

# The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Oct 2006/Nov 2006

## Pastor's Message

### The Rhythm of Church Life

This past Sunday we had a wonderful celebration of our church's 133<sup>rd</sup> anniversary where we celebrated our past and kicked off a visioning study for our future. Our anniversary reminds us that we have begun yet another year of church life here at United. There are ebbs and flows in the rhythm of a church's life, just as there are in our personal lives. One thing that will be missing from our church life this year will be our confirmation class. With council approval, I decided not to have confirmation this year due to the fact that we only have one child who would be eligible. She is young enough to wait a year with the hope that we will have another confirmand to go through the class with her next year.

This church has a proud tradition surrounding confirmation, and I know that to hear that there will

be no confirmation this

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year is disheartening for some. However I see this unfolding of events like the old adage: "When God closes a door, God always opens a window." My intent is to take the time usually committed to confirmation and begin a youth program. We have several youth who are around the fringes of the church. They will slip away if we don't

actively engage them. Look to hear more about this as we go into the fall, and look for ways in which you can support our youth.



Also in the forefront of our church life as we enter fall is the election of council members at our November congregational meeting. For most of this past year council was short 3 members, this made the work of council

that much more difficult. I encourage everyone to seriously consider what gifts you have to offer your church.

As we put the summer behind us and head into the fall we return to the regular worship schedule of 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. While I

enjoyed some aspects of having only one service, I wel-

come the return of our church's life rhythm. As I look toward the next few months of church life, I am reminded of a line from a commissioning liturgy in the UCC book of worship: "Together, we go forward in faith."

In Christ's love,

Rev. Cathy

## Church Council

### Council President

Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that September is almost over and we are heading toward the end of the year. Sometimes, I wonder where the time has gone. This has been a busy year for us and we are making huge steps in moving forward with our plan to "survive!" I have already talked about the things we've accomplished throughout the year so I won't repeat them. However, I will tell you that this new visioning study being lead by Rev. Jim Bell is something that I hope everyone supports fully. We have a new group of people who are willing to do what it takes to keep our doors open. If you remember, Rev. Bell shared with us a story about his grandmother and another lady named Hattie who innocently helped scare people away from "their" Church—you can believe that we do not want this to happen at United.

At our anniversary service on September 24th, Rev. Cathy put together a great display of our church's history. It showed many people who have passed on before us and some who are still with us. Either way, they had the same thought in mind—to have United continue for many, many years. We have already made it 133 years and with everyone's support, we can go another 133 years!! Change is not something that everyone agrees with or enjoys but it is the only SURE thing we have in our lives. Change is sure to happen to all of us and I would guess it has already happened to most of us. Let's just hope in our Church's case that change is for the better.

I am coming to the end of my service as President of the Church Council. And, while I do not plan to run for council again, I would like to offer my continued support in anything that is needed from me. I find myself thinking of people I met through this church, people who are no longer with us such as Mutz and Marcella Surdel, Elizabeth Erdman, Fred Long, Carolyn Loving, Alberta Bauersfeld, May Getz, Henry Will, Lil and George Sauer, the Oberlanders and the Witzke's. I remember them fondly and know that their wish would be for United to be here on this corner forever. Let's work together—share love, friendship and the word of the Lord with everyone who enters our doors. Let's stand behind our words that, "All are Welcome." Best wishes to everyone and thank you for your continued help (and patience !!) while I have been on council.

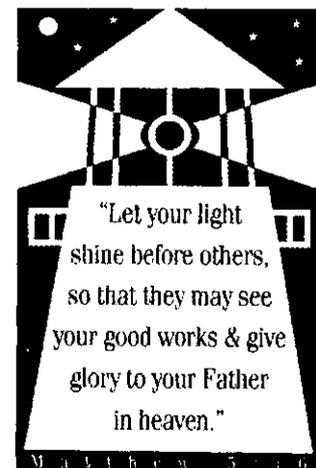
Lori



Your Church  
Needs You!

Please consider giving your time and talents to your church. Members are needed for the following:

- Council members
- Property chairperson
- Youth teacher
- Lectionary readers
- Sunday morning greeters
- Member to open church on Sunday morning



## Mission Moments

Mission Moments is a new addition to the Endeavor and 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).

