

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God; and that is what we are."---1 John 3:1

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Our Church:

Our Church has been serving this community since 1873. We developed out of the immigration of German people to the United States in the late eighteen and early nineteen hundreds. We are now serving a diverse working class community of many nationalities. More than anything else, we are a church whose people are recognized immediately by the warmth and love for members within the church as well as those people not fortunate enough to be a member of our church. No one enters our doors to worship or participate in any of our programs without a feeling of warmth, welcome and acceptance. That is why we have chosen the above scripture to open our page. The love we experience is a very special gift from our Father and we see ourselves as the children of God. If you wish to join our church, help in any of our programs or simply wish to receive our bulletin, it is a simple matter of contacting our office through the above address, E-mail, telephone or Fax number.

Years-Gone-By:

In response to a large number of persons immigrating from Germany, On September 14 1873, our Church was organized as Zion Evangelical. Shortly thereafter, the name was changed to the German United Evangelical Church, and remained so until 1937 when the word German was dropped. The board of trustees, as they were called at that time, were Reverend Dr. Andrew Schwartz (Pastor) William Zimmerman: (President) John A. Schwartz (Secretary) John Ulrich (Treasurer) George Norris, Henry Guenther, Louis Kiefer, Henry Moll, H.L. Boeschee, Samuel Nitzel, Charles J. Spruth, M.F. Reinhardt, R. Winkellmann. On September 17 1873, another meeting was held in which the decision to build a Church was resolved. On October 5th the contract was awarded to E. W. Robinson and 104 feet of ground was leased on South East Avenue. The Church was completed on April 12 1874 and dedicated to the "Service of God". Christian education was a major feature of the Church's early history and in 1876, We pioneered one of the first Protestant Sunday schools in the United States.

Early services were conducted in German and the second service in English. However, in 1894, and out of concern of the inclusion of persons of German background into the life of the new country, Pastor Menzel began to Confirm members of the Church using the English language. Our history has been one of victory over adversity and deep commitment to our mission. In 1885 a fire destroyed the building and in 1886 a new hall was built. In 1898 the first parsonage was dedicated. We have always been concerned with beauty, and in 1915 stained glass art windows were installed in the church. The ladies aid, now called women's organization, presented the painting of "Christ walking the Galleon sea" which has since been replaced by a beautiful 5' by 10' oak carving of the last supper. In 1917 the Church began to publish its bulletin called the United Endeavor, and this publication is still produced each quarter and is mailed to all Church members and friends. In 1920 the lighted tower with a clock was created. In 1957 the tower and clock were removed from the old church, saved and placed on the new Church. In 1992 the mechanical clock mechanism was replaced and is now controlled by a computer which is programmed to toll its message of security and God's ever presence every hour, as well as at the beginning of each Sunday service. The bells can be, and are, rung manually anytime the Lords prayer is said in the Church.

In 1927, the Church became affiliated with the Evangelical Synod of North America. At about this time, the Church became interested in service to the youth of the community and built a Boy's Brigade in 1930 and the first daily vacation Bible school in 1935. In 1936 ground breaking for the Church school took place, and in 1937 the cornerstone for the present parsonage was laid. In those days, our Church had a Sunday school enrollment of 500 or more and Confirmation classes of 100 or more each year. And we needed more space. In 1957 a new Church, the one we are in now, was built and dedicated "To the glory of God". United Evangelical became part of the United Church of Christ when a merger of the Evangelical and reformed Churches and the Congregational Church took place in 1957.

This merger led to the change in the name of our church to United Evangelical United Church of Christ shortly thereafter. Our Church, at one time, had a wide range of social and spiritual activities that served not only the members of our Church, but the community as a whole. The many activities provided were often in communion with other Churches in the Canton area.

The United Evangelical Church is a member of the Chesapeake Association and Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ. "A handle that most of our congregation probably does not even know exists." It can be said without doubt, "Our church has a rich heritage in both religious traditions and service to the Canton Highlandtown community". Our members are inheritors of great historical achievements and see themselves today as "children of God " and "followers of the way".

