

Happy
BIRTHDAY
to
UNITED
CHURCH

ONE Special Service 10:00 AM
September 24 - Lunch Following

INTERIM INTERLUDES

Who are you?

How would you answer this question?

Games centered around the question of *Who Are You?* have always intrigued me. Remember "20 QUESTIONS", "THIS IS YOUR LIFE", or the old classic Groucho Marx quiz shows? Now there are new computer software programs such as, "DISCOVERING WHO YOU ARE THROUGH YOUR FAMILY TREE".

These experiences are often great fun and are ways to learn something special and unique about someone.

It is certainly more personal than the usual type of question, "where do you live, where do you work?" That's too much like interrogating a stranger for a job! You may learn information, but it isn't very informative and you haven't established a friendship.

Like me, you have probably seen reporters or talk show hosts interview guests who supply only one syllable responses – it is like talking to Gary Cooper who was famous for his "nope", "yep" answers! You don't learn much!

Jesus also liked to use the question, "*Who are you?*"

He just turned it around to "*Who do you say that I am?*"

Wouldn't *anyone* be able to answer *this* who had spent ANY time with Jesus "*listening*" and "*seeing*"? ("Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Lk. 14:35)

This wasn't the case! People were all abuzz asking, "*Who do you think he is, P?*"

WHY don't they know?

Perhaps they weren't *anticipating* meeting God face to face in a life-changing relationship! "*Surely God wouldn't come in the presence of JESUS – would he?*"

Not expecting, they *didn't* see, or *hear* or *experience* God's presence in Jesus. They could only guess, "*Could he be John the Baptist Elijah, or another prophet?*" (ML16:13)

Except for Peter! Impulsive Peter, the one who would yet deny Christ. When asked, "*But who do you say that I am?*" He knew. "*THE MESSIAH, SON of the LIVING GOD.*"

Even though Peter was a follower of Jesus, he goofed a lot! But he also began to *expect*, to *listen*, and *see* – he began to *risk*, to *trust*, to *experience*, to *live!* (ML16:16)

Even skeptical Thomas who exclaimed, "I won't believe until I'm shown", cried out when he encountered the living Christ, "*MY LORD AND MY GOD!*" (John 20:28)

Jesus still asks, "*Who do You say I am?*" HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER JESUS?

When we gather for worship, we don't pretend to know all the answers, but we are learning the questions... GOOF UPS? Sure! That's just the time to celebrate the life Christ can bring – YOU CAN TOO – You might even EXPERIENCE, LIKE *skeptical THOMAS*, a renewed faith – or you might not! But you won't know unless you give it a try, will you?

Pastor Corinne

Happy
BIRTHDAY
to
UNITED
CHURCH

ONE Special Service 10:00 AM
September 24 - Lunch Following

INTERIM INTERLUDES

Who are you?

How would you answer this question?

Games centered around the question of *Who Are You?* have always intrigued me. Remember "20 QUESTIONS", "THIS IS YOUR LIFE", or the old classic Groucho Marx quiz shows? Now there are new computer software programs such as, "DISCOVERING WHO YOU ARE THROUGH YOUR FAMILY TREE".

These experiences are often great fun and are ways to learn something special and unique about someone.

It is certainly more personal than the usual type of question, "where do you live, where do you work?" That's too much like interrogating a stranger for a job! You may learn information, but it isn't very informative and you haven't established a friendship.

Like me, you have probably seen reporters or talk show hosts interview guests who supply only one syllable responses – it is like talking to Gary Cooper who was famous for his "nope", "yep" answers! You don't learn much!

Jesus also liked to use the question, "*Who are you?*"

He just turned it around to "*WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?*"

Wouldn't *anyone* be able to answer *this* who had spent ANY time with Jesus "*listening*" and "*seeing*"? ("Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Lk. 14:35)

This wasn't the case! People were all abuzz asking, "*WHO DO YOU THINK HE IS, ?*"

WHY don't they know?

