



# *Thanksgiving*

THE UNITED ENDEAVOR  
United Evangelical United Church of Christ  
November, 1976

## PASTOR'S COLUMN: (November Endeavor)

### Events of Promise and Hope

The month of November brings with it many familiar sights, sounds, and memorable images. From football games and falling leaves to festive family feasts -- all point forward beyond the Fall season to the coming of God's Son at Christmas. And this year the Season of Advent begins on the last Sunday in November! Thanksgiving will no sooner be here than we will be lighting the First Candle of our Advent Wreath!

November at United Evangelical is also the month when we normally begin to look ahead to the coming New Year. Although I was not here with you last year at this time, nevertheless I understand that specific plans for the new Budget, new Church Council candidates, and Memorial Sunday are happening now. It is a time when, based upon thankfulness for God's gifts to us in the past and present, commitments are requested and made for the promise and hope of the future.

A commitment is a promise. It is accepting the opportunity God gives us to put to work the time, talent, and treasure (money) God makes available to us. One such commitment or working promise would be for each of us to set aside \$1.00 each week for every \$1,000.00 of annual income (\$10.00 per week for \$10,000.00 income per year) and put it to work through the church. Another might be to make available to the church, one hour of time for every 10 hours of free time available to you each week. In both ways your gratitude to God will be expressed by  
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your talent to decide in favor of the future hopes, goals, and objectives of United Evangelical Church.

Usually we respond financially to specific needs or crises that develop in our life together as a Church family. When the roof leaks, the boiler needs to be replaced, or painting needs to be done, then the funds are usually made available. The problem now, however, is that "walking inflation" (no longer "creeping inflation") undercuts what we have been able to do in the past by about 10% each year. The cost of living as a Church is basically the same as the cost of living as an individual or a family. When those costs increase, something needs to be sacrificed or let go unless the income is sufficient to offset the increases in costs.

The primary and basic source of income for this or any Church is the weekly giving through the use of offering envelopes. Disciplined proportionate giving by committed members is the life-blood of any local congregation. Those who feel they are "supporting the Church" by paying a cheap price for an excellent meal prepared and served by volunteers are sadly mistaken. The Church people who volunteer their time and talent are really doing those so-called "supporters" a favor in supplying a meal that would cost almost twice the price elsewhere. The true supporters of the Church are those who faithfully supply the funds for the Church's needs through their direct giving in the envelopes.

The real events of future promise and hope

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in God's present and futuristic Kingdom are when we as committed Christians promise our continuing support (make a covenant) for the ongoing mission of Christ's People here and elsewhere.

Rev. Hengen

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Poinsettias will be available for placing on the altar for the Advent Christmas Season at an established price. Persons who desire to place a memorial poinsettia are encouraged to do so. However, we encourage the donation of funds for a poinsettia to be delivered to a shut-in. Only those poinsettias for which adequate funds are donated will be ordered for placing in the Chancel. Memorials will be welcomed for inclusion in our annual Christmas Memorial Booklet.

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CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER'S TRAINING DAY

The Church School Teacher's Training Day is Saturday, November 13. It will be at the Christ Congregation, Silver Spring, Maryland from 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Bus being coordinated by Pastor Jean Kelbaugh). The bus will leave from Messiah United Church of Christ at Walters and the Alameda.

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This space reserved for news from Men's Fellowship Group.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Homewood Retirement Center planned a Halloween Party on Friday, October 29 and our own Mrs. Katherine Appel was a Costume Committee Member.

That the ball bearings of the roller skates were super hot for a new waltzing two some from this Church. Their initials are L.S. and P.H.

That Mrs. Madlin Morehead, Girl Scout Leader, wife of our Cub Scout Master, mother of our Webelow Leader, is a member of the jury that is currently hearing the trial of Governor Mandel.

That Mrs. Claire Hengen and Mrs. Millie Slechta are finalizing plans for a Conway Weight Program and Slimnastics 10 week course to begin in January, 1977, which will be open to the community.

That United Evangelical has their own "Fred and Ginger". Pastor Hengen and Mrs. Myrtle DeVaughn "tripped the light fantastic" at the Guild Bicentennial Ball at the Northpoint Gardens. Watch out you professionals!

