

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God

All: People will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Pastor: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast, which he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks Holy One... Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

Sanctus *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth"* # 522

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Sabaoth:
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty
of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Holy One, show forth among us... May we remain faithful in Love and hope, until the perfect feast with our exalted Savior in the eternal joy of your heavenly realm.

All: Gracious God, accept with favor this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves, giving you thanks for the perfect offering of the only one begotten by you, Jesus Christ our Savior: By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. All honor and glory be to you eternal God, now and forever.
Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

"O Christ Thou Lamb of God"

525

All: O Christ, the Lamb of God,
that takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us;
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
that takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us:
O Christ the Lamb of God,
that takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us thy peace.
Amen.

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LENTEN JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
February 25	Rev. Cathy Oatman	Ash Wednesday
March 3	Rev. Liz Colton	The Crippled Women
March 10	Rev. Lucy Brady	Mary
March 17	Rev. Bob Ridenour	St. Patrick
March 24	Rev. Cathy Oatman	The Prodigal
March 31	Rev. Beth Cantrell-Counts	The Disciples in Gethsemane
April 7	Tableau – 8:00 p.m.	

All Lenten Services begin at 7:30 p.m. except where noted. A time of fellowship will be held after each service in the Friendship Hall.



A MILE OF PENNIES

As we "Journey to Jerusalem" this Lenten season, many of us will think about giving up something for Lent. Would you consider giving up pennies? Pennies seem worthless until they are measured by the mile. There are 16 pennies in a foot and 5280 feet per mile. A mile of pennies equals \$844.80!

As a Lenten endeavor, we will be collecting a Mile of Pennies for the House of Ruth. This worthy charity provides shelter for abused women and their children. There is a basket next to the sanctuary doors for the pennies. It would be an extra bonus if they are rolled, but loose ones are fine. A chart by the basket will show our progress. Your participation in this worthy mission project will help us complete our mile journey.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

"JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM"

Palm Sunday, April 4 (no communion)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday, April 7	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Sunday
Maundy Thursday, April 8	8:00 p.m.	Tableau
Good Friday, April 9	7:30 p.m.	Tennebrae & Holy Communion
Easter Sunday, April 11	9:00 a.m.	
	6:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:00 a.m.	The Living Cross, Children's Service.
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

One: Hear the invitation of Jesus, to this his table: " I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

Revelation 3:20

Communion Prayer

One: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you**

One: Lift up your hearts

All: **We lift them up to God**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to you; creator of heaven and earth creator and lover of all humanity. Even when we turned away from you, you never rejected us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance. This meal which we share today is indeed the celebration that death has been defeated forever. We celebrate also how the language of your love became audible through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, our beloved Lord; and how the nature of your love became visible through his life and sacrificial love. He graced lives with healing and hope, with compassion and power and as if that were not enough, he gave his very life for us. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying:

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Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of
thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

One: God of all power, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the life of Christ and that we may make that life visible through our faithful witness to him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Let us pray as Christ taught. . .

Agnus Dei

"O Christ Thou Lamb of God"

#525

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that takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us;
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Have mercy upon us;
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Grant us thy peace.
Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

The Communion of the People

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Gracious God, we have been reminded of Jesus' sacrificial love for us as we have shared this meal together and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have received his life in us. May we make our thanks visible by serving you and one another - all those for whom Christ died. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CONFIRMATION REUNION LITANY

- (L) Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord.
- (P) **Give thanks for the goodness of the Lord.**
- (L) Who is your Lord and Savior?
- (P) **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**
- (L) Who has accompanied you on your life's journey?
- (P) **Christ has brought us to this time and place. For these fifty years since we reaffirmed our baptismal vows, God has empowered us with God's Holy Spirit. For fifty years, Christ has filled and sustained us. For fifty years, Christ has shown us grace. Even now, the risen Christ is with us and continues to renew our faith.**
- (L) Who is it that stands with you?
- (P) **Christ has given us to be in loving fellowship with one another. In thanksgiving and joy, we come to share our story and ourselves with Christ's Church.**
- (L) Do you promise to continue to be a faithful servant through joy and sorrow?
- (P) **I do, with the help of God.**
- (L) Let us pray.
- (P) **O God, renew us with your Holy Spirit, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds and use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of all.**
- (L) Praise the Lord forevermore.
- (P) **Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 4/18	Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m.				Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Mon. 4/19		PACT	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Tue. 4/20		PACT Christian Ed Committee 6:30 p.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. N.A. Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
Wed. 4/21			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Thu. 4/22	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 4/23			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			Alonon 11:00 a.m.
Sat. 4/24	Contemporary Worship 5:30 p.m.		N.A. Sat. 8:00 p.m.			
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ORDER OF BAPTISM

