

August 5, 2003

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Dear «FirstName»:

I am sensitive to the fact that recently there have not been a lot of events planned for young people, such as yourself, at United Evangelical Church. The Council of the Church is also concerned about the limited activities of the Church. So together we are starting some things which I hope you will find exciting and want to be a part of.

First, in the fall, the Church is starting a contemporary worship service. It will be on Saturday nights instead of Sunday mornings. We think young people will be drawn to this service because of its more relaxed style. Casual dress is the norm, no robes or gowns, no dresses or ties; shorts and jeans are the order for the day. The music is more modern, done with guitars, piano, drums and other instruments. And there is no bulletin to follow as the service is less formal.

We will be using a screen to project the words for the songs, as well as graphics, which will enhance the worship time. There are plenty of ways you can be involved with the service. There is a lot of technical equipment to be set up, run, and put away at the end of the service. There are lots of opportunities for people to use their musical gifts, and other gifts of artistic expression such as dance, poetry, etc. I think you will find this kind of worship engaging and fun.

We are having a meeting for anyone who wants to be a part of the service on **Sunday, August 17th at noon**. Lunch will be provided. Come, and find out more about the exciting things the Holy Spirit is doing at the Church.

The second thing that is going to be happening in the fall, are day trips for the youth (middle school and high school). These will be a time to meet with other youth, have some fun, and talk about God. In conjunction with other UCC churches in the Baltimore area, we will be going once a month to a **DESTINATION UNKNOWN**.

Life is an unknown destination. We make choices that we hope will take us to where we want to go, but sometimes things don't always work out the way we plan. One thing we can always be sure of though, is that God is walking with us no matter what road we find ourselves on, and that we can turn to God for help when our destination appears unknown.

Our first trip on **Sunday, September 28th**, will be to a destination that is known. At 1:00 that afternoon we will pack up and head to Brad's Produce in Churchville, MD where we will meet up with the youth from the other churches and try to find our way through a corn maze. A maze is just one of the ways we can think about our future. We will spend some time talking about how God helps us through the maze of life, as we share in some food and fun. I will be sending you more information about this trip and future trips when it gets closer to the time. In the meantime, put the date on your calendar and invite your friends to come along.

I hope that these planned activities help you to know that the people at your Church care very much about you and value the vision that you as a young person bring to the Church. If you have any questions, or just want to talk, you can reach me by the usual methods or at cjoatman@msn.com. I am hopeful that these opportunities will allow us to get to know each other better as we have fun in the Lord.

In Christ,
Rev. Cathy