

# The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Jun/Jul '04

## Pastor's Message

### Becoming and Belonging

*Becoming and Belonging* is the title of a confirmation curriculum that is published by the United Church of Christ. The title addresses the dynamics that confirmation age adolescents face. As they are forming an identity, *becoming* young adults, they look for places to *belong*, they search for where they fit in.

Confirmation is meant to help young people integrate Christianity as a part of their identity, and with Jesus' message of

unconditional love, hopefully let them know that the church will always be a place that they fit in. This analogy of becoming and belonging can be applied to how the Church relates with its community as well. As communities evolve, forming new identities, it is vital that the voice of the Church be heard in order that the message of God's love will *become* a part of the fabric of that community. Only then will people feel like the Church is a place where they fit in, a place where they *belong*.

Recently in the news there has been debate over multiculturalism and its place in American society. An article in the *Baltimore Sun* described the world of Governor Ehrlich's grandfather, a German immigrant to Baltimore in the late 1800's. This article in essence described the world in which Batz's was founded. Like many institutes of the time, this church helped an evolving city hear God's love as our message was spoken in German. In so doing, people knew the church was a place that they fit in.

This is our history, and in some respects it is a history that we have to overcome; no longer is our community one that is filled with immigrants looking for a place to fit in. Meeting with other leaders recently to talk about church development, we were asked to first look at the situations within our churches, and then look outside the church and see what is possible.

Inside our church we find some activities geared

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for a different era. One of the reasons

we struggle for help with our dinner is because in today's society a dinner outside of the home is no longer a special event. One of the reasons the ladies organization has trouble attracting new members is because in today's society women have many more opportunities outside of the home than they once did.

Yet outside of United today we still find an evolving community that desperately needs to hear of the redemptive power of God's love. We have a society where the family unit is defined in many different ways, where healthcare and housing is a major concern for older adults, where public education is struggling, and where war is a reality despite any presidential declaration calling an end to official conflict.

How we as a church speak to these situations of our society will determine whether people will feel like the church is a place where they belong

## Comments from Your Church Council

### Pastor's message (cont'd from page 1)

today. I am excited about the possibility of United housing the Southeast Community Organization (SECO). Their presence here will be one way for the church to *become* an integral part of the fabric of our society today. Yet the possibilities for Batz's are even greater than just being a home to SECO. There is a whole city waiting for God's message of love to be spoken to the issues of education, senior care, family needs, and violence in our world.

The last thing we were told at the meeting on church development was to pray. And so I ask you all to join with me and the leaders of our church in praying for God's vision for United, and for the willingness and commitment within our church to show our world today that they *belong* in this house of God.

In Christ,  
Rev. Cathy

### Church Council

We have just recently completed another Lenten and Easter season, as well as the honoring of our mothers on Mother's Day. As we approach Memorial Day, it is important that we remember to honor those who have served our country, and especially those who have given their lives for our freedom. On Father's Day, let us not forget our fathers who have played such an important part in the molding of our lives.

Soon summer will be with us and many of us will be taking vacations with our families and friends. Our wishes are for a very relaxing, enjoyable, and safe experience whatever it may be and wherever it may take you. Just remember that the only way God gets a vacation is if you take him with you, so don't forget to save a place for him in your plans.

May God's peace, power, and spirit be with each of us as we go about our daily lives and as we serve Him.

Clarence Rowell  
Council President



## Comments from Your Church Council

### Altar Committee

The Altar Committee welcomes Rose Marie Jefferson as a new member. She is filling the opening created by Olga's absence. Olga had to discontinue helping with the altar due to health problems. We hope that she will be able to be a part of the committee again very soon.

The live flowers on the altar truly add so much to the beauty of our church. We thank everyone who donates them. We would like to request that you



take your flowers home after the second service. They can also be picked up anytime during the week, as we keep them fresh in the kitchen refrigerator. We ask that

you please return the green vases to the church. The florist charges us \$2.00 each if we do not return them.

