

# The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Oct/Nov 2008

## Pastor's Message

***Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his  
presence with singing. ~ Psalm 100:1-2***

A few years ago the UCC released a list of traits found in mainline denominational churches that were growing. Out of the nine items listed, three of them had to do with worship. Those three traits were: use of contemporary music, use of strings and woodwind instruments in worship, and exciting worship services. Seeing that one-third of the list involved a church's worship points to the importance worship plays in a church's growth.

Through our dinner groups, a vision of having more contemporary music and other instruments in worship was expressed. And upon returning from their experience at the National Youth Event, the number one thing that the youth enjoyed most (that they don't really enjoy at their own church) was the worship. They shared with me and Harvey Jacob, our council president, how much fun they had in worship; it was lively and exciting.

Another vision expressed through the dinner groups was to continue to have active youth, and to attract younger members. A worship

service that is engaging for them will be important in making this vision a reality.

This past spring Lancaster Theological Seminary announced that it had received a grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship to provide a nine month program on enlivening worship and music in small churches. We as a church applied and were accepted to be one of eight churches to participate in this pilot program. The focus of this program is to help churches find creative ways to revitalize music and worship in the context of theological reflection and spiritual practices that preserve the congregation's traditions. While we are not technically a "small" church, we do face challenges when it comes to providing varied music for worship.

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The program begins in October, and Robert Gundlach, Lynn Sanders, Bud

Russell and I will be attending. My hope is that over these nine months we will find ways of making a joyful noise unto the Lord that will have us all worshipping the Lord with gladness.

In Christ,  
Rev. Cathy



## Church Council

### Council President's Message

My friend Kris lives in North Carolina, so I don't get to see him but once or twice a year when Ursula and I drive down Greensboro, NC to visit our daughter and son-in-law. Kris doesn't have his own computer yet, therefore we correspond by what has become known as "snail mail" rather than e-mail. The last time I saw him I left him with four or five self addressed, stamped envelopes with several sheets paper in each and told him I cared about him and wanted to hear about what he is doing now and then. It worked, because he is now sharing a part of his life with me. I am very pleased and always look forward to hearing from him via his next letter. Kris is 17 and I am 77, so one would think with a 60 year difference in our ages, what could we possibly have in common to talk about. He likes to read, and so do I. He has the desire to have a business someday and so did I. I can see a lot of myself in his struggles to figure out who he is and I hope and pray that he may see in me some of the man he is striving to be.

Kris' parents split up when he was very young and he spent many of his growing up years being bounced back and forth between his mother and father in a very adversarial environment. His father remarried several years ago and after some initial problems, Kris has resolved to be a full member of his new family. Kristopher is our step-grandson and we feel very fortunate to have him as part of our family. In our correspondence, we have touched on the subject of our connection with God. I wrote him and welcomed him to the club and told him I have been trying to figure it all out my whole life and feel I have only scratched the surface. The other day I heard that Kris went to the Goodwill Store one day and came back with an armload of books, some of them on the subject of people relationships and religion. What a source of satisfaction it is to again see some of myself in Kris.

I think of Nathan as another friend of mine. Nathan lives around the corner from me and stops by to talk every now and then while I am puttering around in my garage or driveway. Nathan is on fire for engineering and mechanics and we discuss engines, cars, motorcycles and all things mechanical. We talk about cubic inch displacements, two cycle engines, four cycle engines, steam engines and such. Nathan is also 17. I am amazed at his engineering knowledge. He recently bought a little truck for \$500 and brought it by to show me. There I am again in Nathan.

The other day I met a young man who I would guess is about 18 to 20 years old. In our conversation he told me that he lived on Dillon Street, just one block from our church. I invited him to come to our church and check us out. He told me that right now he was trying different churches and is currently attending Community Christian Church in White Marsh. I asked him what it was he liked about that church and he said, "The music and the variety in the services" Makes you think, doesn't it. Again, ( It keeps happening), I saw myself in him, trying to see where he fits best. How can we make our church a good fit for him?

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## Church Council

### Council President's Message—cont'd

Over the years, I have watched with pride the youth in our church grow toward maturity. I have seen a few of them become adults and enter into the service of our country and city; Steven, Charles, Christopher. It was great at our church picnic this year to see so many young people there. A lot of credit is due our church Christian education leaders, parents and grandparents. I believe, if we look, we can all see some of ourselves in today's youth, even though we often think what a different world we have now from the days when we were growing up. I have heard many stories from some of our older members how their early days in our church were the beginning of their lifelong "connection" with God. "Connect with God", a phrase I learned from my grandson, Kristopher. There is a lot we can learn for our youth, however we first have to learn how to listen. Hearing what is being said to us doesn't always mean nodding our head and saying "Yeah, I hear you." Sometimes a better way to show someone you have heard what they are saying to you is by your actions. I believe us older folks have many things to share with today's youth. It is up to us to find ways to do it.

