

Varied Activities To Mark Evangelical's 75th Jubilee

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The United Evangelical Church, East Ave. near Dillon St., is observing the period from October till November 14 with elaborate services in commemoration of its Diamond Jubilee of 75 years.

Various anniversary programs have been arranged for the Jubilee Celebration of the church by Louis Mueller, chairman of the anniversary committee, and the Rev. Titus Lehmann, who has been pastor of the church since 1934.

Because this Sunday will be Founder's Day, the Rev. Willis Ford, of the Baltimore Council of Churches, will be present to give his message at the 10:15 morning service. At 7:15 p.m., Dr. George Snyder, missionary to China, will offer a challenge. In addition, Rev. Snyder will take in the Sunday School class period to deliver a sermon.

Attached to the history of the church are several factual incidents that cover the early struggles of the United Church. It was founded in 1873 by the late Pastor A. Schwartz. During that period, an unusual interruption occurred

on October 19, 1873, the day of the cornerstone laying.

A sudden rain squall necessitated the removal of the stone to what was then the Canton Market. The rain also scattered the delegation of church dignitaries and dispersed the elements of marching units in a parade approaching the cornerstone ceremony.

A greater tragedy struck the "Old Hall," where the German School was conducted in the year of 1885. The school burned to the ground because the city fire department could not cross the street because the city boundary line ended at that point.

After the appointment of Rev. Lehmann as pastor of the church, interest began to hum because of his administrative work as well as his service duties on Sunday in the pulpit.

Rev. Lehmann said that during the 75 years of the church existence, 12,000 children have been baptized. Of this total, Rev. Lehmann has baptized over 2,000 babies himself during his term of pastorate at the church.