

The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Oct 2005/Nov 2005

Pastor's Message

Have you ever thought about why people cry at weddings? A wedding is billed as a day of celebration, when people embark upon an exciting new adventure together; and yet people cry. While we oftentimes understand these as tears of joy, there are lots of emotions behind these droplets of the heart.

Fear is one of those emotions. Fear of stepping out of a familiar way of living into an unfamiliar life. There is a lot of uncharted territory when two people begin a life together. People go into marriages with all kinds of unanswered questions. Fear of what lies ahead is part of the emotional soup that surrounds a wedding day.

There is also grief behind some of those tears. There is a sadness of letting go; of releasing a child for the last time, of letting go of one family configuration for another. I share all this with you because I think we as a church are experiencing some of these same emotions.

On October 9th we will vote on the council recommendation to sell part of the Church School building. If the vote is favorable, we will embark upon an exciting new adventure together. And at the same time we will be living with the fear of unanswered questions about the future, and the sadness of letting go of what has always been the way of life at the church.

All of this is also true for our Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner. There is a sadness surrounding the letting go of the dinner this year, as well as a concern about what this means for our future.

Part of what relieves fears and lifts sadness for young couples is when they envision their future together; as they share their dreams and work for their goals. As they do this, their excitement grows for what lies ahead. I think this is important for the church to do as well. On Saturday October 22 everyone is invited to join in a time of celebrating, sharing and envisioning for our future.

Instead of a Sour Beef dinner, we will be having a potluck dinner where we will take time to share the many good stories of the Sour Beef dinner and also share our dreams for the future.

I have heard many stories where marriages were only given a short time to last, and I

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these stories after

30, 40, 50+ years of marriage. These couples show us the truth of God's love for us; the promise that there will always be enough of God's love for our marriages if we simply draw upon it. As the church married to Christ, let us celebrate that there is enough of God's love to sustain us for years to come.

In Christ,
Rev. Cathy

Church Council

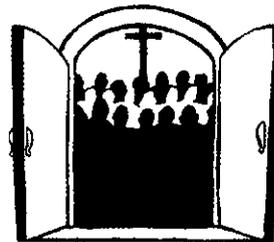
From Our Council President

Our Church is undergoing reconstruction, in a sense. We are in the process of renting the parsonage, we have the impending sale of the Christian Education Bldg. in the works and we have had to cancel our annual Sour Beef Dinner. Now, I know these are all major changes to us and very new but if we have learned one thing in life - -hopefully it is that "change" is the one sure thing you can count on - - whether we agree with it or not. While we may not agree with everything or feel comfortable with the changes listed above - -we have to face them head on if we are going to move forward. Being a member of our Church council, I have found that these subjects are an area of major concern for every one of us. I have often reminisced about Sunday School the way it was when I attended. The classrooms were full and there was a need for all of the space that we have. However, that is not true today and I have come to learn that we cannot live in the past. If we do, we will not be here much longer. The rental of the parsonage is new for us but it is a positive move for our Church at this time and will have positive effects on our Church and community. While we don't have the manpower to hold the Sour Beef Dinner here this year, we are hoping to have smaller fund raisers that wouldn't require as much time and effort and would be fun for all to take part in. I know that it is hard to imagine us not having the dinner but at the same time we should realize that the dinner is not the Church's one foundation. We can be a loving, caring congregation as I have witnessed over the years.

We are lucky enough to have a young, energetic minister who comes to us with much knowledge and understanding of our needs. I only ask that we all give Rev. Cathy the support she needs in order to help us keep our doors open. If there is something happening that you don't agree with, please speak to any Church council member or Rev. Cathy and help us to resolve the issue. In the end, I am looking forward to our Church being able to invite new members of all ages and also to make our Church and fellowship hall be more handicapped accessible.

