

# The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Oct/Nov 2004

## Pastor's Message

### "God is Still Speaking"

My colleague, Bob Ridenour, the pastor at Zion Golden Ring, is someone I greatly respect. I always look forward to reading his message in their church's newsletter. I keep all of his messages in a folder because they are worth keeping. In his most recent message he quotes an author who wrote:

*"For anyone who knows history, they know that change is a law of life. (I might add, a law of God) Any attempt to stifle or contain change guarantees an explosion down the road. The more rigid the adherence to the status quo, the more devastating the explosion will be."*

Once again, Bob's reflection is worth keeping. This recognition that change is the law of God is part of the basis for the UCC's motto "God is Still Speaking."

As a denomination we have been using this motto for over two years now, but in reality it is a belief out of which our denomination has originated. In 1620, as he sent part of his pilgrim congregation forth to America, John Robinson is quoted as saying to them, "The Lord hath more light and truth yet to break forth from his holy Word." Translated into today's language: God is still speaking.

Based on this belief that God is still speaking, the UCC has embarked on an advertising campaign aimed at promoting the identity of our church, and a radically inclusive Gospel message. In Lent, this campaign began with the airing of a television com-

mmercial in six test market areas. The response was beyond what anyone had imagined (see Eph. 3:20). The following were what people wrote to the national offices:

*Last Sunday our church attendance grew by over 25% due to the publicity. One family immediately said, "This is the type of church we've been waiting 20 years for," and immediately asked for a pledge card.*

*Just found the church by me and went to service yesterday. I found a home! Thank you for the enlightened thinking and thank you for the great commercials that brought me into the church.*

In Advent, another advertising campaign will begin, this time nationwide. Myself, and the council, think that it is good idea that we attach our church to this successful campaign to let people know that we

are here. But there needs to be advanced preparation by the church. The

Still Speaking campaign promotes a multi-racial, multi-cultural vision for the UCC which is a far cry from our all German, all white heritage. It also promotes an open and affirming position towards gays and lesbians.

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## Church Council

Since the autonomy in the UCC lies within each church, this may not be an accurate picture of every faith community. Therefore, in October, we are sending delegates from council to a Still speaking training session so that we can promote our church accurately and with integrity as to who we are as a faith community.

In the meantime, as we wait to hear back from our Still speaking delegates, I invite you to listen for God speaking in our 9:15 Sunday morning Bible study class. It is not too late to join, and the discussion has been stimulating as we have been reflecting on the life of our Savior who himself was considered a sinner amongst his contemporaries.

Jesus, as Bob's quote points out, was the explosion in the rigid adherence to the status quo of his day. My prayer is that as followers of Jesus, we will be willing to risk being the same thing today, for God is still speaking!

In Christ,  
Rev. Cathy

## Council Highlights

### Church Building Repairs

A new tile floor was installed in Friendship Hall. Due to a past flood, the tiles were coming up and needed to be replaced. Funds received last year from the church's insurance carrier covered the cost of the work.



*I came  
that they may  
have life, and  
have it abundantly.*

John 10:10

# The United Endeavor

## Church Council

### Council Highlights

#### Spiritual Committee



### To 1st Saturdays Contemporary Worship!

Dress is casual, worship is intimate, atmosphere is friendly and fellowship is in great abundance.

Wanda Digennaro has joined our team as the new minister of music for Saturday worship service. She has been in music ministry for 24 years as a member of the Church of God. Wanda and her husband, Tim reside in Dundalk.

Please welcome Wanda by being a part of our Contemporary Worship services held on the first Saturday of each month. Come, worship, and learn. Join us in Contemporary Worship held the first Saturday of each month.

#### Upcoming Services

November 6 "Being Thankful"

December 4 "Emmanuel"

Come, worship, participate.

The door is open.

Sour Beef & Dumpling Dinner-Oct. 20, 21, 22

**Fellowship Committee**

As you may know, our annual "All Church" Sour Beef and Dumpling Dinner will be held from October 20th thru October 22nd.

