

NEWS FROM UNITED CHURCH

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*

January 2002

Dear Members and Friends of United,

Hsappy New Year! 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** throughout the entire year.

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Hebrew 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 in St. Brigid's parking lot across the street. If they have small children, remind them about our Sunday School, or about the quiet room. 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 make for harmony, and on the growth of our fellowship together."
Romans 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 has the opportunity.

George Nassner, President

DEACON MAXIM HOFFMANN

United is very lucky to have a good friend like Max. Max is filling in as our Pastor until a new permanent pastor can be found. We, the congregation, would like to thank him for doing such a great job. As you may know, Max grew up in this church and always wanted to be pastor here, but due to changes in his life and changes in the church's life this was not possible. But, he is here with us now and we are enjoying this time with him. Thanks Max !

P. A. C. T.

Pact is now registering for all programs for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Anyone interested, call Concetta Clark 410-995-0118

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2002

Sunday the 27th

Annual Congregational Meeting after the 10:30 a.m. worship service in Friendship Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

ANYONE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEDNESDAY EVENING LENT SERIES AS A LECTOR OR TO READ PARTS IN THE SERIES CALLED "CROSS EXAMINATION", PLEASE CONTACT DEACON HOFFMANN, GEORGE NASSNER OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE 410-276-0393.

Monday the 28th

Blood Drive (see enclosed flyer for more information).

Wednesday the 30th

The Ladies Organization will hold their February 6th meeting today . It will be a pizza luncheon and meeting at 12:00 noon. For more information, contact Olga at 410-444-8088.

FEBRUARY 2002

Sunday the 3rd

Today is Communion Sunday with worship services at 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please bring in your boxed and canned food or give a donation for the Food Bank.

Thursday the 7th

There will be a Carryout ONLY Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner here on Thursday, Feb. 7th. We will need help. If you would like to give a few hours of your time please call Bob Osburne at 1-410-569-7125 or Art Jones at 410-288-0088. See enclosed flyer for more information.

Wednesday the 13th

Today is Ash Wednesday, is the beginning of Lent. We will have a worship service here at church at 7:30 p.m. The theme during this Lenten series is called "CROSS EXAMINATIONS". The first week's topic will be "The Grace of God Revealed". During this service you may receive ashes if you wish and communion will be offered.

Wednesday the 20th

The second week in the Lenten Series of "CROSS EXAMINATIONS" is titled "A Matter of Death and Life". The worship service will start at 7:30 p.m. There will be a sing-a-long prior to the worship service from 7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. At the close of worship there will be a fellowship time in the Friendship Hall with light refreshments.

Wednesday the 27th

The third week in the Lenten series of "CROSS EXAMINATIONS" is title "Is The Cross Necessary?" The Sing- a-long will begin at 7:15 p.m. and the worship service will begin at 7:30 p.m. At the close of worship there will be a fellowship time in the Friendship Hall with light refreshments.

MARCH 2002 CONTINUED

Sunday the 31st

Easter Sun Rise Service 6:00 a.m.

Children's worship lesson (The Living Cross 9:00 a.m. - all are invited to attend)

Easter Worship Service today at 10:00 a.m.

The Confirmation Class of 2002 will be receiving Communion for the first time at the 10:30 worship service.

APRIL 2002

Monday the 1st

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TODAY

Easter Monday Blood Drive will take place today from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please make arrangements to attend this Blood Drive.

Saturday the 6th

Remember to turn you clocks **FORWARD** 1 hour tonight before going to bed. Daylight Savings time begins tomorrow morning at 2:00 a.m.

Sunday the 7th

This is the first Sunday of the month and Communion Sunday with worship services starting at 7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Today we will also celebrate with the Confirmation Class Members of **1952** on their **50th** class reunion. Immediately following the 10:30 service there will be a luncheon held in honor of our guests. All are invited, if you plan to attend please call church office 410-276-0393. Please bring in donations or food for the Food Bank.

