

The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Oct/Nov 2011



Pastor's Message



Ask yourself the following question:
"How would my life be different if the church wasn't here?"

That question was posed to me recently as a way to help us take stock of how vital the church is in so many lives. Several years ago when we met in small groups with Rev. Jim Bell, he had us consider who in our community would miss the church if it wasn't here. That question helped us all to see how far our ministry reaches.

These kinds of questions are not meant to cause concern that the church might close, but rather to help us realize how important our ministry is and to also generate excitement for the work we do in Christ's name. Because the reality is that the church is, and always has been, only one generation from extinction. This reality clearly points out each generation's responsibility of being faithful to the work of Christ.

"How would my life be different if the church wasn't here?"

Being faithful is our stewardship; it is the way we use our gifts and talents in the work of Christ. November 13th is Stewardship Sunday and in worship everyone will be asked to fill out a pledge card detailing how we will each commit to the work of Christ with our time, talent and money. The theme of our Stewardship Sunday is "Count Yourself Blessed" and it is based on Luke 6:38

As a church we can count ourselves blessed because we don't have worry to about facing extinction, but we do have to be faithful to the work of our generation so that the next generation can ask themselves, "how would my life be different if the church wasn't here."

In Christ's love,

Rev. Cathy

Teach me
your way
O LORD
& I will
walk in
your truth..
Psalm 119:105

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.



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 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).

Opportunities to Grow in Christ



If you are interested in deepening your walk with Christ, here are a couple of ways:

"Feasting on the Word" Bible Study. Happens the last Sunday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and is a question and answer time based on selected scriptures. The scriptures and questions for October and November are included in this issue of the Endeavor.

"Companions in Christ" Small group experience in spiritual formation. Two sessions are meeting, one in the evening for those who work and one during the day for those who don't like to go out at night. The current session is titled **Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ**

Group 1 - led by Rev. Cathy

Tuesdays — 1:00 p.m.
October 11, 25
November 8

Group 2- led by Ric Nyborg

Thursdays—6:30 p.m.
October 13, 27
November 10

Come and Grow Up into the Lord

Bible Study in the Sanctuary—October 30, 2011

Feasting on the Word Bible Study

October 30 - 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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John 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

1. In the passage there is confusion about the freedom to which Jesus is referring. What do you think Jesus means when he says the truth will make you free?

2. What is Jesus talking about when he refers to the household?

3. How is it that sin enslaves us?

Bible Study in the Sanctuary—November 27, 2011

Feasting on the Word Bible Study

November 27 - 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

- ¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
- ² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
- ³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- ⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
- ⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.
- ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- ⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
- ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.
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1. Can you identify with Isaiah's longing for God to act in verses 1-4? If so how was your faith changed by the experience?
2. Have you ever experienced the God who works for those who wait for him?
3. What impression of God does the imagery of a potter with clay leave you with?

Give it Some Thought...

How Can I Live a Life of Faith?

Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.— Luke 5:4

An exhausted body and empty net were Peter's only results after toiling all night. Tired and spent, he must have felt somewhat annoyed with Jesus' request, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

Peter had to learn how to live on the edge of miracle. When our lives feel fruitless, when we are too tired to trudge on, when our problems seem too complex, Jesus calls us to step into a place of faith. To "put out into the deep..." To trust even though we cannot see. To believe even though we cannot plan, control or manipulate circumstances. To become so vulnerable that all could be lost. To rely on Jesus even when sense becomes senseless, and meaning becomes meaningless.

Most of us would rather have the path clear before us. We would like to know how it's all going to turn out. We would like to know what steps to take to achieve our purpose or goal. But that is human cleverness, not faith. To see miracles, we need to put out into the deep, spread out our nets and see what God will do because we have trusted.

—Renée Miller from Explore Faith



Serve the Lord!

Volunteers are needed to serve on the church council for the 2012-13 term. Consider being a part of a caring, committed group of fellow worshipers dedicated to the service of UEC and its members. Meetings are held once per month. Important church issues and concerns are discussed during the monthly meetings.