Ursula Jacob  
Committee Member

### Ladies Organization

This is an open invitation to all the ladies of the congregation of 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

## Comments from Your Church Council

### Property Manager

As most of you have seen by now, our Friendship Hall has been painted and looks much brighter. We are waiting to hear about our floor. We may be able to retile both the Hall and the Gym. I would like to take time to thank several people for their hard work and time painting the Hall. First, I would like to give a special thank you to Art and Lois Jones and my wife Pat. These three spent all week putting the first coat on with two-inch paint brushes because of the rough surface. They put in a lot of hours. Also, Saturday we



had several people come in to give the hall a second coat and also do the trim. A thank you to John and Barb Matthew, Glen Koch, Bob Osborne, Lori Betch, Joan Stinchcomb and

Gladys Caughy. It was a fun Saturday and we even managed to get some paint on the walls. Thanks again to all. We also replaced the broken screens, made the windows operative, repaired the air conditioning drain pipes and repaired several overhead lights. Our next project will be the windows and doors along East Avenue. This should brighten our school building considerably.

Speaking of the school building, we have a party interested in renting part of our building. The Southeast Senior Housing Initiative is showing interest in our 4th floor and gym. They are seeking office and classroom space for their literacy program which provides support for those seeking GED equivalencies. They may also need space for a computer program, provided they receive grant funding. We will be meeting with them in the very near future. We still have 1st Mariner showing interest, along with a new Church which is looking to rent space from us until they can afford to

buy. Their current congregation numbers sixty-five people and growing, making their current space unsuitable. They would like to rent space for their Bible study and Sunday school. They would hold their service Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. and bible study Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. In short, we have a lot of positive things going on and all could help us repair and update our school building.

My apologies for not having the air conditioning on in time for this early heat wave, but it is not just a matter of throwing a switch. We had to make repairs to the wiring on the roof and contact Four Seasons Air Conditioning Company to turn the units on. Hopefully, everything will be working by the time you read this.

Goodbye and God Bless,  
Bill Meyers

## Comments from Your Church Council

### Christian Education Committee

As part of the Lenten and Easter season, the Church School once again participated in activities in the sanctuary. On Palm Sunday they waived their palm leaves and marched into church before the choir. On Easter they made a beautiful Living Cross in the sanctuary during the Church School hour. In addition, they have also been singing in church on the third Sunday of the month to the delight of all. While they will sing again during June and July, they will not sing during August **since there will be no Church School during August through September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

The mile of pennies drive that the church had for the House of Ruth was a huge success. With the amount that was collected in church and in the church school we more than met our goal with more than \$850! Thank you to all who made this possible.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a Rally Day welcoming everyone back to Church School. We hope that we will also see some new faces in the Church School. We have room for lots more children. At present we have teachers to educate children through age 12 but we are hoping to add a youth department. If you can visualize yourself working with an eager group of young people and experiencing the rewards of this encounter, please let the pastor or me know. While it will take some time in preparation, the materials are well-developed and training would be provided. I can be reached at 410-866-3522 or you can call the church office.

During June and July the teachers will focus on an ecology unit about preserving God's earth. In addition, this may be supplemented by storybooks that

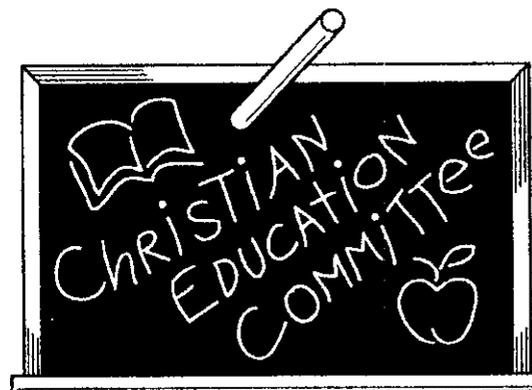
are familiar and some new children's stories that can be read by/with their teachers. There are activities to accompany these stories that will reinforce the Christian teachings in each one.

The council has set a date for another all church picnic for September 12<sup>th</sup>. This will coincide with Rally Day. The Church School will again plan some games – mostly for children and children with adults. Prizes will be awarded. Every family is asked to bring food and drinks with them this year. There are grills in the park or some of you might even want to bring your own grills. Or you can do what we will probably do, just pick up chicken at a fast food place before coming to the park and bring any other goodies with you. Once again, the picnic will be held in a pavilion at Fort Howard Park in Edgemere. Everyone seemed to really enjoy their experience there last year and we hope the weather is as cooperative again.

