

# The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

April/May '04

## Pastor's Message



### "Journey To Jerusalem"

#### **Palm Sunday**

April 4

8:00 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Worship

No Communion  
due to

Confirmation Sunday

#### **Tableau**

Wednesday

April 7

8:00 p.m.

#### **Maundy**

**Thursday**

April 8

Tenebrae &

Holy Communion

7:30 p.m.

#### **Good Friday**

April 9

9:00 a.m.

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 11

6:00 a.m.

Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

The Living Cross

Children's Service

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

### Endeavor

The name of this newsletter is truly the word that describes what we are being called to do as a church at this time – in more ways than one. When we reclaimed the name Endeavor for our newsletter, I wrote about how it is a word that means adventure or undertaking. Endeavor also means to persevere. In this verb form Webster's describes it as "a serious determined effort."

As we continue in Lent and near Holy Week, we are called to persevere as Jesus did; to keep focused on our Lenten practices, reminding ourselves of the commitment required of Christ's disciples. Lent can feel like a long season, it is easy to fade away from the devotion that we are called



to during this time of year. This has been the case from the very beginning of Jesus' ministry. In the Gospel of John we hear that many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him be-

cause of the difficulty involved. (John 6:66)

Endeavor is also what we are being asked to do as we face the situation surrounding our Church School build-

ing. The Building Use Committee has been busy reviewing the current use of the building, and contacting government representatives, community organizations, real estate agents, and other community leaders in order to determine the best use of our space. The Building Fund Committee is looking at the manner and feasibility of raising the funds needed. While the work on the building is necessary, it is clear that careful attention

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must first be paid to these two arenas before the building needs can be addressed.

Like Lent, this "season" surrounding the Church School needs will feel long, and it may be tempting to fade away from being involved. In these moments may we be reminded of the bleakness that the first Holy Saturday held for the disciples, before they awoke to the glorious dawn of Easter. As we look forward to the promises that Easter holds for our lives as disciples, may we draw encouragement from each other, as we endeavor with our Lord.

In Christ,  
Rev. Cathy



*... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

Hebrews 12:1

## Comments from Your Church Council

### Church Council

As we are well into the Lenten and Easter season, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families God's richest blessings during this glorious time of the church year.

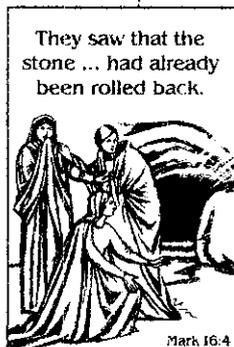
The two special committees, created at the February congregational meeting to study and recommend ways of utilizing the church school building and establish realistic guidelines for the financing of the pending renovations, have been hard at work. Hopefully, we will have preliminary results of their investigations to report to you in the near future.

At the March council meeting it was decided to plan our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church Picnic with Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> being our target date. If there is sufficient interest in continuing this event, we will need some help from the membership to plan and conduct the picnic. If you are interested in helping, please advise the church office so that we may set up meetings to move forward with the planning of this event.

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, so you need to move your clocks "ahead" one hour before going to bed on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

May God's peace, power, and spirit be with us as we plan and move towards the future.

Clarence Rowell  
Council President



### Property Manager

Well it is almost spring, time to brighten things up a bit. Like your home, the Church need some fixing and painting. We are looking for volunteers to help paint Friendship Hall. The existing paint is beginning to peel and the Hall could be brightened up with a good coat of paint. So if you've been sitting around all winter and want to loosen up, join us Saturday April 17th, at 9:00 a.m. wearing your old clothes and a smile.

We are also looking to replace the tile floor in the Hall and the gym. We are waiting for prices on these repairs. The tiles are coming up due to the sewer back-up last year. This will not only make walking safer, but will help brighten up the rooms.

In a few weeks we will need help scraping and painting the five windows on the East Avenue side of the gymnasium. In addition, the metal screens must be placed back over these windows to prevent someone from falling into them.

With enough help these two projects could be completed in a couple of weekends-and who knows, it could be fun. Hope to see you there.

Bill Meyers  
Property Committee Chairperson

### 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

### Christian Education Committee

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On Palm Sunday, the children of the Church School will once again precede the choir into church waving palms. As has become the custom for the last several years, the Church School will again be having a Living Cross Celebration in the sanctuary on Easter at 9:00 a.m. (a time change for this day). At this time a Living Cross of flowers will be placed on the altar by the Church School members and those attending church to celebrate Christ's resurrection. This Living Cross will then remain part of the 10:00 a.m. church service.

We are pleased to see that attendance has been growing, particularly among our Multi-Age group. With three teachers cooperating to present a quality religious experience for this group, there seems to be more camaraderie among the group.

