



# ANNUAL REPORT 2014

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 25, 2015**  
**Fellowship Hall**



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# REPORTS

## **Pastor's Report**

As we started 2014 we were in the midst of celebrating our 140th anniversary and doing 140 good deeds in thanksgiving to God. The year started with spending Thursday nights having dinner with the men at Earl's place. In February, we participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring with the food and money we raised going to the House of Ruth. We also participated in serving dinner at the Franciscan Center and spent an evening volunteering at the Maryland Food Bank.

In March we provided 265 Bibles to Bayview Hospital. In April we focused on supporting One Great Hour of Sharing as well as serving lunch at Paul's Place. In May we held a blood drive. In June we partnered with the Gallery church for their city uprising event and did some storm drain stenciling. We had Christmas in July by providing needed items for the Pregnancy concern center, the Franciscan center, and Earl's place. We closed our 140th year with a drive for BARCS.

While these were the official events that we engaged in, there were also many other unofficial good deeds that were happening behind the scenes. Probably the most significant was the welcome and shelter we extended to a long term member with paranoid schizophrenia. It was the relationship that we re-established with her that eventually got her into treatment. Since May she has been on her medication and has been in a stable housing situation. This is truly one of the most powerful acts of ministry that I have ever been involved with and I am so grateful for this church that was willing to be a part of it.

As a community we experienced the struggles of living with a person who is mentally ill, and I want to thank everyone who was praying along side of me for a breakthrough with her. But not only did we help her, but she helped us to become less afraid and more understanding of the plight of the homeless and the mentally ill.

Even as we celebrated these acts of Kingdom living, we were saddened to watch another long term member enter the Kingdom as Bill Voelker passed away. Bill was known for his kindness, his generosity, his love of reading and his love of this church. In keeping with how he lived, his death was also filled with these traits as he left a very large gift to the church. Bill's wishes were that the money be designated for the endowment fund in order to stabilize the future of the church.

In honor of both Bill and Bob Osburne, the council voted that each year two scholarships will be granted from the endowment fund to college bound high school seniors. Bill's value of education and Bob's concern for our youth will always be remembered through these scholarships.

It was the death of another man, named Mike Barnard, that brought puppets to live at our church. Mike loved doing puppet ministry. When he passed away his partner David wanted to make sure the puppets got a good home. Pam Georgiadis, Trish Jefferson, Cathy Fifield and I have been having a blast bringing the puppets into the life of the church. There is room for this ministry to grow and encourage anyone who is even slightly interested to join in the fun.

In 2014 we also said goodbye (albeit in a happier way) to our seminary intern, Angie Jones. I cannot begin to tell you all of the positive effects that this church had on her, and ultimately on her ministerial formation. And again I am so honored to be the pastor of a congregation that welcomed and showed her and Cora and Barbara love and support. She was very grateful for her recent opportunity to come back and preach. She said it felt like "coming home."

Creating "home" seems to have been a theme for 2014, and the council continued this theme when they voted for us to be a host congregation with the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). As a part of IHN the church will house up to 4 homeless families (15 people max) for one week each quarter. I have made arrangements with 5 other churches to support us in this ministry so that we will only need to provide volunteers for 2 days each of the weeks. Our responsibilities would be to provide breakfast, dinner and community.

The emphasis of this ministry is "hospitality." We, the church, are being asked to do what we do best, create a community of welcome for people who are without a home. The Network is still forming and we are hoping that 2015 will see the launch of this project but at this time the start date is not set.

For the first time in the 140 years of church records we have marriages of same gender couples. In 2005 when the General Synod voted to support marriage equality the council voted that same gender weddings would not be performed in our church sanctuary. It has been ten years since that decision and I think it is time for us as a church to revisit the issue. Nothing says "you are not welcome" louder to potential new members than a policy like this. We are a different church than we were ten years ago and this is a conversation we need to have as a church, not just as a council.

In September I began a continuing education class at the Kairos Spiritual Center called "Sabbath Space." I am away one day per month for class and have been doing some required reading and writing. I am so glad for the opportunity for continuing education. The longer I am in ministry the more I recognize how absolutely vital courses like this are for the rejuvenation of my soul. The class ends in May and the final project is for us to develop a spiritual program for our congregations. I'm not sure what it all entails yet so look for more details to follow later in the year.

