

# ORDER OF BAPTISM

## WELCOME AND ADDRESS

## QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

### \*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

(L) To all who are members of Christ's church, who witness to, and celebrate this sacrament of baptism:

Do you promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he/she lives and grows in Christ?

(P) We promise our love, support, and care.

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed p. 38 Hymnal

## PRAYER OF BAPTISM

## ACT OF BAPTISM

## ACT OF PRAISE *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*

## PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

## BENEDICTION

# Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;  
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed!  
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.  
4 Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.



With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.  
Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir-its, in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.  
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.



Ronald Cole-Turner, a teacher of theology, is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. He is an award-winning author on the interface of science and religion.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8  
Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716),  
Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 17

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

	<b>CS</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>FH</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>QR</b>
<b>Sun. 2/5</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Christian Education 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
<b>Mon 2/6</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.		EBSVSI 9:30 a.m.		
<b>Tue. 2/7</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.	NA Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
<b>Wed. 2/8</b>			Ladies Organization 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation 6:00 p.m.
<b>Thu. 2/9</b>	Contemporary Service Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.			Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 2/10</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
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*"Every one helps a neighbor and says to his neighbor, 'Take courage!'"*

ISAIAH 41:6

## Doing together what cannot be done alone



GRACE BUNKER

Village by village devoted pastors in Sri Lanka are finding and supplying boats, outboard motors, nets and other equipment to enable tsunami affected fishermen to go back to the sea. For those who do not want to go back, or whose families cannot bear for them to go back, training is being offered in various alternative trades with the provision of a micro-loan to start a small business. Vocational training centers have also sprung up for women and girls in non-traditional jobs, such as carpentry. Pastors in the affected villages are working together with true ecumenical spirit to help families restart their lives. Communities which did not suffer damage from the tsunami have been suffering nonetheless from 20 years of war. Some families have had their lives destroyed by both the tsunami and the war. Missionary Grace Bunker reports, "Sensitive, fair-minded relief agencies are recognizing that the war-

affected people must be helped alongside the tsunami-affected. It is only right that some good be salvaged from a disaster of such proportion to improve the lives of all who suffer."

*God, we pray for those whose lives have been devastated and for those who help them find new beginnings.*

*Grace Bunker, is a recently retired missionary from Jaffna, Sri Lanka.*



## You make the difference . . .



The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.

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## WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

DATE	TIME	SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES	LEADER
March 8	7:30 p.m.	Study	Rev. Robert Ridenour
March 15	7:30 p.m.	Fasting	Rev. Cathy Oatman
March 22	7:30 p.m.	Service	Deacon Meredith Moises
March 29	7:30 p.m.	Simplicity	Pastor Tory Liferidge
April 5	7:30 p.m.	Prayer/Meditation	Pastor Amy Sens

***Our preacher tonight is Rev. Bob Ridenour. Bob is the pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran UCC. This year he is celebrating his 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordained ministry.***

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### LENTEN MEALS AT ST. BRIGID CHURCH

St. Brigid Church will hold its Annual Lenten Soup Meals on Wednesdays of Lent at 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. The meal consists of a hearty bowl of soup, fresh baked bread and beverage for a donation of \$5.00. All proceeds will go to local charities. The soup of the day on March 15<sup>th</sup> will be split pea.

### LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

Our Lenten Mission Project again this year is the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. 2005 was another year filled with natural disaster. OGHS is an offering directed world wide to disaster relief and redevelopment. Everyone is encouraged as part of your Lenten discipline to give generously to OGHS. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex and will be collected on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### FAITH/LIFE SERIES AT HATTON CENTER

On Tuesdays at 10 – 11:30 a.m., the Hatton Center will host a five session talk entitled “Lent In The Neighborhood”. Pastors and Ministers from the Highlandtown/Canton area will speak about the spiritual and communal activities in their churches. Rev. Lee Hudson of Messiah Lutheran Church, will lead the March 14<sup>th</sup> session. All are welcome.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
<b>Sun. 3/12</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Christian Education 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
<b>Mon 3/13</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Tue. 3/14</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.		Church Council 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Wed. 3/15</b>	Lenten Service 7:30 p.m.		Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
<b>Thu. 3/16</b>	Contemporary Service Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.			Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 3/17</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Sat. 3/18</b>			NA Sat. 8:00 p.m.			

