

# NEWS FROM UNITED CHURCH

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Dear Member

As we head into the new year with high hopes and a renewed spirit, let us look back for a moment. So many of you expressed how wonderful and joyful our church was on Christmas Eve. Many asked the question "Why can't it be like this every Sunday?" **Well it can.** It is time for us as members to carry the **Spirit of Christmas** thru out the entire year.

*"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25*

Let us make an effort to encourage our family and friends to attend our wonderful church. Let us make this the year that we "**Fill the Pews.**"

*"Go out into the country... and urge anyone you find to come in, so that My House will be full." Luke 14:23*

Remind others that we have parking available on St. Bridges' parking lot across the street. If they have small children, remind them about our Sunday School, or about the quiet room we have. Tell them we offer child care during the 10:30 service. Most churches grow simply by word of mouth. It is time for us to spread the word. Let us approach this new year with a positive and spirit filled attitude.

*"So let us concentrate on the things which makes for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together."*  
Rom. 15:19

If you know of anyone who needs transportation please call the church office and let us know. We will try our best to make sure everyone who wants to attend our church gets that opportunity.

*George Nasmer, President*

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### OUR MISSION

*We seek to continue Jesus' mission Of reaching out Embracing everyone  
Enriching all Becoming living examples Bonding all with the love of God*



Happy New Year,

February, 2001

We are now in our second month of the new year which means that Spring is just around the corner! Lent will also begin at the end of this month on February 28<sup>th</sup> with the Ash Wednesday service.. This newsletter will give you the calendar of coming events here at United Church for the Lenten Season.

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>      **ASH WEDNESDAY LENTEN OBSERVANCE SERVICE**      7:30 p.m.  
(Ashes will be offered for those wishing to receive same)

### MARCH

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>      **LENTEN SERVICE: Rev. Dr. John R. Deckenback, Speaker**      7:30 p.m.  
(U.C.C. Conference Minister)

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>      **LENTEN SERVICE: Rev. Harry Holfelder, Speaker**      7:30 p.m.  
(Interim Pastor of Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church)

Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>      **LENTEN SERVICE: Lenten Choral Festival**      7:30 p.m.  
(Visiting Choirs from Community Churches and Our Senior Choir)

Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>      **LENTEN SERVICE: Father Joseph Bochenek, Speaker**      7:30 p.m.  
(Pastor of St. Brigid's Church)

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>      **MEN OF U.C.C. PRAYER - BREAKFAST**  
We are honored to host this event this year more details will be in the March Newsletter.

### APRIL

Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>      **LENTEN SERVICE: Rev. Wesley C. Baker, Speaker**      7:30 p.m.  
(Pastor of Kittamaqundi Church, Columbia)

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>      **BLESSING OF THE PALMS**      (Canton Square)      9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>      **TABLEAU      50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PORTRAYAL**      **8:00 p.m.**

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>      **TENNEBRAE COMMUNION SERVICE**      7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>      **GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**      9:00 a.m.  
Cross Caried through the Neighborhood      (St. Brigid's - Ellwood Avenue)      10:00 a.m.

**THREE HOUR "LAST WORDS OF CHRIST" SERVICE**      12:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>      **EASTER SON RISE WORSHIP SERVICE**      6:00 a.m.  
Children's Worship and Lesson      (Living Cross)      9:00 a.m.