Perhaps they weren't *anticipating* meeting God face to face in a life-changing relationship! "*Surely God wouldn't come in the presence of JESUS – would he?*"

Not expecting, they *didn't* see, or hear or experience God's presence in Jesus. They could only guess, "*Could he be John the Baptist Elijah, or another prophet?*" (Mt.16:13)

Except for Peter! Impulsive Peter, the one who would yet deny Christ. When asked, "*But who do you say that I am?*" He knew. "*THE MESSIAH, SON of the LIVING GOD.*"

Even though Peter was a follower of Jesus, he goofed a lot! But he also began to *expect*, to *listen*, and *see* – he began to *risk*, to *trust*, to *experience*, to *live!*

(Mt.16:16)

Even skeptical Thomas who exclaimed, "I won't believe until I'm shown", cried out when he encountered the living Christ, "*MY LORD AND MY GOD!*" (John 20:28)

Jesus still asks, "*Who do You say I am?*" HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER JESUS?

When we gather for worship, we don't pretend to know all the answers, but we are learning the questions... GOOF UPS? Sure! That's just the time to celebrate the life Christ can bring – YOU CAN TOO - You might even EXPERIENCE, LIKE skeptical THOMAS, a renewed faith – or you might not! But you won't know unless you give it a try, will you?

Pastor Corinne

NEWS FROM UNITED CHURCH

Hello,

By the time you read this United Church News Letter summer will be almost over, but United is looking forward to an eventful Fall. Here is your list of upcoming events. Hope you can join in on all of them.

FALL CALENDAR 2000

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 1, 2000

LABOR DAY WEEKEND BLOOD DRIVE

The Labor Day Blood Drive will be from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Once again the American Red Cross will give a **TEE SHIRT** to all donors. For an appointment please call the church office at 410-276-0393 or Darlene at 410-675-3932. At the July 3, 2000 blood drive which was held at United Church, the goal that the American Red Cross set of 25 donors was exceeded! There were 35 donors which means that the blood drive helped 105 people. This is due to the caring people of this church and community. If you would like to be a part of this great cause please call for an appointment. Thank you! God Bless, Darlene

Sunday, September 10, 2000

CHURCH COUNCIL SPAGHETTI DINNER

The United Church Council is sponsoring another Spaghetti Dinner. There was such a good turn out the last time; it is being tried again. The extended hours are from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. There will be carryout during the entire serving time. If you enjoyed the **HOMEMADE** plain and meat sauces, large meatballs, desserts, garden salad and garlic bread please do attend again and bring a friend with you this time. You will have a tough time beating the price of \$6.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. We are looking forward to seeing you and your friend.

TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS; PLEASE BRING A HOMEMADE SESSERT!

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

The Ladies Organization of United Evangelical Church, will hold their first covered dish luncheon – meeting for the 2000 – 2001 season on Wednesday, September at 12:00 noon. For more information call Olga deBloom, President 410-444-8088 or church office 410-276-0393.

SEPTEMBER CONTINUED

Wednesday, September 13, 2000

SOUR BEEF AND DUMPLING DINNER AND LUNCHEON MEETING

There will be a meeting of the volunteers for the October 18th and 19th Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner and Luncheon this evening at 7:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. If you want to volunteer please try to attend the meeting

Sunday, September 17, 2000

The Senior Choir will return to once again praise the Lord with music and anthems starting on the above date.

Sunday September 24, 2000

Sunday, September 24, 2000, will be the 127th Birthday Sunday of United Evangelical Church U.C.C. In celebration of this occasion there will be a special Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. For more information watch the weekly bulletins.

OCTOBER

ALL CHURCH SOUB BEEF LUNCHEON AND DINNER

Saturday, October 14, 2000

Making Candy to be sold at Bazaar

Monday, October 16, 2000

Preperation of Food for Dinner

Tuesday, October 17, 2000

Preperation of Food for Dinner

Wednesday, October 18, 2000

Sour Beef and Dumpling
Luncheon 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dinner 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Carry – Out during all serving hours

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Dinner 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Carry - Out during all serving hours

If any Chairperson of a committee or group would like to put something in the Newsletter please contact the office.

COOK BOOKS

The United Church Council has decided to update the old Church Cook Book, by adding new recipes. Only a few were turned in. So the book will be published with what was received. Anyone interested in organizing this Cook Book please call church office 410-276-0393 , Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ANY HELP WILL BE GREATFULLY APPRECIATED!.