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## *Easter Lilies*

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<b>Mon 3/20</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Tue. 3/21</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				Christian Ed Committee 6:30 p.m.
<b>Wed. 3/22</b>	Lenten Service 7:30 p.m.		Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
<b>Thu. 3/23</b>	Contemporary Service Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.			Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 3/24</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.			
<b>Sat. 3/25</b>			NA Sat. 8:00 p.m.			

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*"But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."*

~ Matthew 6:17, 18

During Lent, I will fast from being self-centered  
and take an interest in others.

I will fast from fear and will trust in God.

I will fast from expressing irritability and be calm and poised.

I will fast from rigidity and practice adaptability.

I will fast from selfishness and greed, and I will give and share.

I will fast from hate and express love.

I will fast from self-indulgence and accept discipline.

I will fast from gloom and radiate joy.

I will fast from passing judgment and practice seeing  
all persons through the eyes of love.

I will fast from beholding the worst and make it a point to  
see the good, praise the good, rejoice in the good.

This Lenten season, I will diligently, conscientiously, and  
faithfully desist from all that is unloving and un-Christlike.

I look to the presence of God within and behold  
the sacred in myself.

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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Worship Services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**, April 12, 2006

"Last Supper Tableau" 8:00 p.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**, April 13, 2006

Tennebrae Worship Service

Sacrament of Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**, April 14, 2006

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

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<b>Sun. 3/26</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Christian Education 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
<b>Mon 3/27</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Tue. 3/28</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Wed. 3/29</b>	Lenten Service 7:30 p.m.		Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
<b>Thu. 3/30</b>	Contemporary Service Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.			Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 3/31</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Sat. 4/1</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Contemporary Service 5:30 p.m.		NA Sat. 8:00 p.m.			

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**Our preacher tonight is Pastor Tory Liferidge. Tory is currently serving as the pastor of Protestant Community UCC in Essex. He is attending school at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree. Most importantly, Tory is a committed servant of God who seeks to be available at all times.**

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**Our preacher tonight is Pastor Amy Sens. Amy graduated from Harvard Divinity School in 2003 with an MDiv. She is a candidate for ordination in the UCC, and is actively seeking a call to a local church or other ministry in the Baltimore/Washington area. In recent years, her interests in ministry have centered around evangelism and outreach, in particular to people in their 20's and 30's. She thoroughly enjoys preaching and worship and has been preaching and playing guitar at UEC's contemporary worship service. She hopes that God will be present through this Lenten series in both expected and unexpected ways.**



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<b>Mon 4/10</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Tue. 4/11</b>	Tableau Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Wed. 4/12</b>	Tableau 8:00 p.m.		Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
<b>Thu. 4/13</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Worship 7:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Fri. 4/14</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	Worship 9:00 a.m.		Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
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## SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

During the readings, the chancel is stripped and the lights are slowly dimmed symbolizing the stripping away of Jesus' life and his impending death. At the end of the readings, all light in the sanctuary will be extinguished and a loud noise is heard symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. After a few moments in darkness, the lights will be raised to allow for safe exit from the sanctuary. Please wait for the return of lights before leaving in silence.

1. The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25
2. The Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:31-35
3. The Shadow of Inner Agony Luke 22:39-44
4. The Shadow of Loneliness Matthew 26:40-45
5. The Shadow of Arrest John 18:1-5, 12
6. The Shadow of Accusation Matthew 26:59-67
7. The Shadow of Mockery Mark 15:12-20
8. The Shadow of Death Luke 23:33-46
9. The Final Reading John 1:1-4, 3:19

**Extinguishing of the Christ light – we wait in silence.**

## OURS WERE THE SORROWS HE CARRIED

*ISALAH 52: 13-53:9,11b,12 NRSV*

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him -- so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals--so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

**Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground

**he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

**Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.**

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

**By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?**

For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

**They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

continued...