As I end this message, I would like to leave you with this thought that I have in my heart - -look around at the average age of our congregation - -most members are 65 yrs and older. Won't you please help us to continue the Church's mission of spreading the word of the Lord to EVERYONE that we can and to help ensure that this Church is here for me when I am 65 years old and also that it can be here another 100 plus years for those who will follow us. God Bless each of you and thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Lori Betch
Council President



Congregational MEETING

Special Congregational Meeting

October 9, 2005
in Fellowship Hall
following the 10:30 worship
service.

On October 9th, the congregation will be asked to vote on the two following recommendations:

1. Sell the property known as 3432 E. Lombard Street, which has been bequeathed to the church.
2. Hire Federal Realty, Inc. to sell the top 3 floors of the education building.
 - A. Empower the Council to make decisions applicable to the conversion.
 - B. Empower a special committee as a liaison to Federal Realty.

Please make every effort to attend. This is a life altering decision in the life of our church. Every voice needs to be heard.

Worship Survey Results

The Music Committee would like to thank every one who took the time to fill out the Worship Survey. 34 surveys were returned and each was read. What follows are the results:

1. What is the purpose of the Prelude for you?
Most people responded that the Prelude is a time of silent prayer in preparation for worship.
2. Put the following worship elements in order of importance to you.
There was no consensus of importance. The answers were unique to each individual.
3. Is there enough time of silence during the worship service?
75% of those who responded believe there is enough time of silence in the worship service.
4. What is the significance of the Unity Candle for you?
Again, the answers were unique to each individual.
5. Do you find the explanatory sentences before the scripture reading an aid to worship?
90% of the surveys indicated that the explanatory sentences are helpful.
6. Symbolically, what does the altar mean to you?
Again, the answers were unique to each individual.
7. Is it worshipful to you if prayers are not said from the altar?
62% of the surveys indicated that prayers are meaningful no matter where they're said from.
8. Since July 24, the new worship format has been used. Do you find the following changes enhancing to worship?

	Yes	No
A different Prayer of Confession each week	80%	20%
The Contemporary Reading	68%	32%
Offering/Support For the Ministry of Christ's Church The sung response after the Prayer of Thanksgiving instead of before	78%	22%
One less hymn	34%	66%
A responsive Benediction/Sending Forth vs. a Pastoral Benediction	67%	33%
The same closing hymn each week (God Be With You Till We Meet Again)	60%	40%
The Collect Prayer has been removed	33%	67%
The sung response to the Gospel has been removed	52%	48%
The sung response to the Prayers of the People has been removed	34%	66%
The sung response to God's forgiveness varies each week	69%	31%
Musical reflection during the offering time	84%	16%

9. With the new worship format, is there any point that feels uncomfortable to you?
There were a wide range of comments and all of them are being thoughtfully considered. Our worship service will be shaped to reflect these responses. Many people indicated that they prefer to sing from the hymnal, however, we must realize that we could not sing songs such as "Amazing Grace", "Great is Thy Faithfulness", or "How Great Thou Art" because they are not in our hymnal. Even "The Old Rugged Cross" needed to be added as "an insert" to the front cover of the hymnal. While our hymnal does contain many wonderful hymns, there are other rich hymns of the Christian faith which are available to us and will be used in our worship services.

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

Ladies Organization Trips & Events

Upcoming Events



- Nov. 5, 2005 Faith Church Turkey & Oyster Dinner, McCutcheon's, Walmart, Baugher's Ice Cream
- Dec 14, 2005 Christmas Luncheon Williamsburg Inn-12 noon

Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings
All Meetings Begin at 12 noon

- Oct. 12 Brown Bag
- Nov. 9 Brown Bag
- Dec. 14 Williamsburg Inn Luncheon



 * Festival of Lights—Allegheny, West Virginia *
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 * Please let us know if you are interested in a trip to Allegheny, *
 * West Virginia for the Festival of Lights. This would be an over- *
 * night trip. *
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 * Please contact Millie Wirsing at 410-675-3904, or Arlene Pate at 410-327-3211, if your *
 * are interested. We will call the bus company once we know how many are interested. *
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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:
 Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904
 Arlene Pate 410-327-3211