OUR MISSION:

Because of the hard times that has befallen many of the Churches in our area, and this includes our Church as well, it has become more important than ever to pursue a vigorous leadership through the pastor as well as the council and congregation. We must bring together, through a new beginning, not only the Minister and the lay leaders of our church but the entire congregation in Christian understandings, in such a way that it can be communicated to the neighborhood through our example and dedication that we do love one and another. We must rededicate our efforts in promoting responsible stewardship in accordance with Christian principals and the wise use of today's ever broadening technology. This will not only allow us to spread the word of God, but to have the most effective communication possible between our Minister our Council and our lay people. Our aim is to add value and strength to the efforts put forth by those who love our church and wish to Serve the Lord. Our goal is to revitalize our school building, so as to provide care and development of the small children, and to provide a place for young people to come in the evenings instead of hanging out on the street corners and, at the same time, teach them something about our God. The most important part of our mission should be, and is, to make every effort to increase our membership, and to attract younger people as well as provide an atmosphere or setting within the Church where one can feel comfortable wanted and at ease.

Outreach:

Past pastors:

We would be remiss if we didn't mention the past pastors who served our church well for the past 127 years. Their dedication and commitments has been the backbone of our existence. To them we say, "Well Done Kind and Faithful Servants".

<u>Dates of Service</u>	<u>Pastors Name</u>
1873—1899	Rev. Dr. Andrew Schwartz Organized our church
1889---1896	Rev. Paul Menzel *Resigned in 1896 went to Concordia Washington D.C.
1896---1926	Rev. William Batz *Died June 10 1926 Buried in Louden Park "Old rugged cross" Monument erected at gravesite by the members. Wall plaque placed in the narthex
1926---1934	Rev. Franklin W. Schaefer Resigned 1934
1934---1934	Mr. Ernest Press, Student at Eden seminary, served from January to April 1934
1934---1961	Rev. Titus Lehmann *In 1935 he resigned and moved to Pennsylvania
1961---1974	Rev. Paul A. Rasche *Resigned in 1974 and moved to West Virginia
1974---1975	Rev. Mary Ellen Kitchen was called as Associate pastor
1975---1976	Rev. Bruce Wichhizer was called as interim pastor * Resigned in 1976
1976---1984	Rev. Scott W. Hengen III
1984---1984	Rev. Schaeffer Called as interim pastor *Resigned in 1984
1984---1990	Rev. Stephen Fair *Resigned in 1990

1990---1999 Rev. Robert M. Armstrong Retired July 1999 Passed away September 1999
 1999--- Rev. Corinne O. Baker *Called as interim pastor. September 1999

Present Pastor:

Rev. Corinne Baker:

Sunday Services:

There have always been two services on Sunday at our Church. At one time, the balcony and the Church proper was full to capacity, to a point that chairs had to be set up in the aisle ways which, in later years, prompted the building of a larger Church. In the early days of the church, the first service was held in German and the second service was held in English. Today there is still two services on Sunday; one at 8:00 Am and one at 10:30 Am. You, as well as all readers of our page within the Baltimore area, are cordially invited to come and worship with us. We are sure you will leave the Church satisfied as well as gratified.

Church Council:

The Church council is made up of twelve members whose responsibility is to promote the spiritual life of the members and exorcise due care that the word of God is preached in accordance with Christian doctrine. Set good example of Christian living by regular attendance at services, Represent the congregation in all business and legal matters as well as all other earthly matters pertaining to the Church. The council meets on the second Tuesday of the month to discuss any problems that may have arisen during the month well as address any other issue brought to the table.

Council members for the year 2000:

Georg Nassner:

George was born in Baltimore and lived most of his young life within a few blocks of the church. He was Baptized, and Confirmed in our Church and later in life married his wife Barbara in our church in 1975. At the present time he works for the Lipppa Electric Co. in which he worked his way up to foreman. He joined the Church council in February 1992, where he held several positions. In 1998, he became become the president of our council. His duties are to oversee the ongoing activities of all the committees. Most council members feel that this period in time as president is most difficult because of the many problems we as a congregation are facing.