While you will not receive this until after our next meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to attend our following meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in becoming part of this committee and would be willing to promote Christian education among our church family.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Carol Rowell  
Christian Education Committee Member



Did You Know...

**The Beatitudes**

Many of you have heard of the Beatitudes of Christ. They are eight statements reminding us of the virtues Christ taught and the way to implement those virtues.

The Beatitudes are a map of life, a series of directives helping us on our journey back to God. They are simply stated, but profound in meaning. Almost every great spiritual writer has written about the Beatitudes. Every Saint has lived the Beatitudes. They guide. They point. They teach the values of Christ. Those same values can bring us all into the Kingdom of God after our journey on this earth is over.

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for  
righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*



Way to Go  
United!!!

Because of your  
generosity,  
UEC was able to meet our  
"Mile of Pennies Mission"  
goal.

Not only did we meet the goal, we surpassed it,  
collecting \$923.00!!!

Here is the letter written by Pastor to the House  
of Ruth...

May 12, 2004

Dear House of Ruth,

Enclosed you will find a check for the furthering of  
your mission at the House of Ruth. This money repre-  
sents a Lenten mission project which was undertaken  
by our congregation. As we journeyed with Jesus to  
Jerusalem, we endeavored to collect a mile of pen-  
nies for the House of Ruth.

Laid side to side, there are 16 pennies in a foot. A  
mile of pennies adds up to \$844.80. As you see, we  
reached our goal, plus a few hundred extra feet.

As we seek to be faithful to Christ's call to discip-  
ship, we are grateful for organizations such as your  
own which help us all put the Gospel into practice.  
On behalf of our entire congregation, I thank you for  
the message of hope which you bring to so many  
lives.

In Christ,

Rev. Cathy Oatman

# The United Endeavor

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

## Ladies Organization Trips & Events



**August 4, 2004, Wednesday**

**10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.**

Fisherman's Crab Deck

Grasonville, MD

Boat Ride-Annapolis, MD

\$ 55.00

### Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings

All Meetings Begin at 12 noon

**Jun 9** Thank You Luncheon  
Eichenkrantz Restaurant

**Jul 14** Get Together Lunch  
Caddy Shack Restaurant  
Back River Neck Road  
Everyone is Welcome  
Pay your own way

**Come to the Annual  
Strawberry Festival  
June 12, 2004**

**11:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.  
Friendship Hall**



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### Important Notice

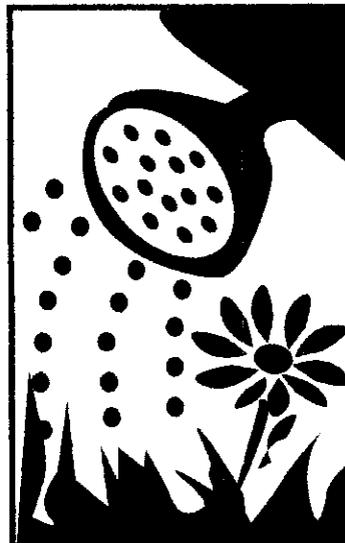
**All trips MUST HAVE DEPOSIT TO HOLD SEATS**

If you must cancel your seat you need to find someone to take your seat to receive your money back.

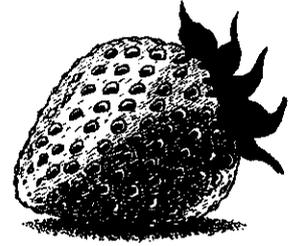
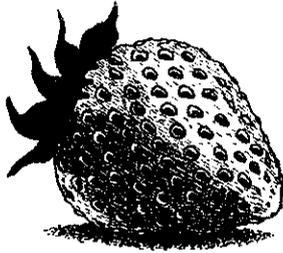
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# **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR**



**LADIES ORGANIZATION  
OF  
UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
DILLON & EAST AVENUE**

**SATURDAY JUNE 12, 2004  
11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.  
FRIENDSHIP HALL**

We invite all friends and neighbors to come and enjoy Strawberries and Ice Cream (also Cool Whip) with us as we celebrate the strawberry season. Other foods available will be Crab Cakes, Hot Dogs, Chips, Ice Tea, Coffee and Soda.