UEC October 2005 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p>UEC Pancake Breakfast 9:00-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.</p>
<p>2</p> <p><i>World Communion Sunday</i></p> <p>Food Bank Donations</p> <p>8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 Christian Education</p>	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Confirmation 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	7	8
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 Christian Education</p> <p>Special Congregational Meeting</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>DVICM Workshop 8:30-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ladies Organization Luncheon 12 noon</p> <p>Confirmation 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	14	15
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<p>23</p> <p>8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 Christian Education</p>	24	25	<p>26</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Confirmation 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	28	29
<p>30</p> <p><i>Reformation Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 Christian Education</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends</p>	31					

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20 <i>Totenfest Sunday</i> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	21	22	23 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service Messiah Lutheran 7:00 p.m.	24  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 Office Closed	26
27 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	28	29 Parish Relations Meeting 6:30 p.m.	30 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m.			



**The Origin of
World Communion**

In 1933, a Pittsburgh pastor, Hugh Thompson Kerr, had a unique idea. What if churches all around the world celebrated Holy Communion on the same Sunday? He contacted leaders of various denominations

worldwide. His idea was met with such warm enthusiasm that celebrating the sacrament on the first Sunday of October is now an annual affair. It unites Christians throughout the world, or in the words of the popular hymn:

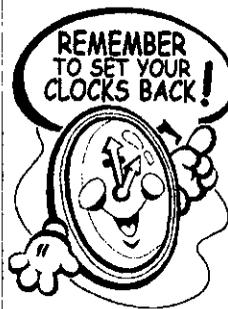
In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

World Communion Sunday

October 2nd

United Evangelical Church

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<u>Hours</u>	Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
<u>Secretary</u>	Peggy Tlasek
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**Daylight Savings Time
Ends**

Sunday, October 30th

**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



**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.

Bits & Pieces

The Book Nook



Dinner with a Perfect Stranger

By David Gregory

Published by:
Water Brook Press,
2005

Imagine receiving an invitation to dinner from none other than Jesus of Nazareth. That's the premise behind this short novella. Nick Cominsky, modern-day businessman and all-around skeptic, receives just such an invitation. After

eliminating the usual suspects who would play a practical joke such as this, he accepts the invitation out of pure curiosity.

What follows is an intriguing discussion as Nick finds his cynicism challenged and his defenses destroyed. The Man he meets for dinner is not what he expected and seems to know far too much about Nick personally.

I was amused by the Publishers Weekly review comments on this book, wherein they complained that it was little more than a sermon. Perhaps so, but it's a sermon surrounded by a very interesting framework. This is an evangelistic short story, pure and simple. Nick takes the role of the questioning skeptic given the opportunity to ply his questions against the actual Son of God. The discussion ranges from the inadequacies of other religions to the existence of hell. But like you would expect, Jesus manages to constantly turn the conversation back to what really matters.

It's always a dangerous proposition to write God as a fictional character. What would Jesus actually DO in a situation like this? What would He SAY? It's almost a frightening prospect - putting words in God's mouth. David Gregory handles it amazingly well. His Jesus is someone we'd all enjoy being around, who engages Nick in casual yet penetrating conversation, never preaching, but always piercing. He deftly handles each new charge or objection that Nick brings to the table. (The only exception to this is when the conversation briefly touches on creation. The answer given is one that a true skeptic would shoot to pieces in seconds. I only say this because I've been involved in such conversations.)

The story is very short, and reads quite quickly, but there is much to absorb. I re-read many sections more than once. The apologetics at work are excellent, and the dialogue realistic. Recommended.



-Reviewed by Tim Frankovich, webmaster of Christian Fiction Review

**Join Our Book Club—
"The Page Turners"**

Each issue of the Endeavor will feature a newly reviewed book. For now, only Christian fiction will be included.