This year there are some significant changes:

1. Carry Outs only—No sit down dinners or lunches
2. New Menu  
4 dumplings  
16 oz. sour beef & gravy  
buttered green beans  
bread
3. Carry Outs will be sold on all 3 days.

Volunteers will be served coffee and doughnuts each day. There will be no free lunch. Please bring your own lunch or we can order "carry outs" ☺.

Remember, this is a fund raiser for our church. We need your help!!!

God bless all of you and remember to pray for the continuance of our church and it's mission.

Bob Osburne  
Fellowship Chairman



**Volunteers are needed—check the schedule below for additional information.**

**SOUR BEEF DINNER SCHEDULE**

Time each day: 8:00 a.m. – til ? or as your time permits

DAY	DATE	TASKS	NO. PEOPLE REQUIRED
Wed.	10/13	Receive meat Make onion and spice bags Clean up	5
Thurs.	10/14	Trim meat – marinate Clean up	6
Fri.	10/15	Cook meat Clean up	6
Sat.	10/16	Brown flour, crush Ginger Snaps Clean up	4
Sun.	10/17	Peel potatoes	3
Mon.	10/18	Peel, eye, cut up, cook, and rice potatoes Clean up	30
Tue.	10/19	Make dumplings and gravy, package carry outs Clean up	20
Wed.	10/20	Package carry outs, make dumplings and gravy, sell dinners Clean up	20
Thurs.	10/21	Package carry outs, make dumplings and gravy, sell dinners Clean up	20
Fri.	10/22	Package carry outs, make dumplings, sell dinners Clean Up	20

Number of people required each day is an estimate – more are always welcomed.

## Christian Education Happenings

### Christian Education Committee

The committee has been busy in the last couple of months. On August 21<sup>st</sup> Concetta Clark, educator and leader of the PACT program at United, presented a workshop for teachers in the Church School to assist them in providing the best possible atmosphere for children of varying ages and talents. Some of the ideas she presented might be useful to parents so I will highlight some of them:

- provide hands on creative activities for young children/also for older children
- keep their surrounding simplified (Children can only play with one toy at a time so they really do not need a wide array of them all the time.)
- positive language: As an example, instead of saying, "Get your feet off that chair." an alternative might be "I'd like to see your feet on the floor."
- Look for positive things your child is doing.
- Remember that children will exhibit age appropriate characteristics as they grow. We need to be cognizant of this so we can respond in a helpful and nurturing manner.



We really did appreciate having Concetta volunteer her time on a Saturday morning to bring us some "food for thought" when working with our/your children. Also, she had come to share some thoughts with us and brought us gifts – Beanie Baby bears with a lovely verse thanking us for what we do. We thank you, Concetta, for all you do here at United and sharing your thoughts with us.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the church had a picnic at Fort Howard Park. Everyone who attended the Church Picnic seemed to really enjoy themselves. It was nice to see families having fun together. The games seemed to be a success.

The Church School staff organized the games and presented prizes to the winners. Rev. Cathy helped the church school staff keep the games going smoothly. While that was happening, the adults, and a few children, played Bingo. The food was delicious. The planners of the event and the hot dog/hamburger grillers did a wonderful job. The desserts and other foods brought by the congregants were much enjoyed as well. The only thing that would have made it even nicer would have been more people attending. It was such a nice way to join in fellowship with others from United.

Fall programming has begun. To get the new season started, there was a rededication of the Church School staff during the 10:30 service. Since there were no children moving from the nursery/ kindergarten to the multi-age group, the children as a group were recognized for their faithful attendance and received a little gift from the Church School.