Clarence Rowell:

Clarence was born in Rocky Mount North Carolina and was Baptized and Confirmed in the First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount. He joined our Church in August 1963. Subsequently, he joined the Church council in 1990 and at the present time he is the Vice President of our council. The duties of his position require him to perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president. Prior to his retirement, he held a responsible position with the Department of Recreation, where he became Regional Superintendent of recreation & Parks in Baltimore County Baltimore Maryland, and was responsible for the operation of recreation and services in the Eastern Reign of the County. Clarence feels that our Church needs to do a better job in reaching out to the community so as to attract new and young members. He hopes to be a part of this process in any way he can.

Calvin Richard Gundlach:

Calvin was born in 1952 and was baptized and confirmed at the United Evangelical Church where he, his brother and mother worship and never seem to miss a Sunday. He works for the Carr Lowery Glass Co. where he moved up to the position of warehouse manager. Calvin became a member of our Church when he was confirmed on 04/1966.

As an adult he joined the Church council and became the Financial Secretary whose duties are to promptly pay all the bills, salaries and keep payroll and financial records on the computer. Calvin says that he has been involved with his church all his life and wishes to continue to worship his God and Jesus Christ his personal savior .

Mrs. Darlene Waters:

Darlene was born in Baltimore Maryland and spent the majority of her life in the same general location of Baltimore, that is, within walking distance of our Church. She worked for the A. G. Clothiers and she was responsible for receiving and receipts payable. She is at present assistant Church secretary and can be reached in our office. She was Baptized and Confirmed at United Evangelical and became a member in 1955 which, is probably the date she was Confirmed. As an adult, she was married on July 2 1978 to Charles F. Waters, who has since passed away. She joined the council in 1994 and has served on many of the committees within the council. She was instrumental in starting a number of the activities within the Church and was quick to volunteer for many of the affairs and she will always lend a helping hand. Darlene says she dearly loves our Church and hopes it will come back to the influential and prosperous Church it once was.

John M. Price:

John was born in Baltimore Maryland and was baptized at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Confirmed and married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and lived most of his young life in the eastern section of the city. He joined the navy in nineteen forty-eight, and when he was discharged in nineteen fifty-two, he went to work for the City Hospitals which is now called bay view. During his stay at City Hospital, he met his wife and was married in nineteen fifty-four and has two children of which he is very proud. Not long after he was married, he went to work for the Social Security Administration where he became General Forman of the repair shops. His major duty was to supervise the overall activities of those shops. In nineteen eighty-five, he retired and soon became restless and started a small business of his own, designing and building miniature doll furniture which he sold to upscale craft shops. In nineteen ninety-two, he joined our Church and in nineteen ninety-five he joined the Church council. In nineteen ninety-six, he accepted the position of property chairman whose duties seem to involve most of the aspects of running a Church. From the first day he joined this Church, he said "He felt very much at home here and can only say that he wish he had joined this Church earlier in life."

Stanley Huber:

Stan, as with most of our council members, was born and raised close to the Church. He was baptized and confirmed here and has said on many occasions that "He loves this church and will do most anything to help in any capacity when ever he can. Stan is a security supervisor at the Legg Mason Building and his duties are to supervise a staff of 25 security people. He was married to his wife Leila in September of 1966. Stanley became a member of the Church in 1954 by way of confirmation, and joined the council in 1998 and became the treasurer in 1999. His duties of the position are peculiar to those of a treasurer in any organization.

Olga deBloom:

Olga, or Ollie as her friends know her, was born in Berlin Germany where she was baptized and confirmed. She was married in the Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore to her husband John in November 1957, who has since passed away. Olga joined our Church in 1992 and soon became involved in the Church activities. She held the positions of chairperson of the Fellowship committee where she oversaw the preparation of many of dinner and our supper activities. In addition, she is the chairperson of the Altar committee where she sets up the Altar for different and various services. At the present time, she is the president of the Ladies Organization of the U.C.C..

