 IN FRIENDSHIP HALL.

We wish to thank you for your past support and ask that you do what you can to help your Church. The proceeds go toward the heat bills for our buildings during the long cold winter.

On September 5, 1999, we will have a 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. services with communion and continue our regular 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. services through out the months ahead.

The Search Committee and Council has approved hiring Rev. Corinne Baker as our Interim Pastor starting on September 5, 1999. She will be with us while we search for a full time Pastor.

Following is a list of dates that we would like your to keep in mind and think about coming to join us. We need you!

- Wed. Sept. 1, 1999 12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting & Luncheon
Friendship Hall
- Mon. Sept. 13, 1999 6:00 p.m. United Bowling League
Pinland Bowling Lanes
- Mon. Sept. 13, 1999 12:30 p.m. P.A.C.T. (Preschool)
Christian Ed. Bldg.
- Mon. Sept. 13, 1999 6:30 p.m. Cub Pact #19
Christian Ed. Bldg.
Kathy High-Cub Master
- Wed. Sept. 15, 1999 12:00 p.m. Young Women's Guild Meeting &
Luncheon -Friendship Hall
- Wed. Evenings 7:30 a.m. Boy Scout Troop #19
Christian Ed. Bldg.
Lester Wolf-Scout Leader

We will have an All Church Sour Beef & Dumpling Supper in October if we have enough people to help to prepare this two day luncheon and dinners. If you can volunteer, please call the Church Office at 410-276-0393 before Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1999. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sun. Nov. 31, 1999 following 10:30 a.m. service will be a Congregation meeting to elect new officers for the year 2000 Council.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

For 50 years I have been involved in building Church Missions in both the Presbyterian and U.C.C. For the last 9 years, I had the privilege of preaching the Gospel at United. These have been good years. In our neighborhood we have together addressed the needs of the hungry in keeping faith alive. Built a Think Tank which made cooperative ministry between Canton Churches possible and enabled Canton parents and children to worship in each one of them. In this way we attack religious superstition, anger and prejudice at United. Our first student pastor, (Female) was an African American. We built vacation Church School together with our Brothers and Sisters at St. Brigid's, Messiah Lutheran and Canton Baptist Church and we even celebrated mass on Good Friday at St. Brigid's and an Easter Sunrise Service at United. We bless the animals each Fall and had a Choir Concert with other Churches and their choirs last Fall we brought 475 Church members together for a concert at St. Casmir's. On Palm Sunday we bless the palms at O'Donnell Square. During Holy Week we carried a large wooden cross through our neighborhood on Good Friday to remind our neighbors of Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection. In all of this activity there was much joy and happiness, so many became friends. Then there were times we visited each other in the hospital. I was a recipient of such kindness and caring, Yes, in the Journey of Faith we made faith come alive.

At United, we rebuilt the offices and repaired the Church clock, automated the air conditioning system and added new furniture to the Narthex and a memorial light to the Chancel. The entire Christian Education Building was redecorated and new alarm system installed.

As I complete this part of my Journey in Faith, I will miss all of you dearly, for I have grown to love you all. I will remember the alcoholics and homeless ones whom we served sandwiches, soup and coffee. I will carry the memory of those who have worked so hard for the Church and our Sour Beef Luncheon and Dinners.

Thank you for these years of living and loving and sharing. When I look back at the Journey, I can no more than to affirm that it was good. Thanks to Millie Slechta, Cass Young and Darlene Waters our Church Secretaries. Rob Gundlach our Organist and Church Officers. To my colleague, Rev. Roy Joellenbeck, our Pastor of Visitation, as we have walked together he has been such a kind, skilled and supportive person. As I think about him now, I no longer call him my colleague but my Friend and Brother. He stood with me through these last months of illness turning potential defeat into a blessed victory.

Bless Be The Tie That Binds.

Bless be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love: The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

**Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.**

**Kindness Regards,
Pastor Armstrong**

NEWS FROM UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Hello,

The Newsletter is later this month due to the fact that it has been a very busy time here in the Church Office. Hope this hasn't inconvenienced anyone getting this letter late. Now onto the News.

PASTORAL SEARCH

After consulting with the church council Pastor Baker has begun her preparation for her next Pastoral call. Pastor Baker has agreed to stay with us through the next couple of months but no later than December 31, 2001. She may leave earlier if she receives a new call or we call a new Pastor. We are all very thankful for spiritual leadership that she has provided over the last two years. We ask that you pray for God's guidance in leading Pastor Baker to her next call.

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, and at this time they are 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 what God is telling us. 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

We are entering the fall season with some unanswered questions. Who will be our next Pastor? What is the future of our church? This doesn't mean we should be afraid or apprehensive. We should see this as an opportunity for a new beginning. We can take this time to renew our spirit and ask for God's direction for this church. With the grace of God and our commitment to our faith and to our church, we will help create our own future. The Pastoral Search committee is committed to finding the right person for this church. We have faith that this person will be found soon.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the present time, we are in the process of hosting communications antennas and electronic equipment on the roof of our school building. They are to be installed in the most inconspicuous way possible by APC Realty and Equipment, and various contractors who are involved in the installation for Sprint PCS. The antennas are radio frequency antennas that will allow wireless communication over a wide range and will cover the Canton area and should be installed sometime before December. The equipment is completely silent and self-supporting. Meaning that, once it is installed, there is no need for anyone to be there to assist in its operation.

P.A.C.T

P.A.C.T. under the direction teaching of Concetta Clark will resume on Monday, September 17, 2001. If you need some information about this preschool contact Concetta at 1- 410-995-0118.

CURTAINS FOR CHURCH BALCONY

The small curtains at the front window in the balcony of the church had become deteriorated to a point that they disintegrated when touched ever so lightly. So, the Ladies Organization of U.E.C. purchased new ones and are to be installed on Wednesday, September 5th. They also had the large curtain in the back of the church taken down and reversed so that wear and tear would be even on both sides. Thanks for a job well done.

AIR CONDITIONER

The air conditioner in the Pastor's study finally gave up the ghost and a new one was purchased and installed. We think the pastor was right when she said, "I think we need a new air conditioner, this one makes too much noise" However, we found that it not only made too much noise, it didn't produce any cool air either. Let's hope this one keeps her cool and comfy.

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. Our first anthem together will be sung on Sunday, September 16, 2001. We will be singing some new music this year and, of course, some of our old favorites. Let us know if there is some 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? Any Sunday morning or come to any Thursday night rehearsal (7:30p.m., up 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 and 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.

ALL CHURCH SOUR BEEF & DUMPLING DINNER

It's time to once again think about our annual sour beef supper. On August 13th, we had our first meeting and approximately 24 members attended the meeting to pledge their help and support. This was in addition to 15 members who called in and pledged their support. If all those people show up on the days of the supper, we should have no problems. The supper will be on Wednesday, October 17th and Thursday, October 18th. There will be carryouts both days. The price of a ticket is \$10.00. There will be deliveries for orders of 3 or more suppers within an agreed upon area. The delivery boundaries are Broadway, Boston Street, Bank Street and Haven Street. Other areas will be considered depending on the request.