Vendor tables available for \$10.00 per table. Please call Olga at 410-444-8088 or church office at 410-276-0393 and let us know if you want a table.

Tables in Friendship Hall will offer for sale Toys, Flowers, Cakes, Jewelry, Crafts, Xmas Table and Raffles.



***PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.***

# UEC June 2004 Calendar of Events

| Sun   | Mon | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
|---|-----|--|---|---|-----|--|
|   |     | 1  | 2<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.  | 3<br>Contemporary<br>Worship Practice<br>6:30 p.m.<br><br>Choir Practice<br>7:30 p.m. | 4   | 5<br><br>Contemporary<br>Worship<br>5:30 p.m.  |
| 6<br><br>Food Bank<br>Donations<br><br>8:00 & 10:30<br>Worship Service<br><br>9:15 Christian<br>Education | 7   | 8<br><br>Church Council<br>Meeting<br>7:00 p.m.          | 9<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Ladies Organization<br>Lunch<br>12 noon<br>Eickenkrantz<br>Restaurant | 10<br><br>Choir Practice<br>7:30 p.m.   | 11  | 12<br><br>Strawberry Festival<br>11:00am-3:00 pm<br>Friendship Hall                                  |
| 13<br><br>8:00 & 10:30<br>Worship Service<br><br>9:15 Christian<br>Education                              | 14  | 15<br><br>Christian<br>Education<br>Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 16<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.   | 17<br><br>Choir Practice<br>7:30 p.m.   | 18  | 19   |
| 20<br><br>8:00 & 10:30<br>Worship Service<br><br>9:15 Christian<br>Education                              | 21  | 22   | 22<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.   | 24<br><br>Choir Practice<br>7:30 p.m.   | 25  | 26   |
| 27<br><br>8:00 & 10:30<br>Worship Service<br><br>9:15 Christian<br>Education                              | 28  | 29   | 30<br><br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.   |   |     | <br><i>June</i> |

# UEC July 2004 Calendar of Events

| Sun  | Mon | Tue   | Wed   | Thu | Fri | Sat                                       |
|--|-----|---|---|-----|-----|---|
|  |     |   |   | 1   | 2   | 3<br>Contemporary<br>Worship<br>5:30 p.m. |
|  <p>4<br/>July 4<br/>1776<br/>Independence Day</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p> <p>Food Bank<br/>Donations</p> <p>8:00 &amp; 10:30<br/>Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 Christian<br/>Education</p> | 5   | 6   | 7<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.  | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| Rev. Cathy is on vacation July 5-July 19th   |     |   |   |     |     |   |
| 11<br>8:00 & 10:30<br>Worship Service<br>9:15 Christian<br>Education   | 12  | 13<br>Church Council<br>Meeting<br>7:00 p.m.      | 14<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.<br>Ladies Organization<br>Lunch<br>12 noon<br>Caddy Shack<br>Restaurant | 15  | 16  | 17  |
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| 18<br>8:00 & 10:30<br>Worship Service<br>9:15 Christian<br>Education   | 19  | 20<br>Christian Education<br>Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 21<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.   | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| Rev. Cathy is on vacation  |     |   |   |     |     |   |
| 25<br>8:00 & 10:30<br>Worship Service<br>9:15 Christian<br>Education   | 26  | 27  | 28<br>Bible Study<br>10:00 a.m.   | 29  | 30  | 31<br><i>July</i> ★★                      |
|  |     |   |   |     |     |   |

