

# The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Feb/Mar 2012



## Pastor's Message



One of my favorite spiritual writers is Joyce Rupp, OSM. What I love about her writing is the way her prayers are so honest to our experiences in life. As we approach Lent I would like to share with you one of her prayers that captures the trials of the human adventure of following Jesus, trials that she asks the Lord if he experienced.

### *Jesus, What Were the Pains of Your Ministry?*

--Did you ever feel that the people really didn't care about you, only about what you could do for them? Did you feel used when it became obvious that they wanted your gifts no matter what the cost to you?

--Were there times when you silently questioned whether you had the ability or talent to do what you felt compelled to do? Were you ever concerned about making mistakes or being a failure?

--When the crowds pressed against you, did you sometimes want to scream with the suffocating pressure of no solitude or space for yourself? Were you frustrated when you tried to be alone for a while and the people followed you to your quiet place?

--Were there times when you wondered what your life was about and if the pressure and rush of your work was worth it?

--Did you get discouraged when your work seemingly produced no results, or even worse, was refused by the very people you were giving all your energy to?

--Was there some fear and anxiety in you as you voiced your opinions about injustice and wrong use of power? Did you dread having to speak up for truth because of the possibility of rejection?

--Were you disillusioned or discouraged when your disciples missed your vision or failed to catch the deeper implications of your life and message?

--Did you ever get caught up in what others thought of you, especially when your own relatives and villagers couldn't understand what you were doing and why?

Jesus, mentor of my life, because you were fully human, you would have experienced many ups and downs in your work. Remind me on my difficult days, when I am involved with my work and bearing its pains, that you also had your share of these moments and moods. Help me to look deeper and to discover meaning and blessing in the journey of love and discipleship, even when there are trials and travails to bear.

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May this prayer accompany us all as we journey with Christ toward the cross in this season of Lent.

In Christ's love,  
Rev. Cathy

## Committee News & More



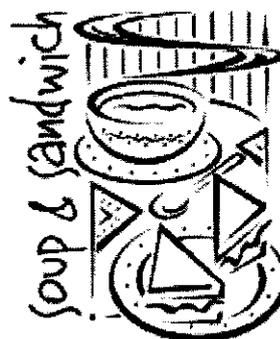
### Lenten Series Services

Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday
7:30 p.m.	Worship
Feb. 29	Lenten
7:30 p.m.	Worship
Mar. 7	Lenten
7:30 p.m.	Worship
Mar. 14	Lenten
7:30 p.m.	Worship
Mar. 21	Lenten
7:30 p.m.	Worship
Mar. 28	Lenten
7:30 p.m.	Worship



### Shamrock

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



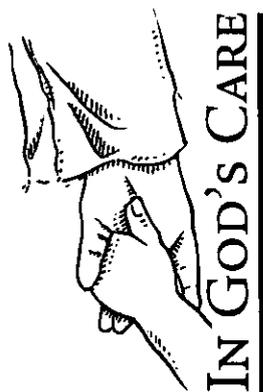
### Lenten Soup & Sandwich Evenings

No time to cook before Wednesday worship? No problem. Starting Wednesday Feb. 29th

there will be soup and sandwiches served in Fellowship Hall. THE SOUP IS FREE!! In addition, sandwiches and desserts will be sold.

Proceeds benefit One Great Hour of Sharing and our UEC Youth Group.

Come have a hearty bowl of soup & sandwich and join in worship and fellowship.



### In God's Care

We are not the masters of our own destinies. We are called to plan and strategize, to work and live active lives, to attempt things that are beyond us and tackle challenges that stretch us to

the limit. Yet the outcome of our efforts, even our ability to exert ourselves, is always in God's hands.

-Carolyn Custis James,  
*The Gospel of Ruth*

## Committee News & More

### Spiritual Committee

The Spiritual Committee will be meeting to pray and make cards for our homebound members.

If you are interested in joining in, please contact Alfie Schrodt at 410-686-0384 or via e-mail at [micha1357@aol.com](mailto:micha1357@aol.com).

