

THE UNITED ENDEAVOR

April, 1976

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
East Avenue and Dillon St. Baltimore, Md.



PASTOR'S PAGE

What do bunnies and eggs have to do with the Christian celebration of Easter?
Answer: probably little or nothing! And if you were attracted by the picture on the front page of this issue of the Endeavor, that is a good indication of how much the "secular" world is influencing your thinking about this central Christian holiday.

I suspect that bunnies and eggs, along with chickens, ducklings, and other animals became part of the "Easter spirit" as a carry-over from ancient non-Christian (pagan) spring fertility rites. Those rites, including those celebrated by the Jewish community, lift up the renewal of life and the constancy of the changing seasons of the year. But like the Great Pumpkin of Charlie Brown fame, the origin is not a Christian origin.

The use of bulb-type flowers, like tulips and lilies, has more to do with the Christian meaning of Holy Week and Easter. The "dying" of the bulb and the "coming forth" of the flowering plant remind us of the symbolism of our Baptism. Also, there is a connection with other "bitter herbs" which signify the Passion of our Lord.

The Christian joy of Easter stems from the fact that God suffered in the suffering of Jesus, God died on the cross of Christ, so that we might live and rise again in the new future made possible by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Hengen

RING CHURCH BELLS MARYLAND MARCH 25, 1976
1:00 p.m.

The Maryland Bicentennial Commission is urging Churches to commemorate the 342nd Anniversary of the landing of the first settlers at St. Clement's Island in 1634. It is suggested that the bells in every Church be rung in honor of Maryland's founding and of the rich religious heritage which has developed here.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

James Eugene Bell, son of James Michael Bell and Blanquita nee Helmbright on February 29th.

Weddings:

Michael Wayne Isaac and Victoria Ann Dill on March 13th.

Funerals:

Mrs. Lillian Gunzelman, age 82 on March 3rd.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dillfelder, age 90 on March 8.

Mrs. Anna M. Muehlberger, age 62 on March 13th.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Boller, 715 S. Glover St. are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on April 4th. Mr. and Mrs. Boller were married here in 1926 by Pastor Wm. Batz. They are the parents of one son residing in Dover, Delaware and three grandchildren.

OUR BEST WISHES TO THE BOLLER'S!

Local Churches are being invited to take up the WCC concern for evangelization, mission and faith as it relates to life today. One of the statements of the World Council is directed to the local Church: "The local congregation proclaims its message to the rich in affluent suburbs and to the poor in villages and slums...In each situation the Church must examine its style of life to find what that life style is saying to the world: to learn whether what it portrays in its life is contradicting the Gospel message, which brings judgment to the rich and hope to the poor." Each local Church is asked to be "a sign of hope to the society in which it belongs and a reflection of the global community to which we all belong."

Maryland Churches United Newsletter

COME TO THE FAIR - PLAN NOW - JUNE 17-27

Plans are now underway for a sensational Baltimore County Fair which will be held in Essex, June 17-27 at the Glenn L. Martin State Airport. Among the many features of this fair will be a section reserved to the religious community for display of Christian ministries and traditions among the counties local Churches and agencies. The Essex Ministerium in cooperation with MCU are working to develop a meaningful design which will enable the Churches to bear witness to Christ.

RESERVED FOR NEWS NEXT MONTH
FROM
THE MENS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

COMING --- COMING --- COMING --- COMING ---



SOUR BEEF AND DUMPLING LUNCHEON AND SUPPER

Under the Auspices of

Ladies Aid Society

United Evangelical Church

East Avenue and Dillon Street

Wednesday, May 26, 1976

Lunch Served 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dinner served 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Carry Outs By Ticket Only

3:00 until 4:30 p.m.

USING BOTH HANDS FOR GOD

It was written of some of the valiant warriors in bodyguard of King David that "theycould use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting arrows out of a bow" (I Chronicles 12:2).

Indeed, that was a remarkable achievement, for few people are ambidextrous.

