

United Evangelical Church
In covenanted ministry with the
Chesapeake Association of the Central Atlantic
Conference
Of the
United Church of Christ

*Respectfully request your prayers and presence at a service of
installation for*

Rev. Catherine J. Oatman

Sunday, September 15, 2002

at

4:00 pm

*United Evangelical Church
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The United Endeavor

News From United Evangelical Church

September 2002

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Return of the Endeavor!

The title to my article sounds like an adventure movie. That is probably a good way to describe the time since I last wrote to you, to use the old Navy recruiting slogan, "it's not just a job, it's an adventure." Over the summer I have been busy acquainting myself with the history of United, and some of that history lies within each of you. So if I have not met you yet, I hope to soon. In the midst of learning about our history, I have been exposed to many rich memories of United. Much is written of the many celebrations that surrounded new buildings and new ministers, as the church stepped out in faith believing that a party was appropriate for what God was going to do through these new endeavors.

As with anything that is new, there is a period of adjustment, a getting used to how things are different from the previous. These new eras always bring change, but change needs to have a purpose. Change for change sake, is not necessarily a good thing. Hence, we are re-establishing the newsletter as The United Endeavor. I have not found any reason, or purpose, for us to have wandered away from this rich part of our history. At the same time, some changes in the Christian Education program at United are needed to help re-establish the prominence that Sunday School has always held in our faith community.

One thing that will be new starting on our Rally Day September 8th is that Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m., instead of the long-standing 9:00 a.m. start. The purpose for this change is to increase the children's exposure to worship, which is an important part of their Christian Education. With this change in place, it will no longer be necessary to change our worship time from 8:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. in order to accommodate for communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Therefore, the Council has voted to establish our worship times to be at 8:00 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. every week starting in October.

Whew! With all this newness, it truly does feel like a whirlwind adventure. I hope you are as excited as I am as we embark together upon the journey that God is laying out before us. In a time of change, uncertainty can get the best of us, so I leave you with reassurance from our Lord that we do not journey alone, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

In Christ,
Rev. Cathy

CORRECTION

In the July Newsletter, Pastor Oatman's e-mail address was published incorrectly. The correct address is:
cjoatman@msn.com

CHURCH COUNCIL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Four months ago our church made a decision to call a new pastor. In those four months Pastor Oatman has shown the willingness and eagerness to help our church start moving in a new direction. It is now time for us to show our willingness and eagerness to help make this happen.

This is OUR CHURCH and OUR RESPONSIBILITY to insure the future of our church. On September 22nd we will celebrate our 129th Anniversary. We all must become involved in moving our church forward or there will not be many more anniversaries to celebrate. We all love this church and with the grace of God we can make things happen.
George Nassner, Council President.

RESIGNATION

As you may remember, in November of last year, I agreed to extend my tenure as Property chairman for an additional 6 months or until a new pastor came aboard. Since both conditions have been met, I am therefore resigning from the position of property chairman effective at the close of the August meeting.

I would want you to know that, over the years, I have enjoyed working with the council and wish you success in all that you do.

John Price

PROPERTY MANAGER NEEDED

After diligently serving as our property manager, John Price has indicated a need to step down from the position. This job is a very important one for the life of the church, so please seriously consider helping your church by filling this vacancy. It is a very big job and would be best served by more than one person, as many hands make light work. If you are interested but are overwhelmed by the size of the task, still express your interest to Council President George Nassner as there may be another person or two who is also willing to do a part of the job.

SECRETARY RETIRING

Darlene Waters, who has served the church as part time assistant secretary for the past five years, will be retiring on November 29th. A secretarial search committee is being formed to review the requirements of the position and the needs of the church. If you have any comments or ideas contact either George Nassner or Rev. Cathy.

WORSHIP

September 11th Service of Remembrance

United will have a service of remembrance on Wed. Sept. 11th at 7:00 p.m. to commemorate the tragic events that occurred in our nation last year on that day. From the church we will walk to O'Donnell Square and join other faith communities as a sign of the unity that day has brought to our nation.

In addition, the Central Atlantic Conference of the UCC has planned a service on Sun. Sept. 8th at Holmdel Community Church. This New Jersey congregation lost several members on 9/11.

First Congregational UCC in Washington, D.C., is also planning a service for Sept. 11th at 12:00 noon. UCC President and General

Minister John Thomas will take part in both of these services. All are invited to attend and show support for these communities who were directly affected by the events of 9/11/01. Any questions, contact the CAC office at 410-788-4190.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION

Sunday School and 8:00 Worship Time Change Coming!!!!

