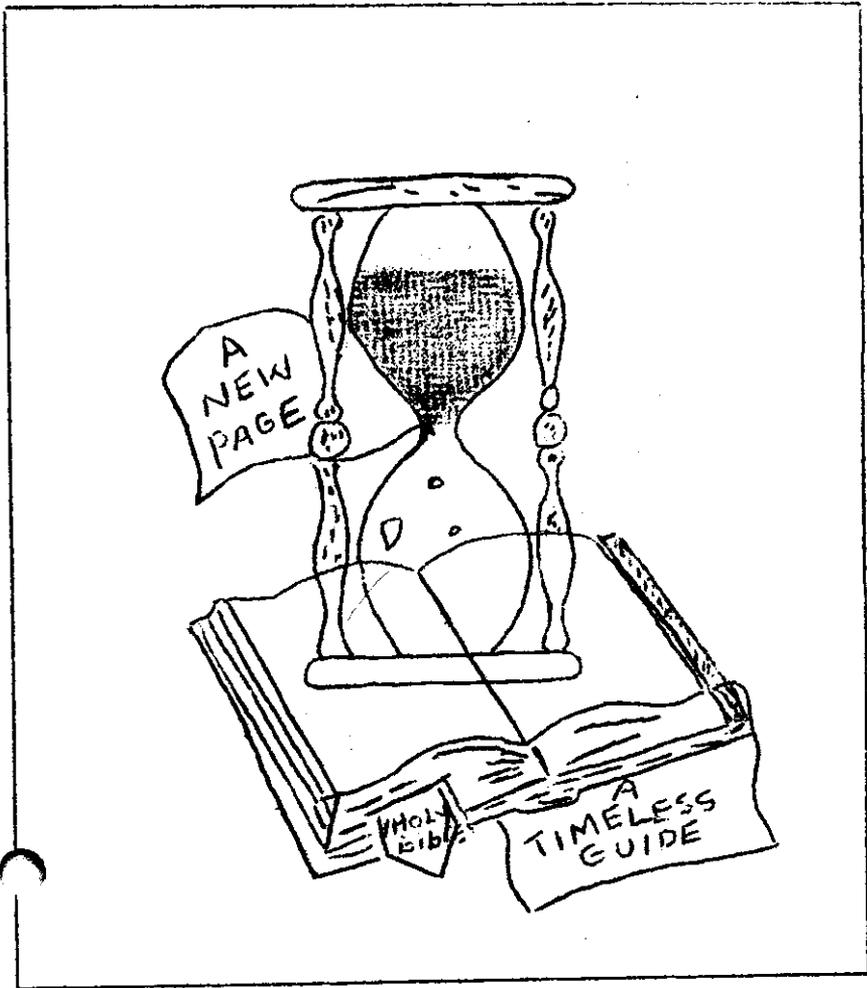


THE UNITED ENDEAVOR

January, 1977

United Evangelical United Church of Christ
East Avenue and Ballou St. Baltimore, Md.

REV. W. SCOTT HENGEN, III - Pastor



Happy New Year! A.D. 1977 is here. And in this new year of our Lord we have some new and enriching opportunities to do some new, different, and creative things here at United Evangelical Church. Three happenings come immediately to mind as we anticipate God's future becoming present in our lives here together.

First, our hope-filled goal-setting process will be continuing throughout January, 1977 as we put before the entire congregation for your support those Goals and Objectives which we seek to accomplish together between now and 1980. This is no easy task but will be developed for possible consideration at the Annual January Congregational Meeting.

Second, our Young Adult Fellowship is now beginning to get itself back together and operating in a new way. Their meeting date is set for Sunday evening, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. and plans are being set in motion to include every young adult person (18-35) of our total constituency in these happenings. If you are within that age group, I suggest you plug into what their planned events can mean for you.

And third, another new group is in the process of formation. This is a group composed of widows and widowers only. It is a supportive fellowship for those who have experienced both a successful marriage and the loss of that loved one through death. The first meeting of this group at my personal invitation is to be held on Sunday, January 2 at 3:00 p.m. here at the Church. Other

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Pastor's Column (Continued)

widows and widowers will be invited to participate as this group grows in strength and numbers. Its primary purpose will be to provide that personal Christian support and help necessary to assist those who experience this sense of loss by those who have had that same experience themselves and have conquered many of the fears, frustrations, and feelings of loneliness which happen during that time of transition. If you are a widow or a widower, this group is for you. Through mutual friendship, support, and concern, new and better things can be added to your future in 1977.

