

The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Oct/Nov 2010



Faithful, Hopeful, Loving



Dear Members and Friends of United,

If you have been in worship lately you know that our whole church Bible study on stewardship is in full swing. The hope of this Bible study is to accustom everyone with Biblical stewardship principles. A list of these principals is found each Sunday on our Bible study sheets.

These principals form our foundation as the stewards of God, the cornerstone of which is the love of God that comes to us in Jesus Christ. We commit to living as God's stewards in response to God's love for us, or as John wrote in his first epistle, "We love because he first loved us."

The Bible defines a steward as someone who has been entrusted with the care of another's property. In Ephesians we are told that "[We have been] show[n] the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." We are the stewards of the "immeasurable riches" of God's grace; and Jesus taught that to those whom much is entrusted, much is asked (Luke 12:48).

On November 14th we will celebrate the privilege of being entrusted with the Good News of God's grace. For three Sundays prior to that date we will be lifting up in worship the defining characteristics of God's stewards. On Sundays October 17th, 31st and November 7th we will proclaim that God's stewards are faithful, they are hopeful and they are loving.

We hope that you will make every effort to come to church on those three Sundays and again on November 14th as we rejoice in the treasure that resides within us.

In Christ,

Your Stewardship Team

Barbara Matthew

Carolyn Noteware

Rev. Cathy Oatman



Council News

Community
Thanksgiving
Worship



Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 p.m.

This year Our Lady of Pompeii will host the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service.

A canned food donation for the Canton Food Bank is requested.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 21

This meeting will include the election of church council members, a vote on 2011 budget and discussion of other pertinent church issues.

See any current council member if you are interested in serving on the UEC Church Council.

This is your church and it needs you more than ever. If you think you have little to offer, think again. You are gifted by God. Let Him know you are ready to serve and He will guide. Step up.

Council News

The Council is looking for someone to refurbish the outside entrance doors to the sanctuary. If you know someone who does this work, please refer their name to one of the council members.

The Council sends a big thank you to the youth and their advisors for all the work they have done for the church over the summer. They helped one of our home bound members by doing some plumbing work and installing a new shower stall and bathroom vanity. They also scraped, sanded, caulked, glazed, primed and painted the window frames on the ground floor of the Sunday School. And they sanded and primed and painted the handicap entrance ramp.

**GOOD JOB, WAY TO GO,
THANK YOU!!!!**

2010 Neighbors in Need Offering Sunday, October 3

Fighting Poverty and Hunger

Through our generous gifts to Neighbors In Need, the United Church of Christ is offering hope to millions of people; we are transforming lives, the nation, and our world.

Imagine—Another World is Possible

Give It Some Thought...

Pillars of the Faith

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.

Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for almost 500 years:

1. Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) - The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).

2. Sola Fide (Faith Alone) - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. "A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).

3. Sola Gratia (Grace Alone) - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).



The Blessing of Being Still

A Christian at a retreat center saw this sign on a walkway path:

"Don't just do something. Stand there."

The sign hinted of Psalm 46:10 (NRSV): "Be still, and know that I am God!" Only by being still can we sense God's presence and know him intimately. Experiencing calmness requires taking frequent respites from our feverish lives.

When Jesus visited the home of Mary and Martha, Mary sat quietly at his feet - observing, listening, learning. Martha, however, was fretting about, "distracted by many things," fuming because Mary offered no help at all.

Jesus, sensing Martha's fury, told her to stop dashing about because there was need of only one thing: focusing on Jesus, his fellowship, his teaching and his friendship.

"Mary has chosen the better part," the Lord said to busy Martha (Luke 10:42, NRSV). When we make the choice to be still, we choose the better part as well.

Coming Attractions—Mark Your Calendars!