Denise C. Kelly:

Denise was born in Baltimore Maryland and was Baptized and Confirmed at United, and at the present time she is a nurse at the Johns Hopkins University. She became a member of the congregation by way of her Confirmation here at UEC. She joined our council in July of 2000 and was elected as Church secretary almost immediately. It is her responsibility to take accurate minutes of all our meetings. Her first report presented to the council was outstanding.

Membership:

It seems apparent, that during the founding years of our Church, membership did not need to be of great concern. Primarily, because of the great influx of German immigrants into this area and, most of them as well as the founding members lived close to the church. In those days they brought up their children to attend services with them, which contributed to a very large congregation. Since transportation was not as prevalent as it is today, most of the founding member's children stayed in or close to the neighborhood of the Church. However, after the 2nd world war, transportation became abundantly available in many forms and within no time just about everyone owned a automobile, and starting around 1970, the grandchildren and great grandchildren of the founding members moved out of the neighborhood and joined other Churches which severely depleted our congregation. At the present time, our membership is only about 300 members of which 199 are active only by the fact that they are envelope users. Our Sunday attendance is down to approximately 35 members at the first service and 65 at the second service. We know we are in need of a dynamic pastor to drastically help increase our membership as well as our attendance and we are working toward that end. If you would like to attend our service or become one of our members, please use one of the options above to get in touch with us.

Christian Education:

The Administrators of our Christian Education are Clarence Rowell and Edward Myers. Clarence has been the superintendent for the past 30 years, and Ed has been the Treasurer on and off over the past 25 years. Clarence's wife Carol, along with Carol Borkman have been our longtime teachers during that time. They have seen many changes in the size of the classes over the years. At the present time there are only thirty children attending these classes and many of those are not present every Sunday. The problem as we see it, is that there are very few young members in our congregation, therefore there are very few children in our classes. We hope to change this trend with a renewed and dedicated thrust toward increasing our membership.

Bible Study:

Bible study is held on Sundays after the 8:am in our quiet room and is taught by Rick Nyborg, one of the members of our Church who is, himself, studying to be a minister. All those in the Baltimore area are cordially invited whether you belong to our Church or not, it would be nice to see you there.

Tableau:

The reenactment of Christ's Last Supper, "Tableau" is always held on the Wednesday before Easter Sunday. The reenactment consists of 12 members of our Church who are made up with mascara, wigs and sandals and are then dressed in brightly colored garbs of the Lords' day, and are setting at a table as pictured in paintings of the Last Supper. In the painting, as in our Tableau, they are arranged in four groups, three disciples to a group, and are all looking at and listening intently to what Jesus has to say. Each actor has a short statement to recite in which they attempt to express the feelings of the disciple they portray about what Jesus just told them. As the service begins, the lights in the Church are turned down so that the Church is completely dark. During this short period of time, the actors come in and seat themselves at the table that has been set with bread and wine, as it probably was in Jesus' day.

When the special high intensity lights are instantly flashed on the table and disciples, the actors strike a rigid pose as seen in pictures of the Last Supper. The actors and the colors of the actors garbs stand out as though one were looking at a 3D picture; painted by Michael Angelo himself in all of it's splendor. The center chair at the table is draped with a white cloth, brightly illuminated, but empty; which is to symbolize Christ's place at the table. Off to the right of the scene, one of the Church members provides us with the voice of Christ but is never seen. After each actor conveys his message, the lights go down again and then come back on for one more look at that exquisite scene. The whole reenactment takes about 30 minutes, after which, a few prayers are said and the service is ended. One would have to be a stone to not feel a great compassion for Jesus; for what must have been going through His mind at that time. If you look around the Church, you will see that this scene brings tears to many eyes, including mine. People in the Baltimore area, and around the world for that matter, who read this should keep this day in mind during the Easter season and try to attend this service and bring a friend. You can rest assured that you will not be disappointed, as words cannot describe that beautiful scene portrayed by the members of United Evangelical Church. Again, you are all cordially invited to attend.