Harvey

### Important Altar News

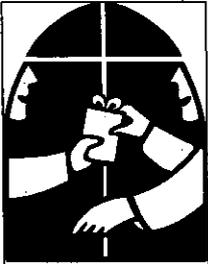


We all have seen cost increases everywhere, the gas pump, the grocery store, etc. Well, these increases have reached the florist. The church has received a letter from Seifert Florist telling us that they will have to start charging us more for our altar flowers. The new price will be \$18 per vase instead of \$15. I think that this is still a very reasonable price if one compares it with the cost of an arrangement that one can buy at most florists. This cost will go into effect starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have signed up for flowers after that date and you have decided to retract your order, please just strike out your name on the flower chart so that I will not order them.

Ursula Jacob

Altar Committee

## Church Council



### Welcome Our New Members

#### Welcome!

#### John & Monica Collins

Meet our newest church family members, John & Monica Collins. Married almost 29 years (10/1/79) they have raised three girls together. They have 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 9 to 19. John is nearing retirement from Durrett Sheppard Steel where he works as a transportation foreman.

His hobbies include fishing, hunting and boating. John is also a dedicated computer enthusiast.

Monica currently is in school pursuing a medical assistant's degree. In her spare time, when she is not studying, you will find her either at a yard sale, working in her garden, doing crafts or listening to music. Monica is also helping with our youth group this year.

#### 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

Bob Osburne

Lynn Sanders

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



#### 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.

The next meeting is scheduled for  
November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

# Church Council



Any concerns regarding the janitorial maintenance of the church or school building should be directed to Dale Sanders. With Dale acting as the liaison between the congregation and the custodian, any concerns can be quickly addressed.

Dale can be reached at 443-922-9470.

## The United Evangelical Church of Baltimore, MD

### Treasurer's Report

#### Operating Revenue and Expenses 1/01/08 through 8/31/08

Revenue: Proceeds from Donations, Rent & Interest	\$ 111,002.00
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>127,289.00</u>
Amount under (deficit)	\$ -16,287.00

#### Operating, Investment & Endowment Funds Balance 8/31/08

Operating Funds on Hand (Includes Window Funds)	\$ 49,047.00
<u>Investment &amp; Endowment Funds on Hand</u>	<u>192,917.00</u>
Total All Funds	\$ 241,964.00

#### Stained Glass Window Report as of 8/31/08

Amount Received to Date	\$ 59,190.00
Amount Paid for 10 Windows	-43,915.00
<u>Deposit Paid for Front Windows Restoration</u>	<u>- 4,176.00</u>
Funds Available for Donor Plaques and Improvements	\$ 11,099.00

#### 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events as of 8/31/08

Ticket Sales, Donations: Amount Received	\$ 3,153.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>1,118.00</u>
Total 135 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Plus/-Minus	\$ 2,035.00

## Volunteers Needed for Oktoberfest !!

October 12th is our big Oktoberfest celebration and volunteers are needed to help with food prep, clean up, etc. This is an ambitious project for our church and your participation is vital to it's success. Contact Bob Osburne at 410-335-9470 for additional information.

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of People Needed</u>
Oct. 3, 4, or 5 (Fri., Sat., or Mon.)	
Pickup truck or van and driver	1
Shop and carry items downstairs (men only)	2
Oct. 7 (Tues.)	
Trim, cut up and pickle beef	6
Prepare onion & spice bags	2
Oct. 8 (Wed.)	
Cook, Cool and bag beef	4
Brown flour and crush ginger snaps	2
Oct. 9 (Thurs.)	
Peel, eye, cook and rice potatoes	13
Cool potatoes	2
Oct. 10 (Fri.)	
Make gravy, make and cook dumplings-fry bacon, chop onions & parsley	15
Oct. 11 (Sat.)	
Make German potato salad, sauerkraut	5
Oct. 12 (Sun.)	
Outside servers (12 noon—2:30 p.m.)	2
Outside servers (2:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.)	2
Ticket taker	1
Heat all food—handle carry outs (carry outs after 4 p.m.)	4
Supply steam table	2
Grill hot dogs & bratwurst	2
All hands clean up at 5:00 p.m.	All



Above is minimal—more help is always needed and welcomed!!!

### Cake Donations Needed!!

Cake donations are needed—we will have a bake sale table at the Oktoberfest. Donations of cakes, cookies, brownies etc. are needed. Cakes will be sold by the slice, so please wrap slices individually. Cookies will also be sold in bags of 5, so please package accordingly.

## Adopt-a-Project Program



### Announcing the UEC Adopt-a-Project Program !!

Ever noticed the "Adopt-a-Highway" projects along the interstate? Well, here at UEC, we are thinking along the same lines.

As promised, the Church Council has officially initiated the UEC Adopt-a-Project Program. The selection of projects for the remainder of this year are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1) Ice machine	\$ 1,500
2) Sound equipment for hearing impaired	\$ 1,000
3) Stairlift	\$ 4,000

Perhaps you, as an individual, or as a family would consider "adopting" a project to support the care of your church. It is a great opportunity to see a tangible result of your generous donations. Designated donations can be submitted through the offering or by contacting Harvey Jacob at (410) 679-6163 or Nancy Gray at (410) 974-6502.

