

The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

June/July 2003

Pastor's Message

May 6th marked my one year anniversary as pastor of United Evangelical Church. As mile markers such as my first day, or my first Sunday, have come up, I find myself reminiscing about what I was experiencing during that time. I can see in myself ways that I have changed, ways I feel that God has remolded me like a potter remolds clay into the vessel that is needed for the task.

I have always found the imagery of God as a Potter to be very meaningful. It reminds me that God is a living God, one who is constantly involved, always present. God's hands are always in on the making of our lives even if at the time we don't recognize God's presence. This imagery also reminds me that God is always creating anew, God is always molding. Our job then, as clay, is to remain soft, malleable, in order to be formed to the vessel that the Potter has need of. This job at times isn't as easy as it sounds.

This imagery of clay in the Potter's hands translates not only to us as individuals, but also to us as the institution of the church. God is always in need of re-making the church for the ways it is to be used. Reflecting

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briefly on United's history, we served once as a haven for German speaking immigrants, it was God's need of us at that time. At one point we served as the social gathering place for youth in the neighborhood. More recently, we help to support the educational needs of preschoolers through the PACT program.

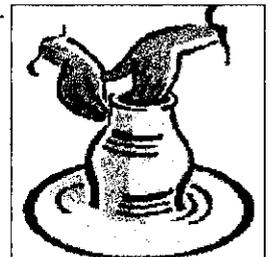
During this last year, myself and council have spent time discerning how it is God is molding us for the place in history we occupy. We believe that including a contemporary worship service as a part of the vessel we

are, is how God is forming us. I am reading a book entitled, *So You're Thinking About Contemporary Worship* by Tim and Kathy Carson. In it they describe worship as a ship that carries a precious cargo, and that through time this vessel has needed to be adapted to sail to new and formerly unanticipated ports. In describing contemporary worship they say:

[It is]...taking the legacy of our best theology and worship to a new port of call. This is a port our ancestors could never have imagined. It is the port of our contemporary world. This port is both like and unlike ports of the past. Its distinctiveness requires a way of worship that, like a scribe of the kingdom, must bring forth the best of the old and the new. And unless the church is willing to sail in a vehicle capable of traveling in such waters, the bread and wine that we stow in our hold will never find their way to those languishing in the spiritual famine of our times. (p.2, Chalice Press, 1997)

I think that we all would agree that we are surrounded by a world that is "languishing in a spiritual famine." As we step into the next year together, I pray that we will all be open to the molding that God will do in our midst to make us the vessel the Potter has need of.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Cathy



Comments from Your Church Council

Church Council

We have just completed another successful and inspirational Lenten and Easter season. As we move into summer there are several key events being planned that will positively impact on the future of our church congregation.

I will mention these upcoming events, however, they will be expanded upon in other articles in this newsletter.

On June 13-15, Reverend Cathy, Carol and I will represent our church at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference of United Church of Christ in Newark, Delaware.

Our church will host a Teacher Training Seminar on August 16th at which time representatives from other churches as well as our own will meet to discuss the curriculum being used in our Christian Education program. Anyone from our church who is interested in teaching or who would just like to learn about this new curriculum is invited to attend.

Then, of course, September will be a very exciting month as we'll celebrate the 130th anniversary of our own church. We will begin this celebration with a church-wide picnic at Fort Howard Park on Sunday, September 14th from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. The following Sunday, September 21st, we will hold our 130th Anniversary Dinner/Dance at Martin's North Point from 1-6 p.m.

Also in September, we will conduct our first contemporary worship service on a Saturday. Reverend Cathy will provide further details in her report.



In closing, as we enter this summer vacation season, our wishes go with you for a safe vacation wherever your travels may take you. Just remember, God does not take a vacation, however, He will go with you any place you may decide to go, so please plan on taking Him with you!

May God's peace, power, and spirit be with you and your family during this summer season and throughout the year.

Clarence Rowell
Church Council President

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. See Places to Go section for upcoming Ladies Organization trips, meetings and events.

Spiritual Committee

The Spiritual Committee, with the approval of the church council, has decided to begin the formation of a contemporary worship service. This service will be on Saturday evenings and we hope to be up and running in the fall. This is a very exciting time for our church as we are led down a new path by the Holy Spirit. This is our opportunity to share and express our faith in a whole new way. We are looking for people who want to share in this experience. We need people who would like to sing or play a musical instrument. Please let us know if you are interested or if you know of someone who is.

Comments from Your Church Council

Christian Education Committee

At our last meeting on May 21st, our attention was mostly focused on upcoming events. We will be sponsoring a Christian Education seminar on August 16th and we will be coordinating the games at our congregational picnic on September 14th.