It makes us think, doesn't it, when we realize that we are not using our fullest capacities of body, mind, and spirit. Days of opportunity we permit to slip by unmarked by any real accomplishment. As young people, or even in our older age or retirement, we could be occupied better than we are. We wonder why we are depressed by tedium and boredom. Here's the answer.

God has given us so many opportunities to serve Him and our fellow-men. There are the encouraging words which would be spoken. We could make those phone calls and write those letters, or make those visits which could cheer another person. But we go at it only haphazardly, using only "one hand" when we could be using "two."

Let there be an active, ambitious, ambidexterity for the Lord, using all our talents for Him and the Church. The widow in the Temple gave not only one mite, but two -- all she had. Jesus said that she had done more than those who gave out of their riches

I shall give faithfully, day by day, my coin in the Lenten Self-Denial Folder, and with my gifts shall also be offered my complete loyalty - both hands, always.

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NEWS FROM OUR SCOUTS

GIRL SCOUTS: The Cadettes and Senior Scouts will have the Bake Sale on Wednesday, April 7th. Any cakes, cookies, cupcakes, etc. that are donated can be brought to Friendship Hall between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Girl Scout Cookies are still available. If you would like cookies, give orders to Mrs. May Getz or call her at 284-6446. Cookies are \$1.25 a box and the varieties are: Mints, Peanut Butter, Samoas, Assorted Creams and Butter Trefoils.

Irene McVicker

BOY SCOUTS: On May 22nd and 23rd, Scout Troop #19 along with Scout Troops from all over Baltimore will converge on selected sights to display Scouting skills. Our Troop will once again have on display its fine nature collection.

Another event, that may seem far off, is a week of camping at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation. The boys are really looking forward to this. The dates are August 1st to 7th. The Scouts have an opportunity to learn much needed out door skills for advancement along the scout trail.

A REMINDER There will be no Scout Meetings during Holy Week.

Don't bother to put your best foot forward if you drag the other one.

Earl Riney

WOMEN'S GUILD

Our 32nd Birthday will be held on Wednesday, April 21st. Our guest will be the Guild from Bethel Church. Please come to greet our friends from Bethel!

The Guild extends an invitation to all the Women of the Church to come and join our group.

Sadie Zinn
Corresponding Secretary

CHURCH SCHOOL

We will, again, celebrate our Church School Service together in Friendship Hall at 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning.

Our Adult Class is still looking for new members. The group meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday morning. Plan to attend!

Carol Rowell

BELATED BEST WISHES

On March 6th, Ann and Al Witzke celebrated their forty-ninth wedding anniversary. They have two daughters, June and Lois, and seven grandchildren. June, the oldest daughter, her husband and family reside in Whittier, California and Lois and her husband, reside in New Orleans.

OUR BEST WISHES TO THE WITZKE'S!

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS RELATED TO OUR
NATION'S BIRTHDAY

April 18 - 12 noon - 1 p.m. ABC: "The Right to Believe" will trace the freedom of religious thought in America.

May 30 - 5-6 p.m. NBC: "A Woman of Valor" the true story of Benjamin Judah and his family, early settlers in New York City.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Many Protestant Churches participated in the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING on Sunday, March 28. The offering from this day will go to world service agencies in order to relieve suffering - especially overseas. Recently the Churches contributed more than \$750,000 in response to the Guatemala disaster from such funds. Church aid was the first to arrive on the scene, 272,000 pounds of medical and relief supplies. Also additional funds are needed to rebuild homes and to restore croplands. Give thru your Church or designate gifts to Guatemala Disaster Relief - send checks to CROP, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, Indiana 46514.

REMINDER

The Ladies Aid Society will have their meeting the first Wednesday in April, April 7th at 12 noon.

A P R I L

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. CHECK THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. OFFICE HOURS ARE 8:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH

4 WORSHIP SERVICES. HOLY COMMUNION
8:00 &
10:30 A.M.

5 SENIOR CITIZENS

6 SEWING GROUP
8:00 P.M.
CHURCH COUNCIL

7 GIRLS BAKERY
8:00
LENTE

9 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL

SCOUTS

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11 PALM SUN. WORSHIP SERVICES -
8:00 &
10:30 A.M.