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

**Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;**  
yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

*(silent reflection)*

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<b>Fri. 4/28</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Sat. 4/29</b>						

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**April 23, 2006**

*Open to Questions*

Acts 4:32–35

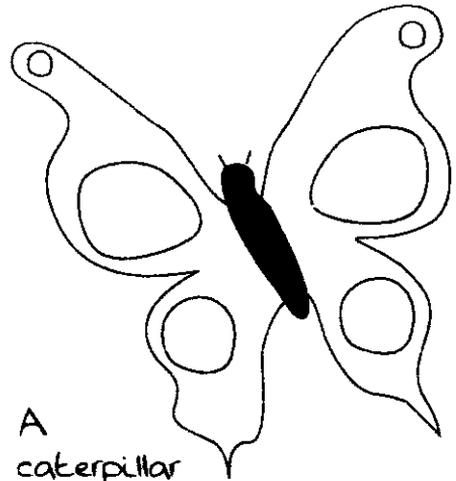
Psalms 133

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19–31

**T**oday's passages speak of God's gifts through Christ: peace, joy, unity, and faith. As it was with Thomas, our questions about these matters are essential. As we seek and ask, we discover the empowering nature of Christ, who receives our questions with grace and responds with generous love.

God always will provide what we need in order to have faith. Christ welcomes our questions and our searching. In Christ's hands, our longing to know God's presence becomes a path of blessing. Christ gives us God's good gifts without hesitation. However, these are not simply gifts; they are also responsibilities. How do we, as Easter people, honour Christ in our living?



A caterpillar goes into a cocoon and turns into a butterfly. This reminds us of Jesus coming alive again on Easter morning.



# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

AND

BAZAAR



LADIES ORGANIZATION

OF

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

DILLON & EAST AVENUE

SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2006

11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

We invite all friends and neighbors to come and enjoy strawberries, ice cream and cool whip to celebrate the strawberry season. Other food available will be crab cakes, hot dogs, chips, ice tea, coffee and soda.

Vendor tables are available for \$10.00 per table. Please call Olga, 410-444-8088 or the church office, 410-276-0393 for information.

Tables in Fellowship Hall will offer for sale cakes, candies, craft supplies, jewelry, raffles, attic treasures and kids' toys and things.

PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

June 4, 2006

*Pentecost People*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

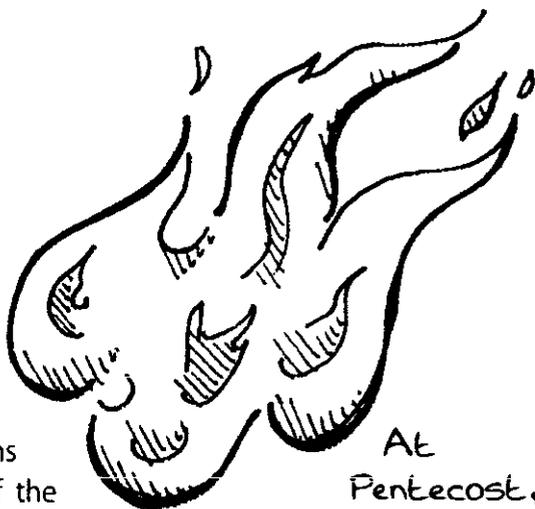
Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**O**n Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the transforming nature of God's Spirit at work - always and everywhere. This is also the day that many Christians celebrate as the birthday of the church. Living in the presence of the Holy Spirit, the community that began the Easter season behind closed doors is reborn and moving out to the ends of the earth!