WELCOME AND ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

*CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

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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

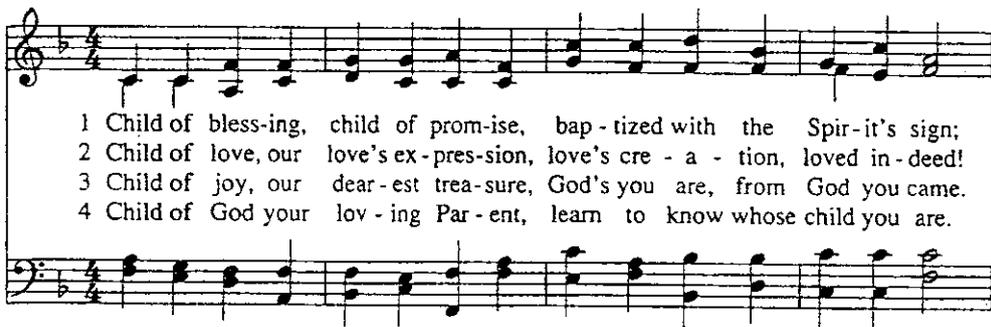
ACT OF PRAISE *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1981



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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 8.7.8.7.
Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in
Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

Faith of our Mothers
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Faith of our mothers! Living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word:
Faith of our mothers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers! we will strive
To win all nations unto thee;
And though the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then be truly free:
Faith of our mothers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life:
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Spirit Of The Living God

Daniel Iverson

Chorus 1

Spirit of the Living God

Fall fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God

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Melt me mold me

Fill me use me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall fresh on me

Chorus 2

Spirit of the Living God

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On June 1st and 2nd, the Baltimore City Council will be hearing the bills proposing taxes for non-profits. If these bills pass, United will have annual estimated tax bill between \$500 - \$1,000. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO FIGHT THESE BILLS.** Call your council representatives by June 2nd, and tell them to support an amendment that will exempt houses of worship from this tax. 1st District Representatives are John Cain, 410-396-4807; Nicholas D'Adamo, 410-396-4808; and Lois Garey, 410-396-4828

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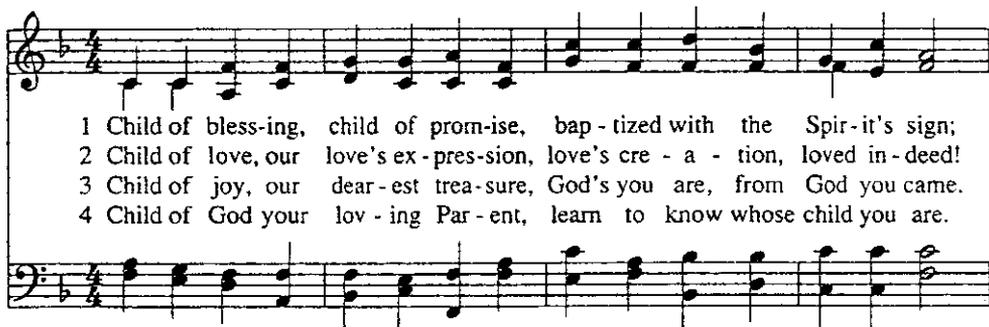
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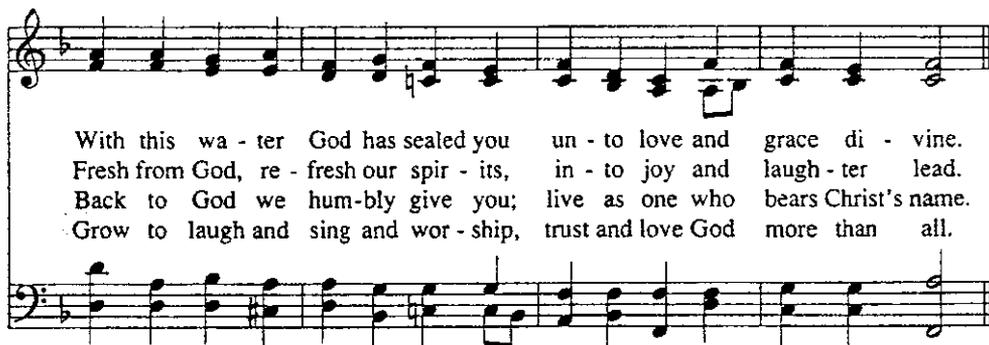
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"And when they heard this noise, a crowd gathered. They were surprised because they were hearing everything in their own languages."