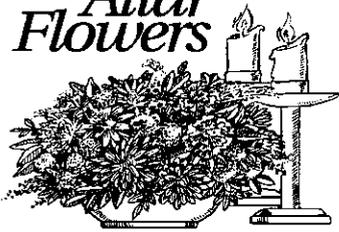


### The Endeavor is Available by E-Mail



United Evangelical Church is offering "The United Endeavor" newsletter by email. Sending the Endeavor by email will save postage and possibly eliminate the need to use "Bulk" mailing. If you would like to receive the Endeavor by email, please send your email address to [uecucc@verizon.net](mailto:uecucc@verizon.net) with Endeavor in the subject line. If we do not receive an email from you, we will continue to mail the Endeavor to your postal address (also known as snail mail).

### Altar Flowers



### New 2012 Altar Flower Chart

The chart for requesting altar flowers is in the Narthex.

The offering is \$ 18 per vase. If you have any questions, please call Ursula Jacob, 410-679-6163.

### A New Twist on Coffee Hour

With everyone's busy schedules it can be difficult to host Coffee Hour. So we are going to have a Coffee Hour Collection Carafe in the Narthex, When the collection totals enough for a Coffee Hour than we'll have one.

So look for the Coffee Hour Carafe in the Narthex,



### Canton Community Association Meetings

The Canton Community Association meets at our church on a bi-monthly basis. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with free dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall. These meetings are a wonderful way to meet new neighbors and stay informed about the concerns of our community. It also shows that our church thinks being involved in its community is important. Put the meetings on your calendar and come show our neighbors how important our community is to us as a church.

To obtain additional info.— [www.cantoncommunity.org/](http://www.cantoncommunity.org/)

Next Meeting - March 27 @ 6:30 in Fellowship Hall

## Bible Study in the Sanctuary - February 26, 2012



Feasting on the Word Bible Study

February 26 - 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### 1 Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1. Verse 18 puts forth a theory of atonement, explain it.
2. What do you believe about baptism? How does this passage confirm or challenge your belief?
3. Does verses 19-20a say anything about universal salvation (the belief that all people are saved regardless of faith in Christ)?

## Bible Study in the Sanctuary - March 25, 2012



### Feasting on the Word Bible Study

March 25 - 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### Psalm 51:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.
- <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
- <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

1. Psalm 51 is attributed to King David as a prayer he wrote after being convicted by the prophet Nathan of his sins of murder and adultery. Have you ever been convicted by your sin and have felt like this? Which verse best describes the way you felt?

2. Verse 4 reminds us that no one escapes the righteousness of God; that there are always consequences for our sin. Why is it important to embrace verse 4 as part of this prayer for restoration?

3. What do we know about God that allows us to even approach God seeking forgiveness?

## Give it Some Thought...



### So, Where's the Peace?

By Candy Arrington

When you look at our world and see conflict of all kinds, it's difficult to understand how the Bible can refer to Jesus as Prince of Peace. It seems there is some form of violence, terrorism, injustice, or hatred present in almost every country in the world.

So did Jesus fail in the "peace" portion of His mission? If He's really the Prince of Peace, why is life filled with so much turmoil?

Let's start by realizing our human perspective is not God's viewpoint. Just as Jesus' followers hoped and waited for Him to take an earthly throne as a king, we're often thinking and expecting world peace from the Prince of Peace. Micah 5:5 says, "And he [Jesus] will be their peace," meaning Jesus *is* peace. But how? How does a person embody an intangible quality like peace?

Here are some ways Jesus is peace:

✦ **Reconciliation** – The Bible doesn't promise world peace. In fact, Jesus said not to be surprised when we hear about current fighting and potential wars. Peace comes in a relationship with God, through Jesus. We experience peace of mind and heart knowing we are no longer separated from God by our sin. Ephesians 2:14 calls the barrier between God and us "the dividing wall of hostility." If you've ever experienced being in a hostile relationship, you know how uncomfortable you feel. The uncertainty of being on God's "bad side" and the guilt of sin are replaced with peace, made possible because of Jesus' death. Jesus stands as a bridge between God and us. Through confession and repentance we are accepted as God's children.