This Pentecost day, celebrate the power of God's Spirit in creation, with humankind, and in the church. The Spirit transforms, empowers, guides, sustains, and gives hope. What have you seen and experienced that show God's Spirit active in our world today? How are you and your church living as Pentecost people today and every day?



At  
Pentecost,  
the Holy Spirit  
came like flames, giving  
new energy to the  
church.



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<b>Tue. 7/11</b>				Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.		
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<b>Fri. 7/14</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
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<p>Legend: CS – Church Sanctuary      G – Gym      FH – Fellowship Hall</p> <p>          SS – Sunday School Building      QR – Quiet Room      CR – Choir Room</p>						

*July*

*"Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business in the waters... their courage melted away in their evil plight... then they cried to God in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress."*

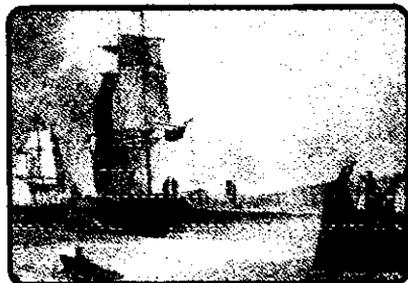
PSALMS 107:23, 26, 28

*"But Jesus on hearing this answered him, 'Do not fear; only believe...'"*

LUKE 8:50

## Sail On

**W**e continue our celebration of 200 years of mission work with this reflection from the Johnsons, missionaries twenty-five years ago: How many times do we finish a day and feel that it has been wasted or unprofitable? How many days of doubt and fear do we have wondering how far we have come? At times like this I am reminded of the entry in the ship's log during Christopher Columbus' voyage to America, "This day we sailed on." What great faith it must have taken to sail on and on for days and weeks into an unknown sea toward an unknown destination. During times of doubt in our lives and in the life of our church, when there is no land in sight and there are piles of clouds on the horizon, we must be sustained by faith so we can make an entry in the log, "This day we sailed on." For the past 200 years such a faith has sustained our church.



Natalie and Eugene Johnson were missionaries on the staff of Mt. Selinda Hospital in Zimbabwe over a period of years in the 1980s.

*God, you have brought us this far. Grant us a strong faith for the uncharted water ahead.*

*Pray for mission around the world as we enter into the season of the Haystack Celebration. Visit [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org) for additional resources, prayers and stories.*

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 9/3	Worship 9:00 a.m.		Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.		
Mon. 9/4	<i>Labor Day</i>					
Tue. 9/5						
Wed. 9/6			Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			
Thu. 9/7			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 9/8			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
Sat. 9/9			NA 8:00 p.m.			
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**September**

*"What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do..."*

PHIL 4:9

## Full Circle

**O**n a cold February day in 1998, the Hechos Theater team from the Pentecostal Church of Chile crunched through the snow in Williamstown, MA, to the monument that marks the field where the Haystack Prayer Meeting took place in 1806. A local pastor recounted the story of the thunderstorm and the nudging of the Holy Spirit that launched the missionary movement from the United States. Later, the young people from Chile knelt in the church in Salem, MA, at the pew where the Haystack youth were commissioned to take the gospel "to the ends of the earth" nearly 200 years ago.



ELENA HUEGEL

Plaques on the back of the pew memorialize these two events, but it is the living and growing family of Christians that bears witness to the ageless power of the Holy Spirit. There is some debate about where the country of Chile got its name. Some say that "Chile" is a Mapuche word that means "the ends of the earth." From the Haystack Prayer Meeting until today, the path of the Gospel comes full circle, and those from the "ends of the earth" now come to the United States to minister and share the love of God in Christ Jesus. As the sisters and brothers of the Massachusetts churches and the Pentecostal Church of Chile have discovered, the purpose of our partnerships around the world is, "to be learning together how to be and become the body of Christ in 'koinonía'."