In 2014 we reached our goal for the chair lift/accessibility fund. Many, many people have benefited from the lift, the ramp, the hearing equipment and the accessible bathroom. It is exciting that it only took 17 months for us to reach our goal. Even as we reached this goal we ran a much higher budget deficit than anticipated. This was mostly due to the loss of long

term church members. The council and I are well aware of the financial challenges that we are faced with and will consider all options to address the deficit, include trusting in the words of Isaiah below.

“Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:16ff

In Christ,  
Rev. Cathy

### **Church Council President’s Report**

As we begin this new year 2015 on behalf of myself and the council, we pray that you and your families have all God’s blessings of good health, happiness and prosperity.

We are now in our 141st year as United Evangelical Church. We continue to be a strong and vital neighborhood church that is embracing the future and using technology as a way of communicating with not only our members but with anyone looking for a place to worship. We use social media as yet another way of spreading God’s word and letting everyone know that all are welcome here at UEC.

This past year was spent doing 140 good deeds as a thank you for all the blessings from God on our church. We managed to do many good deeds--both large and small--from hosting a blood drive to helping a family with a heating bill. Our good deeds included:

- coordinating food/supply drives for the Canton Food Bank, the Franciscan Center, and Earl’s Place
- cooking and serving meals at the Franciscan Center, Paul’s Place, and Earl’s Place
- hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive at the church
- crafting and caroling with the residents of Future Care
- stenciling storm drains in the community
- organizing a mitten tree and blanket drive
- collecting baby supplies for the Pregnancy Center at St. Brigids
- purchasing over 700 bibles for patients at JH Bayview
- participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit the House of Ruth
- volunteering at the Maryland Food Bank
- participating in the City Uprising activities including a clean-up along Highland Avenue
- collecting supplies to support the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter

With the announcement of every good deed planned we received much positive response and generosity. As always we are able to accomplish so much more as a group. We will continue to

do good deeds and be mindful of what we receive in return. This year we plan on continuing with the dinners at Earl's Place. These dinners help connect us with individuals who are witness to the gift of recovery of mind, body and spirit, with the help of our church and the other area UCC congregations. We saw during these interactions several of our members connect with the men as they shared their personal struggles with addictions and homelessness. We saw perceptions of the addicted and or homeless change from one of fear to deep empathy.

We continue to be blessed with the leadership of Rev. Cathy, as she continues to work full time for a ¾ salary. Rev. Cathy is there whenever or wherever she is needed. I have personally witnessed her comfort many members with prayer, a hug or just being present during troubling times. Rev. Cathy continues to challenge and remind each and every one of us to be responsible for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

There are also so many quiet hard working people in our church who receive no recognition, yet they feel called to serve with whatever gift they have. They work hard to simply serve the Lord and our church. Please thank them every once in a while and recognize that the work they do is important. Though our congregation is small we continue to be a strong and vital church through the efforts of many.

This year the council has several new members with fresh perspectives and they are eager to serve. We are reminded that we serve every member of our church and can be available to listen to any concerns. We want everyone to be involved and have a voice.

As we celebrate our 141st year may we find God's continued blessings and the desire to share them as we serve others.

Cissy Funk  
Council President 2015

### **Fundraisers Committee Report**

The fundraisers were happy to help with every good deed during our 140th year celebration. We organized a blood drive, collected food for people and pet's, helped two families, and so much more. All of this could not have been accomplished without your continued generosity.

For 2015 we have scheduled several Bingos and a blood drive in April. We will also continue our now famous tradition of Oktoberfest. The Oktoberfest continues to be our best and most successful effort. We have a small dedicated army for this event that everyone now looks forward too.

We are meeting on 2/1/15 to discuss some new events. We want to extend an invitation to everyone interested in helping to please join us when you are able. Any contribution of time is appreciated and most welcome! Our group was founded originally with a goal to make money.

We soon found out that we liked working together and the real blessing was the joy we found in serving the church as a group.