That on Monday, October 11, the Girl and Boy Scouts combined and had a "party" for Mr. Howard Jenkins who observed his 65th birthday and also 25 years in Scouting.

That Mr. Albert Witzke has been elected President of our Senior Citizens Club which meets in Friendship Hall on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

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## THANKSGIVING

Perhaps we have not counted  
All our blessings one by one;  
Perhaps we have not bothered  
To remember whence they come;  
And maybe we have taken  
Just for granted all the things  
That the good Lord has created  
And the hand of Nature brings:

The autumn hills in glory robed,  
A golden field of grain,  
A sunset's dazzling splendor or  
The Milky Way's great plain,  
The starry sky's sublimity,  
The ocean's mighty power,  
The wonder of creation in  
The petal of a flower.

And so if we have failed to show  
By word or act or deed  
That we are thankful unto Him  
Who fills our daily need.  
May this day show we're grateful  
When we add up all the sum  
Of the blessings we remember  
As we count them one by one.



## BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Webelows Camporee was at Camp Cone, October 22 through October 24.

Eight new boys have joined the Webelows. The Troup went to Kings Dominion on October 9th.

They will have a day trip to Patapsco State Park.

The Cubs and Webelows together will have a "Rocket Derby" behind Patterson Park High School on November 6.

The Boy Scouts had their Camporee at Patterson Park October 22 through October 24.

Eleven new boys have joined the Boy Scouts.

Camping and hiking planned for sometime in November.

Robert Jackson

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## LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

A bird requires more food in proportion to its body than does a baby or a cat.

The average American housewife opens 788 cans a year.

Anthracite coal was burned as fuel for the first time in the U.S. on February 11, 1808, by Judge Jesse Fell at his Rilkes-Barre home.

A woman is not legally required to take her husband's name when she marries him.

IF YOU WAIT FOR THE HEARSE  
TO TAKE YOU TO CHURCH

- You will go regardless of the weather.
- You will go regardless of how your family feels.
- You will go regardless of the condition of your body.
- You will go even if there is a roast in the oven.
- You will have beautiful flowers, but you will not enjoy them.
- You will go to the altar, but you will not pray.
- You may have a great need, but no one will be able to help you.
- You will never be able to attend Church again. There will be relatives and friends, there, but you will not worship.
- You will go regardless of how many hypocrites are there.
- You will go regardless or how much you are needed at home or at your job.

The Ten Minute Call,  
Christ UCC, Conyngham, Pa.

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Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at  
10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 25th.

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Die when I may, I want it said of me by those  
who knew me best, that I always plucked a  
thistle and planted a flower where I thought  
a flower would grow.

Abraham Lincoln

## ADVENT SELF-DENIAL FOLDER

Advent is a word that means "to come" and the Season of Advent is a time when we get ourselves ready, prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child. The Advent wreath is an old custom, like the creche and carols, which reminds us of the never-ending love of God and of the light that came into the world with the advent or coming of Jesus Christ.

Within the history and tradition of the Church, Advent has also been known as the "little Lent" when, like the preparation for Holy Week and Easter, faithful Christians used this time period for self-denial and special giving to the Church. Therefore, the Church Council and the Pastor have decided to make available to you the self-denial folder (25¢ each day of Advent) for your personal or family use. Like during Lent each year, these self-denial folders are to assist you in your preparations for this most special day. And the filled folders are to be returned to the Church for our special offering on Christmas Eve.

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### INVITATION

We extend to all women of the Church a hearty welcome and invitation to join us at our Young Women's Guild meeting. Our regular meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Friendship Hall. The next meeting of the Young Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m. This is a dinner meeting.

Mildred Gronberg - President

## YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Young Women's Guild had a trip to the Homewood Home on Saturday, October 9, 1976. It was a rainy day, but that did not dampen our spirits. We look forward to visiting this Home, especially since some of our Church and Guild Members are residents there. As we travelled through parts of Pennsylvania we saw some very frightening sights as flash floods covered farms and roads, and made raging waters out of usually serene streams and creeks. We had to make several detours because of water rushing over the Monacacy River bridge and another bridge leading to a miniature horse farm that we wished to visit. We who made the trip will remember this day for quite sometime.

