

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

MY STORY - how members came to choose to affiliate with United

NATURE OF THE CHURCH

1. Congregational in nature
Council-Elected by congregation
President and Officers
Pastor - elected by the Congregation
Call - Pastor responsible for spiritual life.
ministry to hospitalized persons and shut-ins
represents church in community, over all
program responsibility, etc.

Council responsible for temporal life -including
Buildings, New Members, use of buildings by outside
groups, policies governing operation, approval of
order of worship, making and approving budget,
fund raising, etc.

2. Chesapeake Association - Covenantal relationship
Offers advise to Pastor and Council, educational
opportunities, facilitates working together of
churches, leads in the installation of Pastor,
guides churches when there is trouble in the church.
Dr. Thomas Hamilton, Associate Conference Minister
3. Conference - Regional, Maryland, New Jersey, etc.
Helps develop overall national policy for the
denomination, education of ministers, participates
in the development of Christian educational
materials, develops strategy for major missions in
the area -aging, hospitals, schools, positions on
such issues as abortion, war, employment, federal
governmental issues.
4. National Church
Coordinates homeland and foreign missions
Develops schools and colleges
Assists in coordination of welfare organizations
sponsored by church
Supports Seminaries and coordinates position of
national church in education and development of
Pastors
Manages Pension and Benefit Plan for Pastors and
Church workers
Participates in development of stewardship and fund
raising
Coordinates and consults in the field of Christian
Education

Calendar

Major Events to December 31, 1990

Choir Show and Dinner
Sour Beef Dinner-October 23-24
Crab Feast-Spring-June
Installation of Pastor-November 18
Thanksgiving Service-November 22
Totenfest-November 25
Congregational Meeting-November 25
Christmas-Tinsel Sunday-December 16
Christmas Eve Services-December 24

Program (a partial list)

Senior Citizens-Monday
Dance Class-Monday
Cub Scouts-Monday
Boy Scouts-Tuesday
Girl Scouts-seeking a leader
Ladies Aide-Wednesday
Sewing Group-Tuesday
Women's Guild-Wednesday
Prayer Group-Tuesday
Bible Study-Wednesday and Sunday
Confirmation-Wednesday
Visits to Shut-ins-Wednesday
Bowling-Friday
Adult Choir-Thursday
Children's Choir-Thursday
Counselling-varied times-Parsonage Light On
Baptism Counselling-Sunday morning
Wedding Counselling-Tuesday and Thursday
Worship Services 8:00AM and 10:30AM
SEEC-coordinate emergency food services
CHICA-work on housing and community issues
Ministerium-coordinate local church activities

Services and Counselling

Baptisms
Weddings
Funerals
Worship

Fund-Raising Activities

Envelopes
Memorials instead of altar flowers
Love Gifts
Special Events-Totenfest

Sour Beef Dinner and Crabfeast
Raffle Tickets- for winter fuel oil and heating

Public Interpretation

Bell Tower-Clock (lighted) and strike on hour
Church Directory (underway)
Parsonage Light & Flowers
Activity Sign on Christian Education Building
Church Bulletin Board on Church
Add in the Guide
Participation in community at St. Briget's, Sacred
Heart, St. Casimir's

Sacraments (events in which Christ participated)

Baptism-public
Lord's Supper

Worship

Church built in the shape of a cross
Entering Church with Joy (I was glad when they said unto
me let us go into the house of the Lord!)
Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon
Music Ministry-an integral part of our worship
Centrality of Bible-Lectern-a library of 66 books
(27 New Testament, 39 Old Testament)
Preaching of Word-Pulpit
Administration of Sacraments-baptismal font, table
Healing Prayer-belief that God answers prayer and wills
health and wholeness
Discipline of the "household of faith"
(information and announcements)
Eternal Flame
Cross-empty-(signifying victory of Christ over death and
the grave)
Confession of Faith-Apostles' Creed
Importance of Lord's Prayer-introduced by Jesus-a
tradition of our United Church

Doing-a Response to God's Love-that is why we have programs.
The life of the spirit is of joy and happiness. Support for
the Church is because he first loved us. Concern for neighbor
is an integral part of our faith.

Jesus said "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy
heart and thy neighbor as thy self"

The Christian faith is very practical. It speaks to the
abundant life and gives us specific instructions as to how to
achieve it. Faith, however, remains a mystery, a gift of God.