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## Christian Education Happenings

This is the third year in the cycle of materials, Seasons of the Spirit, based on the church lectionary (scripture lesson). In addition to the nursery/primary and multi-age groups in the church school, we also have an adult Bible Study group meeting in the Quiet Room after the first worship service. We are happy to welcome Bob Osburne as the leader of this group. Bob is using a curriculum developed for adult education by Greg Carey from the Lancaster Theological Seminary entitled "Sinners: Jesus and His Earliest Followers". Early Christian communities were accused of doing many wrong things and violating civic and religious standards of their day. Using their stories of heroic faith and righteous devotion, the group will reflect upon biblical passages that should open the path to creative reflection about our own practices of discipleship.

I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of George Nassner. George led the Adult Bible Study for some time and is missed very much. He contributed so much to Christian Education at United.

The Christian Education committee will soon begin making plans for the holidays. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please see me or any other member of the Church School staff. We are still looking for that special someone with gifts to share with our older youth (above Confirmation age). If you enjoy working with older youth, please let us know. Seasons of the Spirit has a curriculum you can follow with opportunities for you to personalize it in your own way. We really need someone to come forward and accept this rewarding activity.

Peace and joy to each of you. Come join us at Church School and bring some children and your talents with you.

Carol Rowell

Christian Education Committee Member



**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**

Mission Moments

**Annual Earl's Place 5K Run  
November 6th**

**Calvin Gundlach & Rebecca Orendorff  
have graciously volunteered to represent  
UEC again this year.**

Be sure to let Rebecca & Calvin know that you support their efforts to help the men at Earl's Place by agreeing to sponsor them.



**Earl's Place Fall Gala  
Friday, October 29th  
at Overhills Mansion**

Dinner with a silent auction.

Cost—\$ 50.00 per person (\$20 of which goes directly to Earl's Place).

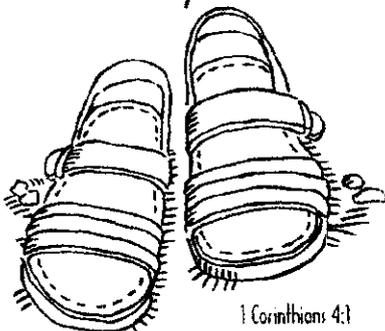
Invitations to the Gala, which include directions and registration cards are available in the Narthex.



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

***Just a  
Reminder...***

Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.



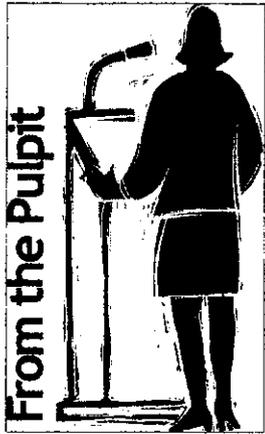
1 Corinthians 4:1

## Chesapeake Association Happenings

### Pulpit Switch

**October 31st**

An all Association Pulpit Switch will take place on Sunday, October 31st.



Worship times remain the same however, Rev. Cathy will lead worship at First & St. Stephens and we at UEC will have a visiting pastor to lead our services.

### Chesapeake Association Fall Meeting

will be held on

**October 24 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
at the Freedom Schooner Amistad  
which will be visiting Baltimore**

The Fall meeting includes a worship service to kick off the "God is Still Speaking" campaign. The meeting will be held in a tent alongside the schooner.

The Amistad is historically significant. A slave revolt occurred on the schooner Amistad in 1839 which resulted in the first civil rights case to be argued before the United States Supreme Court.

Free public tours of the Amistad are being offered along with the chance to learn more about this amazing story

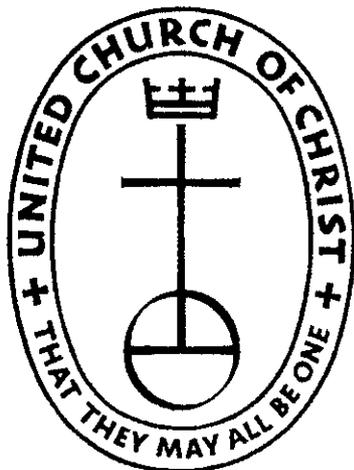
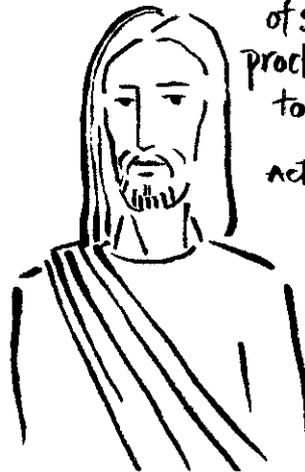
### Ecclesiastical Council

**November 13 @ 10:30 a.m.**

Council will meet at First & St. Stephens Church located at 6915 York Road on November 13th.