We sincerely appreciate the support we receive from everyone. Thank you  
UEC Fundraisers

### **Endowment Committee Report**

In 2014 the endowment committee funded three requests for proposals for a total of \$2300. \$1000 was given as a stipend to our seminary intern, Angie Jones. \$300 was given to the music committee for the purchase of bells. And \$1000 was granted to the Christian education committee to launch a puppet ministry. Of that \$1000, \$868 was used and the remaining \$132 went into the general budget.

Also in 2014 the endowment fund received a \$115,000 gift from the estate of Bill Voelker. In honor of both Bill Voelker and Bob Osburne whose gifts to the church established the endowment fund, two scholarships will be awarded annually to college bound high school seniors starting in 2015. Youth from our church will be first choice for receiving these scholarships. If there are no graduation students in the church, one scholarship will go to a Poly High senior and one to a Patterson High student, the respective schools of Bill and Bob.

The endowment committee consists of 5 members: President Clarence Rowell, Financial Secretary Barbara Matthew, Recording Secretary Diane Borkman, Harvey Jacob and Howard Carter. The committee met three times in 2014.

At the end of 2014 the fund valued \$225,955.00. Up to 5% of the entire fund based on a five year rolling average is now available for use in the ministry of the church. A request for proposals will soon go out to all committees and organizations of the church to apply for these funds.

If you would like to make a gift to the endowment fund it is open for contributions. Remember to designate any gifts that you want to go to the endowment fund and please consider the church in your will.

Thank you.  
The Endowment Committee

### **Ladies Organization Report**

The beginning of 2015 finds us with 16 active and 5 inactive members. We will miss Lorraine Rosenberger and her friend. In 2014 our activities included a movie night ("Pay it Forward"), Oktoberfest Nearly New Table, and a tour of Wockenfuss Candy with lunch afterward at Valentino's. In the spring and fall we took bus trips to Faith United UCC in Frederick to help support their Turkey, Ham and Oyster Luncheon. The trips to Faith Church have been a Ladies Org. tradition for over 30 years. Over the summer we went for crabs at Sue Island Grill. We carpooled to Friendly Farms in Harford County. Our annual Christmas luncheon was held at

Carson's Creek restaurant and included a gift exchange. Our monthly meetings included brown bag, covered dish, and sub and pizza luncheons with devotions and other activities.

**Ladies Organization 2014 Financial Report:**

**2014 Income:** Our income comes from yearly dues (\$10/member), our Oktoberfest table (\$167.65), donations, bus trips and the instant bingo games on the trips, raffles.

**2014 Expenses and Giving:** This year, we gave \$1000 to the church for renovations of the kitchen electrical equipment; \$35 in memorials; \$200 for Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias; and purchased a \$20 ad in the Oktoberfest Program Book. We gave \$100 to the Canton Baptist Food Bank. Our Ms. Piggy charity fund currently has \$47 and we will make another donation when we reach \$100. Other expenses include our bus trips and instant bingo cards (for games on the bus).

2014 Beginning Balance	\$1550.38
2014 Income	\$4390.65
2014 Total	\$5941.03
2014 Expenses	\$4647.98
2014 Donations to the Ladies Org.	\$109.02
<b>2014 Year End Balance</b>	<b>\$1402.07</b>

Sincerely,  
Arlene M. Pate

# CHURCH RECORDS FOR THE YEAR 2014

BAPTISMS	2/20/2014	Pamela Sue Jenkins
FUNERALS	1/28/2014	William Adam Voelker
	2/22/2014	Sharon Lee Czajkowski
	3/1/2014	Roberta Mae Trexler
	3/6/2014	Elizabeth Ann Savino
	3/15/2014	Scott Michael Jenkins
	4/3/2014	Carolyn May Brown Thompson
	5/8/2014	Jerry Carl Allred
	6/5/2014	Margaret Marie Zessin
	7/12/2014	Richard Raymond Manganelli
WEDDINGS	4/12/2014	Glenn Scott Johnson & Jacquelyn Dawn Bass
	4/14/2014	Christina Maria Puglisi & Laura Noel Foerster
	5/29/2014	Larry William Edwards & Ronald Neil Glass
	6/13/2014	Joshua Francis Taylor & Kelly Leigh Ziegler
	8/16/2014	Gary Fowble & Glenn Ball
	8/23/2014	John Horky & Sharon Elizabeth Wilson
	10/14/2014	Ross Evan Podbielski & Amanda Christina Phillips
NEW MEMBERS	3/9/2014	Jacquelyn Dawn Bass Johnson
	3/9/2014	Laura Noel Foerster
	3/9/2014	Glenn Scott Johnson
	3/9/2014	Christina Maria Puglisi
	3/9/2014	Julie Jean TenBrock
CONFIRMANDS	4/13/2014	Madeline Elizabeth Rieger