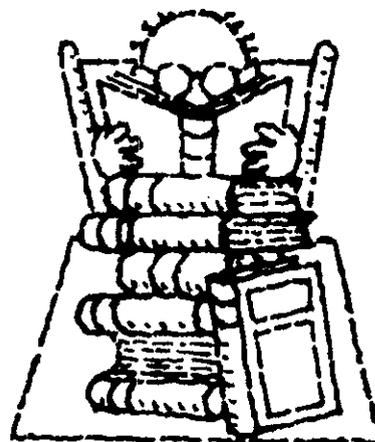
After reading the current selection, book club members can meet and freely discuss their opinions and interpretations of the featured work. Should make for some lively banter!

With winter coming, wouldn't it be great to curl up with a good read!!

Come on, join our club and become an official "Page Turner"

Contact Barb Matthew
phone: (410) 327-7522
email: cartbar@earthlink.net

by Nov. 1st, if interested.



Bits & Pieces

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Saturday, October 1st
UEC Friendship Hall

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

\$5.00—adults
\$3.00—children age 10 &
under

Mark your calendars!! It's our 2nd Pancake Breakfast. The first one was so much fun, we just had to do it again. If you can volunteer

some time to help gather supplies, serve guests, flip flapjacks or scramble eggs, see Pat Meyers at church or call her at (410) 276-6585. Help is needed on Friday and Saturday. We can all work together to make this breakfast even more successful than the last (which was a blast!!)

We don't mean to brag, but here's the morning menu:

Heavenly Pancakes
Divine Scrambled Eggs
Sinfully Delicious Sausage
Bountiful Beverage

Tickets can be purchased from Pat Meyers, Ursula Jacob or
Cass Young.

Bring friends, relatives, neighbors!!

During the breakfast, guests will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win either a fall wreath or a Christmas wreath.

Children & Adults Can Pray Together

We know that prayer is the primary way both children and adults "get close to God." Seeing adults model a life of prayer is critical for children as they grow in their relationship with God. You can help create opportunities for children and adults to pray together if you:

- ◆ Follow an intercessory prayer calendar during Lent and other special seasons of the church year.
- ◆ Decide on a one-sentence prayer for each day or each week and covenant together to pray the prayer.
- ◆ Use the alphabet to prompt prayers of thanksgiving. One letter of the alphabet is assigned to each day of the month. Each person in the family thanks God for something beginning with that letter.



Bits & Pieces



Everyone is invited to come to a potluck dinner on Saturday, October 22nd, 5:00 p.m.

in celebration of the many years of the Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner.

Bring your favorite dish to share and your favorite story about the Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner.

Workshop on Domestic Violence

October 11th in Friendship Hall

Free to all

On Tuesday, October 11th, a workshop to empower faith communities to help victims of domestic violence will be held here at UEC. This event will be held in Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no cost – continental breakfast and lunch are included.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

Piano Available



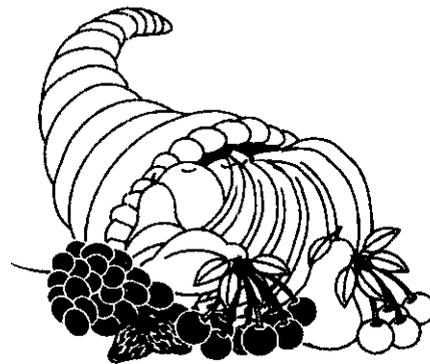
There is 1 working piano in the Sunday School building, and it is available on a first come – first serve basis. Requirements are that you make arrangements to move the piano. Please contact Elaine Kimos at 410-477-0172 by November 1st.



Calling All Coffee Lovers

How about hosting a coffee hour between Sunday morning services. Nothing fancy, just hot water (for coffee) and a few gnoshes (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.



Bits & Pieces

Ways to Give to the Church

Expressions of appreciation for the life and work of family members, members of the church or in support of the mission of our community of faith may be made to the church in the form of love gifts.

