



The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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THANKSGIVING AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST a brief review

Prior to 1534 England was Roman Catholic.

In 1534 Parliament passed the Act of Supremacy which made Henry VIII head of the Church which in time became known as the Church of England, Anglican or Episcopal Church.

There were those who were dissatisfied with the Anglican Church.

These people felt that the "New" church was too much like the Roman Catholic Church.

In time these people separated from the Church of England.

They were called Separatists.

There were others who remained within the church and attempted to "purify" it from within.

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These people were called Puritans.

The Separatists went to Holland for awhile.

In September 1620 some set sail for America.

The Pilgrims who sailed on the Mayflower were Separatists.

The Separatist Pilgrims landed on November 21 1620 and signed the Mayflower Compact.

The Mayflower Compact was a covenant between the Pilgrims and God and each other.

The Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621.

Puritans came to America too.

The Puritans and Separatists became united in America through the Congregational church organization.

In 1931 these Congregational churches united with the Congregational Christian Churches.

In 1957 the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed denominations united to become the United Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ then has roots in the first Thanksgiving in America.

Let this organic tie with that first Thanksgiving help us in our celebration this year and always.

Thank God on Thanksgiving.

B.W.

"TOTENFEST" SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

On the last Sunday of the Christian Church Year we include a Memorial Service, honoring especially the memory of all at whose funeral the pastor officiated during the past 12 months, and the memory of all our beloved dead.

We invite you as families and individuals to participate in the growing practice of making gifts to our Memorial Fund at this time. Because we feel you might want to do this, we include a Memorial Gift envelope with this mailing. We humbly suggest that all such gifts be in the office of the church not later than Sunday, November 16, so the printed brochure for this day can be prepared. A special Memorial service is included at the 10:15 a.m. service.

REMEMBER - TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE
REST OF YOUR LIFE.

EXCUSES

The best excuse for absence from church is not so good as actual attendance.

The sermon may save your soul but it is not likely that the excuse will.

John Andrew Holmes

Happy Thanksgiving

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPT. MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of January, March, April, June,
October and December.

CHURCH SCHOOL GENERAL TEACHERS' MEETING

2nd Tuesday of February, May, September and
November

These meetings begin at 8:00 p.m.

Carol Rowell

College Students known to us:

Robert Gundlach - Towson State

Robert Jackson - Essex Community College

Randy Schmitt - University of Maryland

TO PARENTS OF CONFIRMANDS

You are asked to pay close attention to your
son or daughter's work. Read the class
announcement sheet which your son or daughter
receives from the pastor. Don't do the con-
firmand's work but certainly assist him or
her short of doing the work.

THANKSGIVING READING

Will Bradford, Of Plymouth Plantation. An
actual diary and account of a Pilgrim.

Henry W. Longfellow, The Courtship of Miles
Standish. This 1858 epic poem including John
Alden, Priscilla Mullins and Captain Miles
Standish is an American classic.

B.W.

THANKSGIVING FACTS

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Before you celebrate Thanksgiving it is well that you know the historical background.

True or False

1. Pilgrims and Separatists are one and the same people.
2. Puritans were members of the Church of England.
3. Plymouth Colony and Massachusetts Bay Colony were one and the same.
4. The turkey was brought to this continent by the Pilgrims.
5. The first English Colony on this continent was Plymouth.
6. William Brewster was the Captain of the Mayflower.
7. November 21, 1620 is the date for the first Thanksgiving.
8. The Mayflower Compact was a sister ship of the Mayflower.
9. Pocahontas wrote "A History of Plymouth Plantation."
10. Most of the Pilgrims were of German descent.

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FIRST THANKSGIVING MENU

goose, venison, lobster, eel pie, corn bread, fresh sallet herbs, wild plums, berries, red and white wine. 90 Indians were guests.

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THANKSGIVING - A NATIONAL HOLIDAY - Abraham Lincoln established the present day celebration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday.