#### Update:

\$250 has been received for capital improvements in our church,  
specifically for the Stairlift—thank you so much!!



## List of October/November '08 Highlights

Since the October/November time frame is filled with events, the following listing may help all of us organize our schedules. Additional details for many of the events are included in this issue of The Endeavor as noted.

<u>October</u>	<u>Additional info. In this issue of Endeavor</u>
10/1 Ladies Organization monthly luncheon	yes
10/2 Confirmation classes begin (every Thursday except Thanksgiving)	no
10/4 Chesapeake Association Fall Meeting	yes
"Enlivening "Worship & Music" Seminar—Rev. Cathy, Robert Gundlach, Lynn Sanders and Bud Russell will be attending	no
10/5 10:30 worship service only	yes
World Communion Sunday	yes
Neighbors in Need offering	yes
Father Elias Mallon-guest speaker (reception with question and answer time to follow)	yes
10/12 Oktoberfest	yes
10/19 UEC Anniversary Concert rehearsal	yes
10/24 Youth Haunted House Event	yes
10/26 Sunday School field trip to Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity	yes
<b><u>November</u></b>	
11/1 Faith Church Luncheon & Bus Trip (Ladies Organization)	yes
11/2 UEC Anniversary Concert (light refreshments to follow)	yes
11/5 Ladies Organization monthly luncheon	yes
11/16 UEC Congregational Meeting	yes
11/23 Totenfest	yes
Special Offering for Earl's Place	yes
Youth Event—Volunteer at the local food bank	yes
11/25 Canton Community Association Meeting	yes
11/26 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ Patterson Park Baptist Church	yes
11/30 First Sunday of Advent	no

# Chesapeake Association Fall Meeting - Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

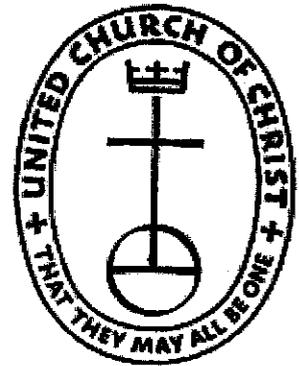
## Chesapeake Association Fall Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Chesapeake Association will be held on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John UCC, 1000 S. Rolling Road from 10:30 – 3:00 pm. Fr. Elias Mallon, who is a noted peace maker involved in interfaith conflict resolution in the Middle East, will be the special guest speaker. His topic will be, "Christian-Muslim Relations in the Shadow of the Iraq War." Registration begins at 10:30, brunch will be provided. Workshops on "Refugee Resettlement," "How our God is speaking through other faiths" and "Christian-Muslim relationship building: the work of OCWM" will follow Fr. Elias' presentation. Registration fee is \$5.00. If you would like to attend, please contact Rev. Cathy.

### 2008 Fall Meeting Agenda

Saturday - October 4, 2008

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| 10:30 | Registration  |
| 11:00 | Welcome and Opening Prayer  |
| 11:01 | 2009 Budget Presentation  |
| 11:15 | Brunch  |
| 11:45 | Guest Speaker: Fr. Elias Mallon –<br>"Christian-Muslim Relations in the Shadow of the Iraq War" |
| 12:30 | Break   |
| 12:40 | Workshop I [choose two: all three workshops will repeat]  |
| 1:30  | Workshop II   |
| 2:20  | Break   |
| 2:30  | Worship   |



### Workshop Choices:

1. "How is our God Speaking through Other Faiths?" – Fr. Elias Mallon
2. "Refugee Resettlement" – Jeffrey Hawks, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Joan Jordan and friends, Zion Golden Ring
3. "Christian-Muslim Relationship Building: the Work of OCWM" – Rev. Dr. John Deckenback

Father Elias Mallon, a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement, has been involved in issues of interreligious conflict transformation and peace building in the Middle East for over twenty years. Previously he was on the faculty of the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Bossey, Switzerland. Currently he serves Franciscans International at the United Nations in New York. Along with the Rev. Barbara Brown Zigmund, he serves on the advisory board of the Journal of Ecumenical Studies.

## World Communion Sunday - October 5<sup>th</sup>



October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Father Elias Mallon will be our special guest speaker at UEC 10:30 a.m. worship**

There will be one service of worship on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 as we celebrate World Communion Sunday by welcoming Fr. Elias Mallon as our guest preacher. Fr. Mallon is a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement and has worked in Christian dialogue with Muslims for more than 20 years. Fr. Mallon has served on the faculty of the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches. Following worship will be a luncheon followed by a question and answer time with Fr. Mallon.

World Communion Sunday – celebrated the first Sunday in October – is one of the most venerable of “special Sundays.” The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

As we join in worship with Christians worldwide on World Communion Sunday, may our oneness in Christ grow deeper and more loving, as God surely desires.

Reception for Fr. Mallon, with question and answer time, follows in Friendship Hall.



### Neighbors in Need Offering – October 5<sup>th</sup>

**As part of our World Communion Sunday Observance**

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

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.