**Only One Answer**

Having a happy time?  
*Praise God.*

Life getting difficult?  
*Seek God.*

Having a quiet moment?  
*Worship God.*

Suffering great pain?  
*Trust God.*

Puzzled about what to do?  
*Ask God.*

Overwhelmed with joy?  
*Thank God.*

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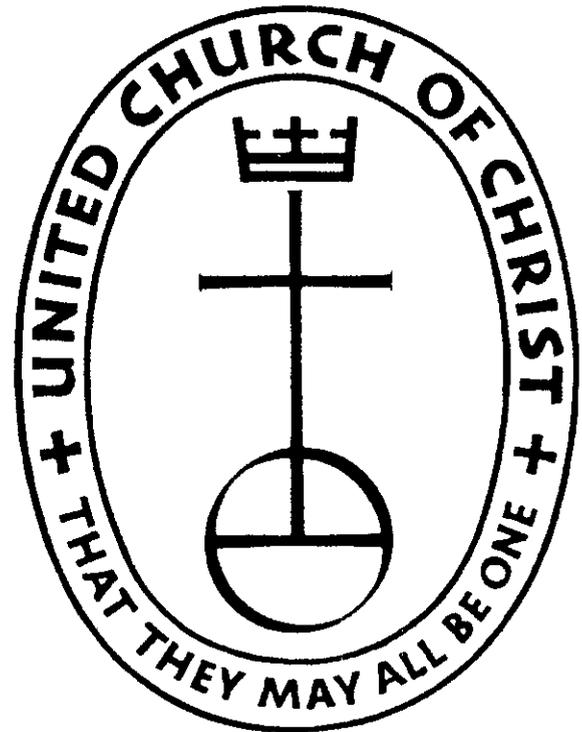
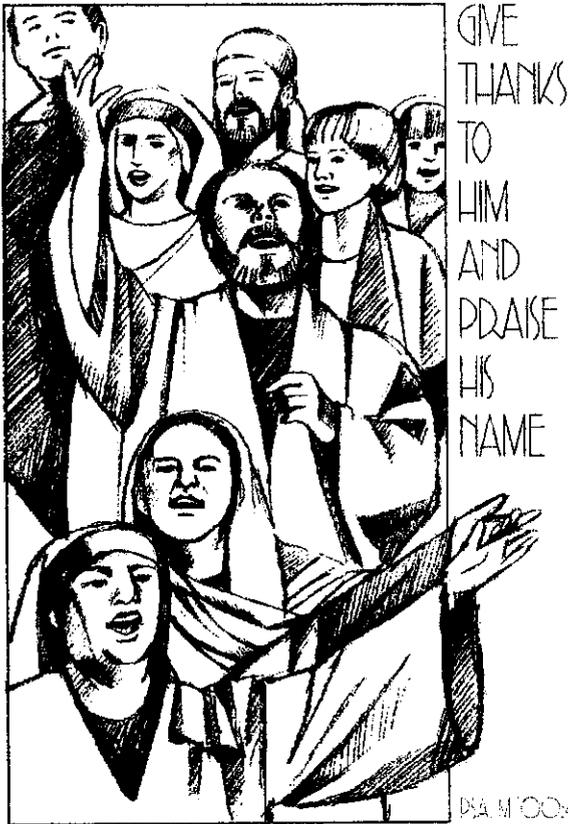
Hours Monday - Friday  
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## Contemplations

### Valued, No Matter What

A speaker began his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. He asked the group of 200, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Most hands went up. He said, "I'll give this \$20 to one of you, but first let me do this." He crumpled up the \$20 bill then asked, "Who still wants it?" Most hands were raised again.

"Well," he continued, "what if I do this?" He dropped it and ground it into the floor with his shoe. He picked up the crumpled and dirty bill. "Now who still wants it?" Again the hands went into the air.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it didn't decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

"Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we're worthless.

"But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him. Psalm 17:8 states that God will keep us 'as the apple of [His] eye.'"

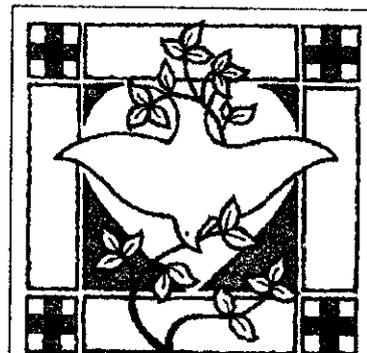
### We Can't Do It Alone

There are many things which a person can do alone, but being a Christian is not one of them. The Christian life is, above all things, a state of



union with Christ, and of union of his followers with one another. Love of the brethren is inseparable from love of God.