If you would like to serve your church as a council member please contact Clarence Rowell 410-866-3522 or Cissy Funk 443-676-9957.



Church Happenings



Our Church Air-Conditioning Fund Drive



Raised so far: **\$ 23,542**

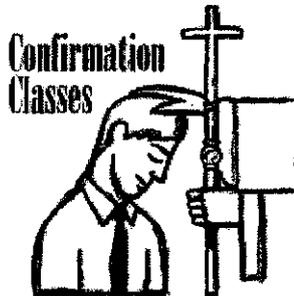
Our Goal: **\$ 60,378**

Thanks to your very generous donations, our air conditioning fund drive has raised **\$ 23,542!!** Great job and thanks to all who have contributed 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. Remember that the church has taken a loan to pay for the new system. Until we reach our goal we are paying interest every month on the loan. Please consider contributing every month to the air conditioning fund.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!!

Confirmation Classes



Confirmation Classes begin October 5

Confirmation classes will begin on October 5 at 6:00 pm and continue every Wednesday at 6:00. If you are interested, or have a family member who would like to be confirmed in the church, please contact Rev. Cathy or call the church office for additional information.

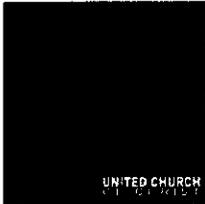
Hangin' of the Greens



**Come Celebrate the Season !
Decorate the Sanctuary on
Saturday, November 26 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Come work off some of that Thanksgiving feast by decorating the church sanctuary. It will put you in the holiday spirit and transform the church for the season. Bring your creative spirit!

UCC Mission Moments



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

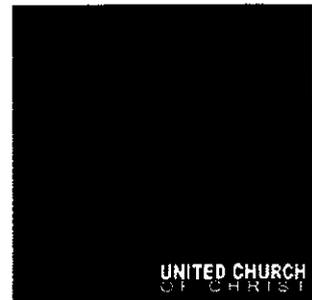
A Church for Children

Making a world fit for all of God's children has been a guiding inspiration for the church for centuries. Countless examples of mission throughout the history of the United Church of Christ have aspired to this goal. Our church and its predecessors founded some of this country's first children's homes*, many of which still serve thousands of children in the United States. The United Church of Christ has established schools overseas for children and youth who would otherwise receive little or no education. The United Church of Christ works in public education today toward good schools for all children in our nation.

The United Church of Christ has worked for decades to provide basic medical care, clean water, and enough food for children in impoverished areas of the world, including here in the U.S. The United Church of Christ has dedicated itself to helping children in need: whether they live in refugee camps, in families that cannot care for them, in remote villages, or on the streets of large cities. Through your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission, you enable the United Church of Christ to care for children.

*Including our own Hoffman Homes for Youth

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars!



October 9

Sunday
12 noon-
2:00 p.m.

UEC Spaghetti Dinner
Delicious Spaghetti
Salad
Dessert & Drink

ALL FOR ONLY \$7.00 PER PERSON (Plus no need to cook dinner!!)



October 15

Saturday
10:30-
3:00 p.m.

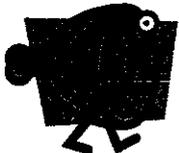
Chesapeake Association Fall Meeting
St. John's UCC



October 23

Sunday
12 noon-
5:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest



Nov. 5

Saturday

UEC Ladies Organization
Turkey, Ham & Oyster Lunch
Faith United UCC Church
Frederick, MD
Boscov's & McCutcheon's
Baugh's Produce and Ice Cream

Contact Arlene Pate @ 410-327-3211 for ticket prices
and availability



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Nov. 20

Sunday
following
10:30 worship

Congregational Meeting
(everyone is encouraged to attend)



Nov. 23

Wednesday
7:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship
(location - to be announced)



Nov. 26

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

Come Decorate the Sanctuary
for Advent!

Mission: 1 (Nov. 1 thru Nov. 11)

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

UCC churches around the country will work together on a shared mission for 11 days, November 1-11, 2011

"That they may all be one"

What is Mission: 1?

ONE UNITED CHURCH on a 3-part shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food related injustice. This is Mission: 1.

