

The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Apr 2005/May 2005

Pastor's Message

Signs of Spring

I'm sure I'm not the only one who is looking forward to spring. With spring, all of creation gets a new lease on life, including us! It can be such a re-energizing time of year. While it doesn't feel like spring outside yet, I have felt a re-energizing happening inside the church. Many new fledgling ministries have begun, and the gardener in me is excited by seeing them sprout up.

We have begun a coffee and fellowship time in between our services. On average, we only have about a hundred people in worship on a Sunday, and yet there are people who don't know the people with whom they worship. The goal of this coffee ministry is to increase the fellowship within our church.

But the potential for even more growth from this budding ministry is already starting to show. There is talk of expanding this to an open invitation to people walking by the church on Sunday mornings to come in for a cup of coffee.

What has been most heartening for me about this ministry, is that it is being supported by the donations of individuals. This shows a desire within the church for this growth, and that is exciting.

Another new growth is the stepping forward of two people willing to teach our youth. The needs of our youth have been neglected in the recent past. And while this ministry is still very young, the exciting thing is that there are people involved, talking about what we need to do to provide our youth with a ministry.

One project, which was begun over a year ago, has begun to blossom, thanks to the care and attention of Elaine Kimos. There has been extensive movement in exploring the many options we have with the Church School Building. A special council

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meeting to talk solely about the building is being

planned for April. Hopefully soon we will all see the fruits of this labor being presented in a special congregational meeting.

As we get further into spring, look for even more signs of new life. Worship surveys, sermon series, a healing ministry, a theological movie night; all of these ministries are germinating. Hopefully, if we add the right amount of "Water of Life" and "Light of the World", these too will begin to bud.

In Christ,
Rev. Cathy



Church Council

From Our Council President

The council has been very busy so far this year. We had our retreat in January, then we had the congregational meeting in February (which was delayed by snowstorms!) and some of us attended a leadership dinner in February as well. At the congregational meeting, it was approved for us to rename Friendship Hall as the Fellowship Hall. We will be ordering a plaque to honor all those who have contributed to the fellowship of our Church (complete details will be given when the plaque is ready). We are also going to hang some of the many pictures we have on hand which shows our fellowship in action! Our Sunday School Bldg. has been the topic of discussion for some time now. We are working with developers to figure out the best possible use for this bldg. We would like to thank Elaine Kimos for all of the time and effort she is putting into this project. Without her help, we would not be as far along as we are today. Our coffee times which are every Sunday between services has been going well. These coffee times are sponsored by individuals and if anyone is interested in sponsoring one of these Sundays, please contact the Church office, Pat Myers or any council member.

There have been a few ideas given to us in regards to possible fundraisers for the Church. Once we compile a list, we will notify the congregation.

Thank you and God Bless!

Lori Betch
Council President

The Altar Committee

Lent and Easter is a very busy time for the Altar Committee. All the extra services require one or two of the Altar Committee members to prepare the altar for each one of these services. I would like to recognize and thank each one of the ladies for their hard work.

The members are Millie Wirsing, Rose Marie Jefferson and Carol Rowell.

I would also like to thank Clarence Rowell for picking up the palms and lilies from the florist (that way we save the delivery charge). All the people who prepared the palms for Palm Sunday also deserve a big thank you for sharing part of their Saturday.

The live flower arrangements are such a wonderful addition to our beautiful altar. If you would like to honor someone dear to you, please order flowers by calling the church office or signing the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Ursula Jacob
Altar Committee Chairperson

*April Showers
bring May flowers*



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).

9 Mission Moment

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Lydia's House

In 1995, four church women combined \$4,000 with a vision of mission to open a small transitional residence where they would "work in faith to end domestic violence by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children."

Less than ten years later, Lydia's House in St. Louis, Missouri, opened its third residential site, a \$2.5 million complex which has twenty-five living units.

Rev. Mary Albert says the founders took inspiration from the House's namesake, who is cited in Acts 16. "Lydia was a woman of faith who experienced a transformation of heart and then opened her house to traveling Christians," Mary explains.