✦ **Freedom from Fear** – Fear is one of Satan's greatest weapons to rob us of peace. Troubled hearts are those consumed by worry. Fear distracts us from hearing and obeying God. Many people experience fear in almost every area of life because they are trying to do things in

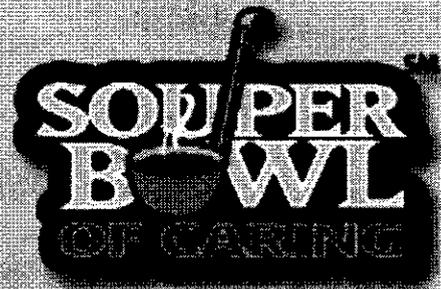
their own strength and "make" things happen. Jesus instructs us, "Don't let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). Because Jesus took the penalty for our sins, we no longer have to fear God's anger and judgment. We also don't have to fear the future because God has a plan and purpose for our lives (Jeremiah 29:11).

✦ **Hope** – Often we get so involved in looking at circumstances and bad things happening around us that we begin to feel nothing will ever go "our way." Jesus reminds us in John 16:33 that we could expect trouble in this life. Sometimes people get the mistaken idea that being a Christian equals an easy life. That's not always the case. But despite difficult circumstances, Jesus tells us to "Take heart! I have overcome the world." Although it may be hard for us to realize, the ultimate battle with sin and death is over. Jesus won the war when He was crucified on the cross and came back to life. Therefore, we have reason for great joy and hope.

✦ **Security** – Sometimes it's hard for us to feel safe and secure when we're surrounded by wars, rumors of wars, and terrorist acts here in our own country. But the peace we have in our hearts through a relationship with Jesus Christ gives us the assurance that no matter what happens in this world, we are eternally secure in Christ. We don't have to wonder what comes after death. Jesus' legacy is peace. He promised His followers, and that includes us today, that even though He was returning to heaven, He was leaving His peace. Not peace as the world describes it, but spiritual peace (John 14:27).

When Jesus returned to His Father, He promised to prepare a place for us in heaven and to receive us there when we die. The comfort of that promise provides security, hope, and peace.

## UCC Youth Group Happenings



### The Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 5

**BRING IN YOUR CANNED FOOD DONATIONS!**

The Souper Bowl of Caring helps young people across America develop a stronger connection to their communities by caring for their neighbors in need. Help the movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving by bringing your donation of canned goods or a monetary donation.

**Tackle Hunger With Us in 2012!**

# NYE 2012 I M A G I N E

### National Youth Event Meeting

Sunday, February 12

2:30—3:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

The National Youth Event, held every four years, provides an opportunity for over 3000 youth (ages 13 to 18) to gather for worship, workshops, faith, fun and fellowship. It is planned by the collaborative efforts of national staff and an NYE Planning Committee comprised of a diverse group of UCC youth and young adults.

This year's event will be held from July 10-13 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. NYE will be filled with inspiring youth joining together to be in community where they can engage social and human justice and a sacred and safe space to encounter God. Imagine that! National Youth Event is a place for youth to come and learn and experience spiritual and leadership formation.

Your NYE Youth Vision Team selected Isaiah 43:19 as your spiritual mantra for NYE 2012. Imagine the new thing God is doing through and with the Stillspeaking Youth of the United Church of Christ, right now. Go ahead. Dare to Imagine!

## Goin' Green in the Kitchen



*Water, the stuff that life is made of.  
No substance aside from air is more essential to life.*

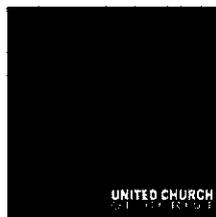
Our atmosphere constantly recycles water through evaporation and precipitation. Although it is said that there exists the same amount of water today as there has ever been, evidence suggests that fresh water is becoming less and less accessible to us. Water levels have been on a constant decline in dugouts, lakes and rivers and water restrictions have become a summertime way of life in North American communities.

As water supplies dwindle, the cost to acquire it will increase. Learning to save water will not only ensure that water supplies will be available for essential applications but it'll save you a bundle of money as costs go up.