October 10

Spaghetti Dinner
(to help fund Oktoberfest)



October 24

Oktoberfest III
(rain or shine)



November 12

Family Fun Bingo Night at UEC



November 21

UEC Congregational Meeting



November 23

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Our Lady of Pompeii



Youth Group Schedule



Youth Group Activity Schedule

Any questions, please call Cathy Fifield, 410-879-5121, or e-mail
mrsacdc@comcast.net

Morgan Scott Project Youth Mission Trip—Deer Lodge, TN

Once again the UEC Youth Group joined together with St. John, returning to Deer Lodge, TN to participate in The Morgan Scott Project. As last year, our mission was to provide help to those needing a "hand." Our UEC group included 14 youth and 8 leaders. Performing a variety of tasks at various sites, we cleared debris, painted, hammered, nailed, tore down, rebuilt and repaired what was necessary. With the high temperatures and no water at one site, it was sweaty, grimy work. We helped put a running water supply to one home.

We also helped pack up a lot of backpacks, approximately 200, with supplies to help local kids prepare for the new school year.

Hey, but, we did have some recreation time too. A night out at Sonic, 4-wheeling, a cookout, fishing, swimming at the local cool off spot. We visited Ms. Ella's family homestead with other youth and their leaders. We were treated to stories by her brother, Glen. Even a wagon ride pulled by Tennessee mules, guided by PJ, another of Ms. Ella's brothers. Visited Rugby, a nearby town. Good honest work, rewarded with good honest fun.

The members of the Deer Lodge Congregational Church, and Shady Grove Independent Baptist Church remembered us and we joined in worship services while there. It was our honor to be a part of their community and their church.. When God works in all our lives, we become one in the body of Christ. Thank you all for allowing us to spread UEC's kindness to others.

Cathy Fifield



**A joyous and heartfelt thank you to our UEC Youth
Group and
it's leaders for a job well done.**

Chesapeake Association

About The Chesapeake Association:



We are a community of 23 churches that seeks to respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We are called by God to be an open, diverse and caring community of Jesus' disciples. We are an Association in the Central Atlantic Conference, United Church of Christ.

In following Christ's commandment to love one another, we welcome all who wish to share in the fellowship, membership, leadership, worship, ministry, sacraments, rites, responsibilities and blessings of our faith community.

TO: Pastors, Delegates, Ministerial Members, Churches and all Members of the Chesapeake Association.

FROM: Robert Cox, President

SUBJECT: Official Call to The Annual Fall Meeting of The Chesapeake Association

"The Chesapeake Association - Our Caring for Creation"
Keynote Speaker: Ms. Lizzie McGurk
(National Council of Churches in Christ; Eco-Justice Program)

Saturday, October 9, 2010
10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Registration is from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

\$10.00 Registration Fee covers meal

If you arrive late, please see Karen Lovelace immediately to register. Thanks

Location:
ST. JOHN'S UCC (Fellowship Hall)

1000 South Rolling Road
Catonsville, MD 21228-5388
See Map & Directions Below
Phone: 410-744-5700

Please contact Angie at the Conference office to register

Call: 1-800-441-1965

Email: amegna@cacucc.org

(We need a count for lunch)

St. Mark's UCC will be providing lunch that day

AGENDA

10:30 - 11:00	Registration
11:00 - 11:30	Worship
11:30 - 12:00	Business of the Association
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	Interactive Presentation by Ms. McGurk
2:30 - 3:00	Worship and Commitment



United Church of Christ

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

The Gifting God

After the first sin and the first curses which would mark what we call the Fall of humanity, Adam and Eve received the first gifts from God: clothing to keep them warm. God's gifts always address a need, but not always the need the recipients think they have. Adam and Eve had no clue that they needed those clothes. The people of Israel wandering in the wilderness thought that a shiny golden calf and a great party met their needs better than ten laws written on pieces of stone. Some of Jesus' followers thought what God should have sent was a great military leader to defeat the Roman oppressors, not an itinerant preacher and healer.

When we are able to look beyond our definition of need to see the possibility of gifts that meet needs we may not know we have, that's when we are able to see ourselves as gifted by God and not merely needy recipients of God's benevolence. We are also then able to get beyond the disappointment that the gift we received was, perhaps, not what we thought we needed or wanted and discover the delightful surprises God has in store for us when we let go of control and receive what God wants to give. What gifts have you or your congregation received that may not have looked like gifts at the time?