Our Nursery/Kindergarten continues to have a lively group of toddlers eager to learn and take part in the activities in their department.

With the ample space we have in each department, we look forward to seeing more and more children become part of these programs. Right now these two groups are providing religious training and fellowship for children through age 12. We hope to in the near future begin a group for those at and beyond Confirmation age.

The Church School and Church family are jointly having a Mile of Pennies drive to benefit the House of Ruth during Lent. So far, approximately 30% of our goal has been reached. The Church school

members are keeping theirs in banks they have taken home so theirs will become part of the mile as the banks are returned to Church School.

The next Christian Education meeting will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to join us with ideas to share.

Carol Rowell  
Christian Education Committee Member

### Membership Committee

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#### World Day of Prayer Report

W.D.P. was held on March 3rd at the Geriatrics Building of Johns Hopkins Bayview facility. Thirty patients, nine women from Luther Memorial Church, six women from Good Shepard Church and myself were in attendance. It was a very nice service. Each year women from all over the world create the service about the culture of their respective countries and the way they are treated. Money is donated from each church and also groups within the church and sent to W.D.P. headquarters. They in turn distribute to those who created the service that year to be used for some of their needs. God willing maybe some of us will attend next year.

Representative from United  
Love,  
Cass Young, Chairperson



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

Ladies Organization Trips & Events



April 3, 2004, Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Turkey & Oyster Dinner
Faith Church-Frederick, MD
McCutcheon's and Francis Scott Key Mall
Bus Filled—Waiting List Available
\$ 30.00

April 28, 2004, Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Back Roads Amish Tour
Lunch in Amish home
Visit shops where Amish families shop
\$ 55.00

August 4, 2004, Wednesday 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Fisherman's Crab Deck
Grasonville, MD
Boat Ride-Annapolis, MD
\$ 55.00



And Looking Ahead.....

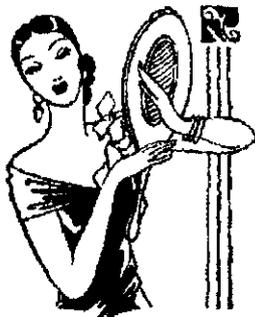
Strawberry Festival
June 12, 2004

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



Fashion & Jewelry Show Fundraiser

Saturday, May 1, 2004
1:00-3:00 p.m.
\$ 5.00 per person

Weekenders Clothing Line & Lady Remington Jewelry

See details on full page ad later in this issue of Endeavor

Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings
All Meetings Begin at 12 noon

- Apr 14 Brown Bag Lunch
May 12 Brown Bag Lunch
Jun 9 Thank You Luncheon Eichenkrantz Restaurant
Jul 14 Get Together Lunch Caddy Shack Restaurant Back River Neck Road Everyone is Welcome



# UEC May 2004 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Ladies Organization Fashion & Jewelry Show 1:00-3:00 p.m.  Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.
<b>2</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i> Food Bank Donations 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service  9:15 Christian Education	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	<b>6</b> National Day of Prayer  Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.
<b>9</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service  9:15 Christian Education	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>12</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  Ladies Organization Lunch 12 noon	<b>13</b> Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.
<b>16</b> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service  9:15 Christian Education	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	<b>20</b> Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.
<b>23</b> <i>Ascension Sunday</i> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service  9:15 Christian Education	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	<b>27</b> Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.
<b>30</b> <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service  9:15 Christian Education	<b>31</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>					

# The United Endeavor

## Let Me Live by Faith

Dear God, let me live by faith:  
Not faith in myself, but in You;  
Not faith in my own abilities,  
But faith in Your Power and Wisdom.

Help me to faithfully  
Walk past any playing field flooded with the glare of  
my own self-centeredness,  
And walk toward the unknown pathways which You  
have charted for me —  
some less visible than candle glow.

In the midst of the unknown  
I shall find Your gifts to me;  
In the midst of darkness,  
I shall find the Light  
Of Your Love.

And in the midst of Faith's victory,  
I shall find Your abiding Grace.