*O God, it is in sharing our faith stories, learning from each other how to serve the world in Christ's name, that we join together in building God's Shalom.*

– Quote from the covenant agreement of the Pentecostal Church of Chile and the Massachusetts Conference, UCC

Elena Huegel is a missionary with the Pentecostal Church of Chile (IPC). She serves as an environmental and Christian education specialist.

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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<b>Sun. 8/27</b>	Worship 9:00a.m.		Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.		
<b>Mon. 8/28</b>						
<b>Tue. 8/29</b>						
<b>Wed. 8/30</b>			Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			
<b>Thu. 8/31</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 9/1</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Sat. 9/2</b>			NA 8:00 p.m.			
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AUGUST

## ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

In recognition of our Church's anniversary, there will be a special service of worship on September 24<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate our past and envision our future. Special music and special guests will be with us as we commission five of our members to a year of intentional study for the future of United Evangelical Church. A cake and light refreshments will be served in the hall following worship.



## LIST OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Property chairperson  
Council members  
Youth teacher  
Member to open church on  
    Sunday morning  
Sunday morning greeters  
Lectionary readers



Please consider giving of your time and talents for the Church.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 9/17	Worship 9:00 a.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.		
Mon. 9/18		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
Tue. 9/19		PACT 9:00 a.m.				Christian Ed Committee 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 9/20			Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			
Thu. 9/21		PACT 9:00 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 9/22			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
Sat. 9/23			NA 8:00 p.m.			
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**September**  


*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our God..."*

2 PETER 3:18

## Alive and Growing

There was a grand gathering in 1906 in Williamstown, MA, celebrating the centennial of the Haystack Prayer Meeting. Reading many of the speeches from that meeting, in the unique setting of the American Board of Foreign Missions library in Istanbul, Turkey, we were struck by the gap the speakers saw between themselves in 1906 and the Haystack period of 1806; and also by the second 100 year gap between many of us in 2006 and the first centennialists. We have worked as missionaries in Izmir, Turkey, for more than 20 years. Our first predecessors there were two young men from the Haystack generation, Pliny Fiske and Levi Parsons. They were around 30 years old when they arrived in 1820, the first mission appointees. They were being sent into the unknown, and were supposed to learn several classical and local languages, describe the cultures and religion of the people they met, preach, teach, write reports, and so on. Each man died not long after arrival.



KEN FRANK



BETTY FRANK

What can we affirm from the Haystack generation as energizing today's ideas of Christian mission in the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)? Their sense of risk and commitment; their openness to God's call. Knowledge of the world and its people changes, contexts change, empires rise and fall, wars rage, disasters strike, human populations continue to increase and the earth is more and more abused. The Haystack generations are almost unrecognizable in this flux and upheaval. Yet, we still recognize their willingness to go where they felt God called them to serve. As was said in the 1906 centennial, "what is of God is alive and grows."

*God, we pray, as we see the growth and change in mission over the years, help us to feel alive, receptive to truth, self-critical, and open to receive new wisdom for service.*

Ken & Betty Frank serve as missionaries with the American Board in Istanbul, Turkey, sharing the job of General Secretary of the American Board. They also serve on the board of the Istanbul Inter-parish Migrant Program (IIMP).

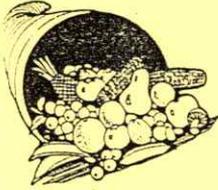
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# FALL FAITH / LIFE SERIES



Summer is often a time when we take vacation trips and experience the many beautiful wonders of God's creation. These periods of rest and relaxation create many memories over the years, times filled with family, friends and faith. Join us on **Tuesdays, 10:00 AM**, this fall as we reflect on our summer journeys in the light of our *FAITH*, and listen to God speaking through the journeys of people in the Bible.