The meeting is being held to approve Craig Sparks as a candidate for ordination.

Through Jesus  
the forgiveness  
of sins is  
proclaimed  
to you.  
Acts 13:38



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

## 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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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### A Stewardship Story

The unselfish sharing of two hot dog buns by a table full of street kids spoke a thousand words to Erin Larsen, a Global Mission Intern in Paraguay.

"We took the boys to a camp in the country for a weekend. I was pouring their drinks, not really paying attention to anything else, while one of the boys passed out the buns. When I looked to see that everyone had been served, I noticed that each boy had one bun, but there were two at my spot. I couldn't believe it. These boys, who were dressed in dirty, torn clothes; who ate three servings of every meal that weekend; who lived 'survival of the fittest' from day to day, found room in their hearts to give unselfishly. They didn't think twice about it, but to me their simple act of kindness and selfless giving meant everything."

Our United Church of Christ missionaries who work among the poor in many countries of the world write often of the unselfish acts and sharing of resources that they witness. Our missionaries share themselves unselfishly, as well. And we share our resources in support of them with our gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

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## Worship Survey

Due to poor attendance over the past several years at both the Thanksgiving, and the late service on Christmas Eve, a different format is being considered for these services. Please answer the questions below to help the Pastor and Council make a decision concerning our future worship life. You may encounter this survey again, please fill it out only once.

Our Thanksgiving Service is at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Have you attended the Thanksgiving Day service in the last 5 years?

- Yes
- No

If not, why?

- Have to work
- Family or traveling plans
- Not interested
- Other, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Would you attend a service on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving?

- Yes
- No

If there is a 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day service this year, will you attend?

- Yes
- No

Which Christmas Eve service do you plan to attend this year?

- 7:30 p.m.
- 11:00 p.m.
- Neither

If the 11:00 p.m. service was not available, would you come at 7:30 p.m.?

- Yes
- No

**PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY TO THE CHURCH.**

**ONLY ONE SURVEY PER MEMBER. THANK YOU.**

# The United Endeavor

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

## Ladies Organization Trips & Events



### Faith Church

Saturday, November 6

Bus Filled—Waiting List available

### Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings All Meetings Begin at 12 noon

Oct 13 Luncheon 12 noon

Nov 10 Luncheon 12 noon

Dec 8 Luncheon 12 noon

## 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 2004 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.
3 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <b>Food Bank Donations</b> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	4	5	6 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	7 Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	8	9 Confirmation Class Retreat
10 Laitly Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	11	12 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	13 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	14 Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	15	16
17 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	18	19 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20 Sour Beef & Dumpling Carryout Dinner		21	22
24 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	25	26	27 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	28 Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	29	30
31 Reformation Sunday All Association Pulpit Switch 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education  Daylight Saving Ends (Turn Your Clocks Back!)						

The United Endeavor

# UEC November 2004 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 All Saints Day	2	3 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	4 Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m. Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	5	6 Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.
7 <i>Communion Sunday</i> Food Bank Donations 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	8	9 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Ladies Organization Lunch 12 noon Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	11 Veterans Day Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m. Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	12	13 Chesapeake Association Ecclesiastical Council Meeting First & St. Stephens Church 10:30 a.m.
14 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	15	16 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	18 Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m. Choir practice 7:30 p.m.	19	20
21 Totenfest Sunday Neighbors in Need Offering 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	22	23	24 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 Christmas Decorating in the Sanctuary 9:00 a.m.	27
28 First Sunday of Advent 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service 9:15 Christian Education	29	30				

### Music to a Pastor's Ear

1. We were just getting ready to leave for church when company came — so we brought them with us.
2. I know it looks impossible, but with God's help we can do it.
3. Of course I'll accept responsibility. It will be a privilege.
4. I'm willing to help in any way I can.
5. God was really speaking to me through you during today's service.
6. I'll be glad to help you with visitations

### United Evangelical Church

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Daylight Savings  
Ends October 31st!!