**Please Note: There will be only one UEC service of worship on October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.**

## Upcoming UEC Anniversary Celebrations



### 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oktoberfest 2008

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
(Oktoberfest begins immediately following 10:30 a.m. Worship)

Come out and enjoy the UEC Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

We are gearing up for this festive event with committees handling the planning, food, entertainment, set up and clean up for the festival. All volunteers are welcome to participate.

Also donations of prizes for the raffles and items to sell at the festival are being requested. If you can help or have any suggestions, please contact Cissy Funk at 443-676-9957 or via email at [jakco22@hotmail.com](mailto:jakco22@hotmail.com).

**Don't miss out - come and enjoy Oktoberfest Sunday at UEC!!**

**Live German Band**

**Outdoor Beer & Wine Garden**

**Raffles & Prizes**

**Silent Auction**

**Puppet Show for the kids**

**and more!!!**

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**Brats & Kraut**

**Hot Dogs**

**Sour Beef & Dumplings**

**Invite your families, friends, neighbors, co-workers!!**

With everyone's help our festival will be a great success and will help to serve as an invitation to the neighborhood and visitors to come and be a part of United Evangelical Church.

## Upcoming UEC Anniversary Celebrations



UEC Anniversary Celebration



**Free Concert Night at United Evangelical**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

**With reception of light refreshments in UEC Friendship Hall following the concert**

**“From Gregorian Chant to Twila Paris:  
A Celebration of the History of Church Music”**

A choir of people from across the Chesapeake Association will bring the gift of music to UEC.

If you would like to sing with the group, or if you have any questions, please contact Rob Gundlach at [robert.gundlach@verizon.net](mailto:robert.gundlach@verizon.net).

A practice is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. with lunch provided at 12:00 noon.

**An free will offering will be taken on the night of the concert to benefit Earl's Place as we continue our ongoing ministry to Baltimore City**



## The UEC Youth Booth



### Attention All Youth – Ages 12 and up

Our Church Youth Group invites you and all your friends to come, hang out, have fun and live your faith.

Upcoming Youth Group meetings are listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
October 12	all day event	UEC	Oktoberfest
October 24	5:00 p.m.	Meet at Diane Pachillis' home	Haunted House at Fort Howard
November 9	12:30	UEC	Movie
November 22 & November 23	12:30 8:30 am	UEC UEC	Make sandwiches for Our Daily Bread Volunteer @ Our Daily Bread food bank

## Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity Field Trip

### Field Trip to Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> (bus leaves UEC at 9:00 a.m.)

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday School group will be taking a field trip and helping in the Habitat for Humanity warehouse. People of all ages are invited to go. The bus leaves UEC at 9:00 a.m. and returns are 1:00 p.m., stopping for lunch on the way home. Those attending must bring money for lunch.

#### **Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity—Who We Are (from their website)**

A local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit housing organization that works in partnership with families in need of housing to build simple, decent and affordable homes. Houses are sold to qualified homebuyers at no profit through no-interest mortgage loans. Homebuyers must first meet the requirements of Chesapeake Habitat's program, including the completion of 350 "sweat equity" hours. Homebuyers work alongside thousands of community volunteers to complete homes in several Baltimore City communities.

We are a Christian-based organization that welcomes people of all faiths - or no faith - to participate in our mission of building affordable homes together with our partner families. Since 1982, Chesapeake Habitat has completed more than 120 homes and has housed more than 300 family members, including at least 190 children.



## Our Youth Group Writes about their Knoxville trip...

As many of you know, our Youth Group recently attended the United Church of Christ's trip to Knoxville TN, for the 2008 National Youth Event. Held at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, the theme of the event was "Living the Life." Cathy Fifield, Diane Pachilis, Claire Hovermill, Bud Russell and Eric Sanders represented UEC at the event.

They have written of their experiences and share them with us.

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Many people have approached me to ask how the trip went and was it worth it. To all I answer, it went GREAT and was well worth all our efforts.

Try to imagine 3000 people gathering at one time and "living the life." We took our backgrounds, our hometown views, our Christian faith and met with so many different cultures of people to find the connection that unites us all to God. We learned there is something so much bigger than our individual self that binds us all together. To go there feeling humble and small, then learn there are so many others that feel the same, made us return stronger and richer in spirit and mind. God we answered your call, You allowed us to be there and grow.

I wish to thank each and every one of you for knowing how vital the youth group is to our church and for affording us the opportunity to attend the National Youth event. Thanks to the church council for allowing us to spread the UEC name to other likeminded souls from our great nation.

My special thanks go to Pastor Cathy, the Shepherd of our flock. With her foresight and belief in our small group we overcame many logistical and difficult hurdles to be able to experience such a wonderful event. "A" for effort, job well done faithful servant.

Lastly, I need to say how proud I am of our youth group. These young people are a glimpse into our future at UEC and deserve praise and credit for their dedication and hard work. In the name of God our Father, thanks again to us all, for I truly feel blessed.

~ Cathy Fifield

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What I liked about the National Youth Event was there was a lot of things to do. And I made a lot of friends. What living the life means to me is being a follower of Jesus. Yes, I would do it again because I had a wonderful time.