There are a number of painless changes we can make without becoming uncivilized cave dwellers. But watch out, once you start, you'll never look at water the same way again.

- **Fill a Pot** ~ Rather than filling the sink with soapy water, fill the biggest pot or pan you'll be washing and use that as your dishpan
- **Fill the Sink** ~ Fill the sink no more than 2 inches deep.
- **Rinse** ~ Use a cup or bowl to pour water over the washed dishes or turn a trickle of water on for each few dishes, then off again.
- **New Model Dishwashers** ~ Save water *and* time by eliminating the pre-rinse if you have a newer model dishwasher.
- **Keep a Jug of Cold Water in the Fridge** ~ No need to run water down the drain waiting for it to get cold.
- **Keep a Tub or Bowl in the Sink** ~ Catch all the water that runs into the sink and use it for rinsing hands, watering plants, wiping floors etc.
- **Water Saver** ~ Install an Instant Off Water Saver on the tap.
- **Full Loads in the Dishwasher** ~ Run the dishwasher only when it's full.
- **Compost** ~ Rather than using the disposal, start home composting

## UCC Mission Moments



# *mission* M O M E N T S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### Beloved - Come, Wait, Listen

The "business" of a church is to change lives - a point made by C. Kirk Hadaway in his book, *Behold I Do a New Thing*. We ask, "Are people being transformed in my congregation?" Each year since the mid 1980s, *Common Lot* has provided resources for United Church of Christ women's groups to be catalysts for transformation in their congregations.

In the Winter 2005 Women's Week issue of *Common Lot*, the mountain-top experiences of Moses and Jesus provide opportunities to consider the responsibility that comes with having listened and been transformed, of having been called "beloved." Daily meditations invite reflection. What is it like to be aglow? What is your responsibility to let your light shine? To recognize the reflection of God's light in another? What is God calling you to contribute toward building the beloved community where each person is affirmed as a child of God?

*Common Lot* is available quarterly through individual or group Women in Mission Partnerships. Because your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission provide for the writing, editing and publication of *Common Lot*, all partnership dollars are used for mission! They are given out as grants in response to proposals received from local churches, associations, and/or Conferences of the United Church of Christ for projects that have a direct outreach to women and girls of all ages. Back issues of *Common Lot* are available to the whole church on the UCC Website at [www.ucc.org/women/](http://www.ucc.org/women/)

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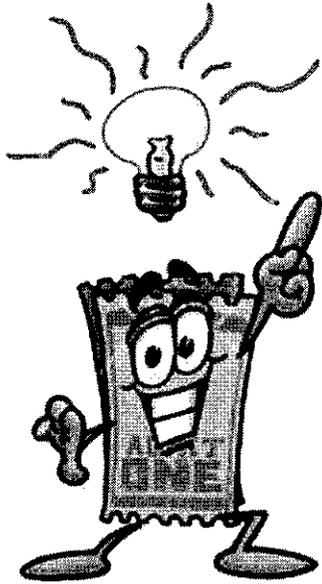


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## Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars!

### Our 2012 Fundraiser Plans Are Still Under Construction

#### Here's How You Can Help:



#### Your Fundraising Ideas are Needed!

If you have fundraising ideas that you would like considered, please present them to any member of the fundraising committee. All ideas are welcome!!

#### Prizes are Needed!!

Prizes are needed to supply our bingo and other game nights that are being planned. Donations of new merchandise for those prizes is very much needed. If you would rather make a monetary donation for prizes, that would also be welcomed.

**As always, your kind support is much appreciated!**

A full schedule of events will be published as soon as possible.

## Our A/C Fund Drive

### Our Church Air-Conditioning Fund Drive



<b>Raised so far:</b>	<b>\$ 37,220</b>
<b>Our Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 60,378</b>

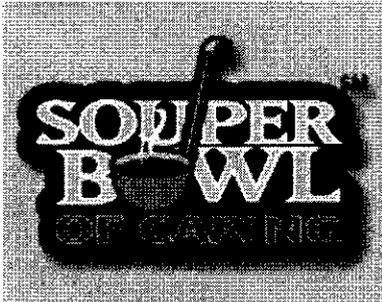


Thanks to your very generous donations, our air conditioning fund drive has raised over \$ 37,220!! Great job and thanks to all who have contributed and continue to contribute to the fund. Without your support we would not have come this far.