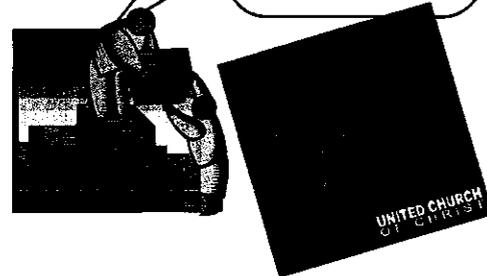
Mission: 1 is an opportunity to make real Jesus' prayer for his disciples: "That they may all be one." It is also an opportunity to live out our faith — in unity — by offering the worship that God most desires from us: loosening the bonds of injustice and sharing our bread with the hungry.

The staggering facts compel us to act with compassion and to be voices for justice. 925 million people still suffer from chronic hunger worldwide, nearly 90 million higher than in 2000. In the US alone, 50.2 million people (up from 35.5 million in 2006), including 17.2 million children don't have the money or assistance to provide food for themselves and their families.

Part 1: FOOD
UCC will collect more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for

Part 2: MONEY
UCC will raise contributions of more than \$111,111 DOLLARS for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the United

Part 3: LETTERS
UCC will write more than 11,111 LETTERS to Congress asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people



What about UEC?

What are our goals for Mission 1?

We can be God's instruments of change

UEC Goal 1:

Collect 1,111 food and



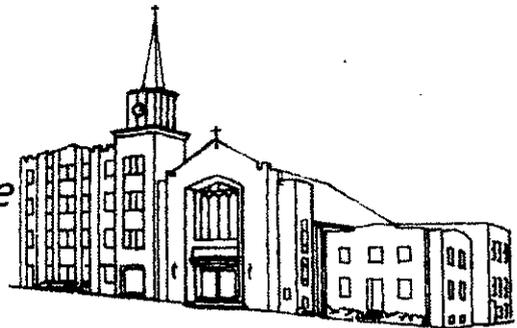
UEC Goal 2:

Raise \$1,111 for Neigh-



UEC Goal 3:

Write 111 letters to our elected officials in Congress



Please do your part to help by bringing in food donations EVERY SUNDAY.

There are also additional NIN (Neighbors in Need) envelopes in the narthex.

We are on a Mission from God

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

Ladies Organization Trips & Events



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

Nov. 5 Turkey, Ham & Oyster Luncheon
\$ 38.00
per
person
Faith United UCC Church
Frederick, MD
Shopping at Boscov's Cranberry Mall,
McCutcheon's Jellies and
Baugher's Produce & Ice Cream
Bus leaves UEC at 10:00 am—returns 6:00 pm

Dec. 14 Christmas Get Together
12 noon
\$ 25.00 per person
Williamsburg Inn

Date-TBD Possible Dinner Theatre at Oregon Ridge
\$ 37.00
per
person
"Oliver"
Date to be determined
(Further details will be available in the next
issue of the Endeavor)

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

Oct. 5 Brown Bag Luncheon
Nov. 2 Turkey Luncheon
\$ 6.00 per person
Dec. 7 No meeting

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

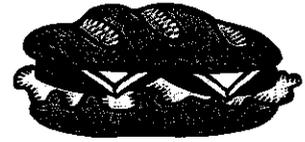
If you must cancel your seat you need to find someone to take your seat to receive your money back.
Persons to contact:

Arlene Pate 410-327-3211

New Feature—The Cook's Nook—Have a Look!



Calling all Cooks!



- Want to show off your culinary skills?
- Want to be known for your fabulous feasts?
- Want to see your recipe in lights (just kidding)?
- Want to just get dinner on the table?

Here's your chance to share your most prized recipes!!

Snail mail, e-mail (barbmatthew@verizon.net), put your recipes in my folder in the church office. Send them to me and see your name and recipe in lights (still just kidding)! But you will see your name and recipe in print in the Endeavor for all to see.