MEMBERSHIP AT START OF 2014	270
NEW MEMBERS	6
MEMBERS LOST	2
TOTAL MEMBERS	274
TOTAL ACTIVE ADULT MEMBERS	174
TOTAL ACTIVE CHILDREN	11

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**Financial Report 2014-Budget 2015**

	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Regular Envelopes	67000.00	56999.00	60000.00
Christian Education Dept. Offering	1200.00	1075.00	1100.00
Communion Envelopes	3100.00	2358.00	2500.00
Holiday and Special Day	8000.00	5301.00	8500.00
Initial Envelopes	150.00	150.00	150.00
Improvement Fund	3500.00	2683.00	3000.00
Memorials	12500.00	6825.00	8000.00
Love Gifts	5500.00	2264.09	3000.00
Unity Candle	200.00	135.00	150.00
Poor Box and Pennies	50.00	32.00	25.00
Church Organization Gifts	1000.00	1000.00	500.00
Cash Donations	1650.00	2206.53	2200.00
Holiday & Altar Flowers	1650.00	1317.65	1300.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	500.00	967.00	1000.00
Hoffman Homes	0.00	380.00	0.00
Neighbors in Need	300.00	0.00	300.00
Charities, Benevolence	2800.00	0.00	2500.00
Christian Ed. Mission Projects	300.00	0.00	300.00
Oktoberfest and Related Events	11000.00	9034.50	9000.00
Miscellaneous Fund Raisers	8000.00	3210.00	5000.00
Building Fund Raffle	1700.00	1847.00	1800.00
Organ Fund	0.00	571.72	0.00
Sale of Misc. Items	50.00	67.00	50.00
Use of Facility	1000.00	790.50	800.00
Interest on Accounts	200.00	49.75	35.00
Sprint Rental Income	19044.00	19044.00	19044.00
AT&T Rental Income	0.00	2000.00	0.00
Parsonage Rental Income	21000.00	20666.00	21000.00
PACT Donation	4000.00	3500.00	4000.00
Estate Bequests	0.00	1000.00	0.00
Distribution from Endowment	0.00	2300.00	3000.00
Endowment Fund Disbursements	0.00	(-2168.34)	(3000.00)
Other, General Fund	300.00	20.00	25.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>175694.00</b>	<b>147793.74</b>	<b>155279.00</b>
<b>COST OF REVENUE</b>			
Oktoberfest & Related Events (Exp.)	7400.00	5288.83	5500.00
Miscellaneous Fund Raisers (Exp.)	6500.00	839.95	600.00
Building Fund Raffle	600.00	600.00	600.00
Envelope Costs	500.00	349.74	400.00
Other Direct Costs	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Cost of Revenue</b>	<b>15100.00</b>	<b>7078.52</b>	<b>7100.00</b>