(Excerpted from "The Gifting God," by Rochelle Stackhouse, a biblical reflection on giving available from UCC Resources, 800-325-7061 or from UnitedChurchPress.com)

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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

Ladies Organization Trips & Events

Upcoming Events



Faith UCC—Frederick, MD \$ 37.00 per person
Saturday, November 6
Leave 10:00 a.m., Return 6:00 p.m.
Stopping at McCutcheon's Jellies & Baugher's Ice Cream
Westminster Mall—Bosco's
(Please be at the bus by 9:45 a.m.)

Christmas Get Together Cost TBA
December 15, 12 noon
Williamsburg Inn—1st Floor
Contact either Arlene Pate 410-327-3211 or Millie Wirsing
410-675-3904 if interested.

New members are always welcome!
Dues are \$ 10.00 per year

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

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| Oct. 6 | Covered Dish |
| Nov. 3 | Turkey Luncheon (\$7 per person) |
| Dec. 1 | No Meeting |



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

Any ladies who are free the first Wednesday of each month from 12 noon to about 3 p.m. are invited and welcome to join the UEC Ladies Organization. We normally have 2 bus trips a year to the Faith Church Luncheon, a Christmas Luncheon and several other luncheons during our meeting times. Please consider joining us.

Arlene



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 or Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904

UEC October 2010 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p> <p>Food Bank Donations</p> <p>Neighbors in Need Special Offering</p> <p>8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Christian Education</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ladies Organization Luncheon Meeting 12 noon</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30 p.m.</p>	7	8	<p>9</p> <p>Chesapeake Assoc. Fall Meeting 10:30 am—3:00 pm St. John's UCC in Catonsville</p>
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A Prayer of Thanks

Loving Creator, you have generously and graciously given us blessing after blessing, gift after gift, kindness after kindness. Your steadfast love and amazing grace abound in our lives. You are awesome, and we are humbled and deeply grateful.

Now we give our tokens of love and appreciation to you. First, we offer our grateful hearts, minds and souls. Receive our praise and thanksgiving. We also offer the gifts of our labor, our monetary offerings, and our pledge of talent, time and service.

Help us be dedicated servants for you in our daily lives so we may be more worthy of the life you have given us. In Jesus' name. Amen



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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.

Church Committee/CCA Information

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.

Parish Relations Committee

An active Parish Relations/Pastoral Relations Committee continues to exist at United. Are you asking yourself - What is a Parish/Pastoral Relations Committee? The Parish/Pastoral Relations Committee seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and members of the congregation. The group serves as an advisory group to the pastor and as a support group for the pastor's leadership. The group is concerned with all church staff members' well-being. Constructive and caring communication in an atmosphere of confidentiality and trust is essential to the work of this committee.

The committee meets quarterly and reports any questions or concerns to the Council. Committee members consist of:

Rev. Cathy

Carol Rowell

Marge Hurd

Lynn Sanders

Please feel free to approach any committee member with questions, comments or areas of concern. Thank you & God Bless.



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. The next meeting is November 23 at 7:00 p.m. 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/

Comics Corner



"He Googles you ... that's how God knows all about you."

Funny One-Liners

Don't steal—the government hates competition

IRS: We've got what it takes to take what you have got



"The last thing I remember is Thanksgiving dinner. I asked for wings."

Divine Advice

A businessman was in a great deal of trouble. His business was failing, he had put everything he had into the business, he owed everybody it was so bad he was even contemplating suicide. As a last resort he went to a pastor and poured out his story of tears and woe.

When he had finished, the pastor said, "Here's what I want you to do, put a beach chair and your Bible in your car and drive down to the beach. Take the beach chair and the Bible to the water's edge, sit down in the beach chair, and put the Bible in your lap. Open the Bible; the wind will rifle the pages, but finally the open Bible will come to rest on a page. Look down at the page and read the first thing you see. That will be your answer, that will tell you what to do."

A year later the businessman went back to the pastor and brought his wife and children with him. The man was in a new custom-tailored suit, his wife in a mink coat, the children shining. The businessman pulled an envelope stuffed with money out of his pocket and gave it to the pastor as a donation in thanks for his advice.

The pastor recognized the benefactor, and was curious. "You did as I suggested?" he asked.

"Absolutely," replied the businessman.

"You went to the beach?"

"Absolutely."

"You sat in a beach chair with the Bible in your lap?"

"Absolutely."