Over 200 women and children have been transformed by a program of hospitality that includes emotional support and advocacy, as well as practical education in parenting, money management, and job seeking. Lydia's House offers residents up to two years to reach the educational, employment, and housing goals that will make possible their permanent transition to independent living. During that time, residents are able to participate in economic literacy and matched savings programs. Most departing residents have the means to make a down payment on a house, rent an apartment, further their education, or purchase a reliable used car.

None of this would be possible without the host of 350 volunteers from St. Louis area churches, synagogues, clubs, and schools. Congregations and civic groups agree to furnish and decorate new apartment units as they are built, paint the children's playrooms, care for the grounds, and volunteer in the after school program.

This month, as we observe Health and Welfare Sunday in the United Church of Christ, we renew our pledge to support all of our UCC-related health and human service agencies.

God is still speaking,

Chesapeake Association Happenings

Chesapeake Association Spring Meeting Sunday, April 24

At Newark UCC in Newark, Delaware. As part of the meeting there will be an ecclesiastical council for Johnny Ramsey.

The Chesapeake Association is part of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ.



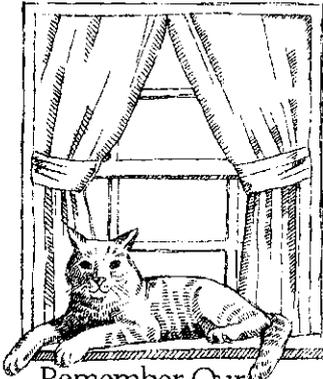
Senior Spot

Visitation Ministry

We have UEC members who are not able to attend worship and would like to be a part of the congregation. You can help by joining our visitation ministry. Some folks are right in your neighborhood.

A visit would mean so much.

Anyone interested in being part of a ministry team to visit our shut-ins, please see Rev. Cathy or call the office at 410-276-0393.



Remember Our Homebound



REMEMBER?
Set Your Clocks Ahead!

Sunday - April 3rd

Daylight Savings Time Begins



REMEMBER?
Set Your Clocks Ahead!

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

Ladies Organization Trips & Events



- April 2, 2005 (Sold Out) Faith Church Turkey & Oyster Dinner
- May 31, 2005 \$ 55.00 Rainbow Dinner Theater Paradise, PA
- Aug. 3, 2005 \$ 65.00 Suicide Bridge & Boat Ride Crab Feast

Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings
All Meetings Begin at 12 noon

- Apr 13 Brown Bag Luncheon
- May 11 Brown Bag Luncheon
- Jun 8 Brown Bag Luncheon



 Special Summer Activities

- June 11th Strawberry Festival—11 am to 3 pm
- June 15th Thank You Luncheon—Eichenkrantz— 12 noon

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

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 April 2005 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ladies Organization Faith Church Bus Trip Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.
Rev. Cathy is on vacation thru April 11th						
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<p>Peggy will be on vacation May 16 - May 20</p>						
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In Gratitude of God's Love

Dear God,
Jesus taught us the depth of your love, a love that he demonstrated:

A love that accepts others, all others, not just some;
A love that respects others, all others, not just some;
A love that helps others, all others, not just some;
A love that forgives others, not just some.

Thank you, God,
For letting us see love in action,
Feel the presence of love in the depths of our being.
Experience love in real time,
Hear love spoken in words that resonate sincerity
And provide comfort, love being lived,
Love at its lovingest, the Cross.

Thank you, God, for Jesus, in whose name we pray
Amen.

—Dr. Mahlon Miller

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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**



**Just a
Reminder...**

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

Points to Ponder

Forgiving the Unrepentant

Can I forgive those who have betrayed me if they are not repentant?

Answered by K.T. Kadakal | posted 03/09/2005 09:00 a.m.

Can I forgive those who have betrayed me if they are not repentant?

—*Debbie Robinson, Washington, D.C.*

If we wait for those who have hurt us to repent first, we will almost certainly wait for a long, long time. We also give ourselves a justification to stay bitter the rest of our lives.

This cannot be right. Even non-Christian organizations are emerging to show the value of forgiveness; their premise is that the greatest benefit of forgiveness accrues not to the one who is forgiven, but to the one who forgives.

One of Jesus' main teachings was that we love our enemies, pray for them, and do good to those who have hurt us. It is curious how some of us read the Gospels over and over again and miss this. We may get the theology, but not the graciousness that Jesus taught and exemplified.