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	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
<b>PASTORAL EXPENSE</b>			
Pastor's Salary	16200.00	16200.00	16200.00
Housing Allowance	20000.00	19999.92	20000.00
Auto Expense Stipend	1750.00	1749.84	1750.00
Insurance, Health and Life	11000.00	0.00	11347.00
Insurance payments	0.00	20953.64	
Insurance reimbursement	0.00	(-12465.87)	
Pastor's Pension	7320.00	7323.28	7320.00
Professional and Education Exp.	600.00	882.42	800.00
Supply (Guest) Pastor	750.00	600.00	750.00
<b>Total Pastoral Expense</b>	<b>57620.00</b>	<b>55243.23</b>	<b>58167.00</b>
<b>OFFICE EXPENSE</b>			
Secretaries' Salaries	12421.00	13495.84	14491.00
Social Security and Medicare	950.00	1032.12	1108.00
Health Insurance	2400.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Bank Charges	800.00	1019.00	800.00
Copy and Computer	3700.00	3243.58	3700.00
Bookkeeping	1800.00	1200.00	1200.00
Postage	1900.00	1281.60	1500.00
Church Telephone	2100.00	1976.67	2100.00
<b>Total Office Expenses</b>	<b>26071.00</b>	<b>23248.81</b>	<b>24899.00</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE EXPENSE</b>			
Janitor Salary	10920.00	10920.00	10920.00
Social Security and Medical Care	835.00	835.64	835.00
Church Insurance	16800.00	17173.50	17500.00
Gas, Church	6450.00	7811.36	8000.00
Electric, Church	3800.00	4607.09	4300.00
Water and Sewer, Church	2150.00	2734.55	2700.00
Repairs, Supplies, Maintenance	1800.00	4558.12	4000.00
Cleaning Supplies, Service	1200.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Maintenance Expense</b>	<b>43955.00</b>	<b>48640.26</b>	<b>48255.00</b>
<b>SANCTUARY AND MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
Music Director Salary	13656.00	13656.00	13656.00
Social Security and Medicare	1045.00	1044.72	1045.00
Ass't. Organist/Pianist/Musicians	400.00	400.00	400.00
Music and Choir Expense	650.00	732.77	700.00
Organ/Piano Service	2000.00	2114.60	2000.00
Altar and Sanctuary Supplies	650.00	675.94	650.00
Flowers and Decorations	2000.00	2150.89	2000.00
Receptions and Refreshments	700.00	1231.59	600.00
Education and Study Materials	550.00	875.17	700.00
Advertising	500.00	550.25	500.00
Misc. Expenses	400.00	997.06	600.00
<b>Total Sanctuary and Misc.</b>	<b>22551.00</b>	<b>24428.99</b>	<b>22851.00</b>

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## Financial Report 2014-Budget 2015

	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
<b>CHRISTIAN ED. DEPT. EXPENSE</b>			
Curriculum and Lesson Supplies	500.00	692.54	500.00
Mission Projects	200.00	0.00	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	300.00	27.79	300.00
Youth Group Projects	800.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Christian Ed. Dept. Expense</b>	<b>1800.00</b>	<b>720.33</b>	<b>1100.00</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>			
Souper Bowl of Caring	0.00	275.00	0.00
Bibles for Bayview	0.00	789.34	0.00
Central Atlantic Conf.,(OCWM)	1600.00	1600.00	1600.00
Chesapeake Association	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Hoffman Home	600.00	500.00	400.00
Homewood Home	400.00	400.00	400.00
Eden Seminary	400.00	400.00	400.00
Lancaster Seminary	400.00	400.00	400.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	700.00	1275.00	1000.00
Neighbors in Need	300.00	0.00	300.00
Earl's Place	800.00	500.00	1000.00
Other Benevolence	1000.00	800.00	1000.00
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>7700.00</b>	<b>8439.34</b>	<b>8000.00</b>
<b>IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT</b>			
Repairs and Improvements	6000.00	6974.18	6000.00
Purchase of Equipment	2500.00	483.80	2500.00
<b>Total Improvements and Equipment</b>	<b>8500.00</b>	<b>7457.98</b>	<b>8500.00</b>
<b>PARSONAGE RENTAL EXPENSE</b>			
Property Management Fees	2100.00	1925.00	2100.00
Improvements & Equipment	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	1000.00	913.12	1000.00
Property Taxes	3300.00	3178.92	3300.00
<b>Total Parsonage Rental Expense</b>	<b>7400.00</b>	<b>6017.04</b>	<b>7400.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>190697.00</b>	<b>181274.50</b>	<b>186272.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>175694.00</b>	<b>147793.74</b>	<b>155279.00</b>
<b>AMOUNT UNDER (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-15003.00</b>	<b>-33480.76</b>	<b>-30993.00</b>
<b>Total all Church Funds as of 12/31/2014:</b>			
Bay Bank ( checking account)	65928.56		
Petty Cash--Office	200.00		
Petty Cash--Fundraisers	400.00		
The Cornerstone Fund CD	60801.71		
Hopkins Federal, Passbook Account	180.58		
United Church Funds Endowment Account	225955.00		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>353465.85</b>		