While we look towards seeing our attendance in church school increase, our current enrollment is not very large and attendance on most Sundays is small. To better meet the needs of our children and provide them with a program that will be more inclusive, we are keeping our current curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, but will be beginning a Multiage Program that will bring children of various ages together once they have reached elementary school age. The program will still be based on the church lectionary as it has been the last couple of years. This format will enable our children to have some worship time together as a combined group, interaction between the younger children and the older ones, and age appropriate activities suited for all the children. With this new design, we are hoping to find interested individuals from our church willing to teach about once every six weeks. More about this will follow in the next article.

The correlation between the church school materials and church worship makes a very good "fit" when the children are part of the church service each week for the children's sermon.

Plans for games and recreational activities during the congregational picnic on September 14th are progressing nicely. We think that everyone will have a good time, whether you want to take part in active games or prefer something less strenuous. Since this park has such nice nature trails and is historic as well, we hope to have someone associated with recreation and parks do a nature/history walk in the afternoon.

Bring your children to church school, the building with the red doors. We think they will enjoy the experience and the fellowship of other children!

Carol Rowell
Member, Christian Education Committee

Teaching in the Church School A Little Time - A Big Reward !

Some changes are coming to the church school and we would like you to participate in those changes. Since there are not a large number of school age children in the church school, we are combining the classes of our school age children and using a multi-age approach that has been successful in education. This will allow the children to do some things together yet engage in activities that are age appropriate.

You would teach once every four to six weeks (more or less depending on the number of people who volunteer). The curriculum provides many teaching aids, there will be experienced church school teachers working with you, and a teacher training seminar on August 16th! This will introduce you to the curriculum as well as provide an overview of the program and some other teaching ideas.

This is an opportunity you don't want to miss - making the Christian Education experience come alive in the hearts of our young people. Remember, with a few hours of preparation and about one hour on Sunday every six weeks (from 9:30 until 10:30), you can enrich the lives of our youth at United Evangelical Church.

Say "yes, I want to be a part of the church school experience," by speaking to Reverend Cathy, Clarence or Carol Rowell, or one of the other church school teachers.

Comments from Your Church Council

Property Manager

Dear Congregation,

Wow ! Here it is time for another monthly report. We still have problems with the buildings because of their age, happens to all of us I guess, but we are taking care of them one at a time. We do have one which will need the help of the whole congregation to solve, but more about that at a later date.

We have repaired the lights on the clock tower and work is in progress to repair our bells so that they may again let the Canton neighborhood know we are open for business. We are also in process of lighting the steeple; hopefully this will be completed shortly. As most of you know we have moved the Library from the second floor to the fourth floor. We are now looking for some volunteers to help catalog the books we have now, some of which are very old and delicate, we need people who can spare an hour or two to list our books by name, author, and copyright date. We could also use help from everyone who may have some nice books at home which they no longer read. Donating these books would help us start a useful and working library which could be enjoyed by everyone in the church. If you can help with this project by donating or helping, please contact Bill Meyers at (410) 276-6585 or let someone in the church office know, thanks.

We are also looking into making our church more handicap accessible. We have had the building inspected and have a number ways to accomplish this task. Again you will be kept posted on our progress.

We had to have a window bricked in on the third floor due to fire protection from the construction next door. We are hoping to make this room our new archives room. By installing shelves and using some of the old tables this could be a nice asset to the church.

Until next month God Bless,
Bill Meyers for the Property Committee

Fellowship Committee

The sour beef and dumpling carry out raised approximately \$1100 which will go towards expenses for the 130th anniversary celebration. A big thank you to all who helped and of course to those of you who purchased a dinner.

Bob Osburne, Chairperson

Altar Committee

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to donate flowers on Communion Sundays. If you wish to have flowers on the altar at any other time of the month, please contact the church office or me directly. Each vase is \$15.00. You may take the arrangements home after the second service or you can leave them to be displayed in church the following Sunday.

Ursula Jacob
Altar Committee Chairperson

Help Build God's Kingdom



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

Ladies Organization Upcoming Trips & Events

Strawberry Festival & Bazaar

Saturday, June 7, 2003

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friendship Hall



We invite all friends and neighbors to come and enjoy strawberries, ice cream, and Cool Whip with us as we celebrate the strawberry season. Other foods available will be crab cakes, hot dogs, chips, pretzels, iced tea, coffee and soda.

Vendor tables are 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.