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# Mission Moment

UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

### It's Who We Are... Together!

**D**id you ever feel overwhelmed by all the problems in the world? Many of us do. Who can possibly respond to the needs of the hungry, the homeless, those with HIV/AIDS and those whose lives and homes are swept away by floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes?

What can I do, we ask ourselves, about the historic injustices that hurt people because of their race, their religion, their nationality? How can I, all by myself in one place, help a person who longs to find a church home like the one I enjoy, where I am? And how can I, alone, or even my church, all by itself, nurture and strengthen the relationship of almost 6,000 congregations that trace their ancestry backward hundreds of years, claiming a witness of extravagant hospitality, early truth-telling, and evangelical courage?

That's a lot to ask of one person, or even one congregation!

Our Church's Wider Mission is often described as "Who We Are" as the United Church of Christ – and that's true. We might even say that OCWM is "Who We Are – together!" Because UCC churches give faithfully and generously to OCWM through Basic Support and the special mission offerings, hunger and homelessness and world health are being addressed. Victims of war, famine, and natural disasters are helped. Churches are started and nurtured, church buildings are made more accessible, and ministries are growing and giving glory to God, all over the place. Native American pastors are supported in their long and arduous drives across many hundreds of miles, and congregations and pastors are supported in the process of listening to God's call and finding each other.

Through Our Church's Wider Mission, you and your congregation are doing so much more together than any one of us could ever do alone – thanks be to God!

## God is still speaking,

# The United Endeavor

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

## Ladies Organization Trips & Events



### Faith United Turkey & Oyster Dinner

Frederick, MD  
Stops will be made at:  
McCutcheon's Jelly  
Baugher's Ice Cream and  
Walmart

November 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am-6:00 pm  
\$ 34.00

Call Arlene or Millie to reserve your seat.  
A \$ 10.00 deposit is required.

Arlene Pate 410-327-3211  
Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904

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

- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Brown Bag Luncheon
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> Turkey Luncheon (details TBA)
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon  
Williamsburg Inn



### 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  
Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904



### 2006 Ladies Organization Officers

President	Arlene Pate
Vice President	Ursula Jacob
Treasurer	Millie Wirsing
Secretary	Darlene Waters
Recording Secretary	Gloria Single

This is an open invitation to all ladies and their friends to join our group at United Evangelical Church. We would like to have you join us on the second Wednesday of the month at 12 noon at our meetings. The Ladies Organization plans activities, trips, helps with suppers and church affairs. The profits we make from these activities are used to keep a small amount in our treasury for working money and to donate the balance for the ongoing work of the church.

Arlene Pate

Special Happenings, Meetings - October



Rev. Cathy's Zambia Trip Presentation

October 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at St. Brigids  
4:00 p.m. Mass

If you were not able to attend Rev. Cathy's first presentation of her Zambia trip, here is an opportunity to hear her speak again about her OMNI medical mission trip.  
Don't miss it!

Upcoming Event at  
Zion Church of the City of Baltimore  
400 E. Lexington St.  
City Hall Plaza  
410-727-3939



Sour Beef Event  
Menu

- Sour Beef or Roast Beef
- Dumplings or Mashed Potatoes
- Vegetables
- Roll & Butter
- Coffee or Tea

Dinner      Wednesday, October 25, 2006  
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Lunch        Thursday, October 26, 2006  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Adults: \$11.00      Children: \$ 5.00

Carryout available

Canton Community Association Meetings  
are coming to United!!

Beginning in September, UEC will be the proud host of all Canton Community Association public meetings. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and to hear what is happening in the neighborhood.

Here is an excerpt from the Canton Community Association website:

"CCA expresses its gratitude to the Reverend Cathy Oatman for her generosity, and for continuing United Evangelical's long history of supporting the community."

Check out the CCA website, and in particular, the announcement regarding our church. ([www.cantoncommunity.org/blog/2006/08/new-cca-public-meeting-location.html](http://www.cantoncommunity.org/blog/2006/08/new-cca-public-meeting-location.html)).

Canton Community Association  
Meeting Schedule  
(meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.)