How much repentance do you suppose there was at the Cross while Jesus hung there? There was not only an utter absence of repentance, but also total contempt. Jesus' reply: "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

Had Jesus adopted the position that he should wait until they repent, he would have shown himself to be as lost as those for whom he was dying. Furthermore, he did not shout at them, "I forgive you." He prayed, Father you forgive them.

Chances are high that those who hurt us don't even think they have done anything wrong. Nine out of ten people I have to forgive don't think they have done anything wrong to me (which suggests that I, too, have probably hurt people without knowing).

When I was minister of Westminster Chapel in London, the people who had betrayed me didn't think they had done one thing wrong. You could have hooked them up to a lie detector, and they would have passed with flying colors. My old friend, Josif Tson, whom the Communist government of Romania imprisoned and beat for his faith, came to me with the sobering words: "R.T., you must totally forgive them; unless you totally forgive them, you will be in chains."

I never went to them and told them I forgave them (this would have insulted them). It happened in my heart. Once you forgive in your heart, it ceases to be an issue whether they repent or not. The blessing I got personally from this has been incalculable.

When Jesus asked his disciples to love each other as he loved them (John 13:34), he knew Peter would deny him, then added to all of them: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me" (John 14:1). Many of us forget that he was still talking to the ones he knew would desert him in a few hours.

When he showed up after his resurrection behind their closed doors, he did not say to them, "How could you do this to me?" He merely said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21). He affirmed them as if nothing had happened; he let them save face.

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Points to Ponder

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I have answered the question "Must I forgive them?" Let me now answer the question "How am I able to forgive them?" The answer: because God has forgiven you. Are you perfect? If you say, "I haven't done what they did," I answer yes, I believe you, but you have done other things that in God's sight are likely to be just as grievous. Not only that; you have the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is love (Gal. 5:22). You therefore can do it. In my case, I thought I couldn't. But I did. And it was the best thing I ever did. But it wasn't easy.

The signs to know you have totally forgiven can be summarized this way: (1) You do not tell anybody what they did to you (this would be trying to punish the one who hurt you); (2) you do not try to intimidate them; (3) you do not let them feel guilty; (4) you let them save face; (5) you accept the matter of total forgiveness as a "life sentence"—you have to keep doing it, indefinitely; (6) you pray that they will be blessed and let off the hook.

When you do these things, you have fulfilled what Jesus had in mind for you. You will never be sorry. The blessing of the Holy Spirit on you will compound and multiply to exceed your greatest expectation. Finally, the greater (or deeper) the hurt, the greater the blessing that will be yours.

R. T. Kendall, formerly minister of Westminster Chapel, London, now retired, is author of Total Forgiveness (Charisma House, 2002).

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I Am My Church

My church is composed of people like me.

We make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

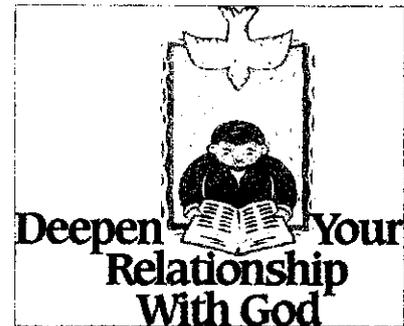
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who makes it what it is, am filled with these traits.

Therefore with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

-The Newsletter Newsletter, August 2002



Financial Report

United Evangelical Church School
 3200 DILLON STREET
 BALTIMORE, MD 21224-5028
 FINANCIAL REPORT
 Month Ending December 31, 2004