The cost of the new a/c system totals \$60,378, so we still have a way to go. We can do it. Please consider donating to the fund so that our church can provide cool comfort during summer worship.

**THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

## Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars!



### February 5 Souper Bowl Sunday

Our UEC Youth Group will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations to help alleviate hunger in Maryland.

Please bring a canned good or monetary contribution.

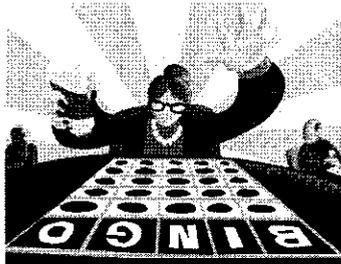


### National Youth Event Meeting

February 12  
Friendship Hall

2:30—3:30 p.m.

All youth, parents and sponsors are encouraged to attend this meeting for details and info. Regarding the UEC Youth trip to Purdue University for the National Youth Event to be held in July 2012 in West Lafayette, IN.



### February 22 Bingo Prep Night (baskets, seating, etc) 6:00 p.m.



### February 24 Family Fun Bingo Night Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Food will be available for sale - it's a no-cooking night!! Great food, fabulous prizes, fun for all!!



### March 25 Kidz Fun Day - Fellowship Hall 12:30—2:30 p.m. Games, Food & Fun for the kids!

## Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars!



April 20

Chick Flick Movie Night - Fellowship Hall

Doors open-6:00 p.m.; 7:00-9:00 p.m. movie time

Food will be available - so don't cook!

Admission: 1 canned good for the Canton Food Bank



April 29

Pancake Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m.

Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, gravy, etc.

\$ 7.00 per person



May 6

Youth Group Annual Flower Sale



May 12

UEC Bull Roast

\$38.00 per person



May 27

50th UEC Confirmation Class Reunion & Dinner

12 noon

# Places to Go, People to See, Things to Do....

## Ladies Organization Trips & Events

### Upcoming Events



Arlene Pate  
410-327-3211  
for ticket prices & availability

**Mar. 31**

Faith Church Bus Trip  
Details to be determined  
**\$ 10.00 reserves your seat**

Call Arlene Pate today to ensure  
Your seat on the bus!!  
(410) 327-3211

Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings  
first Wednesday of the month.  
All Meetings Begin at 12 noon  
(unless otherwise noted)

Feb. 1            Brown Bag Luncheon

Mar. 7            TBD

Come join the Ladies Organization,  
we would love to see you!!



A few of our ladies are unable to attend meetings. It has been suggested that any ladies who have retired or are free the first Wednesday of the month from 12 noon to about 3 p.m. might like to join our group. We normally have two bus trips per year to Faith Church for their luncheons, a Christmas luncheon and several other luncheons during our meeting times. Please consider joining us.

### **Important Notice—All trips MUST HAVE DEPOSIT TO HOLD SEATS**

If you must cancel your seat you need to find someone to take your seat to receive your money back.

Persons to contact:

Arlene Pate 410-327-3211

# UEC February 2012 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ladies Organization Luncheon 12 noon</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>Souper Bowl Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Communion Sunday</b></p> <p>Food Bank Donations</p> <p>8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Christian Education</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Christian Education</p> <p>Youth Group National Event Meeting 2:30-3:30 Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Special Church Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Christian Education</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p>Bingo Basket Making Meeting 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Worship 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Family Fun Bingo Night doors open at 5:00 pm.</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>1st Sunday of Lent</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Christian Education</p> <p><b>Feasting on the Word</b> Bible Study in the UEC Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Soup and Sandwiches 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.</p>			