October 24<sup>th</sup>  
November 28<sup>th</sup>



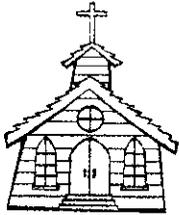
Chesapeake Association  
Fall Meeting

October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.  
Immanuel UCC  
in  
Cambridge, MD

If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Cathy for carpooling arrangements.

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### Special Happenings, Meetings - November



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**Congregational Meeting**  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**following**  
**10:30 a.m. worship**

Approval of operating budget and election of  
Church Council members will be held.

This is your church, participate!

**Upcoming Event at**  
**Zion Church of the City of Baltimore**  
400 E. Lexington St.  
City Hall Plaza  
410-727-3939



**Christkindmarkt**  
**(Christmas Market)**

On the grounds of Zion Church  
of the City of Baltimore

Saturday, November 25, 2006  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 26, 2006  
12 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Community  
Thanksgiving  
Worship



**Canton Ecumenical**  
**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**will be hosted by Canton Baptist Church**  
**3302 Toone Street**

Last year's service was a wonderfully  
uplifting worship service with music of  
thanksgiving and spiritual testimony  
given by congregational and community  
members.

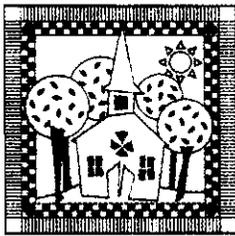
Come, celebrate and give thanks with our  
neighboring congregations for all the  
blessings we have been given.

Everyone is asked to please bring a  
non-perishable food item for donation

# The United Endeavor

## Our Church Picnic

### CHURCH FAMILY



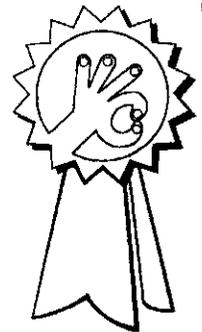
### PICNIC

Blessed with yet another picture-perfect picnic day, the Annual UEC Church Picnic was held on Sunday, Sept. 10th at the Bay Shore Trolley Pavilion in North Point State Park. More than 45 guests attended with kids games, adult jump rope, bingo, etc.

Special thanks to all who helped prepare, organize, and volunteer their time to make the picnic a great success.

Congratulations to all Summer Games Champions and participants!!

### 2006 Picnic Games List of Champions



#### Egg on Spoon Race

Under age 5

1st Jonathan

2nd Jillian

#### Hula Hoop

Under Age 5

1st Joshua

#### Sack Races

Under Age 5

1st Jillian

2nd Jonathan

Ages 6-8

1st Joshua

2nd Jesse

Ages 9-10

1st Brooke

2nd Amber

Ages 6-8

1st Joshua

2nd Jesse

Ages 9-10

1st Dougie

2nd Brandon

Ages 10-12

1st Brandon

2nd Eric

Ages 10-12

1st Dougie

2nd Steven

#### Water Balloon Toss

Under Age 8

All participants were winners

#### Bingo

Everyone went home a winner

Ages 9-12

1st Toni

2nd Steven

#### Prizes

Each and every child received prizes for participating



#### Parent/Child Teams

All participants were winners

# UEC October 2006 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>World Communion Sunday</b></p> <p>Food Bank Donations</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choir practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Columbus Day</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ladies Org. Luncheon 12 noon</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Choir practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Rev. Cathy's Zambia Mission Trip presentation St. Brigids 4:00 p.m.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choir practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Visioning Team Meeting 10:00 a.m.-noon</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Canton Community Association Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Choir practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>Reformation Sunday</b></p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Chesapeake Assoc. Fall Meeting Immanuel UCC 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>Halloween</b></p>				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 <i>All Saints Day</i> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>2 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Faith UEC Turkey &amp; Oyster Dinner Trip 10 am-6 pm</p>
<p>5 <i>Communion Sunday</i> <b>Food Bank Donations</b> 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Ladies Org. Turkey Luncheon 12 noon</p>	<p>9 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 <i>Veterans Day</i></p>
<p>12 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>16 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>22 <i>Canton Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship</i> <i>Canton Baptist</i> 7:00 p.m. (Bring a non-perishable food item for donation)</p>	<p>23 <i>Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 <i>Totenfest Sunday</i> 8:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Congregational Meeting (Approval of budget &amp; election of Council members)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Canton Community Association Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>30 Choir practice 7:30 p.m.</p>		

### Veterans Day

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, the day when a peace agreement was signed with Germany ending World War I. Armistice Day was established with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson



which reads in part: "Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has

freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations." On June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

On Veterans Day this year, let us remember and honor those men and women who gave of themselves, and let us continue to pray for our men and women currently serving in the military.