GENERAL	INCOME	EXPENSE	YEAR TO DATE	BALANCE
Building Fund - - - - -	\$	\$	\$	\$ 75.19
Furniture & Fixtures - - - - -				82.30
Lesson Supplies - - - - -	33.33	34.60	150.39	43.15
Miscellaneous - - - - -	16.66		116.22	250.90
Stationery-Printing & Postage - - - - -			13.41	13.41
UECS Missions - - - - -	16.66	275.00	43.16	55.04
Flower/Refreshment - - - - -				241.36
Sub Total - - - - -	\$ 66.65	\$ 309.60	\$ 77.28	\$ 677.14
MISCELLANEOUS SPECIALS Special Banks	57.80		132.00	132.00
Christmas Banks - - - - -			32.30	32.30
Easter Banks - - - - -			28.45	66.47
Renovation Fund - - - - -	20.00		226.00	1,218.36
Heffer Fund (ARK/Ect-Banks)			-234.22	54.04
POCC \$175 - Youth Grp \$437.47				612.47
Sub Total - - - - -	\$ 77.80	\$ 0	\$ 183.22	\$ 2,115.64
SPECIALS				161.31
Canton Happenings - - - - -				71.11
Cradle Roll - - - - -				
Reserve (Dividend) Svgs - - - - -	3.20		-210.28	1,218.36
Office Fund (Personal) - - - - -				59.95
Nursery Department - - - - -				38.77
Bible Memorial Fund - - - - -			45.68	540.36
Sub Total - - - - -	\$ 3.20	\$ 0	\$ 165.28	\$ 2,332.15
TOTAL - - - - -	\$ 147.65	\$ 309.60	\$ Adj 267.68	\$ 5,022.93
Net Gain or Loss - - - - -		161.08		
Balance -(11/30/04) * 12/31/03 - - - - -		(5,184.88)	5,290.61	5,022.93
GRAND TOTAL - - - - -	\$ 147.65	\$ 161.08	\$ 5,022.93	\$ 5,022.93

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:
 Checking Account \$ 589.56
 Savings Account PROVIDENT BANK \$ 4,433.37
\$ 5,022.93

ATTENDANCE
 4/46 Last Year - 100/25 - 932/20
 4/46 This Year - 104/26 - 966/21

OFFERING
 Last year -\$49.65/\$12.40 -- \$792.77/\$17.22
 This Year - 66.65/ 16.66 -- 755.68/ 16.43

Respectfully submitted,

J. Edwin Meyer Treasurer

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be Saved." Acts 16:31

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The United Endeavor

Financial Report

CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>LESSON SUPPLIES</u>			
The Pilgrim Press	\$564.18		
		\$ 564.18	\$ 564.18
<u>MISSION FUNDS & ETC</u>			
UCC World Ministries - \$100.00			
India Fund	25.00		
Leper Fund	25.00		
		150.00	
The ARC of Baltimore		25.00	
Emmaus Homes Inc		25.00	
Hoffman Home for Children		25.00	
Meals On Wheels		25.00	
UCC Chesapeake Assn/Supper Club		25.00	
			275.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Wolf's Finest Chocolates/Easter Eggs		\$ 51.00	
K-Mart /Hershey M/M Candy Canes		34.60	
			85.60
<u>SPECIAL DONATIONS</u>			
United Ministries/Earl's Place		300.00	
House of Ruth		250.00	
			550.00
<u>RESERVE FUND</u>			
Annual Staff Meeting/Michaels		250.11	
			250.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS			\$ 1,724.89

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH SCHOOL BIBLE MEMORIAL FUND

From Ed & Cass for:
 William A Geller
 Mary B Josephson
 Elaine B Kelly
 Rose Berky
 Teresa Pazourek
 Harold E Dunn

RENOVATION FUND

From Rowell Family

Special Announcements

May 15, 2005
50th Anniversary Celebration
Class of 1955 UEC Confirmands

In search of our confirmands



As we watch our current confirmands join our church family, we probably recall our own special day when we joined church. At the 10:30 A.M. May 15th church service, the Class of 1955 confirmands, their families, and loved ones will celebrate their 50 years of church membership. Although some members of the Class of 1955 have remained in the area, many more have moved elsewhere.

If you can share the current name and address of any of the following people, please call Elaine Kimos at 410-477-0172, as soon as possible.

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Judy Benedetta | Gilbert O'Donnell |
| Gertrude Benser | Lawrence Pugh |
| Norman Bollack | Joseph Regulski |
| Kathryn Dashiell | Joan and Milton Rice |
| Katherine Dembeck | Alex Robinson |
| Dennis Fadl | Jean Ruth |
| Fred Haas | Norma Ruth |
| Nancy Hare | William Schaffer |
| Grace Herold | Henry Smith |
| Carol Hummel | Margaret Sullivan |
| Marie Ketchem | Richard Sylvia |
| David Kraemer | Thomas Taormina |
| Betty Kraft | Le Roy Thompson |
| Benjamin Krieger | Raymond Thompson |
| Henry Krieiger | Albert Watts |
| Rita Le Compte | |
| Clayton Myers | |



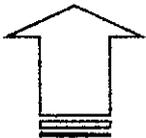
Pot Luck Dinner
with Casa de Restauracion
May 22, 2005
6:30 p.m.