The sun shined beautifully when we arrived at the Home and the smiling faces of the men and women there were all that we needed to know that we were a most welcome sight. They did not know whether we would postpone our trip since the rains were quite heavy there, and their basement had water in it. They thought we may have had some similar experiences. We had our Bicentennial skits for them and group singing. After the program we gave the residents trays of fruit prepared by Guild members and visited with them till it was time to leave for our dinner reservations at the Cozy Inn in Thurmont.

I am sure that all of the people on the bus breathed a sigh of relief when we arrived back at the Church, and said a silent prayer of thanks for a safe trip. Another happy day spent by our Guild with very happy people at the Home.

Mildred Gronberg

KEEP YOUR CALENDAR

Display the calendar in a prominent place in your home to keep you abreast of the daily, weekly and monthly events going on in your church.

Make notes on the calendar for your ready reference.

If you have an event you feel others in the church would find of interest, let us know in the Church Office, phone 276-0393, Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Please Note: 1977 Church Offering Envelopes are now ready. You can pick yours up in Friendship Hall on Sunday, November 7th.

N O V E M B E R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	1 Senior Cit.  scouts	2 Sewing Group  Church Council Youth Council Meeting
7 Communion Worship 7:45 & 10:30 a.m.  Church School 9:00 a.m.	8 Senior Cit.  Brownies meet in afternoon  Senior Girl Scout Dinner	9 Sewing Group  Girl Scouts  Church School Dinner Mtg. 6
14 Worship Services 8:00 and 10:30 am  Church School 9:00 am	15 Senior Cit.  Girl Scouts	16 Sewing Group  Cadette Trp. Bowling Pty.
21 Worship Services 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. - Memorial Service 10:30 am  Church School 9 am	22 Senior Citizens	23 Sewing Group
28 Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  Youth Service 9:30 am Church School 9 a.m.	29 Senior Citizens  Scouts - Amer. Indians from Fells Point to	30 Swg. p.  Scouts  be guests

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Ladies Aid 12:00 noon 7 Confirm. II 7-9 p.m.	4 Senior Choir 7:30 p.m.	5 Girl Scout Troops #694 and 1414 PJ Party	6
10 Confirmation I - 7-9 pm :30 p.m.	11 Senior Choir 7:30 p.m.	12	13
17 Young Women's Guild Din. Mtg. Confirm. II 7-9 pm	18 Senior Choir 7:30 p.m.	19	20
24	25 Thanksgiving Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	26 Congrega- tional Meet- ing 8:00 pm	27

NOTE: All dates are subject to change without notice. Check the Sunday Bulletin or call the Church Office for further information. Office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Office phone 276-0393.

## ONLY A CUR DOG

One of the legends about Jesus' boyhood concerns an event one day on a street in the little village of Nazareth. A cur dog, which nobody had cared for, had died, and some of Jesus companions were kicking the body around and making sport of it. "What mangy fur it has! How crummy and dirty it is! How torn and scabby its ears are!" But Jesus said, "Doesn't it have beautiful teeth! And so it did, as clean and white as pearls. That made the boys ashamed and they gave the dog a decent burial.

Those of us who like dogs, and there are many of us, are touched by this sentimental story. However, we also know that people are more important than animals, and that we should also care for their needs. We believe in compassion. Even as a boy, Jesus was compassionate. Throughout His ministry He looked for the good, rather than the evil. He sought to lift people up, rather than to push them down. He saw that they were carrying heavy burdens of anxiety, fear, and guilt, and He soothed their weariness and calmed their fears and forgave their sins and led them into the strong New Life.

He calls us in His Church to be His active partners in this work of healing and encouragement. We support the Church by our prayers, participation, and gifts.

A coin a day in the Advent Self-Denial Folder says to Jesus: "You may count on me!"

From The Upper Room

## THANKSGIVING

When the merger of the former Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches happened almost 20 years ago, the history of the English Pilgrims who sailed from Plymouth, England on the Mayflower in 1620 was added to the history of German immigrants who came to this country later. The story of those 102 persons, not all of them Pilgrims, who upon reaching land at Cape Cod drew up the "Association and Agreement" known as the Mayflower Compact, is now also our story. When the Pilgrims and the Puritans discovered each other American Congregationalism began. Ten years after the Mayflower landed there were only 5 Congregational Churches, yet 10 years later there were 35 churches.