Dear God, let me live by faith!  
—Peggy Ferrell

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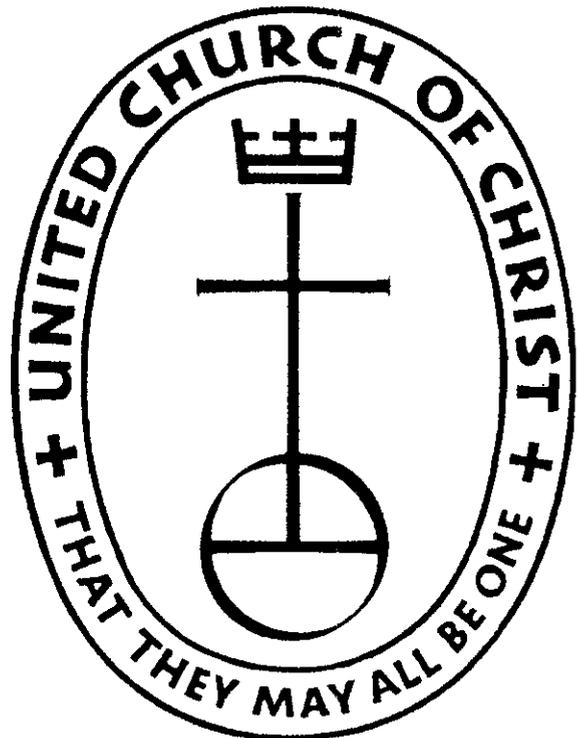
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## Yes, I Can!

I cannot alleviate poverty, but I can feed one hungry person. I cannot end war, but I can extend a branch of peace to my neighbor. I cannot prevent death, but I can hold the hand of a dying man. That may not seem like much, but it is far harder than to devise schemes for social betterment, and it is everything.



Christ said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, niv).



## Contemplations

### **The Joy of the Resurrection**

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ brought when he walked on Earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out for it is the eternal light of God's glory.

Christ's life is truly the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. Christ's way is the way that makes the most sense for living on this earth. The true saints have proven that over and over.

The hope which Christ offers us is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our only real assurance that life can be good and joyous for everyone. Read the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply it to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?



### **Ministry of Acceptance**

Some years ago, the brilliant theologian, Paul Tillich, wrote words which were simple but which ministers still quote today: "You are accepted."

Tillich was simply expressing a great truth found in the New Testament. God loves us regardless. God accepts us even when we are unacceptable. God meets us where we are and wants us to know that He will never reject us. God's love is eternal: it is not just from here to eternity; it is from here through eternity. You, dear friend, are accepted.



What this means is that, whether we like it or not, everyone we come in contact with is accepted as well. This leaves us with the thought: "If God accepts my fellow humans, who am I not to accept them?"

We cannot solve all the human problems we encounter but at the very least we can strive to offer loving concern by exercising our own "ministry of acceptance."

### **People of Light**

On Memorial Day, it is important to pause in gratitude to all those upon whose shoulders we stand. We should remember with great appreciation those who died making helpful, positive contributions—whether large or small—throughout human history. As Christians we should be especially grateful to those whose faith,



service and love have enabled us to know the Gospel and its vast implications for the entire earth.

Without our Christian teachers, pastors, missionaries and the ordinary servants of Christ, we would not have the Good News which is like a great light shining in the world's darkness. They have made sure Christ's precious Light has not gone out or been diminished.

Memorial Day is a day for us to think about the people of the Light and to express to God our appreciation for them.

Special Celebrations!!



**A Confirmation !**

On Palm Sunday, April 4, 2004  
10:30 a.m.

John A. Pijanowski III

Will be incorporated into  
membership of United Evangelical  
Church by rite of Confirmation



John is a seventh grader at Holabird  
Middle School and a  
dedicated sports fan with a  
particular talent for soccer  
(tournament winner).

We welcome John into our  
church family and celebrate his  
confirmation!



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Please note that there will be no Communion on April 4th,  
as it is Confirmation Sunday

Special Celebrations!!



**1954 UEC Confirmation Class  
Anniversary Celebration**

On Sunday, April 18, 2004, we will celebrate the 50th year anniversary of the 1954 Confirmation Class. Below is a list of the confirmands. If you know any of these class members, please contact Margaret Willis, 410-465-6742 or the church office, 410-276-0393.

Andrews, John  
Andrews, Marian  
Aten, Lydian  
Barth, Ann  
Barth, Marian  
Brown, Darlene  
Christian, Fred  
Clark, Roger  
Clark, Virginia  
Clarkson, Vernon  
Curran Frances\*  
Davis, Edgar  
Drnec, Richard\*  
Eckes, Henry  
Eckes, Mattie  
Erdman, Robert  
Ford, Vernon  
Gallup, Nancy  
Goetzel, Alan\*  
Gough, Marilyn  
Granville, Sheila  
Gray, John\*  
Hamer, Lois  
Hamer, William\*  
Himmelman, Norma

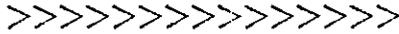
Hoffman, Dolores  
Hofstetter, Carolyn\*  
Huber, Ronald  
Huber, Stanley\*  
Inscoc, Raymond  
Jackson, Margaret\*  
Kane, Robert\*  
Kues, George  
Lang, Arleen  
Lang, Lois\*  
Leikam, Betty  
Leimbach, Conrad  
Luckhardt, Jack\*  
Martin, Janet  
Mayer, Beverly  
Merritt, Patricia\*  
Meyers, John  
Moore, Alice  
Muir, Dorothy  
O'Donnell, Frederick  
Orlick, Geraldine  
Orlick, Sandra  
Osburne, Lavona\*  
Palermo, Joseph\*  
Prijsaga, Barbara