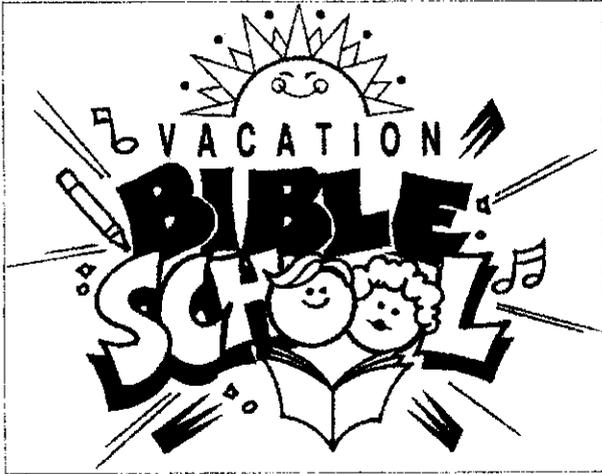
Resentment toward any human being cannot exist in the same heart with love of God. The personal relationship to Christ can only be realized when one has "come to himself" as a member of His Body, the Christian fellowship.



And now these three remain:  
**Faith, Hope and Love.**  
But the greatest of these is Love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Special Announcements



June 28--July 2

Held at St. Brigid's  
In cooperation with  
UEC and Messiah Lutheran

**OUR  
PASTOR**  
will be away  
from: July 5  
to: July 19



Music Sunday

June 27, 2004

Devoted to the importance and use  
of music to worship God.

*Special*  
MUSIC



Anyone who has been attending  
United and is interested in joining or  
learning more about the church,  
New Member Classes will be held on  
June 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Any questions, please contact  
Rev. Cathy, 410-276-0393

## Points to Ponder

### Dealing with Change

Change. That word can wreak havoc and bring a shudder of dread!

What if you've always done a task in a certain way, but suddenly the pastor has a new idea. What do you do? Do what the pastor asks. Give it a try. It's important not to think that one way is the only way—even if it's a good way.

A new pastor will likely bring fresh ideas. Try them on. The pastor might be right. Remember that new ideas and change aren't directed at you personally. They're often meant to improve communication with the congregation and the community.

At a seminar for church secretaries, a Christian psychologist was asked, "How do I adjust to the new minister?" He simply replied, "How does he adjust to you?" It's good to remember that adapting to change works both ways. Adjusting to a new boss, a change or a new idea takes an effort from everyone.

It's not about you. It's about everyone. It's about the church.

It's about doing your best to understand why changes are being made, recognizing that changes are difficult, being respectful, and showing appreciation and support. How can you do all of that understanding, respecting and appreciating? The answer is one word: communicate. The answer is to have honest but kind conversations about the good, the bad and the scary.

Change can be scary because it brings uncertainty. Conversations expressing your thoughts and/or worries about unfamiliar, uncertain things can ease your mind and keep out unwanted thoughts. If you expect a conversation to be difficult, choose a non-threatening environment in an unhurried fashion with no barriers. Choose a comfortable setting where all involved can be on equal footing.

Do your homework ahead of time. Have valid reasons for your concerns. This plan works with any problem you may encounter.

The need for honest communication is real. Silent fuming affects your work and your relationship with other members of the congregation. Remember your real purpose is to represent and serve your church, it's work and it's mission. That should always be the priority.