### A "Hunger Site at the U.N" on the Internet

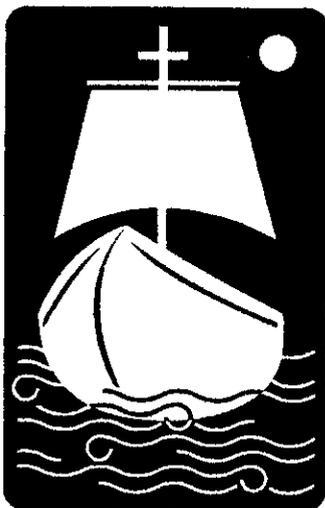
All you have to do is click a button and somewhere in the world some hungry person gets a meal to eat at no cost to you. Corporate sponsors pay for the food. Just go to the site listed below and click.

**No gimmicks, no tricks.**

You are only allowed one click per day, so spread the word to others.

**The Freedom Schooner Amistad is returning  
to Baltimore, October 22nd thru October 27th!!**

In 1839, slaves aboard a ship called the *Amistad* revolted to secure their freedom while being transported from one Cuban port to another. Their leader was Sengbe Pieh, a young Mende man, but popularly known in United States history as Joseph Cinque. The slaves had been kidnapped mostly from the neighborhood of the Colony of Sierra Leone and sold to Spanish slavers. They eventually received their freedom in 1841, after two years' internment in the United States awaiting the verdict of the courts regarding their "revolt." This was the celebrated Amistad Case, an episode far better known in the United States than on the other side of the Atlantic. But the incident had a far-reaching impact on both sides, influencing the course of American history and especially the development of Afro-American culture, while, in Sierra Leone, leading to the inauguration of American missionary activity that trained many of the elite group that led the nationalist movement to achieve independence from colonial rule. This incident resulted in the first civil rights case to be argued before the US Supreme Court.



The Amistad will be visiting Baltimore from Oct. 22—Oct. 31. Take advantage of the free public tours and the chance to learn more about this amazing story. The ship will be open for public tours on the following days:

Friday	October 22	2:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 23	2:00-5:00 p.m.
Sunday	October 24	10:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 27	3:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 28	2:00-5:00 p.m.
Friday	October 29	2:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	October 30	2:00-5:00 p.m.
Sunday	October 31	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

There will be a display tent dockside of the Amistad with a variety of related presentations.

The United Church of Christ, Central Atlantic Conference is pleased to be a major sponsor for this event. If you would like to make a financial donation to this project, it would be welcomed and appreciated. Simply contact the Central Atlantic Conference United Church of Christ, 916 Rolling Road, Baltimore, MD 21228, phone 1-800-441-1965 or 1-410-788-4190.

Did You Know...

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Thus, Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. That is a process in which we participate, and the consummation of which we anticipate.

Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power.

Advent's prayers are prayers of humble devotion and commitment, prayers of submission, prayers for deliverance, prayers from those walking in darkness who are awaiting a great light!

Excerpts from *The Season of Advent*  
Anticipation and Hope  
Dennis Bratcher



The **Advent wreath** is an increasingly popular symbol of the beginning of the Church year in many churches as well as homes. It is a circular evergreen wreath (real or artificial) with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the center. Since the wreath is symbolic and a vehicle to tell the Christmas story, there are various ways to understand the symbolism. The exact meaning given to the various aspects of the wreath is not as important as the story to which it invites us to listen, and participate.