### United Evangelical Church

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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.

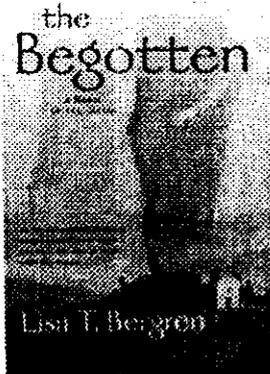
The site is: [www.hungersite.com](http://www.hungersite.com)



*Just a  
Reminder...*

### General Mills Boxtops for Education

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



## The Begotten

By: Lisa T. Bergren

Publisher: Berkley Praise  
2006



*Reviews are written by the  
webmaster, Tim Frankovich.*

Imagine for a moment that there were superheroes in the 14th century A.D. Now imagine that their "powers" were actually the more spectacular of the spiritual gifts listed by the Apostle Paul in Corinthians (healing, miracles, etc.). Imagine further that the rise of this select group of Gifted people was prophesied by Paul in the missing third letter to the Corinthian church, a letter that was not included in the Canon, but has been preserved nevertheless.

Lisa T. Bergren apparently went through a similar imagination session and came up with the ideas for this new trilogy, beginning with *The Begotten*.

Needless to say, the consternation when a woman begins actually healing people in 1339, in the midst of the Inquisition, is substantial. Lady Daria d'Angelo, fortunately, is assisted by a priest with the gift of Wisdom, and a knight with Faith greater than any. Unfortunately, the forces aligned against them are legion - not only do they face controversy within the Church itself, but a mysterious person calling himself the Sorcerer is about, seeking to twist the Gifted into his own image.

If this were a superhero story, this would be the beginning chapters, when the team is assembled. Unfortunately, it takes a long time for that to happen beyond the initial three. There are constant discussions about who the other Gifted WILL be, but waiting for one or more of them to show up occupies much of the book. The tale is truly fascinating, but a bit slow in parts.

A lot of the slowness involves the politics and commerce of the city of Siena and surrounding areas in Italy. While important to the character of Lady Daria and her background, it's still somewhat confusing at times and requires careful reading. At the same time, that detail adds to the realism of the story, so it's a plus and a minus.

I've seen this book compared to *The DaVinci Code*, but the only real similarity is an ancient document. I've also seen it compared to *The Lord of the Rings*. That comparison might be more apt, perhaps, but there is much left to see, if so. The remaining two books of the trilogy will determine the validity of that.

Overall, it's a fascinating tale, with great, great potential. I'm truly looking forward to seeing where Lisa Bergren goes with this. Recommended.

Source: <http://www.christianfictionreview.com/Reviews/thebegotten.html>

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### The Goodwill Man

In the early years of the 20th century, a pastor in Boston had a burning passion to help the poor, those who were handicapped, and immigrants who found it difficult to adjust to American practices. With steadfast prayer and God's hand guiding him along, the Rev. Edgar James Helms started Goodwill Industries.

Today it is a widespread movement dedicated "to help the helpless to help themselves." It continues to help the handicapped, the jobless and the poor.

Before he died in 1943, Helms wrote the following statement:

"I, Edgar James Helms, have often been referred to as the founder of Goodwill Industries. This is not strictly true. The originator of Goodwill Industries was the Master of men, who spoke from a Galilean hillside 1900 years ago and commanded his disciples to 'gather up the fragments that nothing be lost.'

"We, his disciples, are commanded to 'Go thou and do likewise.' We receive our marching orders from him, who commanded us to 'seek and save the lost.' He expects us to literally, 'Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick and in prison.'"

Down through the years, Goodwill has existed for service, not financial profits — all because of the Man from Galilee and Edgar Helms, his servant.