The Unity Candle Donation \$ 25.00
To celebrate unity in faith, a wedding anniversary or reaffirmation of vows.

Gift of Sunday Church Bulletins \$15.00-25.00
In appreciation for the work of the church or to celebrate the life of a loved one.

Gifts to the Improvement Fund \$ any

Gifts in Appreciation of God's Blessings \$ any

Gifts to the Operating Budget \$ any

Gift of Prayer \$ any
Prayer request sheets are located in the Narthex

Memorials

Suggestions for memorials include but are not limited to:

Memorial cards at the funeral home-a card and special envelope can be obtained from the church office or funeral director. Just fill it out and deliver/mail the card to the family as you would a sympathy or mass card. Place your check in the envelope, specify the person whose memory is being honored and deliver/mail the envelope to the church.

Memorial remembrance in Sunday service-names of loved ones who have died can be remembered and printed in the church bulletin. Anniversary dates for the deaths of loved ones can also be remembered.

Totenfest or All Saints Day-each year in November, a Sunday is set aside to remember all who have gone before us in the faith. A memorial bulletin is printed to list the names of all those whose family and friends wish to have them remembered. At this service, all those buried by the church (members or not) are remembered. Their families are invited to this special service in which a rose is presented to a representative of each family who has lost a loved one.

Memorial Board of Remembrance \$ 150.00

Located in the Narthex, the Memorial Board lists the names of those whose families or friends wish to have them remembered. It is also used to celebrate special events such as the life and work of a member or a gift to the church from a group. A plate is engraved with the name of the individual/group and date of celebration. In case of a death, the date will be engraved, and an announcement will be made when the plate is installed. Special memorial prayers will be said.

The Christmas Flower Fund-Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one are displayed in the chancel and removed at the end of the service on Christmas Day. The names of those honored are printed in a memorial bulletin.

The Easter Lily Fund-Lilies in memory of a loved one are displayed in the chancel and removed at the end of the service on Easter Sunday. The names of those honored are printed in a memorial bulletin.

Mother's Day Tributes-A special Mother's Day Memorial Bulletin is published to honor living mothers and to remember the love of mothers who have been called to the eternal life. These names are remembered with Special Prayers.

Father's Day Tributes-A special Father's Day Memorial Bulletin is published to honor living fathers and to remember the love of fathers who have been called to the eternal life. These names are remembered with Special Prayers.

Remember the Church in your will-One way of insuring that the mission of this great church will continue. Should you need assistance in this matter, please call the church office and arrange a meeting with the Pastor or President of the Church Council.

Should you wish to make a love gift, please call our Church office at 410-276-0393, and speak with Peggy.

General Synod

Information Regarding General Synod Pronouncements

The following information helps describe how our General Synod works. Not only to clarify what their pronouncements mean to us, but also to clarify the limits of those pronouncements on our local churches.

Each time the General of the UCC meets, "pronouncements are issued. Here is the official statement (made by the General Synod in 1959), concerning pronouncements by the agencies and meetings of the church.

When the Church or any of its instrumentalities exercises a prophetic role in society, criticizing its complacency, judging its evils, and otherwise attempting to bear a Christian witness concerning issues on which opinions differ, no responsible group of Christians can hope to escape the penalty which the prophets and reformers have always incurred.

It can be hoped only that their Christian integrity will not be questioned just because the word they speak may be an unpopular one, and that they themselves are clear as to the nature and limits of the authority their utterances possess. To this end the Executive Council registers the following observations:

The General Synod, even though numerically and geographically the most widely representative body of the United Church, can claim authority and representative character for its utterances and enactments only in the measure of their inherent truth and fidelity to the Word of God.

A Church agency speaks only for itself, not for the whole fellowship, except as members of that fellowship concur or their assent is won by the weight of what is spoken.