ACTS 2:6

Eyes and Ears of Understanding



LISA SMITH

It's almost like world group therapy, writes Chaplain Lisa Smith of her informal meetings with students from developing countries as they wait their turn to apply for emergency funds. They have come to Berlin to study the newest techniques and information in their field, and as we help them develop their skills, we hope they will help develop their countries when they return. Students of all colors and nationalities sit together – united by the fact that they are foreigners here in Germany, yet separated by their nationalities and religions. I talk with them and try to help them to feel relaxed. When they learn that I am a Christian pastor from the USA, they're eager to talk about world political and religious happenings. There are no harsh words, no unkindnesses – just a hunger for knowledge. There seems to be a greater need to discuss than to be right.

To reflect these healing conversations in our worship service, I relayed the story of Moses talking "eye to eye" with God, then invited everyone to choose a picture of eyes I had available, and then talk "eye to eye" with someone they didn't know. Hindus, Muslims and Christians all shared with each other and wrote their prayers and hopes on paper and placed them on a fabric "eternal eye" of God. Love may go through the stomach, but grace comes through the eyes!

We pray for students who feel alone in foreign lands and the community that develops as they risk talking "eye to eye" with each other.

Lisa is Chaplain of the Ecumenical Centre for Foreign Students in Berlin. She and her husband Steve are Global Ministries missionaries in Germany with the Evangelical Church of the Union.

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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June 27, 2004

To: All Members of United Evangelical Church
From: The Building Use Committee; Rev. Cathy, Bill Meyers, Lori Betch

In agreement with council, it is with great excitement that we welcome Casa de Restauración Four Square Gospel Church as a part of the ministries being housed at United Evangelical Church. Starting in July we will begin our joint ministry ventures with Casa de Restauración.

The times and rooms in which they will be meeting will be published weekly in our calendar and is also found on the back of this notice. A meeting between Casa de Restauración and our Sunday School has been scheduled in order to communicate clearly the needs and expectations of our two churches sharing space. We look forward to many ecumenical endeavors with this church, and being joint stewards with them with our church buildings.

In Christ,
The Building Use Committee

Casa de Restauración
at
United Evangelical Church

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room</u>
Wednesday	6:00 – 9:00 pm	3 rd Floor Church School
Friday	7:00 – 9:30 pm	3 rd Floor Church School Gym Friendship Hall
Sunday	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Sanctuary 3 rd Floor Church School Gym
Sunday	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Friendship Hall



THE BETTER PART



SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2004

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AMOS 8:1-12 • PSALM 52

COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

LUKE 10:38-42

*Ever-faithful God, whose being is perfect
righteousness: reconcile us in your Son with
the helpless and the needy, with those we
would ignore or oppress, and with those we
have called enemies, that we may serve all
people as your hands of love, and sit at the
feet of those who need our compassionate
care. Amen.*

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9/11

A service of healing

For our world

For our nation

For ourselves

*United Evangelical Church
3200 Dillon Street
5:30 p.m.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 9/5	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 5:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Mon. 9/6			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Tue. 9/7			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. N.A. Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
Wed. 9/8			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.	Ladies Org. 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.		Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Thu. 9/9			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 9/10		Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Alonon 11:00 a.m.
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"GIFT OF THE HEART" HEALTH KITS AND EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS

"Gift of the Heart" Health Kits and Emergency Cleanup Buckets are two ways you can help the victims of the hurricanes that caused havoc in the southeast.

CWS "Gift of the Heart" Health Kits

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One comb
- One metal nail file or nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size)
- One toothbrush
- One tube of toothpaste (4-7 ounces)
- Six Band-Aids

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Kits should be packed in a box and "Gifts of the Heart" Health Kit clearly marked on the outside. Include the name and address of the individual sending the kits. Secure the box with packing tape

Emergency Cleanup Bucket

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes)
- 50 oz. dry laundry detergent
- 12 oz. bottle of household cleaner (like Lysol)
- 28 oz. bottle disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn)
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 packages dust masks (like Benchtop)

2 pair latex gloves
1 pair work gloves
24-bag roll heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallon)
1 6-14 oz. bottle of insect repellent (drops or lotion,
not aerosol)

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Be sure all items are new, unopened materials.

Put all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely, and seal lid with packing tape. Place each bucket in a separate box, and include the name and address of the individual sending the bucket. Close and secure the box with packing tape and Emergency Cleanup Bucket clearly marked on the outside. Buckets may be taken directly to the warehouse in New Windsor, MD or shipped prepaid.