The **circle of the wreath** reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The **green of the wreath** speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. **Candles** symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The **four outer candles** represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

The **colors of the candles** vary with different traditions, but there are usually three purple or blue candles, corresponding to the sanctuary colors of Advent, and one pink or rose candle. One of the purple candles is lighted the first Sunday of Advent, a Scripture is read, a short devotional or reading is given, and a prayer offered. On subsequent Sundays, previous candles are relight with an additional one lighted. The pink candle is lighted on the third Sunday of Advent.

The **light of the candles** itself becomes an important symbol of the season. The light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope.

Special Stuff

**2004-2005 Confirmation Class**

This year UEC welcomes 3 confirmants into our church family.

A 3-day retreat to kickoff the class begins on Sunday, October 9th.

Classes will meet every Wednesday evening beginning October 13th. Meeting time is 6:00 p.m.

Please pray for us as we learn about our Lord and the importance of faith in life.

Confirmation Class



**Sanctuary Holiday Decorating**

*It's that time of year again!!*

*Want to get into the holiday spirit?*

***Come join us for Christmas decorating in the Sanctuary on Friday, November 26th. Starting at 9:00 a.m. the annual "hanging of the greens" begins.***



**Hanging  
of the  
Greens**

## Special Announcements

To: All Participants in the "Lord's Supper Tableau"  
Fr: Ed Myers and Bill Single  
Re: Who were you?  
Where are you?  
We need you!

Ed Myers and Bill Single are currently planning a reunion of all participants in the "Lord's Supper Tableau."

So if you had a role (or served behind the scenes) during any of the Tableau re-enactments and would like to participate in the reunion, please contact,

Ed Myers at (410) 288-2368  
Or  
Bill Single at (410) 866-2159



**ED & BILL ASK THAT YOU CONTACT EITHER OF THEM AT THE ABOVE NOTED TELEPHONE NUMBERS.**

**THEY WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ALL PARTICIPANTS, REGARDLESS IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION OR NOT.**

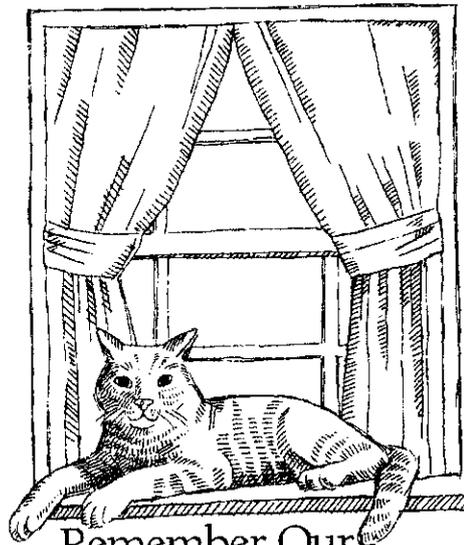
## Visitation Ministry

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

## Annual Picnic Notes



### Annual Picnic

Blessed with a beautiful late summer day, the annual UEC picnic was a pleasant and relaxing experience for all who attended. Attendees feasted on grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and a smorgasbord of desserts. There was a water balloon toss, small tikes baseball game, and a little bingo during the day. All in all a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

Very special thanks go out to Ursula Jacob and Cass Young for organizing and planning another successful UEC picnic.

Special kudos to our volunteer grillers: Lori Betch & Dana Clark

Bill & Pat Meyers, Karen Meyers & Dana Clark (they supplied the grills!)

And now (trumpet roll please) the picnic contest winners were:

#### Age 5 & Under

##### Fishing Game

1st Place Austin Johnson  
2nd Place Jake Orendorff

##### Egg on a Spoon Race

1st Place Jessie Jenkins  
2nd Place Jake Orendorff

#### Age 6 to 10

##### Egg on a Spoon Race

1st Place Doug Scheeler  
2nd Place Eric Sanders

##### Water Balloon Toss

Winning Team—Amber Edwards & Claire Hovermill

##### Potato Sack Race

1st Place Eric Sanders  
2nd Place Doug Scheeler

#### Age 10 & Under

##### Water Balloon Fight

Jessie Jenkins

##### Adult/Child Water Balloon Toss

Winning Team—JoAnn & Amanda  
Johnson

##### Adult Water Balloon Toss

Winning Team—Kris Orendorff &  
Dana Clark



Special Announcements

**Neighbors in Need Offering  
Sunday, November 21st**

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.