Starting on Rally Day, Sept. 8th, the Sunday school will begin meeting at 9:30 a.m., instead of 9:00 a.m. After this date, no longer will the first service be moved to 7:45 a.m. on Communion Sundays. The first service will begin at 8:00 every week after September 8th.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

A big thank you goes out to all the people who came to the Altar Committee Meeting on July 17. Several people agreed to take care of the altar a month at a time. We discussed the possibility of using live flowers on the altar. Cost is being researched. Also we have had a great deal of problems with our candles due to the extreme heat in the church. We are looking into the possibility of using fluid filled candles. Thanks again to all the volunteers; however, we could use more. So, please consider serving a month.

A big thank you to Cass Young for removing the candles and storing them in the office during the week to keep them from melting during the summer. Robert Osburne has been placing the candlesticks on the altar on Sunday mornings. Bob and Cass your help is very much appreciated.

Ursula Jacob

Altar Committee Chairperson

MUSIC

SENIOR CHOIR

Hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer. We are all looking forward to Fall and the cooler temperatures. We are also looking forward to singing some old and some new hymns this coming season. We always need

more voices, so please consider joining us any Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. up in the Choir room or any Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. We really do need you!!

Margaret Jean Myrick
Senior Choir Secretary

CHILDREN'S PAGE

P.A.C.T.

The PACT program will begin in the fall. We have planned several exciting events including a trip to the farm—followed by a family picnic. Currently there are 43 children enrolled in the classes. There are only 2 spaces that are not filled. And both of these are for children born in 1999—the three-year old group. If you want more information about the PACT program, call Concetta Clark at 410-995-0118.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Morning Scriptures with the Pastor

Have you ever wondered how the scriptures we hear each week become a sermon? Well starting on Wednesday, September 25th, you'll get a chance to find out. Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the quiet room, Rev. Cathy will lead a Bible study of the lectionary passage for the week's reading. Come and take part, and watch the scriptures come to life before your eyes.

CHURCH SCHOOL

As September approaches, we at United Evangelical Church are gearing up for another school year. We are excited about coming together again on a special Rally Day planned for September 8th.

In preparation for this special day, the church is abuzz with activity. In addition to cleaning and repair work being done on the church school building on regular basis, we held a special work day on Saturday, August 10th, at which time about 20 volunteers spent from 9am to 3pm cleaning, painting, and preparing for the new school year. To all those who helped on August 10th and throughout the summer, thanks for helping to prepare for Rally Day on September 8th.

We believe that worship is an important part of a child's Christian education. With that in mind, beginning on September 8th, the Christian education hour will begin at 9:30 a.m., instead of 9:00 a.m. as we have done previously. This will provide an opportunity for the children to be involved in the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Near the end of the education hour, the children will be brought to the Sanctuary where they will join their

parents/caregivers. During the 9:30 hour there is also an adult Christian Education class available for parents/caregivers.

Both our 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services will include a children's time, where the children who are present will be invited to participate. We as a church want children and parents to know that children are welcome, and are meant to be, in the house of God.

We hope that you are as excited about the Christian education of your children, as we are. We hope to see you and your children at Rally Day on September 8th.

In Christ,

The Christian Education Staff

BIBLE STUDY

Our group has found this great book. How do we know it's great? It must be people have been reading it and talking about it for over two thousand years. Join us and find out why. every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

For your information -

The church directories are in and are being distributed to those individuals & families who had their picture taken for the directory. Because we met all of our deadlines while the book was being put together we were supplied with a limited number of extra copies. Those copies are available on a first come, first serve basis. They are located in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Orendorff at 410-675-7059. Thank you

FELLOWSHIP

We are planning a roast beef dinner after the installation service for Pastor Oatman. This will take place on 15 September at approximately 5:00 p.m. Please sign your name on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. This will help us prepare the proper amount of food. There will be a "DONATION BOX" in the hall to help cover some of the cost. Please give generously.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m. to make plans and prepare for our All Church Sour Beef and Dumpling Luncheon/Dinner to be held On Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th. Please plan to attend. The success of this event

largely depends on the number of volunteers. Remember this is an "ALL CHURCH" effort and the more volunteers we get the greater our success. We have several new ideas that will be presented at this meeting for your opinion and feedback, so once again please plan to attend this important meeting.

God Bless you,

Bob Osborne,
Chairman

SCOUT REUNION

To: All former scouts of United Evangelical Church
Let's get together!

When? Saturday, October 5, 2002 1 to 4 p.m.

Where? United Evangelical Church, Friendship Hall
Spouses and children are welcome

We are asking for a "covered dish" of your choice.

Many former Scouts have expressed an interest in having a "reunion" we thought this would be the best way to see our former "girls & boys".