~ Claire Hovermill

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## Our Youth Group Writes about their Knoxville trip...

In Knoxville, Tennessee I did many things while "Living the Life" as a follower of Jesus Christ. I attended morning and evening Mass, which had themes such as "Living Love," "Living Green," and "Living Peace." These three themes showed how we can love each other as God loves us, save the earth as it is a gift from God, and live with people of all different races, religions and backgrounds. Also in Tennessee we all participated in workshops or small classes. In my classes we talked about many things such as living beyond grief and loss. I enjoyed every single thing I did while at the National Youth Event, from hanging out with new friends laughing and joking around to singing with 2,000 people in the arena. The thing that makes "Living the Life" fun is that so many people can come together and relate on such a powerful level that only God can create.

I would do it again in another four years and I have been waiting since the day it ended. I can't wait because it brought me closer to my family, friends, and most importantly, God through Jesus Christ. I want to continue living the life of a Christian because it doesn't matter if you call god Allah or any other name, or what race you are, or the types of clothes you wear or the house you live in. God loves every single one of us.

~ **Bud Russell**

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The National Youth Event at The University of Tennessee was a great experience. I met new people, sang songs, had fun and got involved.

One of the things we did was to go to services - one in the morning and another at night. Both were fun. The music was good - it was contemporary music. The service itself was good also - I felt good. We also went to workshops. One workshop I participated in was UCC 101. It talked about how the UCC works and how it has changed over the years.

I liked the whole experience but what I liked most was the worship services. They were fun. It was also cool to see 3,000 people get up and get involved in the service. I liked meeting new people. It was fun sitting with them just talking.

Each day, we had a theme. A theme about living the life (of a Christian). One theme was going green. That means to help save the environment because it's one of God's creations too. We recycled and used things over, like cups, bottles and sometimes knives and forks. We also heard from a woman who loves the environment. She spent 2 years, 18 stories, in a Redwood tree to save the forest from deforestation.

One funny thing that happened was that we were hanging out in another dorm building the evening before leaving to come home and one of the guys, Alex, asked if we'd been eating the cafeteria food the whole time we were there. We told him that, yes, we had been eating the cafeteria food and it was okay and then Alex told us that there was a Quizno's in their building and they had been eating Quizno's while we were eating cafeteria food!! We stayed up all night that night but Quizno's wasn't open before it was time to get on the bus to head home!

I would definitely go again. Having fun in church, worshipping God, listening to good music and meeting new people all sound like good ideas to me. The only thing I'd change is to have more people come along to share the experience. It would be awesome if there were a lot of Christians gathered in the same place for the same thing. Though it was only a short time we were there, we all made it last. It was hard saying good-bye to our new friends but we can keep the feeling alive by sharing it with others. That was my experience at the National Youth Event. Hope others will join us next time.

~ **Eric Sanders**

## Upcoming November Events



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### November 16<sup>th</sup> following 10:30 a.m. worship

This meeting will include the election of church council members, a vote on 2009 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.

#### Totenfest—Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>



Please join us in remembering those who have entered the triumphant church over the past year. As is our custom, the name of the dear loved one will be read during worship and those in attendance wishing to light a candle can do so and receive a rose in remembrance.

#### Earl's Place Special Offering—Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23rd has been designated within the Chesapeake Association as Earl's Place Sunday. Earl's Place provides transitional housing for homeless men, and is celebrating their 11th year of providing a vital ministry to the city of Baltimore. Please give generously in support of this outreach ministry of our Association.

#### Community Thanksgiving Worship



#### Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

This year our ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will be held at Patterson Park Baptist Church located at 3115 Eastern Avenue.

A canned food donation for the food bank is requested.

Worship begins at 7:00 p.m.

## Mission Moments

Mission Moments is a way of highlighting our congregation's connection to the wider church. Our church is a vital part of the United Church of Christ, and it is not alone! Each Mission Moment will help inform members of what they make possible through their gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM).

### Mission Moment

#### *Who are the little ones?*

*"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of the Father . . ."*

Who are the little ones? Children? New Christians? The poor? The unsophisticated? The disabled or disfigured? The little ones have few, if any, influential friends or allies in the centers of earthly power, yet it turns out that these same little ones have influential friends, angels even, in high places not of this world, in the presence of God.

The celebrated founder of the Catholic Worker movement, Dorothy Day, was speaking with a homeless man in the kitchen as the night wore on. An impatient reporter, eager to interview Day, paced outside, indicating in every way he could that he was tired of waiting and that he took precedence over Day's homeless guest. When Dorothy Day had finished her conversation with the man who was homeless, she turned to the reporter and asked, "With which of us did you wish to speak?"

*Holy One, help me to know that those who appear to have no connections, status or clout, are in truth deeply connected, connected to You. Amen.*

God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



#### Just What is OCWM?

Just what is it and how is it different from OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing)?

#### **OCWM** **(Our Church's** **Wider Mission)**

Right now, Our Church's Wider Mission is bringing the UCC message to more and more people:

*No matter who you are  
or where you are on  
life's journey...you're  
welcome here.*

Without OCWM, there would be no United Church of Christ. OCWM is who we are.