**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD -- EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE**      10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>      **EASTER MONDAY - BLOOD DRIVE**      2:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
(Friendship Hall - Ramp Entrance)      For appointment call Church Office 410-276-0393

### SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS

Wednesday Evenings during Lent,      **ST. BRIGID'S SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS**      (see enclosed flyer)

**LADIES ORGANIZATION OF U.C.C. BUS TRIPS FOR 2001 CONTINUED**

**ODYSSEY AND NATIONAL CATHEDRAL**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2001**, Bus will leave church at 9:15 a.m. We will Board the Odyssey for lunch and a ride down the Potomac River and visit the National Cathedral about 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$55.00 a person. All must be paid by March 15<sup>th</sup>. **THERE IS A WAITING LIST ON THIS TRIP**

**OCEAN CITY**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2001**, Bus will leave Church at 8:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. There will be a stop made in Berlin, Maryland to pick up Mildred "Mutz" Surdel and then on to Phillips Restaurant in O.C. There we will meet Virginia "Ginny" Trenor. This is going to be a golden opportunity to visit and take some pictures with our two friends who we haven't seen for a while and miss very much. Cost \$38.00 per person. All must be paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SUICIDE BRIDGE**

**Wednesday, August 8, 2001**, Buses leave Church 9:30 a.m. and return 6:00 p.m. Luncheon, Crab Feast and Boat Ride Cost \$58.00 per person, All must be paid by July 15<sup>th</sup>. *THIS TRIP HAS 2 BUSES*

***MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:***

**LADIES ORGANIZATION OF U.E.C.**

**All trips require a deposit of \$10.00 to hold seat.**

**SEND DEPOSIT, BALANCE OR PUT YOU NAME ON A WAITING LIST TO:**

**Millie Wirsing**  
**902 South Clinton Street**  
**Baltimore, Maryland 21224**  
**410-675-3904**

**EASTER MONDAY – BLOOD DRIVE**

There will be another Blood Drive here at Church on Monday, April 16, 2001, and it will be from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. All blood donors will receive a tee shirt. We are doing this again on a Holiday Weekend so it may be more convenient for our donors. The Blood Drives that United sponsors is a special way we serve our community. Please try to make this Blood Drive a success so others can have life-saving blood. For an appointment call Darlene Waters 410-675-3932 or Church Office 410-276-0393. God Bless and Thank you.

**Be an  
Influence**

## WHO ARE THE MISSING LINKS?

When I was growing up on the farm, this was the time of year that my Dad would get the "spring planting itch." This meant taking inventory.

He would look over the plow blades for any rust, check the belts and test to see if all the gears worked smoothly.

He called taking inventory "getting an early start". "One little missing link," he would say, "will keep the whole chain from working."

This is also a time of year when many businesses take inventory. It is important for their well being that they know what they have on hand so that good and efficient business practices can be followed.

### **We are no different!**

As God's own who are loved and blessed, this is a good time for us to take inventory.

**Have you taken the time recently to take inventory, to think about what inner and outer resources you have?**

"I don't have the time!" This excuse has been around for a long time. It was Plato who said 600 years before Christ was born, "the unexamined life is not worth living."

So it was not new for Christ to teach the disciples, as he teaches us, to make and take time away from the rush of daily life to pray, take inventory to discover where we are in our lives with God and each other.

If you were present on Sunday, January 28, 2001, you heard President George Nassner give a well-received and rousing description of the exciting plans your congregational leaders have prepared from the suggestions you provided.

**FIRST, before beginning, it's INVENTORY time.**

**GUESS WHAT? WHEN THE CHURCH TOOK INVENTORY, WE DISCOVERED THAT WE ARE MISSING QUITE A FEW LINKS IN OUR CHAIN!**

As a pastor, I meet a lot of people no longer coming to our church who tell me, "I (or my mother or father, sister or

*brother) was baptized or confirmed or married at your church. We loved it!"*

**This person is A MISSING LINK!**

**If we have missed the opportunity to invite you, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, TO JOIN US IN THIS EXCITING ADVENTURE WITH GOD, THIS IS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION!**

Your church leaders are ready to jump into planting season! Planting the kind of seeds that grow into a stronger faith, that is.

**NOW IS THE TIME to cultivate communication with God and one another.**

*Former members* who have returned to worship over the last few months have commented that a New Spirit is moving through the church. The following are just a few ways we plan to keep MOVING:

- **Uplifting Worship - Messages and Music** geared to praising God and looking at questions of faith in our daily lives.
- **A May Open House** for members and community friends.
- **More Informal Gatherings** such as Coffee Hours, to get to know others;
- **A New Church Directory** by the end of 2001 to help all of us know one another.