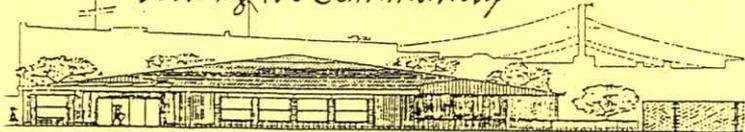
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>      Pastor Lee Hudson      Messiah Lutheran Church
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup>     Pastor Ross Syracuse OFMConv      St. Casimir Church
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup>     Dr. Eric Gritsch          Ret Professor Theology
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>    Pastor Catherine Oatman      United Evangelical Church
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>    Pastor Joe Bochenek          St. Brigid Church  
                  Mrs. Bette Brocato  
                  Sr. Barbara Brzezczko  
                  Pastor Ed Graves          Patterson Park Baptist Church

We invite you to share your own "journeys", as we look at the changing dynamics of family, careers and personal priorities when we walk with God.

*The Baltimore City  
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## The Hatton Senior Center

*"Serving The Community"*



  
Ms. Elaine Hall, Director  
2825 Fair Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21224  
410-396-9025

# Order of Commissioning for Visioning Study

## Opening Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20

### The Commissioning of the Disciples

Pastor: <sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## Address

Pastor: We gather here this morning as United Evangelical Church to celebrate 133 years of faithfulness between Jesus Christ and this His church. Like the eleven, here we have worshiped Christ, here we have doubted him. In the midst of our worship, our joy and our doubting, we embark today on a journey of prayer, study and envisioning the future.

Cong: As we begin this journey, we hold steadfast to the promises of God spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

## Commitment by Visioning Team

Pastor: God has called "who will go" and you have responded "here I am Lord, send me." We, your brothers and sisters in Christ, are grateful for your willingness to serve this church in the capacity of visionaries.

You come before the congregation this morning to state your commitment to the mission before you. Do you promise to apply yourself faithfully and fully to the tasks which will be

asked of you over this next year in discerning and listening for the Holy Spirit; and do you commit to holding the congregation and your work as a team in prayer?

**Team:** I acknowledge that our work is done on behalf of the congregation. Through the voice of the people, God has called me to this task. As I work with my brothers and sisters in Christ in seeding the will of God for this church, I promise to faithfully attend meetings, complete reading assignments, listen to, and respect the opinions of others, and participate fully in the work of this study. I commit to holding this church and one another in prayer as we endeavor to listen for the Holy Spirit's call.

## **Congregational Covenant**

**Pastor:** My friends in Christ we have heard the willingness of these servants to commit to the work before them. Let us enter covenant with them as we journey together as United Evangelical Church.

**Cong:** We join along side of you in a commitment to prayer during this time of envisioning. We promise an openness of heart and mind to the findings you will share with us along the way. We eagerly anticipate your call for us to participate in bringing forth God's vision for this church.

## **Statement of Faith**

**All:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from then he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

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Mon. 10/2		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
Tue. 10/3		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
Wed. 10/4			Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			
Thu. 10/5		PACT 9:00 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 10/6			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
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<b>Mon. 10/16</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Tue. 10/17</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				Christian Education Committee 6:30 p.m.
<b>Wed. 10/18</b>			Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
<b>Thu. 10/19</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 10/20</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Sat. 10/21</b>			NA 8:00 p.m.			Visioning Team Meeting 10:00 a.m.
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### PACT'S 400 CLUB RAFFLE

PACT is selling 400 Club Raffle tickets – their only fund raiser. Tickets are \$10.00. Please contact Rebecca Orendorff, 410-296-4254.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
<b>Sun. 10/22</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
<b>Mon. 10/23</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Tue. 10/24</b>	CCA 7:00 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.		CCA 6:30 p.m.		
<b>Wed. 10/25</b>			Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
<b>Thu. 10/26</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Fri. 10/27</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Sat. 10/28</b>			NA 8:00 p.m.			
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DON'T FORGET  
ALL SAINTS HALLOWEEN  
CELEBRATION



6-7:30 PM OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>  
COME IN COSTUME