#### **OGHS** **(One Great Hour** **of Sharing)**

OGHS works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, emergency relief, and resettlement aid for refugees. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster response and relief.

## Issues & Initiatives at the UCC

In an effort to provide information on the issues and initiatives currently before the UCC, the Endeavor will include relevant news from the UCC website to keep our United Evangelical readers aware of developments within our wider church.

### Chicago area pastor wins 'sermon of the week'

Written by Gregg Brekke  
September 10, 2008

The Chicago Tribune has awarded "Sermon of the Week" honors to the Rev. Lillian Daniel of First Congregational UCC in Glen Ellyn, Ill., a western suburb of Chicago. Her Sept. 7 sermon titled No Sin, No Service encouraged the congregation to be welcoming of all, especially those whom others deem undesirable.

Daniel's sermon related her experience of moving frequently as a child and the discomfort of making new friends. Calling upon memories of how the school cafeteria became a sorting place for groupings of friends, she contrasted this to the way Jesus crossed boundaries to eat with the least desirable social element, sinners and tax collectors, in his life.

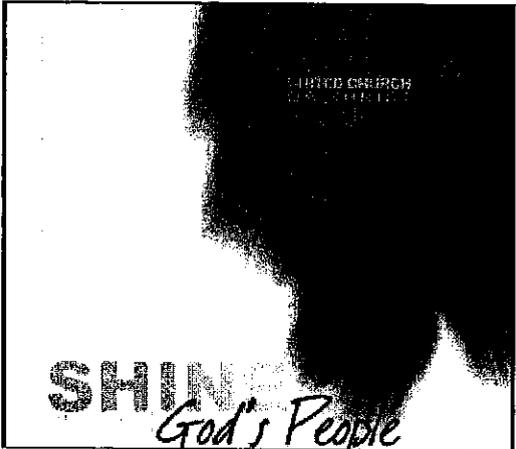
The message of welcome, and who is invited to the table, highlighted a brewing controversy in First Congregational UCC's Glen Ellyn community. An anonymous group recently has opposed the involvement of First and other congregations in the Public Assistance to Deliver Shelter (PADS) program which hosts up to 60 homeless persons in their churches for meals and evening lodging.

"Our church and another have been targeted by a group that wants to shut down the PADS program," said Daniel. "We are trying to answer the question, 'How do you serve the homeless in a wealthy community?', and some people don't like it that the homeless are coming into our town to receive shelter."

Daniel's sermon challenged the attitude of the opposition to PADS saying, "By wandering around a town that they could never afford to live in the homeless people are not respecting the assigned seating arrangements."

Daniel said that her church and the others participating in the PADS program remain committed to the ministry of welcome and hospitality to the homeless despite the resistance.

Daniel became the senior minister of the First Congregational UCC in 2004 after serving for eight years as the senior minister of the Church of the Redeemer UCC in New Haven, Conn.



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

## Ladies Organization Trips & Events



Arlene Pate  
410-327-3211

Millie Wirsing  
410-675-3904

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday  
10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
\$ 34.00 per person

Faith Church  
Oyster, Turkey & Ham Luncheon  
also stopping at  
McCutcheons Jelly &  
Baugher Produce & Ice Cream

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday  
Matinee Show  
\$ 41.10 per person  
(money due by 11/30)

Holiday Show at  
Toby's Dinner Theatre  
Baltimore Travel Plaza  
Doors open 10:30 a.m.

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

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

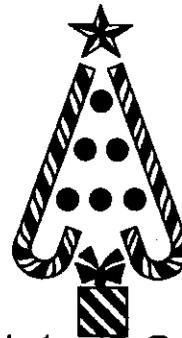


Upcoming Ladies  
Organization Meetings  
All Meetings Begin at 12 noon  
(unless otherwise noted)

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>            Brown Bag lunch

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>            Turkey Lunch (\$ 7.00)

Dec 3rd            No meeting



Christmas Party

### Christmas Party

December 17th,  
12 noon—3 p.m.

The Riverwatch Restaurant  
\$ 25.00 per person

Come and join the Holiday party—bring your  
spouses, bring your friends.  
Everyone is welcome!!

### 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 2008 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	2 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Chesapeake Association Fall Meeting 10:30-3:00 p.m. St. John UCC
5 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>  <i>Father Elias Mallon Guest Speaker</i>  <i>Neighbors in Need Offering</i>  Food Bank Donations  10:30 a.m. Worship Service with reception following	6	7	8 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	9 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	10	11
Please note: There will be only one worship service on October 5th.						
12 <i>UEC Oktoberfest</i> 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Bible Study	13	14 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	15 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	16 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	17	18
19 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Bible Study  1:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Anniversary Concert (lunch is provided at noon)	20	21 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	23 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	24 Haunted House @ Fort Howard Meet at Diane Pachillis' home @ 5:00 p.m.	25
26 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Bible Study  Sunday School Habitat for Humanity Field Trip (bus leaves UEC @ 9:00 a.m.)	27	28	29 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	30 Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	31	