Pumphrey, Roger  
Rawlings, Carol  
Robinson, Carol  
Ruth, Daniel  
Schlogel, Catherine  
Schorr, Jerome\*  
Smith, Margaret  
Smith, Patricia  
Stallings, Bertha  
Stratemeyer, William  
Tipton, Reynolds  
Walsh, Carolyn  
Watts, Frank  
Watts, Audrey  
Weaver, Gail  
White, Joyce  
Will, Henry  
Williams, Clara  
Williams, Ida  
Wisner, Jerry  
Zessin, Herman

\*Contact info. not needed

Bits & Pieces

And from the  
Oops File



from a church postcard reminder in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE NEWS

We will meet as a property committee on  
Wednesday at 7 a.m. Hope to see you Tuesday!

The Finance Committee will meet on

Comics Corner

Tale of Three Churches

There were three country churches in a small Texas town: the Presbyterian church, the Methodist church and the Catholic church. Each church was overrun with pesky squirrels.

One day, the Presbyterian Church called a meeting to decide what to do about the squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

The Methodist group got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creations. So, they humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free a few miles outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

It was only the Catholics who were able to come up with the best and most effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

— Anonymous Donor



# Kids Only!!

Make a  
beautiful  
Butterfly



The butterfly is a symbol of new life and is often associated with Easter. Make your own butterfly.

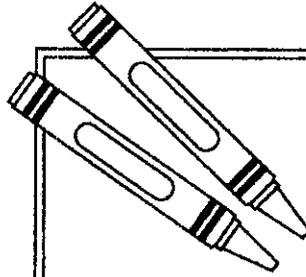
**You will need:**

- ✿ paper
- ✿ scissors
- ✿ crayons or markers
- ✿ glitter
- ✿ glue



**Directions:**

1. Fold a piece of paper in half.
2. Draw the outline of half a butterfly on one side of the paper with the middle of the body on the fold.
3. With the paper still folded, cut along the outline.
4. Open the butterfly and decorate it with crayons, markers and glitter.



## Just for KIDS

### The Angel's Message

When Mary and Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb, an angel suddenly appeared before them! He told them not to be afraid and gave them a message for Jesus' disciples.

Use the code to read the message from Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: "Go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him."

**Website Alert!**

Check out [www.spiritseasons.com](http://www.spiritseasons.com).

Click on Action Zone

Special Announcements

**Special Easter Activity for Children**

**Resurrection Rolls**

- 1 (8 oz) tube refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 T. ground cinnamon
- 8 large marshmallows
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted

Separate rolls into 8 triangles. Combine sugar and cinnamon. Dip each marshmallow into butter. As you let the children roll the marshmallows in the cinnamon-sugar mixture, remind them that Jesus was crucified and they anointed his body with oil and spices. Now, place the marshmallow "Jesus" on a crescent roll triangle and pinch the dough around the marshmallow, sealing in all edges. Remind the children that Jesus' body was wrapped in cloths and placed in a tomb. Dip the tops of the rolls in the remaining butter and cinnamon-sugar. Place the sugar side up in greased muffin cups. Remind the children that the tomb was sealed with a huge boulder.

Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for 13-15 minutes. Now is a good time to read the Easter story to the children. When you serve the rolls, break them open to see that the marshmallow inside disappeared.

Jesus has risen. He is alive!



**Palm Weaving  
April 4th, Palm Sunday**

On April 4 (Palm Sunday) at 9:15 a.m., a class will be offered in Friendship Hall to learn the art of palm weaving. Connie Curtis from St. Casimirs will be with us to teach anyone who is interested on how to weave palms into flowers. There will also be instructions on how to make crosses out of the palms.



**"The Passion of  
the Christ"  
Discussion**

Following 10:30 a.m. worship on Palm Sunday, April 4th, there will be a discussion of the movie, "The Passion of the Christ." All are welcome to attend and share their thoughts and reflections regarding this powerful movie. Lunch will be ordered.



# FASHION & JEWELRY SHOW

## FUND RAISER

Ladies Organization of United Evangelical Church  
3200 Dillon Street



WEEKENDER CLOTHING LINE

and

LADY REMINGTON JEWELRY

Saturday May 1, 2004 1 to 3 p.m.

Please come and bring a friend



\$5.00 per person

This will be taken off of any one thing you purchase.

Let's get together, enjoy the afternoon and support the  
Ladies Organization of United Evangelical Church

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