An utterance of the General Synod or of any of its agencies binds no member of the United Church except as he is convinced and his commitment secured by what he accepts as the rightness of the utterance itself. This is axiomatic for the freedom of the Christian man.

The General Synod and its Instrumentalities, however, are composed of ministers and lay members whose devotion, interest and competence have been recognized in their selection by their fellow members to serve in such bodies; and their utterance and enactments therefore merit, even from those who disagree, respect and serious consideration

Every agency is urged, in published announcements of its view, to make clear the authority on which its statement is based in a way to avoid any misunderstanding of other bodies in the matter.

Any agency which takes a position on an issue on which views diverge may serve to evoke creative exchange of thought and may, and frequently does, serve the Lord of the Church by stimulating the mind and pricking the conscience of the Church, its individual members, and of those outside the Church as well.

Because the Church agencies are composed of ministers and lay members chosen by their fellow members to serve where they do, we should thank God for the creative intelligence they exercise as followers of Christ in the discharges of their responsibilities, and judge their corporate word and deed as testimonies offered by them to us and world in good faith. We must remember always that many, if not most, of the Church's finest hours were when it stood for what the multitude denied or decried, and that the continuing symbol of the Church's faith and witness is a cross.



Special Events—EUC Church Picnic



UEC Church Picnic Reigning Champions



Held on September 11, 2005
Bay Shore Trolley Area in North Pt. Park

Blessed with another picture perfect day, our UEC family enjoyed a leisurely afternoon at the bayside pavilion with good food, good company and fun games. And speaking of games, our list of current champions includes (drum roll please) ...



And the **WINNER** is...

2005 UEC Reigning Champions (don't be shy, take a bow)

Children Age 5 and under	Children Ages 6-10 Years	Children Ages 10 & Over	Adult & Child Teams
Egg & Spoon Race 1st Place Jesse Jenkins 2nd Place Austin Johnson 3rd Place Josh Jankiewicz	Egg & Spoon Race 1st Place Doug Scheeler 2nd Place Josh Vandevander 3rd Place Brooke Edwards	Sack Race 1st Place Eric Sanders 2nd Place Josh Jackson 3rd Place Heather Cobb	Water Balloon Toss Winners Lori Betch & Eric Sanders
Fishing Game 1st Place Josh Jankiewicz 2nd Place Austin Johnson 3rd Place Jesse Jenkins	Sack Race 1st Place Josh Vandevander 2nd Place Kira Meyers 3rd Place Brooke Edwards	Water Balloon Toss Winners Eric Sanders & Josh Jackson	Adult Teams Water Balloon Toss 1st Place Rev. Cathy & Dana Clark 2nd Place Lori Betch & Susan Rowell
Hula Hoops 1st Place Josh Jankiewicz 2nd Place Austin Johnson 3rd Place Jesse Jenkins	Water Balloon Toss Winners Doug Scheeler & Steve Jankiewicz	Hula Hoops 1st Place Ben Cobb 2nd Place Eric Sanders 3rd Place Claire Hovermill	
	Hula Hoops 1st Place Brooke Edwards 2nd Place Amber Edwards 3rd Place Kira Meyers		

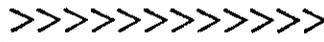


Special thanks to Ursula Jacobs, Cass Young and Carol Borkman and all those who worked so hard in preparing and planning our picnic.

Bits & Pieces

And from the Oops File
(from actual church bulletins)

oops!



From a church newsletter in Frenchtown, Montana:

Pastor Ron will be leading a Bible Study on "How the Bible Came to Be" on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Valley of Christ during the month of

Wonder how long it took to "liver" that one down.



"I just preached a sermon that'll be talked about for years. The congregation broke into the wave."