PILGRIMS VOYAGE TO SETTLEMENT

The Pilgrims set sail with 2 ships - the Speedwell and the Mayflower. The date was August 5, 1620. The Speedwell weighed 60 tons. The Mayflower weighed 180 tons and was 90 feet long and 25 feet at the broadest.

There were 120 passengers in all on this August sailing. About 90 were on the Mayflower.

Twice the Pilgrims had to return to England after this sailing. The Speedwell sprung leaks. Finally the ship was abandoned.

On September 6, 1620, the Mayflower with about 100 passengers made the historic voyage

The food on board was biscuit, saled beef and beer.

November 10, 1620, the Pilgrims sighted the North American Continent off what is now the New England coast. November 11, sixteen men went ashore. November 13, a Monday, women went ashore to do washing. December 11, Pilgrims set foot on Plymouth Rock.

January 21, 1621, the first religious services on American soil.

March 16, 1621, Samoset, from the Abnaki tribe visited the Pilgrims.

By late winter 1/2 of the Pilgrims had died. April 6, 1621, Mayflower returns to England.

Mid-October 1621, first Thanksgiving.

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CHURCH SCHOOL

Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. things are happening in the Church School. There is a place for all who wish to take part in stimulating activities which provide fellowship and a greater awareness of Christ and his teachings. Worship, singing, crafts, Bible stories are all among the activities which take place in the departments.

Everyone is welcome. The following list will help you decide where you fit into the Church School family:

Nursery	up to 4 years of age
Kindergarten	4 - 5
Primary	6 - 7
Lower Junior	8 - 9
Junior	10 - 11
Junior High	12 - 13
Youth	14 - 17
Adult	18 and up

Won't you join us on Sunday morning? Bring yourselves, your family, and your friends. All are welcome!

FOURTH QUARTER BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Infants will be observed on Sunday, November 30, 10:15 a.m. worship. The parents need to meet with the Pastor. Appointments should be made now. At least one of the parents and all sponsors must be Christians who attend worship, contribute to the work of the church and who receive the sacrament.

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MARYLAND TOLERATION ACT

With the coming of the celebration of the Bicentennial of our nation it is well to point out events from the colonization, exploration and periods of history.

The Maryland Toleration Act adopted by the legislature on April 21, 1649, was a document written by Lord Baltimore, The principle of religious toleration by Catholics and Protestants was its theme.

Maryland, the only English colony to be founded under Roman Catholic auspices, and the first English proprietary colony on the American continent, was also the first colony to give freedom of worship to all Christians. Become familiar with this document. Study it Borrow it from a local library.

American Christianity, An Historical Interpretation with Representative Documents, Smith, Handy, Loetscher, vol. 1, Scribner, N.Y. p. 35-39. c. 1960

CHRISTIAN ANTIQUITIES

The Walters Art Gallery at North Charles St. has many art objects from the early Christian era. The gallery is open weekdays and Sunday afternoon. Make Christianity come alive by seeing artifacts.

Thanksgiving Worship - day and time to be announced. There will be worship! Watch Sunday Bulletins for details.

AMERICAN INDIAN SUNDAY OFFERING

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On Sunday, November 23, 1975, you will be given the opportunity to make an offering for the work of our denomination with American Indians. A brochure explaining American Indian Sunday and an envelope is included for your information and use.

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FOOD BASKETS

There is hunger, there is need in some of the families of our own church and of the other churches of our community. There is hunger in the lives of some families who may not be a part of any church but are our neighbors. We enlist your aid to provide same aid at Thanksgiving to such families in the form of Thanksgiving baskets.

To make these baskets possible we invite you, as a church member, to share your goods with others at Thanksgiving. We desire canned goods and staple foods and they will be accepted at any time now. We need your help.