Sunday the 14th

Mother's Day Memorials are due in to the church office before today.

MAY 2002

Sunday the 12th

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR MOTHERS. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER AND BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

Sunday the 26th

Father's Day Memorials are due in to the office before today.

Monday the 27th

Today the country will be observing Memorial Day.

MARCH 2002

Sunday the 3rd

Easter and Lily Fund Memorials are due in church office before today. This is the first Sunday of the month, please remember to bring in your can goods for the food bank. Communion will be offered at both worship services today. Early service 7:45 a.m. and late service at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday the 6th

On this fourth week of the "CROSS EXAMINATIONS" series we will hear about "Enemies of the Cross". The Sing-a-long will begin at 7:15 p.m. and the worship service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Immediately after the worship service there will be a time of fellowship in the Friendship Hall with light refreshments.

Wednesday the 13th

During week number five of the "CROSS EXAMINATIONS" series we will learn about "What is Missing in Christ's Sufferings". Worship service will begin tonight at 7:30 p.m. with a sing-a-long starting 15 minutes prior to the service. At the close of service there will be a time of fellowship in the Friendship Hall with light refreshments.

Wednesday the 20th

Week number six is the final week of the series called "CROSS EXAMINATIONS" the lesson this week is "The Marks of Christ". Worship service will begin tonight at 7:30 p.m. with a sing-a-long starting 15 minutes prior to the service, and at the close of service there will be a time of fellowship in the Friendship Hall with light refreshments.

Sunday the 24th

Today is Palm Sunday. Worship services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Palms will be given out at the close of both worship services.

Blessing of the Palms will take place today at 9:15 a.m. in Canton Square on O'Donnell Street
The Confirmation Class of 2002 will be confirmed today at the 10:30 worship service

Wednesday the 27th

This evening the 51st presentation of the "The Lord's Last Supper" will take place at 8:00 p.m. If you haven't ever seen the Tableau, then make every effort to come out for this special event. The dedicated cast does an exceptional job.

Thursday the 28th

Today is Maundy Thursday. The Tennebrae Worship Service will be conducted this evening at 7:30 p.m. Communion will be offered at this worship service.

Friday the 29th

Good Friday Communion Service at 9:00 a.m

Carry Cross through Community at 10:30 a.m. (Beginning at St. Brigid's Church on Ellwood Avenue)

Three Hour Worship Service 12:00 noon (As of this printing we have not received any information on this event. As soon as we are aware of the schedule it will be published in the weekly bulletin.)

2002 COUNCIL COMMITTEES CONTINUED

CALENDAR

Kristofer Orendorff (Chair)

Catherine "Cass" Young

Darlene Waters

USHERING (8:00 A.M.)

George Nassner (Head Usher)

Harvey Jacob

Art Jones

John Strong

USHERING (10:30 A.M.)

John Williams (Head Usher)

Kristofer Orendorff

John Price

Clarence Rowell

Catherine "Cass" Young

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Clarence Rowell (Chair)

Bill Raddatz (Senior Choir)

Robert Gundlach (Director of Music)

Lester Wolfe (Boy Scout Troop #19)

Darlene Waters (United Endeavor)

Olga deBloom (Ladies Organization)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Church 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Communion is offered at both worship services on the first Sunday of every month and the early service starts at 7:45 a. m.

Bible Study 9:00 a.m. in Quiet Room

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

MONDAY

P.A.C.T.

Canton Noon N.A. Group 12:00-1:00 p.m.

United Bowling League – 6:00 p.m. Pinland

TUESDAY

P.A.C.T.

Canton Noon N. A. Group 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Church Council meets 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Night N.A. Group 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Organization meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from September to June at 12:00 noon

Canton Noon N. A. Group 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts 6:30 –8:30 p.m. Mr. Lester Wolfe 410-938-8245

THURSDAY

P.A.C.T.