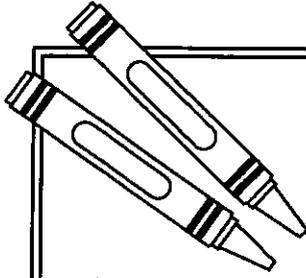
"You let the pages rifle until they stopped?"

"Absolutely."

"And what were the first words you saw?"

"Chapter 11."

Kids Only!!



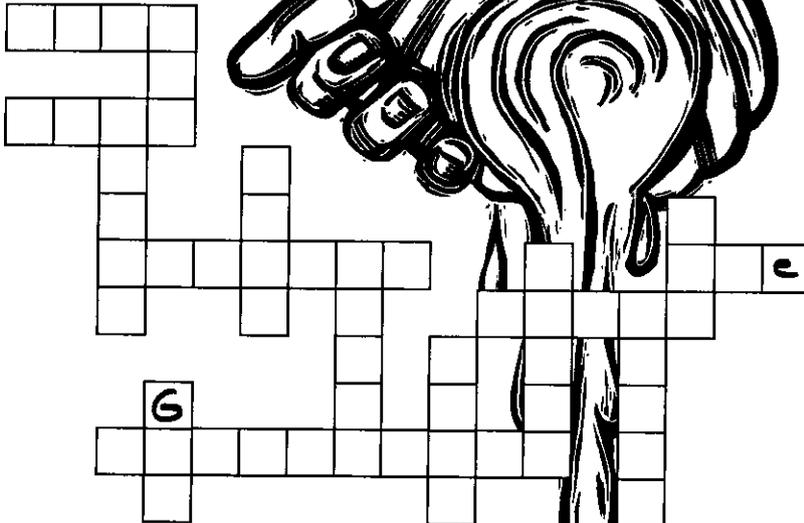
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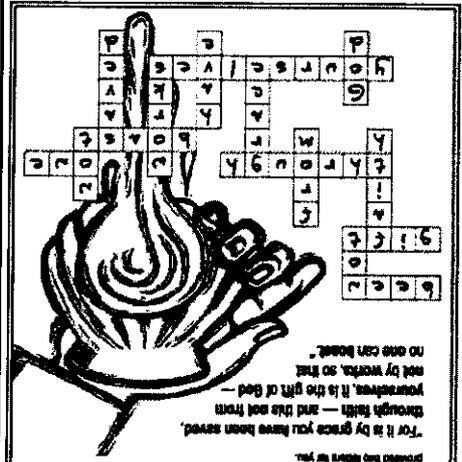
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Fit the words in bold into the word puzzle below. We've provided two letters for you.

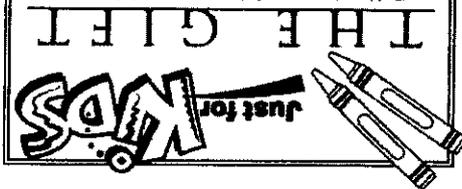
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Answer Key:



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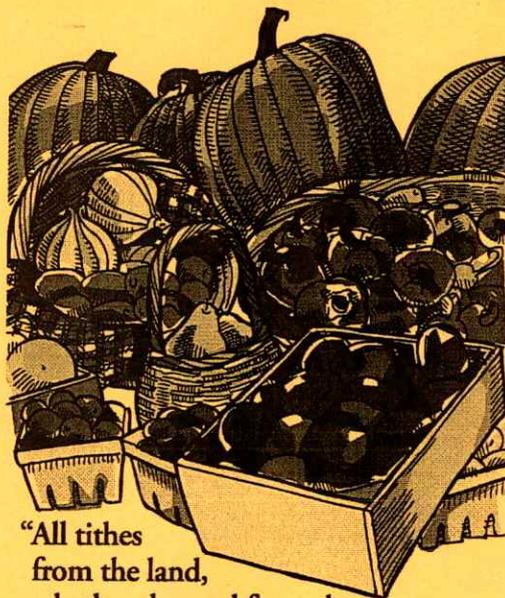
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"All tithes
from the land,
whether the seed from the
ground or the fruit from the tree,
are the LORD's; they are holy
to the LORD." Leviticus 27:30, NRSV