—Quote from Beatrice Plumb,  
The Goodwill Man  
(Minneapolis: Denison Press, 1965), 228

### Pastor Appreciation Month

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "Pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

Encourage your pastor by assuring him or her of your prayers and love.



## Points to Ponder...

### Growing With God

If you've asked your questions, discovered the answers and gone from an intellectual belief in God to a personal relationship with Christ based on heartfelt faith... then now is the time to jump in and see how to grow in your relationship with God!

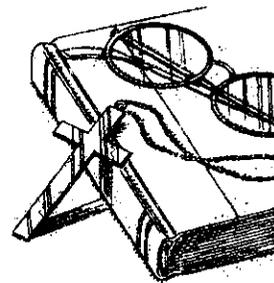
- **Worship:** Worshiping GOD as a Christian is not just about singing, fasting and praying. GOD is not interested in what you do as much as why you do it. HE does not honor hypocrisy -only a heart devoted to HIM. Worship is not something you just do on Sunday... it is a lifestyle. We are to love, trust, obey, praise, thank and live only for HIM every day. It is about surrender. It will cost you your self-centeredness. We are to worship in spirit and in truth. We were made specifically to bring GOD pleasure and glory.

- **Fellowship:** Fellowship is all about doing life together during the good and bad times. It is about being genuine, transparent and vulnerable in the things you share in confidence with others. It is about loving your neighbor as yourself. It is about encouraging others and sympathizing with their feelings. We are all part of GOD's family and he wants us to grow in our love for others. True love is about forgiveness and reconciliation.

- **Discipleship:** Discipleship is about growing and maturing - it is the process of becoming like Jesus Christ. Growing is not easy - it takes work and commitment. It requires us to examine and change the way we think, feel and act. Thankfully HE also gives us HIS Spirit and HIS Word to transform us into the image of Christ. Additionally GOD uses other people and circumstances in our lives to help us grow through trials, temptations, and troubles.

- **Ministry:** Ministry is all about serving and giving. As Christians we are called to a ministry in the body of believers and a mission to the world. Each of us are shaped and gifted by GOD to fulfill our part in HIS great plan. Find the blessing of losing yourself in serving Jesus by serving others. Though we are saved only by HIS grace HE also calls us to good works - not to earn salvation but to encourage and equip the body of believers. Ministry is about serving an audience of ONE!

- **Evangelism:** Evangelism is about sharing the love of Christ with everyone. We are all commanded to go and make disciples. This is our mission as Christians and it is not an option. In fact, it is a profound responsibility, the greatest privilege, and the most incredible honor in the entire world. This mission is the greatest thing you can do for another person, carries eternal significance, and is the true secret of being blessed! In these sites we will teach you to share the gospel and to develop your own life message.



Let us keep our eyes  
on Jesus, the author and  
perfector of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

Article from [www.allaboutgod.com/growing-with-god.htm](http://www.allaboutgod.com/growing-with-god.htm)

## More Points to Ponder

### What Do Prayers of Thanksgiving Include?

Prayers of thanksgiving are proclaimed throughout the Bible. In 1 Chronicles 16:7-36, we are shown through David's song an excellent example of four elements included in true thanksgiving:

- ◆ *Remembering* what God has done for us.
- ◆ *Telling* others about it.
- ◆ *Showing* God's glory to others.
- ◆ *Offering* gifts of ourselves, our time, and our resources.

Of the 150 psalms, David wrote 73 of them. This collection of prayers and songs express the heartfelt feelings from deep within his soul. In them, we



can read prayers of thanks for answered prayer, deliverance from difficulties, God's greatness, His protection, His enduring mercy, and never ending love. God provides all of those things for us still today.

Prayers of giving thanks are indeed important as we all have reasons to be thankful. In fact, we are reminded "Keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will. . ." (1 Thesalonians 5:18). We can be thankful for who God is and for the opportunity He gives us to turn to Him in all situations, good and bad. God is always there for us. Our sincere prayers let Him know that we are thankful for that. Prayers of thanksgiving should be a continuous part of our everyday lives.

Psalm 100 is a vow of thanksgiving. It says, "Shout with joy to the LORD, O earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is good! He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name. For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation."