School Building:

Our old school building was a two-story structure that must have many stories to tell. It was the place where literally thousands of children were taught about Jesus. In those earlier days, Sunday school was the place to go for every child in the neighborhood especially those, whose parents belonged to our Church. One can see by the pictures in our present Church hall, that the school must have been packed to the rafters. In 1935, during the summer, the Church started a daily vacation bible school that was so popular, that ground breaking for the present school building took place in 1936, and it became a four story structure instead of two. That is something that is not heard of today. It is sad to say that "today parents as well as the children have little or no time for God because there is too much competition from the television, movies, computers, electronic games etc. to capture and occupy their minds". Today, the four story structure whose ground was so hastily broken in 1936, and stood so proudly in the neighborhood as the place to go, is now little more than an empty building, and unless we do something drastic about, it will remain so in the years to come.

Nursery:

For the convenience of the members who have small children, we have a nursery where parents can leave their children so they can attend the 10:30 Sunday service. Carol Borkman, one of our members, has provided this service for many years, and has been one of our Sunday school teachers for some 25 years. For those young people who do have small children, this is a great opportunity to attend service while the children are safely tended too.

Parsonage:

Our parsonage is a two story brick dwelling with four bedrooms, a full bath and a study on the second floor with adequate closet space in each of the large rooms. On the first floor there is a very large living room, three other large rooms, a kitchen and a powder room. The basement is fully finished and has a closed in lavatory, deep sinks, washing machine, dryer and a freezer. This building has been completely refinished after our last pastor moved out. It was repainted, all windows resealed, upstairs floors sanded, kitchen cabinets resurfaced, new gas hot air furnace, centrally air conditioned, new kitchen and bathroom floors on first floor, and new rugs. At the present time, we are in need of and looking for a new pastor and we are hoping he will use this building as his home.

Woman's Organizations:

At one time, the woman's organizations consisted of the Ladies Aid society, Sewing groups and the Young woman's guild. Each of the groups had special functions and did different things at there meetings. They would proudly tell you that they always knew what the other groups were doing. They were not spying on each other, it was just that all the ladies belong to all of the groups. Their activities included Fellowship, Travel, Spiritual Inspiration and many forms of service to the Church as well as the community. As time went by, and as explained earlier in this web page, many of the members left the organizations for various reasons including age and death. Since there are no younger women stepping forward to join the organizations as leaders, the groups dwindled to a point that all the organizations joined together and now we only have one group called "Ladies Organization of the United Evangelical Church". This is a sad commentary to a proud and useful organization in our Church. If people in the Baltimore area would like to become a member of the group, please contact our office at the addresses above. We are sure you will be cordially welcomed.

Music Director:

Rob Gundlach Was Baptized and Confirmed here at United. His interest in music started when he first learned how to play Silent Night on the piano. Subsequently, he started to take piano lessons in 1966 and continued for 14 years. Our organist in the seventies, Don Shnader, had a profound influence in getting Rob interested in the organ. At one time, Rob substituted at the First United UCC and St. Luke's UCC. In 1980 he became our organist and he said "He considers it a privilege to serve the Lord in the area of music." It must be said that while we have had a number of fine organists play during Robs absences or vacations, one can always tell when he returns because of his magic touch on the pedals and the keyboards." No one else sounds like Rob.