### Something to Think About



## Special Stuff

### WHAT A DIFFERENCE 30+ YEARS MAKES!

- 1973: Long hair  
2003: Longing for hair
- 1973: KEG  
2003: EKG
- 1973: Moving to California because it's cool  
2003: Moving to California because it's warm
- 1973: Trying to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor  
2003: Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando or Liz Taylor
- 1973: Hoping for a BMW  
2003: Hoping for a BM
- 1973: The Grateful Dead  
2003: Dr. Kevorkian
- 1973: Going to a new, hip joint  
2003: Receiving a new hip joint
- 1973: Rolling Stones  
2003: Kidney Stones
- 1973: Being called into the principal's office  
2003: Calling the principal's office
- 1973: Screw the system  
2003: Upgrade the system
- 1973: Disco  
2003: Costco
- 1973: Parents begging you to get your hair cut  
2003: Children begging you to get their heads shaved
- 1973: Passing the drivers' test  
2003: Passing the vision test
- 1973: Whatever  
2003: Depends



### BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things. Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of this year's incoming freshmen. Here's this year's list:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1983.

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They can't imagine what hard contact lenses! are.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef?", "I'd walk a mile for a Camel", or "de plane Boss, de plane".

They do not care who shot J. R. and have no idea who J. R. even is.

McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

Do you feel old yet? Pass this on to the other "seniors" in your life.

The United Endeavor

Special Celebrations!!



VEC Annual Picnic

September 12, 2004

Fort Howard Park

Further details in the next issue  
of Endeavor...stay tuned.

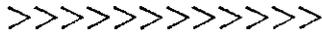
Mark your calendar!!!

# *Annual Picnic*



Bits & Pieces

And from the Oops File  
(from actual church bulletins)



- ◆ A new loudspeaker has been installed in the church. It was given by an anonymous man in honor of his wife.
- ◆ Ladies, remember the upcoming rummage sale. It is a chance for you to get rid of those things you are tired of keeping. Don't forget to bring your husbands to the sale.
- ◆ Barbara Ray remains in the hospital. She is improving but has trouble sleeping. She has asked for tapes of the pastor's sermons.



"Pastor, you've just retired from ministry. What are you going to do now?"

Comics Corner



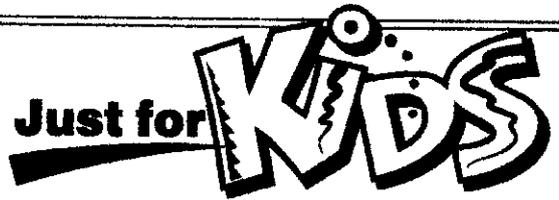
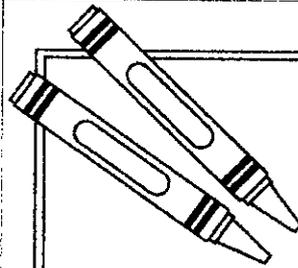
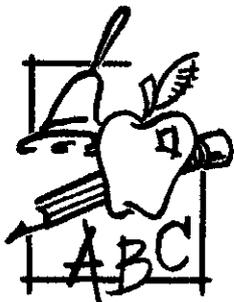
"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."



# Kids Only!!

## A Friend:

- Accepts you as you are
- Believes in you
- Calls you just to say "Hi"
- Doesn't give up on you
- Enjoys every bit of you (even the unfinished parts)
- Forgives your mistakes
- Gives unconditionally
- Helps you
- Invites you over
- Joins you, even during hard times
- Keeps you close at heart
- Loves you for who you are
- Makes a difference in your life
- Never judges
- Offers support
- Picks you up
- Quiets your fears
- Raises your spirits
- Says nice things about you
- Tells you the truth when you need to hear it
- Understands you
- Values you
- Walks beside you
- Xplains things you don't understand
- Yells when you won't listen
- Zaps you back to reality



## Who were Jesus' friends?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends.  
Whom did Jesus consider his friends?

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise,  
write every other letter on the spaces below.

A circular wheel divided into 26 segments, each containing a letter of the alphabet. An arrow points to the letter 'Y'. Inside the circle, there are four horizontal lines for writing, with a small 'y' written on the top line. Below the lines, the text "John 15:14" is written.

Answer: You are my friends if you do what I command.

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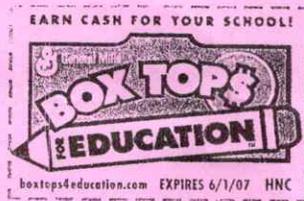
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*Let us kneel before  
the Lord, our Maker!*  
*Psalm 95:6*