# UEC November 2008 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Ladies Organization Faith Church Bus Trip (bus leaves 10:00 a.m.)
<b>2</b> Communion Sunday  Food Bank Donations  8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. UEC Anniversary Concert (light refreshments to follow)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	<b>6</b> Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b> 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Bible Study  Congregational Meeting following 10:30 service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	<b>20</b> Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Youth Group Make sandwiches for Our Daily Bread—12:30
<b>23</b> Totenfest Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  Earl's Place Offering  9:15 a.m. Bible Study  8:30 a.m. Youth Group Volunteer at Our Daily Bread	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Canton Community Association Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>26</b> Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ Patterson Park Baptist Church 7:00 p.m.	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> First Sunday of Advent  8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  9:15 a.m. Bible Study						

## We Give Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,  
We give thanks for the pleasure  
Of gathering together for this occasion.  
We give thanks for this food  
Prepared by loving hands.  
We give thanks for life,  
The freedom to enjoy it all  
And all other blessings.  
As we partake of this food,  
We pray for health and strength  
To carry on and try to live as You would have us.  
This we ask in the name of Christ,  
Our Heavenly Father.



### 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](http://www.hungersite.com)**

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### General Mills

#### Boxtops

#### for Education

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



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*Just a  
Reminder...*

## Special Ministry—Holy Joe's Cafe



# Holy Joe's Cafe

## COFFEE FOR THE TROOPS



Thanks to your generous support, our Summer Ministry to provide funds for coffee donations to our troops was a resounding success. UEC collected \$ 481.00 for this most vital ministry.

Thanks again for your support!!!

## Here's a Thought...

### How Would You Like to Donate \$ 756 to Your Church and Not Spend a Dime?

(Answer: Be a Bug Buster!!)

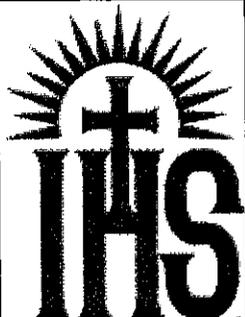


COOLClIPS.com

We currently pay an exterminator \$63/month to spray around the Church. He actually only sprays the Church kitchen area. This is a relatively straightforward job and would not require much time. By donating a small fraction of time, you could save your church \$ 756 a year.

So if you like the idea of donating to your church with no money required, this is a great opportunity. Contact Harvey Jacob for further details.

## Points to Ponder...



### A Sacred Monogram—IHS

This sacred monogram originally appeared as "IHC," the first three letters of "IHCOYC," the Greek word for Jesus. Over time the Greek "C" was replaced by the

Latin "S" to become "IHS." There are many interpretations given to the letters "IHS," including the Latin "Iesus Hominum Salvator" (Jesus, Savior of Men) and the English "I (Christ) Have Suffered."

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### The Paradoxes of Life

When I spend myself — body, soul and strength —  
I find replenishment within.

When I extend kindness freely, I find kindness  
growing abundantly within.

When I give abundantly to God and charity, I find  
my resources increasing instead of diminishing.

When I exhibit happiness, I find mostly happy re-  
sponses.

When I give or serve or share or provide, I receive  
or am served or shared with or provided for in re-  
turn.

When I offer peace of mind to another, I discover it  
growing within myself.

When I feel at peace with God, I discover I am at  
peace with the world.

—Charles Ferrell



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## Holy Communion

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When we receive the bread offered during Holy Communion, it's the spiritual equivalent of receiving free bread. No matter how you slice it in terms of your own denominational tradition, the "real" bread and "real" drink connect us deeply and spiritually with God through Christ. We are nourished by the grace we receive, encouraged by the diverse crowd around us and strengthened to live life to the full. There's no substitute for the love and life we experience when we break the Bread of Life. Like Peter we cry out, "Lord, to whom [else] shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"

(John 6:68, NIV).

—Homiletics

## Bits n' Pieces...

# Coffee Hour



### Calling All Coffee Lovers

Coffee Hours are back!. How about hosting a coffee hour between Sunday morning services. Nothing fancy, just hot water (for coffee) and a few noshes (donuts, cake, etc.) We could sure use a few more volunteers to step up and volunteer to host. You could even buddy-up with someone else and together host an hour.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

### 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.

### Everyone can serve

Look for opportunities to serve; don't wait to be asked! Remember: You can serve without being a part of an "official" ministry. We all can:

- ◆ extend the word of welcome, whether or not we are official greeters;
- ◆ be listening, caring friends, whether or not we are official lay counselors;
- ◆ be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us, whether or not we are on the evangelism team;
- ◆ be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand, whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees.



The winner of the Orioles tickets and Outback gift certificate raffle was Colleen Hartley.

The winner of the \$50 bouquet raffle was Gloria Kowalewski



Our UEC Bowling League has openings!