All UEC members are invited to join in a potluck dinner with the membership of Casa de Restauracion on Sunday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

So, dust off the stove, break out the recipe books and whip up your favorite covered dish!

Come and enjoy the fellowship of our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

 * **Saturday Morning Pancake** *
 * **Breakfast at UEC** *
 * **coming in May!!** *
 * UEC will hold a pancake breakfast in *
 * May to benefit the church. The exact *
 * date and time will be announced in *
 * upcoming church bulletins. *
 * **Stay tuned for further details!!** *



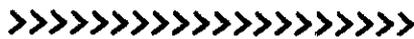
Bits & Pieces

And from the Oops File
(from actual church bulletins)

oops!

From a church bulletin in Canton, Ohio:

The associate minister unveiled the church's new giving campaign slogan last Sunday:
"I Upped My Pledge--Up Yours."



Last Minute Planning

It was the start of a holiday weekend, and the service station was crowded. Finally, an attendant hustled up to the local minister who had been waiting in line for some time. "I'm sorry about the delay, pastor," the attendant apologized, "but it seems like everybody waits until the last minute to get ready for a trip which they knew they were going on all along."

The pastor smiled and said, "I know what you mean. I have the same problem in my business."

Witty One Liners...

- Money talks but all mine ever says is "goodbye."
- I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.
- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.



Comics Corner



"May I have a word with you about the new summer choir outfits?"



"I can't believe it! The same woman who sends me to my room for staining my clothes just donated money for stained glass."

Kids Only!!

Plastic Bottle Piggy Bank

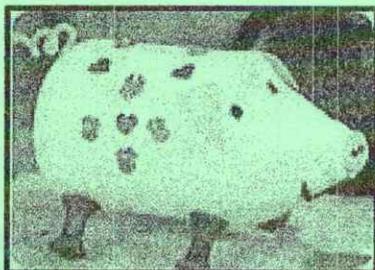
Materials:

- one plastic bleach bottle
- felt
- four tapered fabric softener bottle caps
- pipe cleaner
- scissors
- pencil

Steps:

1. Remove the handle and bottle neck from a half gallon bleach bottle by sawing across the bottle just below the upper end of the handle.
2. Using a knife, cut around the other end of the handle, leaving as small an opening as possible. Close the opening at the top of the bottle by inserting the bottle cap into the hole. Glue a felt flower cutout over the other opening.
3. Glue floppy felt ears in place. Glue on felt eyes and mouth. For the snout, glue a felt circle over the inverted bottle cap. Glue a narrow felt strip around the outside edge of the circle.
4. To make snug-fitting legs, glue a strip of felt around four identical 1-1/2" to 2" fabric softener bottle caps. Cut holes to accommodate legs in the bleach bottle. Insert the tapered ends of the felt-covered softener caps into the bleach bottle. Secure with glue.

To make a tail, curl a pipe cleaner around a pencil. Punch a hole in the bleach bottle to accommodate a tail. Insert the pipe cleaner coil and glue to secure.





Thank God for Rain

Each spring the Lord sends April showers to water the earth. Without rain to nourish our trees, plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, there would be a poor growing season and very little to harvest. Thank God for rainy weather!

Write the words from the raindrops on the numbered lines below. Find the Bible verse.

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Zechariah 10:1-5

Answer: Ask the Lord for rain to the springtime, as the Lord who makes the corn flourish. He gives showers of rain to mint, and plants of the field to respond. Zechariah 10:1

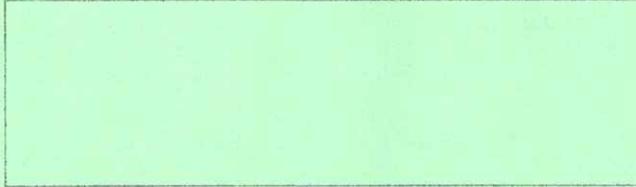
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