The following song contains words stating what we should be most thankful for. Jesus came to pay the debt for sins of which we are all guilty; He was sacrificed and resurrected, paving the way for our forgiveness:

*Lord I lift your name on high  
And I come to sing your praises  
You came from heaven to earth, to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky,  
Lord I lift your name on high.*

(*Lord I Lift Your Name On High* - Rick Founds, 1989)

Article from [www.allaboutprayer.org/prayers-of-thanksgiving-faq.htm](http://www.allaboutprayer.org/prayers-of-thanksgiving-faq.htm)

### Memorable Quotes

Thou hast given so much to me. Give me one thing more — a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

Bits n Pieces



UEC Building Fund Raffle Tickets

It's that time of year again, when we beef up our church building fund. You know what that means—raffle tickets! Sell them to your friends, your family members, your mail carrier, your hairstylist, your dentist, your doctor, your insurance agent (just to name a few!). Plus, odds of winning the church raffle are much better than the odds of winning the lottery!!

Each church member is asked to sell 20 tickets.



Update from the Treasurer

1/1/06 through 9/30/06:

Total Revenue	\$115,835.31
Total Expenses	\$150,395.68
Amount Under	(\$34,560.37)
Attorney Fees Paid	\$5,109.58

9/30/06:

Operating Funds on hand	\$ 34,378.78
Investments, Endowment Funds on hand	\$186,966.00
Total All Funds	\$221,344.78

Guitars needed

Got an old guitar sitting around collecting dust? Consider donating it. Any guitar, regardless of condition, can be brought to the church for donation to the Maryland Correctional Institute for Women.



Daylight Savings Ends October 29th  
Be sure to set your clocks back!!

By Mike Peters



Pastor's Business Card

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.



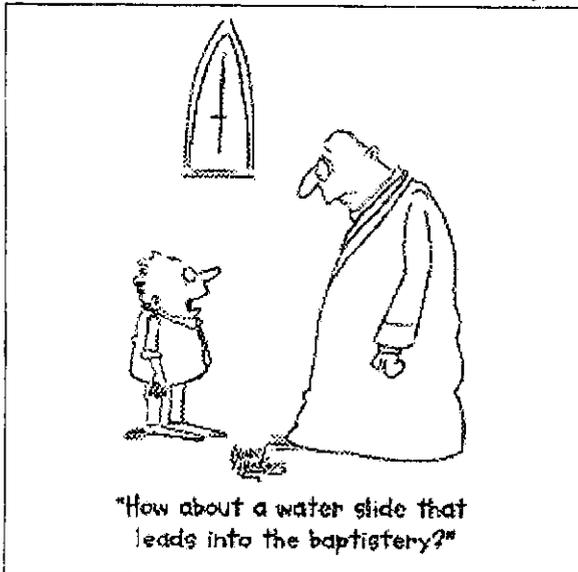
"God sees everything?  
You mean he channel surfs?"

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are!

"A cheerful heart is good medicine" (Prov. 17:22) Now, pass it on!



"How about a water slide that  
leads into the baptistery?"

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### Wordsearch

Wow! What Happened at Babel?

Q D E  
 B X E L A  
 S J E R D A R  
 D I F F E R E N T  
 Q N S E T T L E D G H  
 P E O P L E T O W E R U P  
 I N I M R O D A T S H I N A R  
 Z H V G M B R I C K S D R O N G T  
 Z F Y H C O N F U S E D T O N G U E S  
 B A B E L K C I T Y C E E I M A D F H S Y

Babel	Common	Earth	People	Shinar
Bricks	Confused	Languages	Scattered	Tongues
City	Different	Nimrod	Settled	Tower

Have you ever known somebody that speaks a different language? It can be fun to try to communicate with people from other countries. It can also be frustrating. When you really want to tell somebody something that is important, but you don't know the right words...it can make you want to scream. Why do people speak different languages?

A long time ago, when everybody spoke the same language, the people joined together to rebel against God. The way that God put an end to their rebellious activities was to cause everybody to speak different languages. The people couldn't plan evil deeds if they couldn't understand each other. Find the hidden words in the tower above, then read about the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11:1-9.

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