Social Activities:

Our activities today are very few, and are limited to the Sour beef supper in March, Spring banquet, Sour beef supper in October, Tinsel Sunday which is a Christmas party for the children, bus trips throughout the year and the yearly celebration of the anniversary of our Church. Years ago, there were many activities and the women were the cooks and bottle washers and men were not allowed in the kitchen. Today, the men are cooks and bottle washers, because most of the women of our Church are up in age now and can no longer do that type of work. Also, our activities are limited because of the fact that volunteers are becoming hard to come by and there are very few young people in our congregation who are willing to take over those responsibilities because both husband and wife have to work to make ends meet. This is something we will be working on and we hope that our mission and future dedication, along with hopefully finding a dynamic minister, would lead to developing viable social activities within our Church. We will keep you informed of our progress

Parents And Children Together:

Parents and children together is an organization that we were quick to sponsor some nine years ago. And, while there is a moderate fee for this service, we feel that is well within everyone's budget. Classes are held on Monday Tuesday and Thursday. At the present time, there are 40 children enrolled from 2 too 4 years of age and 60 adults in parenting groups. The program expresses commitment to the care and development of little children through teaching the parents how to provide and care for them. There are many activities such as learning how to play together, fun projects, field trips, one on one teaching sessions as well as many other activities. If you or someone you know in the Baltimore area might need this type of help contact Concetta Clark, "President" at 410-563-0118 or use any of the addresses above and someone will put you in touch with Concetta. She is an exceptional teacher, and we are sure you will feel welcome in her classes.

Boy Scouts:

Our boy-scout troop 19 was Chartered in 1952 and has been with us ever since. At the present time, Mr. Lester Wolf is our Scoutmaster and we only have 6 boys in the troop, mainly, because there are too many things available to attract the attention of our young people and their parents fail to encourage them to give scouting a chance. However, troop 119 has been with us for about 40 years and has produced 35 eagle scouts. The troop does participate in many activities provided by scouting throughout the year such as hiking, camping, pine wood derby, regatta in a rainspout, citizenship, cooking, survival and many other activities. The troop meets every Monday at 7:30 PM. If any of the young boys the Baltimore area wishes to become one of our scouts you may get in touch with us through any of the options above and we will put you in touch with Mr. Wolf.

Cub Scouts:

Narcotics Anonymus:

We have two different groups of people belonging to the Narcotics Anonymous meeting here at United Evangelical, One meeting is on Saturday from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM and another on Tuesday from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Their primary purpose is to help the still suffering addict. They do this through the use of their 12 steps system. Through the steps, the addict learns to stay clean and become a productive member of our society. Also, through the steps, many members discover God and learn to apply spiritual principals to his or her life. If you are in the Baltimore Area and are in need of help, you may call Lisa Lakis 410-732-3394 or Stan Wilson on 410-563-3026.

Blood Doner Program:

The blood donor program is something new to our Church in that it was just set up within the past few years. The person heading the blood drive is "Darlene Waters" who seems to be active in most of our activities. She is the person who contacts members and friends to inform them of the dates the Red Cross will be at our church. In addition, She and two other members place fliers in the doors of the neighborhood advertising the drive. If anyone in the Baltimore area would like to contribute to our drive, please use one of the address options above, and someone will advise you accordingly.

Sour Beef Suppers:

Our sour beef suppers are held in March and October of each year. The March supper is a one day affair which is sponsored by the ladies organization, and part of the proceeds are donated to the Church. The October supper is a two day affair sponsored by the Church proper, and all of the proceeds are donated to the Church. These events require considerable planning and help and most people do not realize how much work goes into such an event. Preparation for these suppers start months ahead of time to make sure that they go off without a hitch. Our sour beef is said "To be *SMOOOTHE AS SILK* and the best in East Baltimore". Since the gravy makes the supper, and I am one of the help that makes the gravy, I say "It's the best in Baltimore period." The supper features three good size dumplings and a substantial portion of beef and gravy. In addition, there is additional gravy, cold slaw, Seaside lima beans in prepared tomato sauce, Coffee, tea, dark bread, rye bread and butter served to the table, and are all you can eat items. There is also a carry out table for those who wish to take home a supper. Those in the Baltimore and surrounding area are invited to dine with us. You can contact us through any of the options above for times and dates. Hope to see you there.