Come whether you call us or not.

Former Brigade members and Girls Service Member are also invited.

Contacts: Mrs. Pate 410-327-3211
Mrs. Sullivan 410-327-8085
Mrs. Spence 410-327-1435

BOY SCOUTS TROOP # 19

I am Chuck Klein, troop committee chairman, and just to let you know the troop is beginning to rebuild. Over the last couple of years we have lost just about all of our adult leaders and all but a hand full of the boys. Anyone that might be interested in assisting or joining (youth, 11-18yrs. or adults) may contact myself or Nathan Klein – Scoutmaster, or Cathy High at 410-675-6652. If no answer leave message.

We are just letting you know we (troop #19) still exist in your church (Approximately 55 years)

Have a great day, Chuck Klein

SOUR BEEF AND DUMPLING AD BOOKLET

In this endeavor is the Ad form to be used for the S B & D Ad Booklet. Please note price change.

Full Page \$25.00

Half Page \$15.00

Quarter Page \$10.00

Mr. & Mrs. Patron Ads \$2.00

Single Name Ads \$1.00

**ALL ADS ARE DUE IN CHURCH OFFICE
BEFORE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

LADIES ORGANIZATION OF UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

I hope that everyone had a good summer. We are resuming our meetings on Wednesday, September 11th at 12:00 noon. This will be a covered dish meeting. The Ladies Organization will provide the main course, which will be ham.

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month. Why not join us and help us to support our church; we would like to have you.

Just a reminder of the trip on Wednesday, September 18th to the Sight and Sound Theatre. The bus will leave from Church at 9 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m. Please call Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904 with any questions.

Also please call Millie for the details of the bus trip to Faith Church in Frederick, Md. in November.

God bless,
Olga deBloom,
President

GEORGE WASHINGTON FINNERTY

2/3/27 – 8/22/02

We are saddened by the loss of our brother George (Bruz) who, through his gentle manner and caring ways, brought joy to all who crossed his path.

His friends at United Evangelical Church had a great influence in his life, as he learned to live with God and accept Jesus Christ into his life.

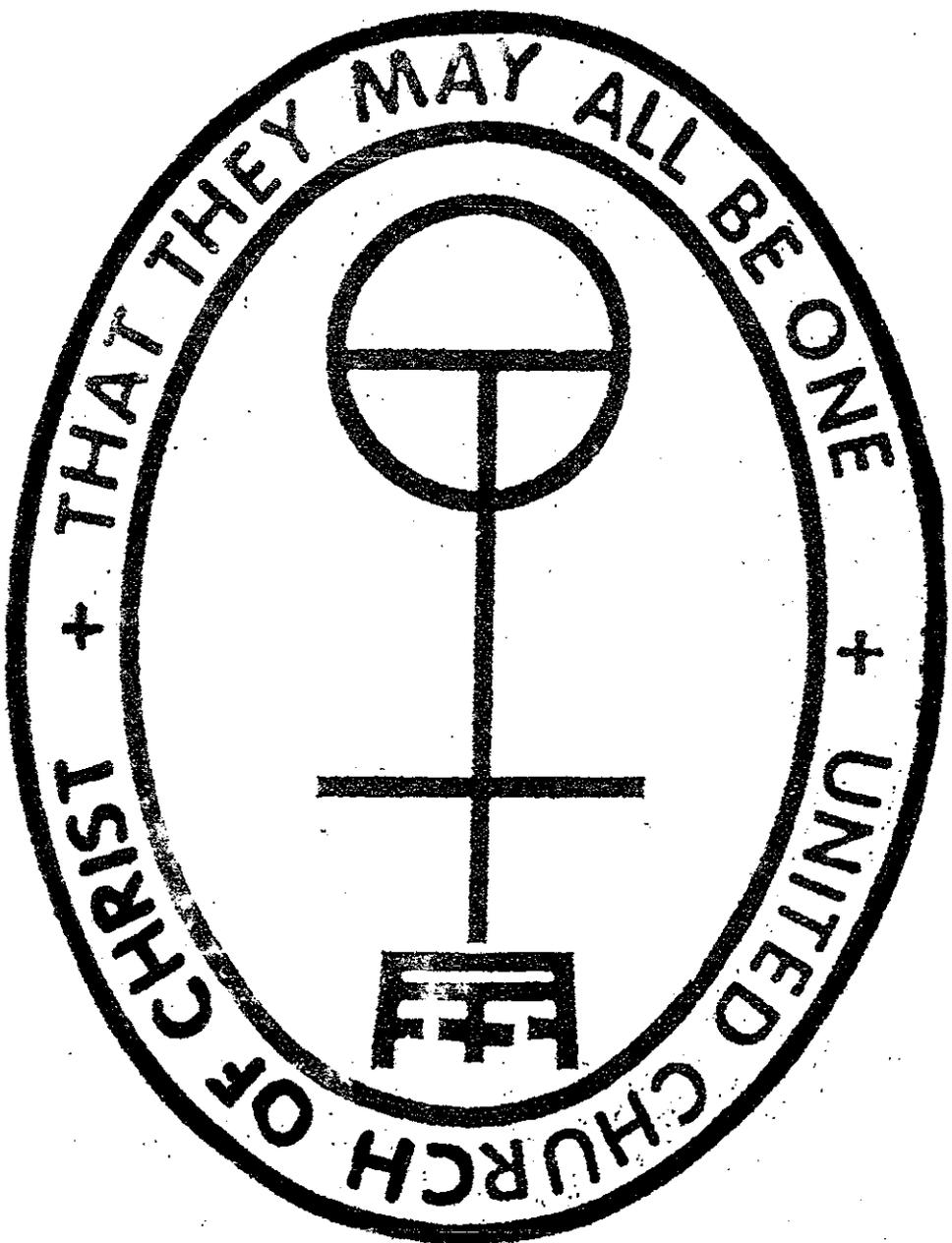
He enjoyed his work with the council, the Mother and Daughter shows, an occasional solo on Sundays, and let us not forget how proud he was to be part of the Sour Beef & Dumpling Dinner. He has said "our Sour Beef is the very best, and anyone who would contest that would surely loose!"