WALK FOR WORLD HUNGER

On Sunday, October 19, seven members of the Youth Service Group and one other youth from the church walked ten miles to collect money to fight world hunger. The event was organized by CROP, established in 1947, by Church World Service to deal with the problems of the starving people of the world. Approximately 200 people participated in the walk with a route starting at Johns Hopkins University to Lombard Street and back again. (Con-

NOTE: All dates on this calendar are subject to church bulletin for additions and changes. for further information.

<p>2 Communion Sunday - 7:45 & 10:15</p>	<p>3 10:00 a.m. Senior Cit. Scouts</p>	<p>4 10:00 a.m. Sewing Grp. Scouts Election Day</p>	<p>5 12:00 Ladies Luncheon Meeting</p>
<p>9 Worship 8:00 & 10:15 a.m. Childrens Choir Reh.</p>	<p>10 10:00 am Senior Citizens Scouts</p>	<p>11 10:00 a.m. Sewing Grp. Scouts 8:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>16 Worship 8:00 & 10:15 a.m. Childrens Choir Reh.</p>	<p>17 10:00 a.m Senior Cit Scouts</p>	<p>18 10:00 a.m. Sewing Grp. Scouts</p>	<p>19 Young W Guild</p>
<p>23 Worship 8:00 & 10:15 a.m. "Totenfest" Children's Choir Reh.</p>	<p>24 10:00 a.m. Senior Cit. Scouts</p>	<p>25 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group Scouts</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>30 Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. 9:30 Youth Ser 1st Sunday in Advent</p>			
<p>SUNDAY</p>	<p>MONDAY</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p>

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Noon Aid	6 7:00 p.m. Confirmation II 7:30 p.m. Sen. Choir	7	8
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	27 Thanksgiving Worship	28	29
AY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Each of our walkers asked friends and relatives to sponsor him for a certain amount of money per mile. An appeal was also made via the church bulletin to get other interested people for sponsors. As a result, the group collected \$258.30 in pledges.

The walkers representing United Evangelical were Debbie Bauersfeld, Rob Gundlach, Denise Iwancio, Bernadine Mefford, Linda Pate, Randy Schmitt, Lori Stinchcomb and Lynn Stinchcomb. Even though the weather was against us, we all had fun completing the walk and being among the first finishers. We want to thank all of our sponsors and we hope that the next time more people will contribute.

Finally, walkers and sponsors alike, should feel a great sense of pride and satisfaction for what was accomplished. It is important to remember that the money that was collected will, quite literally, save the lives of many people by providing food for them that they would not have had. The money will also be used to teach them methods of agriculture so that they can grow their own food. The members of the Youth Service Group feel that one of the responsibilities of Christians is to help people who are not as fortunate as they are.

***** Randy Schmitt

One of the most traditional Advent family practices has been the use of the Advent Wreath. A rather newcomer has been the jesse tree. Literature explaining the use of these as well as the wreath and tree itself are available at local book stores. Advent begins November 30, 1975. There is other Advent material too, at Cokesbury Book Store and Lutheran Church Supply Store.

CONFIRMATION I AND II - Parents and Students

You are reminded again of the class procedures and requirements. These were presented to you at the September 25 meeting in printed form. Those who could not be present then were given these printed class procedures and requirements later.

Also given to the students were instructions for doing homework.

These rules apply to all confirmation students at all times.

Parents should review these instructions with their children from time to time.

Don't delay being clearly informed. Call on the Interim Pastor when you have a question on this.

Both parents and students together must be responsible for understanding class procedures and requirements. Also there is a requirement for worship attendance.

All of this information is printed and has been given to you.

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BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The United Church of Christ congregations are asked to celebrate the Bicentennial of the Revolution and the new country. Literature and help is available. Interested persons who would serve on a Bicentennial Committee Congregation should contact Council President, Mr. Ray Schmitt or Interim Pastor Wickkiser, now.

Happy
Thanksgiving



ADVENT

The Church Year begins with Advent. The Church Year is different from the Calendar year. The calendar year begins on the first day of January.