Canton Noon N.A. Group 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

JUNE 2002

Saturday the 1st

Today there will be a Strawberry Festival from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Watch weekly bulletins for more information.

The Strawberry Festival is replacing the "Spring Festival" formerly known as the "Mother and Daughter Banquet". The people who were in charge of the dinners held in May are unable to do it any more due to health problems. If someone would like to chair a May dinner please call the church office. We are open to suggestions.

2002 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

AUDITING (2001 Books)

J. Edwin Myers (Chair.)

Calvin Gundlach

Harvey Jacob

Clarence Rowell

PROPERTY

John Price (Chair)

Clarence Rowell

MEMBERSHIP

Catherine "Cass" Young

Darlene Waters

ALTAR

Ursula Jacob (Chair)

Lois Duvall

Lois Jones

Bob Osburne

John Strong

FELLOWSHIP

Bob Osburne (Chair)

Art Jones

Lois Jones

Darlene Waters

SPIRITUAL

George Nassner (Chair)

Olga deBloom

Denise Kelly

John Williams

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Darlene Waters (Chair)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR CONTINUED

FRIDAY

Highlandtown Friday Morning A.A. and Alanon Groups 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Canton Noon N. A. Group 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

Saturday Night N. A. Group 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

We would like to welcome all of the mentioned N.A., A.A and Alanon groups to our church. These groups have been meeting for years in other locations and due to the fact that so many churches are closing they came to us. We hope you are happy here and remain with us for an extended period of time.

ASHES on ASH WEDNESDAY

-a sign of repentance

“Dust you are and dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19)

“Ashes are an extraordinarily rich symbol rooted in ancient custom and practices. Ashes, in a Jewish and Christian context, suggest judgment of God’s condemnation of sin; frailty; our total dependence on God for life; humiliation; and repentance. We are reminded forcefully of the words of the committal in the burial service, ‘... earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.’ One day those words will be said over us.

“Moreover, ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were once used as a cleansing agent in the absence of soap. and on Ash Wednesday the ashes have sometimes been understood as a penitential substitute for water as a sign of Baptism. (And Baptism is a primary emphasis of Lent.) Water both stifles and refreshes, drowns, and makes alive; so the ashes also tell of both death and renewal. A further example of death and renewal shown by ashes is the ancient custom of burning the fields in the spring to destroy the old and prepare for the new.”

What is “LENT?”

At one time, we could take for granted that most people in a U.C.C. church grew up in a U.C.C. church and understood most everything U.C.C. churches do. In our changing world, we find that any number of people come to our church from a variety of traditions and backgrounds, including no church experience at all in their growing-up years. Therefore, since at the end of the month we will enter a time in our Church calendar known as “Lent,” a few words about the season may be helpful.

The season of Lent is an ancient tradition going back early in Christian history, commemorating the 40 hours that Jesus spent in the tomb between the time of his death and his resurrection. It began as a 40-hour time of preparation, reflection and special devotion, and then expanded in Christian history, first to two weeks (which was called “Passiontide”) and then to 40 days, recalling Jesus’ 40-day temptation in the wilderness. People were to “fast” during these days-that is they were to give up certain foods. However, since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, Sundays became exempt for the fast. Thus the season was lengthened again, to add Sundays to the 40 day fast, so that the season would begin on Ash Wednesday.

Our present observance of Lent has been shaped by a discipline of penitence and self-examination emphasized in the Middle Ages. Its modern observance gives a special opportunity to reflect on the passion of Christ and upon our growth in grace and faith.

We hope that the season of Lent will give you renewed strength and commitment to the mission and love of Christ.

Give Blood.



**American
Red Cross**

**UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002
2:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
FRIENDSHIP HALL
EAST AVE. & DILLON ST., BALTIMORE**

**Please contact Darlene Waters
in the Church Office at 410-276-0393
to schedule your
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Thank You!

1-800-GIVE-LIFE

Please bring some form of ID. Together we save lives!

United Evangelical Church

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Thursday February 7, 2002

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