But just like on the farm, without the resources to get started, the seeds, the plans, will just sit, wither and die.

**IF YOU ARE A MISSING LINK AND HAVE NOT BEEN PART OF US FOR A WHILE, WE MISS YOU! NOW IS THE TIME TO COME ON DOWN TO DILLON AND EAST ST!**

We are led by Scripture to a Christ who draws us ALL together, each and everyone! Is there someone in your family who is **A MISSING LINK?** Pass along the new spirit in our church, share the exciting **GOOD NEWS** about the present and future of United, **PRAY** and **DISCOVER** how you can be a strong link in Christ's Church!

GRACE AND PEACE, Love, *Pastor Baker*



## Ash Wednesday Lenten Service February 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM

Lent is the special time of year that most churches devote to remembering the life of Jesus and the journey he took. *The Ash Wednesday Service* for older children and adults will provide each of us, young *and* old, an opportunity to give thanks and glory to God, to ask God to cleanse our hearts, to offer prayers, to read scripture and sing the music which will open the Lenten Season.

As a part of this service each person will be given the choice of being seated in silent prayer or coming forward for the imposition of ashes. During the last two hundred years, the receiving of ashes was believed to belong only to our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic tradition.

However, like many traditions, the imposition of ashes is older than the Roman Catholic Church. More recently, the Protestant tradition has renewed this custom in order to follow the practice of the early church more closely. Having the cross imposed on one's head, even for a short time, is a physical reminder of our allegiance to Christ and our recognition that we are created by God only for a limited time here on earth – but for eternity in heaven.

The joy of Easter will hold much more meaning for each of us *if we have walked with Jesus* as he journeys to the cross. While this service will be reflective, it is not morbid. It is designed to help us treasure the total cost of the great sacrifice Jesus made *for us – you and me!*

On Ash Wednesday, we can also gain strength from coming together – not just as one congregation – but as one congregation uniting with other Christians around the world.

Let us give thanks for the love and mercy which brought Christ to offer the most precious gift of our faith — Life Eternal. Come, let us worship together on Ash Wednesday evening!

### INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO:

#### The 7:30 PM Lenten Evening Services - Each Wednesday Night In March and April 4th

*"Accepting and Sharing Faith in Jesus Christ"* is the theme for the Lenten Speakers.

**March 7<sup>th</sup> Worship Service** - It is a special privilege for United Evangelical Church to welcome the Rev. Dr. John Deckenbeck as our first guest speaker on Wednesday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Deckenbeck is the Conference Minister of the CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE of the United Church of Christ. Along with other Baltimore area congregations, United Evangelical is a member of the Chesapeake Association. Other Associations which Rev. Deckenbeck is Conference Minister for are Catocin, New Jersey, Potomac and Shenandoah. John is an engaging speaker with a rich background.

**March 14<sup>th</sup> Worship Service** - United welcomes the Rev. Harry Holfelder, Interim Pastor of Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church as our guest speaker. Rev. Holfelder was pastor for many years of a Baltimore City congregation, First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church. Harry has an interesting and unique faith story to share with us.

**March 21<sup>st</sup> Worship Service** - Come and Sing to the Lord for His Love is Everlasting!

Area congregations will be joining our choir for this **Community Choir Festival**. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to sing in the **joint community choir** which will rehearse at 6:30 just before singing one anthem during the evening's Community Worship Service. Don't miss this!

## NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CHOIR



Who's the leader of our Choir that's made for you and me, **R O B E R T**,  
the one to see. We also have Bill, Will, Paul, Calvin, Baptist, Chuck, Holly,  
Dolores, Gloria, Darlene, Denise, Pam, Florence, Jackie and Margaret. Guess who we are missing ???