Spaghetti Dinners:

In April of the year 2000 was the first time we attempted to serve spaghetti and meatballs. To say the least everything went well and we a realized modest profit. We intend to, as long as we can find the help, to do this again in September and hopefully each year as long as possible. The dinner consisted of a modest portion of spaghetti, three meatballs, your choice of plain tomato sauce or tomato meat sauce, meat, garden salad, bread and butter, garlic bread, coffee and tea. Those who wish to take home a dinner. The proceeds from this affair are donated to the Church. Those in the Baltimore and surrounding area are invited to dine with us. You can contact us through any of the options above for times and dates. Hope to see you there.

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To mention just a few activities.

During the Easter season the ladies of the Church used to sell codfish cakes, oyster patties, cold slaw and crab cakes every Friday. As one can imagine, this required considerable time and effort to put together this kind of activity. As time went by, and as was inevitable, the ladies grew older and just could not do it any longer and there were no younger people volunteering to carry on this activity and it, like many other activities, were discontinued.

Pastor----- was one of those ministers who was a hands on type person. If he set up a basketball club, he would be right there playing with the children. He was also known to play kickball out in the street with the children of the neighborhood. This is the type of minister we need today.

Unlike today, Summer classes were looked forward to by the young people because there was always something neat or different to do, and in those days, the parents saw to it that their children would learn something about God because many of them were there with the children.

The children in our Church as well as children in the neighborhood always looked forward to the Christmas party. There was a good meal prepared by the ladies organizations and all of the children received a small gift and a candy cane when Santa showed up. Today, the party is limited to the families and children of our Church.

The crab cake suppers and bingo combination were usually a winner where the older people came not just to play bingo, but to socialize with the neighbors as well as within the congregation.

A day at the beach was something no one in the congregation should have missed. A member of the congregation told the following story to the Author of this page, who we will call Robert, and who has since passed away. His story is as follows.

During the summer months, the children of our church used to look forward to going the beach. Sunday was usually the day that members of the congregation as well as the people in the neighbor would get together and head for Sandy point State Park. In order to get there, they had to take the number twenty-six streetcar. The twenty-six was the most famous streetcar line in the Baltimore area. For one thing, it went to the Sparrows Point steel mill and it seemed like everyone in Baltimore worked at the mill, and used this line. On Sundays it was just as bad or worse because like his parents, most people didn't have a lot of money and this was a great and inexpensive way to spend a day. The car line would couple up four or five cars together to handle the crowds and, the cars were full both coming and going most of the day. The ride was something left to be desired, but it was all part of the ritual of going to the beach. If you didn't get sick from the car rocking violently back and fourth on the way to the beach, you at least got woozy from the smells of the different foods carried by the people or the booze many of the people had already consumed. And as you well know deodorant was not yet a popular item in those days. When it was time to go home, you could tell that the heat of the day took its toll and some of the people were sunburned, some were weary and some became grouchy. The trip home usually started with the crowds waiting at the ramps for the empty cars to arrive. Some people looked as if they were dead from a hard day at the beach. Some looked like a lobster. Some stood with their blankets over their head to keep the sun off, and some, especially the younger set, whooped and hollered and carried on as if the day at the beach was just beginning. The real treat of the day would be if, on the way home, it started to rain and the windows on the streetcar had to be closed; the smells of the tanning lotion, wet towels, booze and bathing suits would certainly clear your sinuses. However, at least to the young people it was all worth it. The rocking of the street cars, the pushing and shoving, the clanging of the cars' bell, the funny smells, the heat, the rain, the pure laughter of the day and the good times had by all are only a pleasant memory now. When Bob finished his story he told me, with a pure look of sincerity that, "If he could, there is only one thing he would have liked to change. He would have liked to have stayed ten or eleven years old a little longer." It is probably safe to say that most of the founding fathers and the older members of today's congregation really enjoyed working and contributing to the betterment of our church. However as all things go, we can only say that those days are gone but not forgotten.

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