# UEC March 2012 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> <i>World Day                      of Prayer</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> Communion Sunday Food Bank Donations 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Christian Education	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ladies Organization Luncheon 12 noon  Soup and Sandwiches 6:00 p.m.  Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>Daylight Savings                      Begins at Midnight</i>
<b>11</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Christian Education	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>14</b> Soup and Sandwiches 6:00 p.m.  Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
<b>18</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Christian Education	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>First Day of Spring</i> Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Soup and Sandwiches 6:00 p.m.  Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.	<b>22</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Christian Education  <i>Feasting on                      the Word</i> Bible Study in the UEC Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.  Kidz Fun Day 12:30-2:30 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Canton Community Association Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> Soup and Sandwiches 6:00 p.m.  Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Faith Church Bus Trip (call Arlene Pate for addtl details 410-327-3211)



**Living Above the Weather**

Have you ever boarded an airplane in a snowstorm?

The sky is gray with heavy clouds. Snow is coming down hard, with no sign of letting up. Plows clear the runway and unfamiliar machinery de-ices the wings. Passengers might consider it madness to fly in such weather.

But the pilot knows the storm is earthbound. Past the clouds is glorious sunshine. The plane can fly above the weather, if only it can get off the ground.

When troubles overtake us like a storm, we may wonder in the midst of the darkness if God still cares or if he is even there at all. But if we believe that God, like the sun, is unchanged in good weather and in bad, we can ride it out. For storms are earthbound, but we are not.

—Kari Myers

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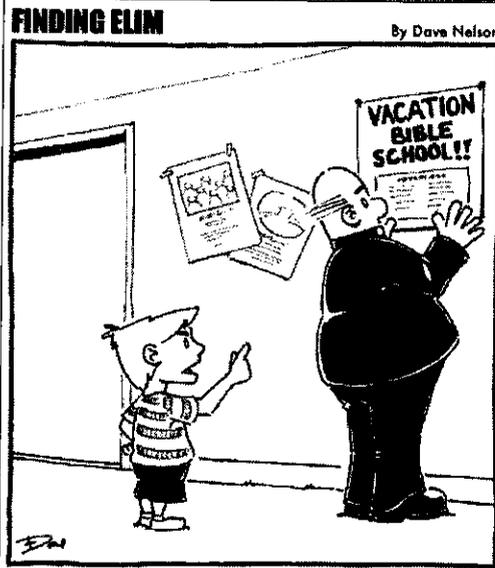
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# Comics Corner



YOU HAD ME AT "VACATION"  
BUT LOST ME AT "SCHOOL".

### Astute Visionaries

**"I'm just glad it'll be Clark Gable who's falling on his face and not Gary Cooper."**

--Gary Cooper on his decision not to take the leading role in "Gone With The Wind."

**"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out."**

--Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.

**"Stocks have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau."**

--Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics, Yale University, 1929.

**"The concept is interesting and well-formed, but in order to earn better than a 'C,' the idea must be feasible."**

--A Yale University management professor in response to Fred Smith's paper proposing reliable overnight delivery service. Smith went on to found Federal Express Corp.

**"640K ought to be enough for anybody."**

--Bill Gates, 1981

### Think for Yourself?!!

The businessman dragged himself home and barely made it to his chair before he dropped, exhausted. His sympathetic wife was right there with a tall cool drink and a comforting word.

"My, you look tired," she said. "You must have had a hard day today. What happened to make you so exhausted?"

"It was terrible," her husband said, "The computer broke down and all of us had to do our own thinking."



"It doesn't have much pickup, but need I remind you, Reverend and Mrs. Ferguson - power corrupts!"

Kids Only!!



FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

DIRECTIONS

To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

A hand icon pointing to a box containing the words: gain, as, or, ear, van, an, for, give, gave, her, on, it, one, other, he, an, a

B \_\_\_\_\_ w \_\_\_\_\_ h each  
ot \_\_\_\_\_ d \_\_\_\_\_ give  
\_\_\_\_\_ e an \_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_ y  
of you h \_\_\_\_\_ grie \_\_\_\_\_ ce  
a \_\_\_\_\_ st some \_\_\_\_\_  
For \_\_\_\_\_ as t \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ d  
for \_\_\_\_\_ you." COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV



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