12

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14 8:00
LENTE
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SUPPER
TABLE

9:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL

18 EASTER WORSHIP
6:00 & 10:00
A.M.

19 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
SENIOR CIT.
SCOUTS

20 SEWING GROUP
SCOUTS

21 YOUTH WOMEN
8:00

9:30 CHURCH SCHOOL

25 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
9 AM CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30
YOUTH SERVICE

26 SENIOR CITIZENS
SCOUTS

27 SEWING GROUP

SCOUTS
8:00 P.M.
STEWARDSHIP COMM. MEETING

28

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>7 MUSIC. 8 CH 9 URS 10 FRIDAY.</p>	<p>1 CONFIRMA- TION 1 SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>11 L SCOUTS 12 E SALES 13 P.M. 14 N SERVICE</p>	<p>8 CONFIRMA- TION 11 SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>15 10 P.M. 16 N SERV. 17 LAST 18 ER" 19 CAU</p>	<p>15 MAUNDY THURS. HOLY COMMUN- ION & TENE- BRAE SERVICE 8:00 P.M.</p>	<p>16 GOOD FRIDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE 9:00 A.M. 3:30 P.M. 3 HR. SERVICE 12-3 PM EMMAN- UEL LUTHERAN</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>20 YOUNG 21 N'S GUILD 22 1:00 P.M.</p>	<p>22 CONFIRMA- TION 1 SENIOR CHOIR</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 FIRST PLANNING WORK- SHOP 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p></p>

NEWS FROM OUR SCOUTS (Continued)

CUB SCOUTS: The Cub Scouts of Pack #19 are selling candles and the cost is \$2.00 each. The proceeds from this sale will go toward payment of Cub Scout insurance. The remaining monies will go toward a planned trip to Hershey Park, Pennsylvania. To purchase a candle, please see any Cub Scout or leader.

WEBELOS: Once again, our Webelos Den will be attending Webelo Day. This is a day for young Scouts and parents to discover what scouting is really all about. The date for this event will be announced.

Robert Jackson

COMING EVENTS

Flea Mart to be held on Saturday, May 22nd.

Mother and Daughter Banquet to be held on Wednesday, May 12th. Get your tickets now! Donations - Adults \$3.50 - Children (up to 12) \$1.50

WANTED

Any articles that can be resold for our Flea Mart. Leave at the Church Office.

Looking for Wedding Gowns form 1800's to present day to be modeled at our Mother and Daughter Banquet. Contact Mildred Gronberg.

"Live sinlessly, God is close by."



WOMEN'S GUILD

OUR COUNTRY'S - 200th BIRTHDAY

OUR CHURCH'S - 103rd BIRTHDAY

Join in the celebration - sponsored by

THE WOMEN'S GUILD
at
NORTH POINT GARDENS
on
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1976

Happy Hour-7:00 to 8:00 - Dinner 8:00 to 9:30
Dancing - 9:00 to 1:00

Please get your tickets now!
Don't be disappointed!

Reserve a table for 10
Call Emma Koehler - 675-0991
Donation - \$12.50 per person

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group of United Evangelical Church met on Sunday, March 7th at the Church. We discussed having a picnic at Patapsco State Park on March 21st. Everyone was in agreement and on that Sunday, we left from the Church and went to the park in cars provided by the youth. The Youth Group provided the food and drinks and everyone had a very nice time. We also discussed going to New York, the Skyline Drive, Boston or some Retreat for either a day-trip or a week-end. The decision has not been made as of yet.

Pastor Hengen was at our meeting and talked to us for awhile. He wanted someone to write an article for the Endeavor each month. (I was chosen.) He also said that they were thinking of having a Junior Church Council. If anyone is interested, contact Pastor Hengen or Mr. George Tuerk.

We are going to have an Adult Appreciation Day for the adults who have helped the Youth Group during the past year. Date to be announced.

The Youth Group is also sending a \$50.00 check to the Guatemala Relief Fund for the earthquake stricken victims.