**YOU!!!!** Would you like to be added to our list?

We would love to have you join us and sing praises to our **LORD**, either Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. or  
Sunday mornings. Our uniform is one size fits all- anyone can wear them. The purpose of our music is to praise  
**GOD** and anyone can sing the words. We also have special guests who help us perform better. Mr. Jim Kimos  
is a visiting director, Miss Jennifer Myrick plays keyboard, Miss Toni Hines plays flute and Mr. Brian  
Hoffmann plays guitar. Everyone in the choir can play the tambourine!

**PLEASE** consider joining our choir. We really need **YOU**.

Margaret Myrick, Choir Secretary

## REQUEST FROM REV. ROY JOELLENBECK

Rev. Joellenbeck is asking if any member or friend of United Evangelical would like to get together with him to  
visit Priscilla Armstrong. He will pick you up and bring you home. After visiting Priscilla, he will go to lunch  
with you. Please call 410-377-7939 if you are interested and leave message and phone number.

## COOK BOOK

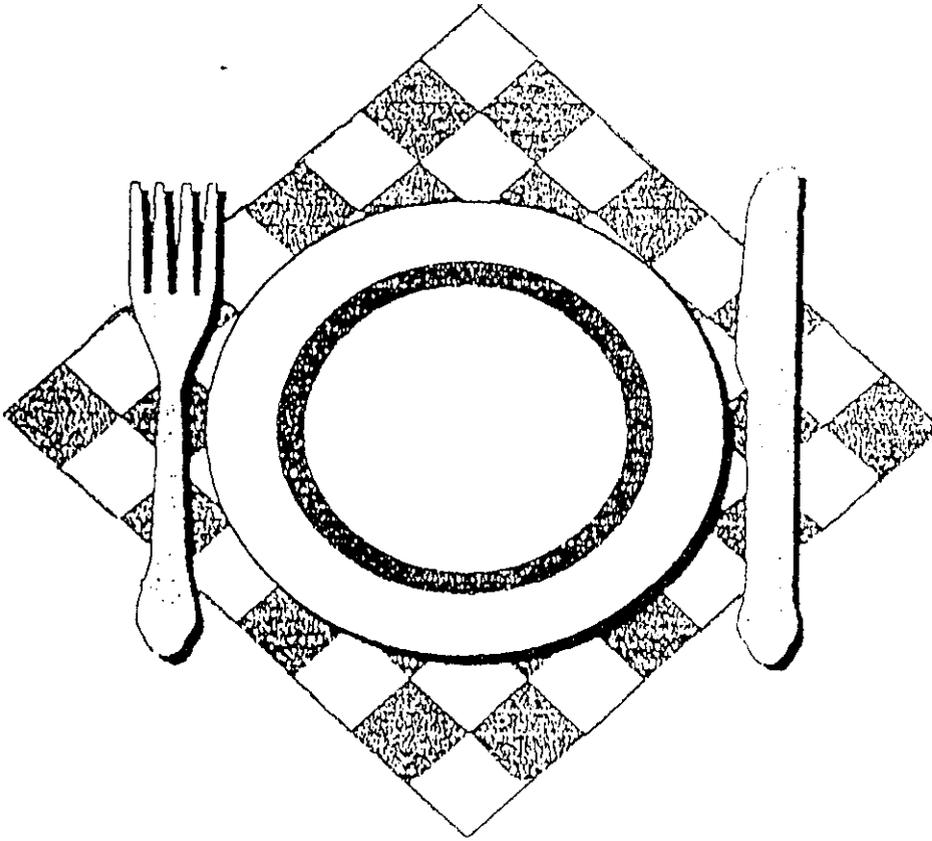
We have a tentative delivery date of March 1, 2001. We also received **GIFT CERTIFICATES**, so if you would  
like to give a copy of the **COOK BOOK** to someone then get a **GIFT CERTIFICATE**, and as soon as the  
books are delivered you will be notified that it is ready for pick up. To order a book see Darlene Waters, Ursula  
Jacob or Cathy Fifield after any Church service or come to the office. At the time you place an order you must  
have **\$8.50 per book** cash or check made payable to United Evangelical Church, sorry no  
**C.O.D.'s** Chairperson Darlene