ANTIQUe TRUNK RAFFLE

The very attractive two-tiered antique trunk, which would be right at home in any room in your home, will be raffled off as first prize. The second prize is a special one of two airline tickets to anywhere in the U.S. in accordance with the guidelines of U.S. Air frequent flyer mileage program. You will need to see the third prize in person to realize how special it is! It is a singing fish mounted on a (wooden) plaque. There's more! Just push a button and the fish sings TWO different songs. It is a real conversation piece! It was shown on network TV as one of the special good-bye gifts from Regis Philbin to co-host Kathie Lee Gifford as she retires from their morning TV show. A big thank you to Mr. Frank Tribull who donated all of the above.

The drawing for all of the above will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. Chances are one for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing some chances see any church council member or call the church office. 410-276-0393 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2001

The Entertainment 2001 Books, are here the cost this year is \$25.00. They came down in price and a few more subscribers have been added such as Krispy Kremes, Mars Supermarkets, Friendly's ; KFC and many more. Don't forget these make great gifts, and the holidays aren't that far off so think about getting these books as gifts for you family and friends. If interested in purchasing a book come to the office any day or call 410-276-0393, and reserve a book. Remember every book that is sold the Church makes a profit.

RETURN HEAT FUND RAFFEL TICKETS NOW!

This is an IMPORTANT FUND RAISER.

ALL proceeds go toward HEATING the church and Sunday school BUILDINGS.

For MORE TICKETS to be mailed to you, phone the church office at 410-276-0393.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! IT IS MUCH APPRECIATED.



United Church of Christ Central Atlantic Conference

916 South Rolling Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21228-5318

(410) 788-4190 • fax (410) 788-9485

1-800-441-1965

www.cacucc.org • cacucc@aol.com

CONFERENCE MINISTER

Rev. Dr. John R. Deckenback
916 S. Rolling Road
Baltimore, MD 21228-5318
(410) 788-4190 • fax (410) 788-9485
jrdeck@aol.com

ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE MINISTERS

Rev. Ronald H. McLean
Catoctin & Chesapeake Associations
916 S. Rolling Road
Baltimore, MD 21228-5318
(410) 788-4190 • fax (410) 788-9485
rhm7312@aol.com

Rev. Sherry Mason Taylor
New Jersey Association
40 S. Fullerton Avenue
Montclair, NJ 07042-3357
(973) 783-5676 • fax (973) 746-4348
revtowanda@aol.com

Rev. Dr. Kwame Osei Reed
Potomac Association
916 S. Rolling Road
Baltimore, MD 21228-5318
(410) 788-4190 • fax (410) 788-9485
chespotcat@aol.com

Rev. Richard M. Vaught
Shenandoah Association
P.O. Box 267
Harrisonburg, VA 22801-0267
(540) 432-0973 • fax (540) 432-6291
richardvaught@rica.net

OPERATIONS MANAGER

Mrs. Marilyn Smith Heishman
916 S. Rolling Road
Baltimore, MD 21228-5318
(410) 788-4190 • fax (410) 788-9485
mshesh@aol.com

United Evangelical Church
3200 Dillon Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Greetings and May the Peace of Christ be with you.

I am pleased to enclose your 1999 OCWM Certificate of Appreciation. Originally I planned to present the Certificates at a Sunday worship service but that is impossible due to the time of the year and the competing demands on my schedule. Nonetheless, your contributions to OCWM are deeply appreciated. Your support makes it possible for me to provide quality care and support to Churches and pastors in our region. You also contribute to the mission and ministry of the UCC in the Central Atlantic Conference and the wider Church.

Our Church's Wider Mission evolved from the principle of greater gain by collective sharing of resources. In other words our ancestors believed we could do some things better by working together and pooling our assets to that end. Enclosed is a copy of the Stewardship Council's publication entitled "Doing Good Together" which illustrates the greater gains made possible by your donations. The UCC Calendar of Prayer is also a great resource for interpreting the Mission of the UCC.

If you or your members have additional questions regarding this offering please contact my office at (410) 788-4190. Also let me know when it might be convenient for me to pay a visit with the principal governing body of your Church.

Faithfully,

Rev. Ronald H. McLean
Associate Conference Minister
Catoctin and Chesapeake Associations