**Please come join us
for lots of fun and fellowship!**

November 1, 2003 (Saturday)



**Bus Trip to
McCutcheon's & Walmart**

\$ 30.00

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



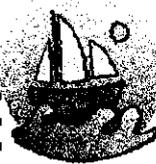
*Christmas Show
American Music Theatre
Lancaster, PA*

*Lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant
\$ 55.00*

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



**Suicide Bridge
Boat Ride & Crab Feast**



August 13th

\$ 63.00



**Bus Filled
Waiting list is available**

Bus leaves from UEC 10:00 a.m.

Returns to UEC 7:00 p.m.

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

Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings

June 11

Luncheon
Eickenkrantz Restaurant
12 noon
Members and invited guests

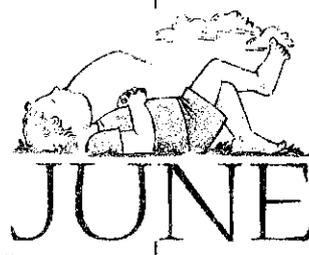
July 9

Luncheon
Vinny's Cafe
6212 Holabird Avenue
12 noon
\$14.00 per person
Cash Bar
Cash Desserts

Sept 10

Fall Meetings begin
Luncheon
Covered Dish
12 noon

UEC June Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p> <p>Food Bank Donations</p> <p>8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>9:30 Christian Education</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Strawberry Festival 11a.m.-3 p.m.</p> <p>DC Impact will be using the gym 1-4 p.m.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>9:30 Christian Education</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Church Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ladies Organization Meeting 12 noon</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Rev. Cathy will be attending the Central Atlantic Conference Meeting June 13-15</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>8:00 & 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>9:30 Christian Education</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Christian Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Spiritual Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> 
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UEC July Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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No Sunday School or child care during the month of July

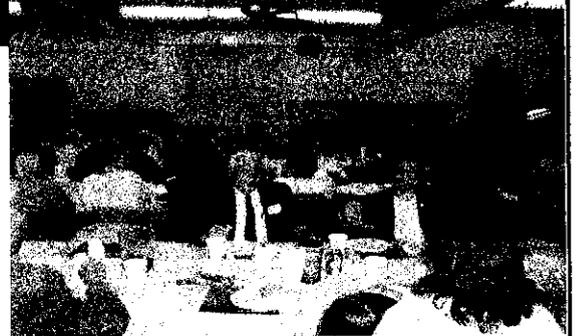
Special Announcements

50th Reunion

On Sunday, April 27, 2003 UEC celebrated the 50th year reunion of the 1953 Confirmation Class. Below is a list of the confirmants. Deacon Max Hoffman presided over the worship service after which a celebration was held in Friendship Hall.

Bosse, Joyce Lula
Calhoun, James Kent
Casey, Bertha
Clark, Phyllis Ann
Costantini, Annette Eva
Cummins, Anna Margaret
Curcio, Beverly Ann
Cushing, Anna Marie
Faber, Frederick H.
Falkenstein, Andrew H.
Falkenstein, Barbara Ann
Fertitta, Robert Stephen
Frenk, Carroll B.
Goldburn, Dawn Ella
Griffin, David Albert
Griffin, Mildren S.
Hare, James Oliver
Himmelman, Ronald Earl
Hobbie, Madeline
Hoerger, Ernest Joseph
Huber, John Fred
Jefferson, Freda Caroline
Jefferson, Ida Elizabeth
Jefferson, Leroy Allen
Kellner, Alfred Howard
Kellner, Kenneth Gabriel
Kraemer, Elizabeth Louise
Kraemer, Lorraine Catherine
Lang, Dorathea Theresa
Mack, Ronald Edward
Mayfield, Edward Frederick
Michael, Wayne Robert
Myrick, Willoughby Newton
Neumann, Elzie James
Petterson, Carl Milton
Petterson, Norman Ronald
Rice, Joseph
Rossmark, Frederick T.
Simmons, John Edward
Stevenson, Catherine Katy
Sullivan, Jerry Francis
Talbot, George William
Toephner, Robert Melvin

Walsh, Barbara
Walton, Elizabeth C.
Waters, Charles L.
Weaver, Kenneth
Westerman, Louis
Wiederock, Fred John
Willey, Agnes
Willey, Robert Wayne



The U in Jesus

Before U were thought of or time had begun,
God even stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true
You can't spell out Jesus and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.
It even takes U to spell crucified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trumpet blew,
and this word resurrection is spelled with a U.

When Jesus left earth at His upward ascension,
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true
That I love them all - Just like I love U."