## LADIES ORGANIZATION OF U.E.C. BUS TRIPS FOR 2001

### OYSYTER – TURKEY- DINNER

Saturday, April 7, 2001, Bus will leave church 10:00 a.m. Dinner at Westminster Faith U. C. C. Church in  
Frederick, Md. Stop at McCushions for jelly and after dinner stop at Baughters for Ice Cream.  
**Cost \$27.00 a person.** All must be paid by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

St. Brigid's Church  
900 South East Avenue  
(Auditorium)  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.



# Midweek Menu

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|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| First Week  | March 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Home Made Chicken Noodle |
| Second Week | March 14 <sup>th</sup> | Split Pea                |
| Third Week  | March 21 <sup>st</sup> | Vegetable Beef           |
| Fourth Week | March 28 <sup>th</sup> | Hardy Bean               |
| Fifth Week  | April 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Seafood Chowder          |

First 4 weeks donation is \$3.00 with one refill. \$4.00 carry out.

Last week donation is \$4.00 with one refill. \$4.25 carry out.

*"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go..."*

PSALM 32:8 (NRSV)

## To Strengthen The Fabric Of Lives...

**M**issionary Elena Huegel is working with environmental issues, youth, and Christian Education with the Pentecostal Church of Chile. She has written of a parenting workshop and where the discussion led. "One of the topics that came up I believe touched on a deep rooted social and political concern in Chilean culture. The kids talked about how teachers correct them at school. One of the older kids said, 'We are taught to respect adults, but sometimes I don't think adults respect us kids.' Later, the parents were able to look at this problem from a broader perspective. As Chile deals with the residue of a painful and violent dictatorship where human rights were cast aside and those in power exercised authority without respect, the time is ripe to ask why the dictatorship occurred in the first place, how that period in history affected the core of family life, and how we can educate our children so that the future will be one of healing, growth, and hope.



ELENA HUEGEL

"After the session, as one of the other workshop leaders and I evaluated, we came to realize that perhaps part of the problem lies in the lack of healthy boundaries. Individuals, families, and social groups, including the church, have a hard time recognizing and maintaining boundaries that respect others. We wondered if perhaps the reason that domestic violence and child abuse is so prevalent in Chile is because the culture itself erases boundaries instead of creating spaces for dialogue, cooperation, and conflict resolution." They decided to explore the issue further through a short theatrical piece which they wrote and then presented.

"The discussion following the presentation revealed many deep seated questions, concerns and childhood memories. One young woman said, 'This all makes sense to me in my heart, but I have no idea how to work it out in my mind. I was taught to obey authority figures, no questions asked.'" Elena said that they all accepted "that the challenge to figure out ways to establish healthy windows and doors for ourselves and for the people around us would help to strengthen the fabric of our personal lives, our families, and our society."

## You make the difference...



The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

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I  
Love  
You

All of us who have ever loved or been loved know that the words "I love you" can never be spoken too often. For some of us who have weathered the hurts of broken relationships, saying, "I love you," for the first time again is one of the most frightening things we will ever do.

Saying "I love you" out loud is an important milestone in any relationship — whether you are

- whispering it to a new sweetheart,
- promising it to a new child,
- admitting it to an estranged parent,
- offering it to a lonely friend,
- revealing it to a rival sibling.

Saying "I love you" once is never enough. It is just the beginning. We must say "I love you" over and over again — we must hear "I love you" over and over again — before we begin to trust the reality of those words and before we can feel the weight of the love that lies behind them.

—Homiletics