As that small group was about to set sail westward from Holland, Pastor John Robinson warned the adventurers not to "stick where Luther and Calvin left them", for he was very confident "the Lord had more truth and light yet to break forth out of his holy Word." After they arrived following their dangerous journey, critics among the colonists complained about the lack of opportunity to participate in the sacraments: "The more is our grief that our pastor (John Robinson, still in Leyden, Holland) is kept from us, by whom we might enjoy them, for we used to have the Lord's Supper every Sabbath and baptism as often as there was occasion of children to baptize." It was this same group of faithful Christians, whose heritage we now share in the United Church of Christ, who gave us and this nation the wholesome tradition of Thanksgiving Day.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group and Church School put on a combination Fun Fair on October 22, 1976. It was at 7:30 p.m. and a lot of fun was had by the participants as well as guests.

The Youth Group went roller skating on October 17 at the Rosedale Roller Rink. We went in cars provided by the Youth. Everyone had a nice time.

Billy Hoffman

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We are looking for men and women to run for the Church Council. The qualifications are that such a person must be a member in good standing and at least 21 years of age.

Election will be held at the Congregational Meeting on November 26. Please consider running for this important position.

Randy Schmitt

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CHURCH RECORDS

Weddings

James Foster and Roberta Anne Abshire on October 2, 1976.

Joseph Edward Lipa and Luanne Winifred Swatkiewicz on October 7, 1976.

Larry Samuel Dunn and Judith Margaret Walters on October 16, 1976.

Funerals

Mr. Rudolph R. Koltz, member, age 81 years, on September 30, 1976.

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MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Each last Sunday of the Christian Church Year (the Sunday before Advent begins) we have our annual Memorial Service, our Church Memorial Day. The Memorial Service will be on Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m. service. If you as an individual or family desire to place a memorial to honor your beloved dead, please use the enclosed envelope. These memorials will be listed in a special brochure published for this day. The deadline for inclusion of the names in the special brochure is Sunday, November 14.

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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.

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NEWS FROM THE SEWING GROUP

Our Sewing Group submitted the following items to Baltimore City Hospital: 25 laps robes, 50 pair footies, 68 baby bibs and 31 baby gowns.

Mrs. Lillian Buschman

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The Church School will hold their general Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

This is our Communion Sunday, with services at 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. We have the responsibility as members to be consistent in our attendance at the Holy Sacrament. Many of us forget this. Let us begin now that which would be our regular practice.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We express faithfulness not only being in the House of God for the services of worship but also by being interested in the business affairs of our Church. We give attention to these at the annual meeting on Friday, November 26th at 8:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. At this meeting we consider the 1977 budget and elect members to the Church Council.

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WE NEAR THE END OF THE YEAR

Soon 1976 will be at an end, for with Thanksgiving in the offing, it will not be long until Christmas and the end of the year. It behooves us to make certain that all our 1976 envelopes are up to date and turned in. May we not get behind in our Church giving. Remember, envelopes are issued automatically only to those who have fulfilled their obligations for the former year, i.e., 1977 envelopes will be issued automatically to those who have given in 1976 through envelopes.

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The Youth Group is again selling fruit cakes. See the Sunday Bulletin for details.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - GIRL SCOUTS

- November 1 - Girl Scout Meeting  
November 2 - NO Girl Scout Meeting  
November 5-6 - Pajama Party - Junior Troops  
694 and 1414  
November 8 - Girl Scout Senior Dinner -  
Brownie Meeting in Afternoon  
November 9 - Girl Scout Meeting  
November 15 - Girl Scout Meeting  
November 16 - Cadette Bowling  
November 22 and 23 - NO Girl Scout Meetings  
November 29 and 30 - Special Girl Scout  
Meetings - American Indians  
From Fells Point will be our  
Guests  
December 6 and 7 - Girl Scout Meetings  
December 13 and 14 - Girl Scout Meetings -  
Closing for the Christmas  
Holidays  
January 10 and 11, 1977 - Reopening of the  
Girl Scout Meetings

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### INFLUENCE

Drop a pebble in the water,  
And its ripples reach out far;  
And the sunbeams dancing on them  
May reflect them to a star.