Here are a just a few examples:

Neighbors in Need grants are helping to sponsor programs that train youth how to be social justice advocates, teaching others to live in a multicultural, multiracial world in just, antiracist, peaceful, and compassionate ways.

Neighbors in Need grants help leverage support for universal health care so that everyone who needs health care gets it.

Neighbors in Need grants support groups who work to ensure that the civil rights and civil liberties of all God's children are protected and cherished.

Neighbors in Need grants support ministries that shape our nation's public policies in ways that promote genuine domestic and global harmony.

Neighbors in Need grants support the training of educators who teach children, youth, and adults self and divine love through the honoring of their spirituality.



Please give generously—your contribution does make a difference.

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## Annual Picnic Notes



### Annual Picnic

Blessed with a beautiful late summer day, the annual UEC picnic was a pleasant and relaxing experience for all who attended. Attendees feasted on grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and a smorgasbord of desserts. There was a water balloon toss, small tikes baseball game, and a little bingo during the day. All in all a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

**Very special thanks go out to Ursula Jacob and Cass Young for organizing and planning another successful UEC picnic.**

Special kudos to our volunteer grillers: Lori Betch & Dana Clark

Bill & Pat Meyers, Karen Meyers & Dana Clark (they supplied the grills!)

**And now (trumpet roll please) the picnic contest winners were:**

#### Age 5 & Under

##### Fishing Game

1st Place Austin Johnson  
2nd Place Jake Orendorff

##### Egg on a Spoon Race

1st Place Jessie Jenkins  
2nd Place Jake Orendorff

#### Age 6 to 10

##### Egg on a Spoon Race

1st Place Doug Scheeler  
2nd Place Eric Sanders

##### Water Balloon Toss

Winning Team—Amber Edwards & Claire Hovermill

##### Potato Sack Race

1st Place Eric Sanders  
2nd Place Doug Scheeler

#### Age 10 & Under

##### Water Balloon Fight

Jessie Jenkins

##### Adult/Child Water Balloon Toss

Winning Team—JoAnn & Amanda  
Johnson

#### Adult Water Balloon Toss

Winning Team—Kris Orendorff &  
Dana Clark



Special Announcements

**Neighbors in Need Offering  
Sunday, November 21st**

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.

Here are a just a few examples:

Neighbors in Need grants are helping to sponsor programs that train youth how to be social justice advocates, teaching others to live in a multicultural, multiracial world in just, antiracist, peaceful, and compassionate ways.

Neighbors in Need grants help leverage support for universal health care so that everyone who needs health care gets it.

Neighbors in Need grants support groups who work to ensure that the civil rights and civil liberties of all God's children are protected and cherished.

Neighbors in Need grants support ministries that shape our nation's public policies in ways that promote genuine domestic and global harmony.

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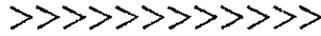
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Bits & Pieces

And from the Oops File  
(from actual church bulletins)



**oops!**

From a church newsletter in Ashrafia, Ohio

THIS WEEK

Rev. Long will beat the Synod Council.  
The meeting is on Wednesday from 6:30.  
Sounds like something (or someone) needs a little space.

The Advantages of being  
Adam and Eve

Someone once suggested that Adam and Eve must have had a marriage with little conflict. Adam didn't have to listen to



Eve talk about all the other fellows she could have married. And Eve didn't have to hear Adam boast about what a great cook his mother was!



As a doctor examined a 4-year-old boy, he thought it would be interesting to let the lad listen to the beating of his own heart. With the listening device in his ears and the probe on his heart, the boy was asked, "What do you hear?"