Health Kits and Buckets should be shipped prepaid to:

Church World Service
Brethren Service Center Annex
601 Main Street, P.O. Box 188
New Windsor, MD 21776-0188

Please send \$1 per Health Kit or \$3 per Emergency Clean-up Bucket to help with the cost of processing/shipping. Do not include money in the box. Send your check, earmarked for processing/shipping to:

Church World Service
28606 Phillips St.
P.O. Box 968
Elkhart, IN 465155
1-800-297-1516

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Worship Survey

Due to poor attendance over the past several years at both the Thanksgiving, and the late service on Christmas Eve, a different format is being considered for these services. Please answer the questions below to help the Pastor and Council make a decision concerning our future worship life. You may encounter this survey again, please fill it out only once.

Our Thanksgiving Service is at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Have you attended the Thanksgiving Day service in the last 5 years?

- Yes
- No

If not, why?

- Have to work
- Family or traveling plans
- Not interested
- Other, please explain _____

Would you attend a service on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving?

- Yes
- No

If there is a 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day service this year, will you attend?

- Yes
- No

Which Christmas Eve service do you plan to attend this year?

- 7:30 p.m.
- 11:00 p.m.
- Neither

If the 11:00 p.m. service was not available, would you come at 7:30 p.m.?

- Yes
- No

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Wed. 10/27			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.
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"Remind the people to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all."

TITUS 3:2

All for Each Other

Around Thanksgiving time last year there were two suicide bombings in Istanbul - so senseless, and not common in this country. Nevertheless, these bombings aroused the stereotype of a terrorist-ridden, Muslim country. In reality, Turkey has a secular government that is keen to stop terrorist activities, but that doesn't stop the labeling.

It hurts to be on the receiving end of such accusations; to be treated as a member of a category. Stereotypes ignore the multitude of Jews, Christians and Muslims who live the highest aspirations of their traditions - each of which inspires us with its moral vision. Jesus preached love of God and neighbor, and even of enemies. The Qur'an teaches that the taking of one life is the taking of all, and the saving of one life is the saving of all, while morality and justice in the Jewish tradition encourage Jews to help the victims of oppression. If we are aware of Christians who seek peace and reconciliation, then we must also be aware of the Muslims who affirm abundant life for all, and of the many Jews enraged by the treatment of Palestinians.

Let us support each other as we struggle within our traditions to lift up the best we have to offer. Anywhere homes are demolished, countries are invaded, or lives are endangered, let us work creatively for reconciliation; to bring life out of death, and not to despair.

As we share the common cup of World Communion, we pray for increasing sensitivity and respect for all in our global neighborhood.

Missionaries Ken and Betty Frank serve as co-executives of the Near East Mission in Istanbul, Turkey. Both work in ecumenical and interfaith relations.



KEN FRANK



BETTY FRANK

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 10/31	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.			Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Mon. 11/1		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Tue. 11/2		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. N.A. Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
Wed. 11/3			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.
Thu. 11/4	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 11/5		Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.			Alonon 11:00 a.m.
Sat. 11/6	1 st Saturdays 5:30 p.m.		N.A. Sat. 8:00 p.m.			
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 28th, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Election of new council members, approval of the 2005 budget, update on the progress of the church school building, and participation in the UCC advertising campaign are orders of the agenda. Please plan to be a part of the necessary workings of the church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 11/14	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.			Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Mon. 11/15		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Tue. 11/16		PACT 9:00 a.m. Christian Ed 6:30 p.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. N.A. Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
Wed. 11/17			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.
Thu. 11/18	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 11/19		Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.			Alonon 11:00 a.m.
Sat. 11/20			N.A. Sat. 8:00 p.m.			

Legend: CS – Church Sanctuary
SS – Sunday School Building

G – Gym
QR – Quiet Room

FH – Friendship Hall
CR – Choir Room

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 11/21 <i>Totenfest</i>	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.			Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Mon. 11/22		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Tue. 11/23		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. N.A. Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
Wed. 11/24	Thanksgiving Service 7:00 p.m.		N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Thu. 11/25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Fri. 11/26	Christmas Decorating 9:00 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.			Alonon 11:00 a.m.
Sat. 11/27			N.A. Sat. 8:00 p.m.			
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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

***Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed p.38 Hymnal**

***Address**

***Question about Participation**

***Welcome and Reception**

(L) Let us, the members of United Evangelical Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

(P) We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

***Greeting of Christian Love**

***Passing of Peace**

Prayer

Benediction

WEEKLY CALENDAR

	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 11/28	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting 11:30 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Mon. 11/29		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Tue. 11/30		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. N.A. Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
Wed. 12/1			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.
Thu. 12/2	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 12/3			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Alonon 11:00 a.m.
Sat. 12/4	1 st Saturdays 5:30 p.m.		N.A. Sat. 8:00 p.m.			
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	CS	SS	G	FH	CR	QR
Sun. 12/5	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Mon. 12/6		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Tue. 12/7		PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. N.A. Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
Wed. 12/8			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.			Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.
Thu. 12/9	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	PACT 9:00 a.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 12/10			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 7:00 p.m.		Alonon 11:00 a.m.
Sat. 12/11			N.A. Sat. 8:00 p.m.			