Mom's Mac n Cheese



Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 5 tablespoons butter, divided
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 ounces processed cheese food (eg. Velveeta), cubed
- 2 tablespoons dry bread crumbs

Directions

Cook macaroni according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a saucepan, melt 4 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat. Add the cheeses, stirring until cheese is melted. Drain macaroni.

Transfer macaroni to a greased 1-1/2-qt. baking dish. Pour cheese sauce over macaroni; mix well. Melt the remaining butter; add the bread crumbs. Sprinkle over top. Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees F for 30 minutes or until heated through and topping is golden brown.

UEC October 2011 Calendar of Events

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Divine Forgetfulness

For humans, forgetfulness can be frustrating and worrisome. Yet it can be a blessing to be able to forget certain things.

The late professor and author Gerhard E. Frost noted that "forgiveness is a beautiful form of forgetfulness" — a heaven-sent absent-mindedness.

For what is failure to forgive but the refusal to release a memory of someone's hurtful actions? Only by releasing old grudges and choosing to forget past wrongs can we find peace. For help, we can look to God as the ultimate example of "forgetting" sins.

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A "Hunger Site at the U.N" on the Internet

All you have to do is click a button and somewhere in the world some hungry person gets a meal to eat at no cost to you. Corporate sponsors pay for the food. Just go to the site listed below and click.

No gimmicks, no tricks.

You are only allowed one click per day, so spread the word to others.

The site is: www.hungersite.com

General Mills Boxtops for Education



*Just a
Reminder...*

Don't forget to bring in your General Mills Box tops for Education and leave them in the display in the Narthex.

Odds 'n Ends

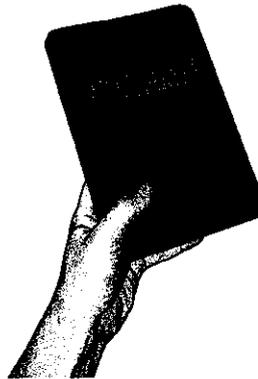
Altar Flowers



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.



The Source

"One day I read in the 10th chapter of Romans, 'Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' I had up to this time closed my Bible and prayed for faith.

I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since."

—D.L. Moody



Our UEC Bowling League has Openings!

If interested contact
Holly Raddatz
@ 410-285-0894

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

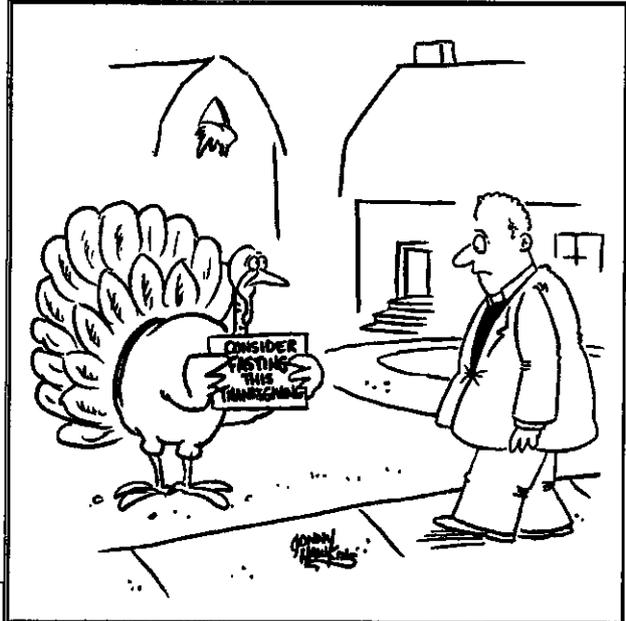


NEIGHBORHOOD
Association

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. Next meeting is November 22nd.

To obtain additional info.— www.cantoncommunity.org/

Comics Corner



Careful What Ya Wish For



A married couple, both 60 years old, were celebrating their 35th anniversary. During their party, a fairy appeared to congratulate them and grant them each one wish.

The wife wanted to travel around the world. The fairy waved her wand and poof - the wife had tickets in her hand for a world cruise.

Next, the fairy asked the husband what he wanted.

He said; "I wish I had a wife 30 years younger than me."

So the the fairy picked up her wand and poof - the husband was 90.



Kids Only!!



GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

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