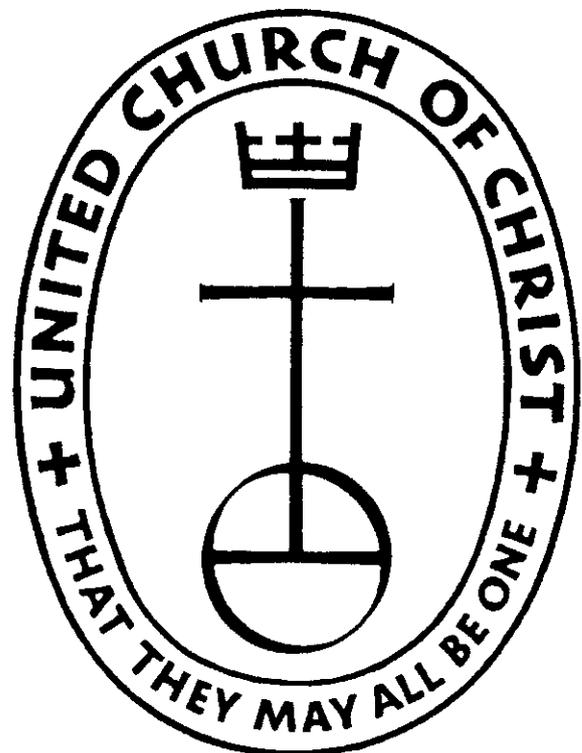
So many great people are spelled with a U,
Don't they have a right to know Jesus too?

It all depends now on what U will do,
He'd like them to know,
But it all starts with U.

Will U pass it on.

United Evangelical Church

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Special Announcements



BUSY HANDS are HAPPY

The church quilters are holding a meeting on June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Church (in the Quiet Room). The topics of discussion will be selection of symbols on the quilt, the materials to assemble it, and suggestions on financing this quilt project. Please quilters come on out so this project stays on track.

Through your very generous donations, the following totals were collected :

One Great Hour of Sharing	\$914.00
Contributions to the Choir Robes	\$ 2,323.00
Contributions to the refurbishing of the Altar cross	\$390.00



We have a new secretary in the church office, her name is Peggy Tlasek. She lives in Cockeysville with her husband, Bob, and they have four children and eight grandchildren. Peggy attends St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lutherville. She grew up in Highlandtown and graduated from Patterson Park High School.

Mailings to Our Military



To update our members on the packages we have shipped to our members serving in the military. A total of eight (8) packages, weighing one hundred sixteen pounds (116), costing ninety six dollars (\$96.00) were mailed on April 21, 2003. Another mailing will be in June, 2003. To assist you, a notice will be placed in the Narthex soon. We will try to maintain this level until our members serving in the military return. A monetary love gift can be donated in name of "PACKAGES," to help with various costs. Please remember no aerosol, glass, or items that may melt may be shipped. The LORD has carried us through trials and tribulations with his hand. Now more than ever we should reach out our hands to help those serving who are members of our Church.

130th UEC Anniversary Celebrations

130th UEC Anniversary Picnic

Date: September 14th

Time: 12 noon - 6 p.m.

Location: Ft. Howard Park



Tickets: \$5.00 per person over the age of 5. Under 5 - free

Tickets available: July 13 - August 31 at the Church office

Transportation: Carpool
(If you need a ride, sign-up sheets will be in the Narthax shortly)

Directions: Available the day of the picnic

Menu: Catered picnic fare from 12 - 4 p.m.

Desserts are needed - so please bring cakes, cookies, etc. for our dessert table.

Bring you own beverages - NO ALCOHOL!

Entertainment: Games 2 - 4 p.m.
Nature Walk 4 - 6 p.m.

Please note:

There will be only 1 worship service at 10:00 am. on September 14th. Come to church dressed in your picnic duds!!

In the event of rain, the picnic will be celebrated in Friendship Hall



UEC Anniversary Dinner Dance

Date: Sept. 21, 2003

Time: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Place: North Point Gardens

Music by: The Impacts

Open bar from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Menu: To be announced in next issue of Endeavor

Tickets: \$30.00 per person for 12 years & older.
No one under 12 permitted.

Check or money orders only!!
No Cash!!

Make checks payable to UEC and mail to either:

Cass Young
620 S. Dean St.
Baltimore, MD 21224
phone: (410) 276-2388

or

Darlene Waters
3709 Hudson St.
Baltimore, MD 21224
phone: (410) 675-3932

Please note that there will be only 1 worship service on September 21st. The time of the service will appear in the next issue of Endeavor.



Kids Only!!

**Coloring
Corner**



A small boy shared his lunch with Jesus.

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