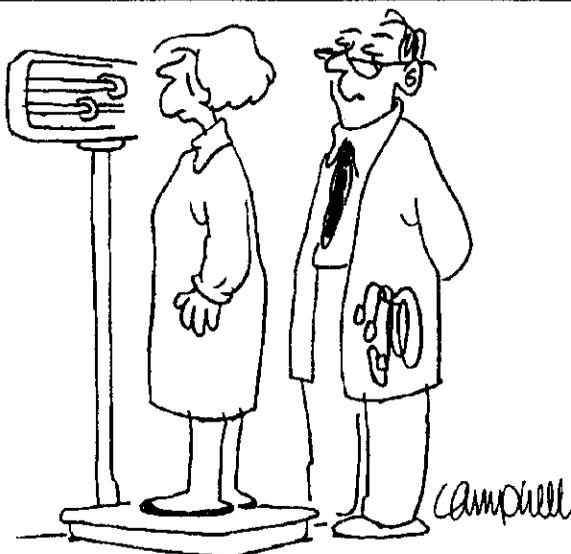


The Matter of Conscience...

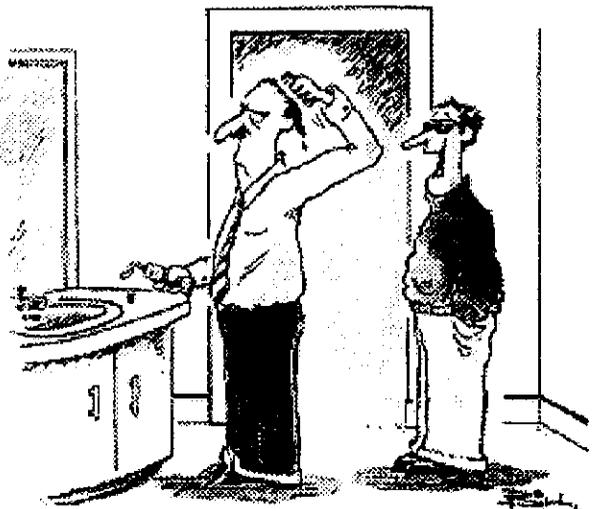
A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What happens when someone's conscience bothers them?"

A little boy spoke up and said, "It makes you tell your mother what you did before your sister tells on you."

Comics Corner



"You counted your blessings instead of your calories on Thanksgiving, didn't you Mrs. Blair?"



"Tell the truth, Dad. Combing your hair must be like Moses parting the Red Sea at low tide, huh?"

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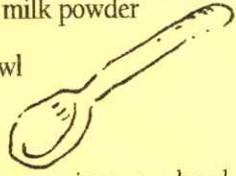


was served at the first Thanksgiving!

Here's a special popcorn recipe to make.

You will need:

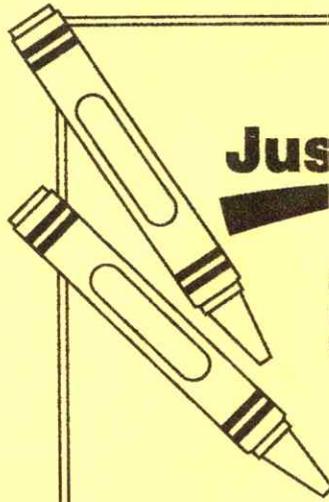
- 2 tablespoons of margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 4 cups of popped popcorn
- 1 tablespoon of sweetened chocolate milk powder
- a large bowl
- a spoon
- a small pan or microwave bowl
- measuring cup and spoons



How to do:



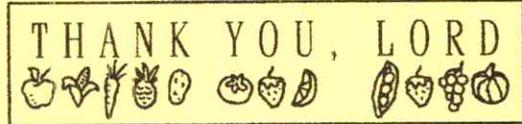
- Melt margarine in pan or microwave. Mix in cinnamon. Heat together.
- Put popcorn in large bowl.
- Pour margarine mixture over it.
- Sprinkle with chocolate powder.
- Mix together and eat!!



Just for KIDS

Acts 14:17b

Fill in the blanks to find the words from the Scripture. Use the special code.



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"He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

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Psalm 98:5