"DON'T FORGET"!!! the "Welcome to Broadway" dinner and show that the youth from United and St. Matthew's are putting on for the Puerto Rico Study Tour Trip. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and showtime is 8:00 in St. Matthew's Church Hall on May 7th and 8th. Tickets can be obtained from any show member. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW.

Billy Hoffman

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

We would like to thank our friends at United Evangelical Church and especially Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III, for their many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, memorials to the Church and floral tributes received during our recent bereavement in the loss of our beloved Mother and Grandmother, Inez McGeoch.

Mrs. Roberta Jackson and Family
Mrs. Eulamae Jones and Family
Mrs. Helen Thompson

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

People like to read about "Other People" so if you have a special event that you would like to share, such as anniversary, special trip, birthdays, engagements, birth of a child, retirement, graduation, etc. please either leave the information at the Church Office, phone 276-0393, or call me at 732-4668.

Joan Stinchcomb

My Gift

From "A Christmas Carol"

What can I Give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd,
I would give Him a lamb,
If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part --
But What I can I give Him,
I Give my Heart.

Christina G. Rosetti
1830-1894

SENIOR CITIZENS

If you are 55 years of age or older, why not join our Senior Citizens. We are from the United Church and the surrounding community. We have a great time every Monday, starting at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. At our gatherings we talk, enjoy each other's company and make all kinds of arts and craft work. At present we are making objects to sell at the City Fair. Don't sit at home, wishing you had something to do. Come to our Center and we will help you to help yourself in all kinds of art. We can make you happy and glad you joined us.

Albert Witzke

SEWING GROUP

If you have any scrap material - the Sewing Group is making patch-work quilts and would appreciate any material you could donate. The ladies meet every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Friendship Hall. The material could be brought in at that time or left at the Church Office.

Lillian Buschman

EASTER LILY ALTAR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

If you are desirous of making a gift to the Easter Lily Altar or to make a Memorial Gift for Easter, these can be submitted to the Church Office as soon as you wish. Deadline is April 11th for inclusion in the booklet.

THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to assemble with the Church on Sunday; for they are my best workers.

Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes; for they get nothing out of the sermon.

Blessed is the Church member who expects to be invited to his own church; for he is important to me.

Blessed are they who do not meet with the Church on Sunday; for they cause the world to say, "The Church is failing".

Blessed are they who are easily offended; for they get angry and quit.

Blessed are they who do not give to carry on God's work and mission; for they are my helpers.

Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates his brother; for he will be with me forever.

Blessed is he who has not time to pray; for he shall be easy prey for me.

From Luther Memorial-Baltimore

RESERVED FOR NEWS
NEXT MONTH
FROM THE
CHOIR

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: As noted from Maryland Churches United Newsletter:

TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN THE STATE
LEGISLATURE:

The Inter-Faith Legislation Committee has been focusing upon 3 priority issues: Adjustment of Assistance Allowance, Community Corrections, and Tenant's Rights - Housing Emergency Fund. Christian concern for people justifies support for these important bills:

H.B. 792 - There are 214,000 recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) in Maryland. Of these 150,000 recipients are children. The maximum grant for a family of 4 is \$242 per month or \$2,904 per year. (The poverty level for a family of 4 in these days of inflation is \$5,050 a year.) H.B. 792 proposes an adjustment in grants to AFDC recipients in accordance with changes in the Consumer Price Index. If passed, this bill would at least insure that grants would keep up with inflation.

H.B. 1017 - Utilities - Fair Share Costs - Presented by Delegate Sklar, this bill if adopted would change the present price scheme which charges more for those average householders (you) who use less and less for those corporations who use more energy resources. Business pressures to preserve their advantage are making the law makers shaky. This bill deserves support. It makes sense economically and conservationally. Write or call your delegate and the Governor, now!

Every Christian needs to develop a sense of humor.

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

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

If you have a message you would like to include in the UNITED ENDEAVOR, please be sure it reaches the Church Office by the 10th of the month.

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Youth Service - Last Sunday in the Month

Church School - 9:00 a.m.

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