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"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness."

LUKE 1:78

Christmas Anytime!

Although it was an autumn day when I first attended worship with the Luzhou congregation, from my balcony seat I noticed a tinsel garland hanging from the rafters overhead; obvious remnants of a previous Christmas. I remember thinking how unexpected, and yet how good, to have a continuing reminder of the celebration of Jesus' birth.



BETH ELIASON

Six months later during Lent, I noticed another tinsel decoration with Christmas cards and Santa ornaments cascading over the congregation. The stage also still wore its Christmas "finery"; a tinsel starburst near the illuminated five-foot high red plastic cross in the center flanked by silver and gold bows and red paper Chinese characters "Yi Ma Nei Li" (Immanuel).

Before that Lenten service started, a disheveled young man left his seat and limped toward the front where there is also large a painting of Jesus on the cross. Steadying himself on his cane, he stood for some time contemplating the picture. As he stood there, other worshippers expressed their growing annoyance, calling out for him to return to his seat. When he turned around, I was stunned by his blissful smile and the light radiating from his face. He had been transformed! And suddenly a thought came - Christmas, Good Friday and Easter all in one moment! An unexpected coming together of the high points in the liturgical year! I smiled at the revelation!

God we pray that your light and love will continue to shine with joyful surprise!

Beth Eliason serves in China as an English teacher with the Amity Foundation through Church World Service.

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Sun. 12/19	Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Christian Ed 9:15 a.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 3:00 p.m.		Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Mon. 12/20		PACT Christmas Party 7:00 p.m.	N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.			
Tue. 12/21			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. N.A. Tue. 8:00 p.m.			
Wed. 12/22			N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.	Casa de Restauración 6:00 p.m.		Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.
Thu. 12/23	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.		N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m.		Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 12/24	Christmas Eve Service 7:30 p.m.		N.A. Noon 12:00 p.m. Casa de Restauración 8:45 p.m.			Alonon 11:00 a.m.
Sat. 12/25 <i>Christmas</i>			N.A. Sat. 8:00 p.m.			
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Celebrating Distinguished Members of Christ's Body

A Love Gift has been given to the church
in celebration of my 93rd birthday,
December 19th. Given by *Ella R. Brooks*.

A Love Gift has been given to the church
in honor of *Paul Bauersfeld's* 90th birthday.
by Joan Stinchcomb; Lori and Mark Betch;
Lynn and Dale Sanders; Eric and Stephen,

A Love Gift has been given to the church
in honor of Uncle *Paul Bauersfeld's* 90th birthday.
by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Becker and Family.

A Love Gift has been given to the church
in honor of the 93rd birthdays of *Ella Brooks*
and *Luella Rasche* by Lou and Isebel Parker.

A Love Gift of stocks has been given to the
church in honor of *Lena Kemp* by her
daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and James Vittek.

Ruth Beckwith

Florence Bell

Bertha Benser

Jessie Caraballo

Margaret Clark

Christina Davis

Elizabeth Erdman

Grace Fader

Margaret Fitzberger

Richard Francis

Mildred Gronberg

Charles Hammerbacher, Sr.

George Hammerbacher

Lillian Hammerbacher

Lula Hoffman

Calvin Kellner

Lena Kemp

Marie Kodetsky

Doris Lawrence

Christine Manning

Louis Parker, Sr.

Naomi Reynolds

Grace Ruppalt

Bertha Schoenberger

Catharine Smith

Catherine Steever

Dorothy Topie

Henry Will

Naomi Will

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer of Remembrance and Consecration
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O Come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

O sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Now to our God be
Glory in the highest!
(Refrain)

Amen, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
O Jesus, forever be Thy name adored;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!
(Refrain)

“The First Nowell”

The first Nowell the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields as they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
(Refrain)

And by the light of that same star,
Three Wise Men came from a country afar,
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
(Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)

Then entered in those Wise Men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
(Refrain)

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
(Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us through Jesus Christ, both in the midst of time and history in the city of Bethlehem, and in the timeless presence of Christ as we receive the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out into the world rejoicing, ready to share your love with the people we meet; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.