AWARDS FOR COSTUMES  
FUNNIEST  
PRETTIEST  
SCARIEST  
MOST ORIGINAL

ADMISSION FEE: \$4.00 PER PERSON PLUS ONE  
CANNED GOOD FOR THE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO UNITED EVANGELICAL HALL  
EAST AVENUE & DILLON  
FOR A HALLOWEEN PARTY

WE'LL HAVE A GHOST OF A TIME ENJOYING  
FOOD...DRINK  
MUSIC...GAMES...MOVIES





## **HOPE and HELP**

Hope for the future goes hand in hand with fear of the future. Many of the men talk about the masks they wear putting on a front that all is well, but on the inside they are messed up and miserable. At Earl's Place we are trying to peel off those masks. It is not easy, the men have become very good at stuffing their feelings. Years of alcohol or substance abuse provided an escape from dealing with reality.

James shared the turning point in his life in one of our weekly meetings. He said getting an eviction notice was the best thing that happened to him. James was referring to a notice he received stating that if he did not have a job with a verifiable income by a specific date, he would have to leave the program. He had been in Earl's Place for a while and it was time. While his initial response was one of anger, he did get a job and when he shared he said "Now I feel like somebody."

The men we work with are somebody. They are brothers, fathers, and sons. They are God's creation and once they start removing their masks and making changes in their lives they are kind and caring people. Your support of Earl's Place provides them with a safe environment to take chances and rejoin society as productive citizens.

On Sunday, November 19, there will be a special offering taken for Earl's Place. Please give generously, your support makes a difference!

Earl's Place 1400 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21231  
For more information call 410-522-0225 or visit us on the web –  
[www.unitedministries-earlsplace.org](http://www.unitedministries-earlsplace.org)

*Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

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<b>Sun. 11/26</b>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 2:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
<b>Mon. 11/27</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Tue. 11/28</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.		CCA 6:30 p.m.		
<b>Wed. 11/29</b>			Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
<b>Thu. 11/30</b>		PACT 9:00 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.			
<b>Fri. 12/1</b>			Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		
<b>Sat. 12/2</b>			NA 8:00 p.m.			
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## **CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION FOR REV. JIM BELL**

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> the Board of Directors of the Central Atlantic Conference voted to terminate Rev. Jim Bell, the Associate Conference Minister to the Chesapeake Association. The Chesapeake Association Council has expressed much concern to the Board regarding this decision. As the Association Council continues to work with the Board around this issue, there is planned an afternoon of celebration and recognition of the ministry of Rev. Bell with the churches of the Chesapeake. Everyone is invited to Heritage UCC, 3106 Liberty Heights Ave., on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 for worship and a meal and a time of expressing our gratitude to Jim. If Jim's ministry has touched your life in some way you are encouraged to write a letter of appreciation to him. These letters will then be compiled in a book to be presented to Jim. All letters are to be to Rev. Cathy by December 1<sup>st</sup>. A financial gift is also being presented, if you would like to contribute, you can do so through the church offering by designating your offering with "Jim Bell's celebration of ministry."

## **GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT UCC**

John Thomas, General Minister and President of UCC will be available for an informal conversation on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 1:00 p.m. at the Overhills Mansion, 916 S. Rolling Road in Catonsville.



# Tinsel Sunday Program

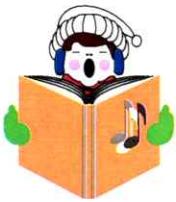
Sunday, December 10, 2006

Come see the Children's Christmas Program at the 10:30 Service



Enjoy a scrumptious luncheon with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Children and adults will enjoy making crafts after luncheon.



Carol singing and a birthday cake for Jesus!

Plus . . . a special visitor!!!!



*The Church wishes to express our gratitude to all the individuals that have made this affair possible. We appreciate all the assistance we receive to continue programs throughout the year. Anyone wishing to participate in any future endeavors please contact the Church office. Thanks to all and Have a Blessed Holidays.*