Give a smile to someone passing,  
Thereby making his morning glad;  
It may greet you in the evening  
When your own heart may be sad.

Do a deed of simple kindness;  
Though its end you may not see  
It may reach, like widening ripples,  
Down a long eternity.

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The Ladies Aid Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd at 12 noon. Mrs. Myrtle DeVaughn

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL

There will be several teachers and officers of the Church School, along with Pastor and Mrs. Hengen attending a work shop in Silver Spring, Maryland, dealing with new teaching materials.

The entire Church School will participate in a Christmas program on Sunday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m. Families are welcome to attend this service.

Mrs. Carol Rowell

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PRAYER PERFECT

Dear Lord! Kind Lord! Gracious Lord! I pray Thou wilt look on all I love, tenderly today! Weed their hearts of weariness; scatter every care down a wake of angel wings winnowing the air. Bring unto the sorrowing all release from pain; let the lips of laughter overflow again; and with all the needy, O divide, I pray this vast measure of content today that is mine.

J. W. Riley

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THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR NEWS FROM OUR YOUNG ADULTS GROUP.

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Tuesday, October 19 was the designated day selected by the Sewing Group, to sew for the Church Supper. Mrs. Lillian Buschman

Confirmation Classes have begun meeting during September and October. Those in the 1977 Class (II) are:

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| 1. Robert J. Bailey | 7. Willoughby N.      |
| 2. Frank J. Becker  | Myrick, III           |
| 3. Paul Comeau      | 8. Kenneth A. Pater   |
| 4. Cheryl George    | 9. Frederick A. Sturm |
| 5. Susas George     | 10. Edward A.         |
| 6. Glenn A. Merritt | Tomczewski            |
|                     | 11. Dale L. Walker    |

Those in the 1978 Class (I) are:

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| 1. Catherine M.      | 9. Sherry A. Porter   |
| Borkman              | 10. Sharon D. Reif    |
| 2. Joseph C. Cooper, | 11. William Single,   |
| III                  | IV                    |
| 3. Richard E. Davis  | 12. Beverly A. Sturm  |
| 4. Barbara A. Deasel | 13. Dave E. Wilson    |
| 5. Katherine A.      | 14. Janice L. Wooden  |
| Deasel               | 15. David E. Woodruff |
| 6. Peter S. Hengen   |                       |
| 7. Kathleen S. Keys  |                       |
| 8. Robert S. King,   |                       |
| Jr.                  |                       |

We wish them all well in this important endeavor and encourage them to do their best, as they prepare themselves for their "great decision".

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To reach the port of heaven we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it---but we must sail, not drift or lie at anchor.

Oliver Wendel Holmes

In the May, 1976 issue of A.D. magazine, page 50, there is an article with the headlines: "Merger Talks Reopened: UCC, Disciples to Meet". Regular readers of this our Church magazine (formerly United Church Herald) knew back then (5 months ago) that the United Church of Christ had taken the first step to reopen union conversations with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The U.C.C. Executive Council, meeting in Marriottsville, Maryland in March, 1976 authorized a representative group to meet with the Disciples to discuss union of the two denominations. That committee will then make recommendations to the 1977 General Synod which will meet in Washington, D.C. next July.

"We are not starting something new." President Robert V. Moss explained. "Already Church bodies, from local churches to national agencies, are working in partnership with their Disciples counterparts. We are now acting to extend these relationships. We are not seeking just structural merger, but a new community, spiritually and theologically."

With an A.D. magazine subscription, you too can be fully informed about what's happening in your Church. If interested, contact the Church Office, Church School teachers receive a free subscription!

S.H.

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May the Lord aid you in the day of trouble.  
May he send you help from the holy place.  
May we shout with joy over your victory and  
May the Lord fulfill all your requests.

Amen

The UNITED ENDEAVOR is a vital form of communication between you and the 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 each month.

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Communion Sunday - First Sunday of Month

Church School - 9:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday - Last Sunday in the Month

Come and join us! All welcome!

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