

HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS OF UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

- 1873 - Founded in September by Pastor Andrew Schwartz as Zion Evangelical Church, later changed to German United Evangelical Church. Ladies' Aid Society organized the same year. On October 19 the cornerstone for the new Church was laid at Canton Market on account of rain.
- 1874 - On April 12th the Church was dedicated.
- 1876 - Sunday School organized, although a German day school had been conducted.
- 1885 - "Old Hall" was built after one-story building was destroyed by fire as the firemen watched from across the street.
- 1889 - Pastor Menzel called to minister to Church. English confirmation begun. First Lenten Services conducted.
- 1896 - Pastor Batz began his ministry of 30 years.
- 1898 - First parsonage built.
- 1904 - Ground leased by the Church was bought.
- 1915 - Stained glass windows placed in Church.
- 1920 - "Lighted Tower" became evident over Canton.
- 1926 - Pastor Schaefer called to minister at the Church.
- 1927 - Officially joined the Evangelical Synod.
- 1928 - Building Fund started.
- 1932 - Loyalty Crusade, in which \$44,000.00 were pledged toward building.
- 1934 - Pastor Lehmann assumed duties as minister. English morning service begun.
- 1935 - First Daily Vacation Bible School started.
- 1936 - November 8th the Hall was dedicated.
- 1937 - March cornerstone laid for parsonage. Word "German" dropped from Church name.
- 1944 - Young Women's Guild Organized.
- 1945 - United Men's Club organized.
- 1957 - January 20 - Cornerstone for new Church was laid.
 - November 28 - Friendship Hall dedicated.
 - December 15 - New Church was dedicated
"TO THE GLORY OF GOD"

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