In 1975, Advent begins on the last Sunday in November, Sunday, November 30, 1975.

Advent is a season in the church calendar which emphasis is preparing for the birth of Christ. The great event such as the birth of Jesus, requires preparation. Just think of the time we put into the preparation of the birthday for a member of our family or friend.

There are four Sundays of preparation.

Let us prepare together to celebrate the birth of Jesus by preparing in Advent. Advent is sometimes called the "little Lent". The "big Lent" is preparation for Easter. The church color for the season is violet or purple. Purple is the color of preparation and penitence. The color for "big Lent" is violet or purple.

Advent comes from a latin word 'venire' which means 'to come'.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

There are several book catalogs in the Interim Pastor's office for your use. Buy a book for Christmas present.

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CHURCH YEAR ENDS

The Church Year does not run concurrent with our calendar year. The calendar year begins in January and ends in December. The Church Year begins with the First Sunday in Advent (usually the first Sunday in December) and ends on the Last Sunday after Pentecost. So this month marks the end of a Church Year.

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ADVENT

Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas. Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. The Church Year begins with the preparation of the birthday of Jesus. After the birth of Jesus we follow his life through to his Ascension.

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ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

November 30, Sunday, is St. Andrew, Apostle, Day. Read John 1:35-40.

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Copies of the November-December "The Upper Room" are available in the Narthex. Get your copy now. Be informed.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The joy we have over Christ's birth depends upon our preparation for His coming. Can we say we are prepared?

ANSWERS TO RIDDLES

1. The other half.
2. A bulldozer.
3. Things go better with Coke.
4. The letter t.
5. A hush puppy.
6. Because without a tail it is nothing.
7. When it's a crossroad.
8. One is well shaken before taken, and the other should be taken and shaken.
9. Because then it would be a foot.
10. A swing.

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

It is important that we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at regular times during the year, and your church provides the blessed Sacrament on the first Sunday of the month. Let us not become nonchalant about the Sacrament but come with the expectation of new fellowship with the Master through the receiving of His Body and Blood. Sacramental services, 7:45 and 10:15 a.m.

NOT TOO SOON TO ADVISE

1. That you use all the envelopes in your 1975 pack of envelopes before the end of the year.
2. That no envelopes will be issued those who have not used 1975 envelopes.
3. That to maintain your standing as a member of the church, your church needs to receive regular contributions from you as well as a record through the year of your attendances at services of worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY HOTEL, a Frederick, Maryland landmark, was auctioned off last month and purchased by the Homewood Church Home, Inc. Homewood plans to convert the hotel to a residence for retired and elderly people. It was purchased for \$360,000.00. Homewood already operates 4 church-connected residences. It has about 370 residents in the four locations, the Francis Scott Key building would probably hold about 200 people, including some elderly in residential apartments and others in nursing-care facilities. The primary use of the hotel will be for a geriatric or retirement center

BRAIN TEASERS

If the Goblins of Halloween didn't get you, maybe these riddles will:

1. What most resembles a half pumpkin?
2. What is a sleeping bull called?
3. What did the man say when he put Coke in his gas tank?
4. What is the difference between here and there?
5. What kind of puppy never opens his mouth?
6. Why is the figure 9 like a peacock?
7. When is a road angry?
8. What is the difference between a bottle of medicine and a bad boy?
9. Why can't a nose be 12 inches long?
10. What goes up and down and never touches the sky or ground?

Look for the answers on page 11 .

The ENDEAVOR is a vital form of communication between you and United Evangelical Church.

Read each page carefully - be informed.
There are many opportunities for your participation.

If you have a message you would like to submit for next month's issue, please be sure it reaches the church office by November 10.

It is not too early to begin thinking about our loved ones at Totenfest, Sunday, November 23 and Christmas, December 25.

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Worship - Each Sunday - 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.
(7:45 a.m. each Communion Sunday)

Youth Service - Last Sunday in the Month

Church School - 9:00 a.m.

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