If interested contact  
Holly Raddatz  
@ 410-285-0894

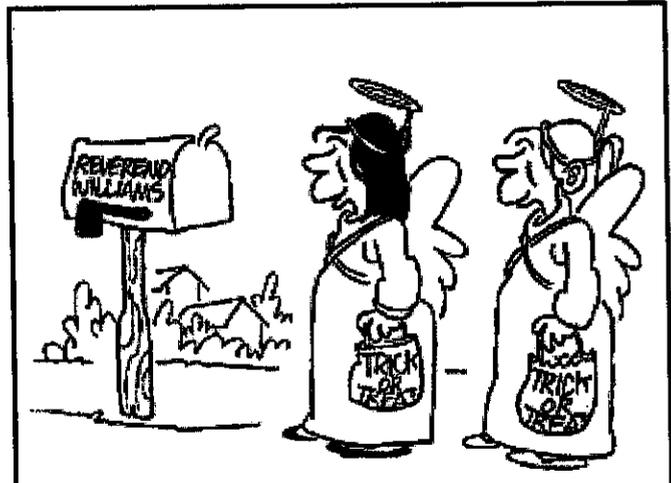


# Comics Corner



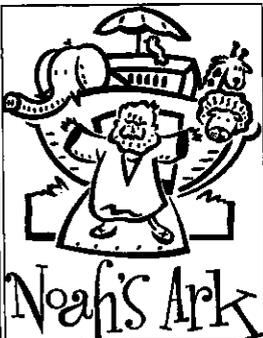
Campbell

"Hello. Al's Office Supply? While I admire your gumption, I'm afraid these offering envelopes are too big."



Campbell

"JACKPOT!"



Do You Noah  
this Joke?

**oops!**

From a church bulletin in Viola, Wisconsin:

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN OF SENDING** (see insert #2241)  
"The Spirit Sends Us Froth to Serve"

**DISMISSAL**

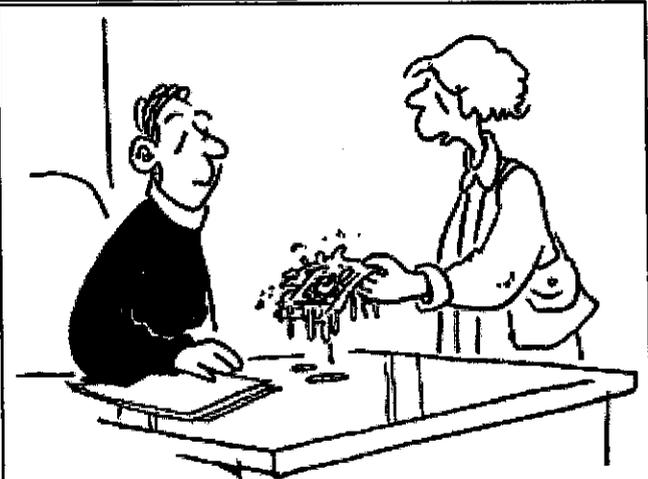
Did they go forth and serve lattes after worship?

- 1) What kind of lights did Noah put on the Ark?
- 2) Why is it that the animals on Noah's Ark couldn't eat apples?
- 3) Why was there no card playing on the Ark?

3) Because Noah was sitting on the deck

2) Because they went aboard in pears

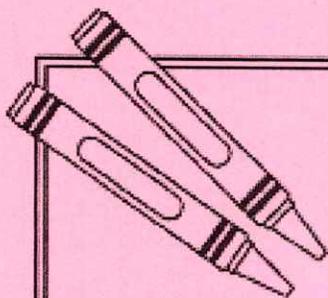
1) Floodlights



Campbell

"The dog ate our pledged card, but the veterinarian made him spit it out."

**Kids Only!!**

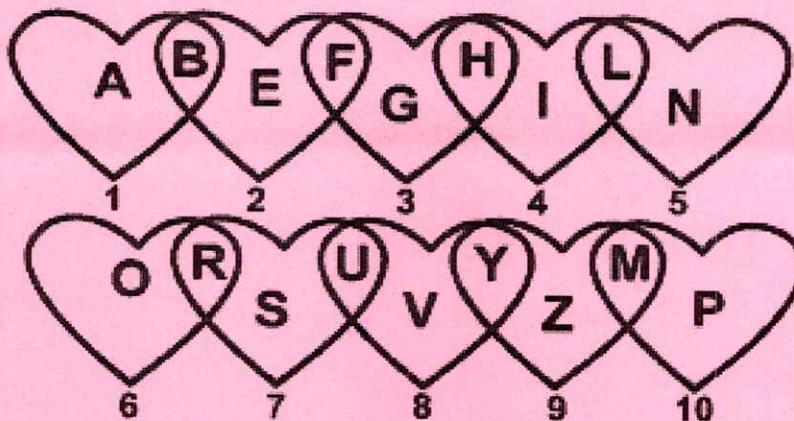


**Just for KIDS**

**THE SECOND GREAT Commandment**

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV).

Do you remember what the second great commandment is? Use the code below to discover it.



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 5 2 4 3 3,4 1,2 6 6,7  
 1 7  
 8,9 6 7,8 6,7 7 2 4,5 2,3”

Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."



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