The boy, who attended Sunday school regularly, responded, "Is that Jesus knocking?"

Comics Corner



"Remember, sir, that which you render unto God is deductible from that which you render unto Caesar."



Campbell

"Please bless these chops, these peas and these potatoes, both actual and couch."

# Kids Only!!



Make a Scary Snack—

## EDIBLE SPIDERS!

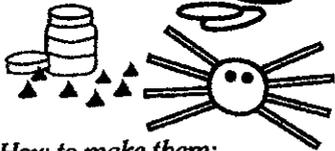
They may sound creepy, but these snacks are yummy.

Here's what you need:

- round crackers
- peanut butter

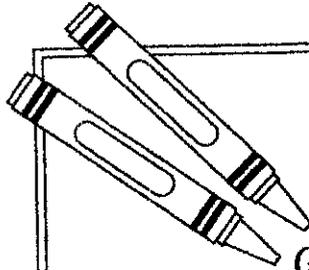
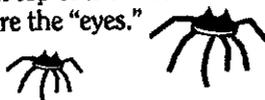
(Caution!: If you're allergic to nuts, you can use marshmallow cream instead of peanut butter.)

- chocolate chips
- mini-pretzel sticks
- knife



How to make them:

1. Check with a grown-up before you start.
2. Take one round cracker and spread peanut butter (or marshmallow) on it.
3. Push 8 pretzel sticks into the peanut butter. These are the "legs."
4. Put a second cracker on top. (You may need to add a little more peanut butter first.)
5. Using a little peanut butter as "glue," stick 2 chocolate chips on top of the crackers. These are the "eyes."

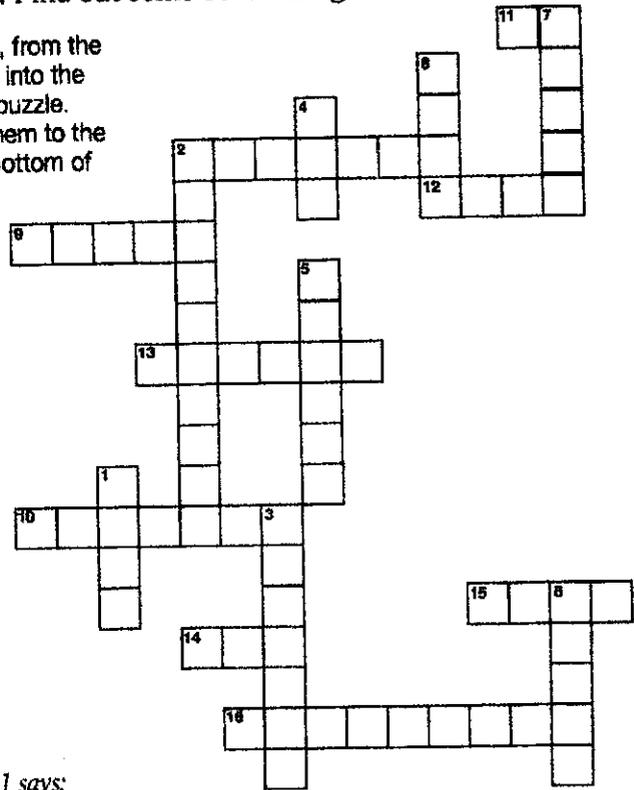


# Just for KIDS

God Does Wonderful Things!

October is a season of change. God causes all things to change for his purpose. Find out some other things God does.

Fit these words, from the Book of Daniel, into the squares of the puzzle. Then transfer them to the blanks on the bottom of the page.



**Word List**

- up
- God
- his
- ever
- sets
- wise
- name
- power
- times
- kings
- praise
- wisdom
- changes
- seasons
- deposes
- knowledge
- discerning

Daniel 2:20-21 says:

"\_\_\_\_\_ be to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_;  
 He \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
 He gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_."

Answer: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning."

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