We will all miss "Bruz" and will cherish his memories... But, in our sadness there remains great joy as he has joined the Lord in his first home. Your friends in Christ: Brother, Stephen Finnerty Sisters, Anna Schweiger, Mayllison Dawson and Edna Bealfeld.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2002	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7:45 and 10:30 Worship Communion	2 <i>Labor Day</i>	3	4 Sour Beef Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5 Choir 7:30 p.m.	6	7
8 8:00 Worship 9:30 Christian Education 10:30 Worship RALLY DAY	9 Bowling 6:00 p.m.	10 Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	11 Ladies Org. Covered Dish 12 noon 9-11 Memorial Worship Serv. 7:00 p.m.	12 Choir 7:30 p.m.	13	14
15 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Christian Education PASTOR OATMAN'S INSTALLATION 4:00 p.m. Reception Dinner 5:00 p.m.	16 Bowling 6:00 p.m. PACT 9:00 a.m.	17 PACT 9:00 a.m.	18 Sight & Sound bus trip leaves 9a.m. returns 6:00 p.m.	19 PACT 9:00 a.m. CHOIR 7:30 p.m.	20	21
22 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Christian Education 129TH ANNIVERSARY	23 Bowling 6:00 p.m. PACT 9:00 a.m.	24 PACT 9:00 a.m.	25 10:00 Bible Study	26 Choir 7:30 p.m. PACT 9:00 a.m.	27	28
29	30 PACT 9:00 Sour Beef Ad Booklet ads are due today Bowling 6:00 p.m.					

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			1	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	3 Choir 7:30 p.m. PACT 9:00 a.m.	4	5
6	WORLD COMMUNION DAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Communion at both services 9:30 Christian Education	7 PACT 9:00 a.m. Bowling 6:00 p.m.	8 PACT 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Ladies Org. Candy Making 10:00 a.m.	10 PACT 9:00 a.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	11 MARINATE BEEF 10:00 a.m.	12 COOK BEEF 10:00 a.m.
13 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:30 a.m. COOK BEEF	14 PACT 9:00 a.m. Bowling 6:00 p.m. PREPARE POTATOES <i>Columbus Day</i>	15 PACT 9:00 a.m. PREPARE COLE SLAW LIMA BEANS	16 ALL CHURCH AND DUMPLING DINNER 4:00 - 7:00	17 PACT 9:00 CHOIR 7:30 SOUR BEEF DINNER LUNCHEON 11:30 - 1:00 DINNER 4:00 - 7:00	18	19	
20 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:30 a.m. SEMINARY SUNDAY	21 PACT 9:00 a.m. BOWLING 6:00 p.m.	22 PACT 9:00 a.m.	23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	24 PACT 9:00 a.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.	25	26	
27 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9:30 a.m. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	28 PACT 9:00 a.m. BOWLING 6:00 p.m.	29 PACT 9:00 a.m.	30 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	31 PACT 9:00 a.m. CHOIR 7:30 p.m. HAPPY HALLOWEEN			

CARRY OUTS DURING ALL SERVING HOURS



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