And so, in this Year of our Lord, 1977, we can anticipate new opportunities for our members and friends to function as Christians within the house and fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be sure that you are aware of and take full advantage of those opportunities for fellowship and service being planned for you and with you in 1977.

Pastor Hengen

YOUNG WOMEN' S GUILD

Our January meeting, January 19, at 8:00 p.m. is our Planning Meeting, for the entire year. We extend to all women of the Church a hearty welcome to join us at meeting. You can expect friendship and fellowship.

Mildred Gronberg
President

CONTACT BALTIMORE

Alice and Kevin (unrelated) lead secret lives in the Baltimore area. By day (and some evenings) Kevin is a salesman. Alice is a registered nurse who works various shifts at a local hospital. But a couple times each month, at various time periods (according to their schedules), Alice and Kevin settle down beside a telephone at CONTACT Baltimore. They take calls from men and women who are overwrought by problems involving alcohol, marriage, sex, personal relationships, etc. Some callers are lonely and only want to talk with another human being. But other callers are at the crossroads. They've either taken an overdose of drugs, or are threatening to do so. Or they are ready to end it all by some other means.

About 140 trained volunteers are now on the job 24 hours a day, helping troubled persons at the rate of 65 calls per day. More men & women volunteers, age 19 and older, are urgently needed to help with current shifts and to enable the service to expand its outreach. If you can spare about 4 hours a week, to prepare yourself in training, please call CONTACT Baltimore at 332-0567. More information and an application will be mailed.

Thousands of persons like yourself are living in the Baltimore area, but they are troubled individuals. Circumstances in their lives make it difficult for them to function as well as they would like. More than a 100 persons like yourself make it possible for persons to have a caring person available to talk to about their concerns. CONTACT Baltimore is people, those in need who call and those who care. Please call 332-0567 for more information.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

"The way to judge the humanness of a society is by how it treats its vulnerable populations." This was a statement from a colleague who recently returned from a month in China. I find it a provocative notion. At the recent OCIS Directorate meeting in Chicago I was asked to lead a "teambuilding" exercise. I asked these clergy and lay leaders from scattered locations in the UCC to name the vulnerable populations most immediately on their minds. Incarnational moments followed.

Rip Noble: the elderly and prisoners everywhere.

Don Balmer: those fallen from power.

Ken Stewart: the newborn and the insecure.

Dudley Thompson: small business persons and new leaders.

Lynn Fitch: children of single, working parents, farm workers and the poor in spirit.

Betty Ann Stahlheber: pastors trying to speak the prophetic word to the middle class, powerless people afraid to leave their homes and those who cause the fear.

Jayne Walker: the elderly who are in double jeopardy. They are often helpless and get poor care.

Joyce Harmon: abused and neglected children.

Manuel de la Rosa: Spanish speaking preschoolers, Mexican-Americans living along the border suffering because of the devaluation of the peso.

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VULNERABLE POPULATIONS (Continued)

- Benny Whiten: Black and Hispanic youth in New York, lonely middle age people whose marriages have broken up and whose children are gone.
- Jeremiah Wright: our sisters and brothers in South Africa, prisoners and those near suicide.
- Carole Downe: those suffering financial problems, retired ministers and widows.
- Ed Schadt: lonely prophetic clergy, people with emotional problems, marginal economic family units, victim of habits of alcoholism and gambling.
- Mary Nack: those suffering loneliness, those seeking to get organized.
- George Otto: the cities; Denver's native Americans unequipped to cope and without adequate help; Salt Lake City, welfare recipients treated demeaningly.
- Yoshio Fukuyama: the minority and disadvantaged students in universities on whom we are about to give up much too soon, untenured professors and decision makers.

May we know the judgement on us for our part in a society so filled with neglected and exploited vulnerable populations. And may we know the grace empowering us to respond with ministry.

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Advent Self-Denial Folders will be received at any time.

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Funerals:

Mr. Leo T. Leader, member, age 68, on December 3, 1976.

Mr. Charles W. Everett, age 43, on December 7, 1976.

Mr. Charles J. Albers, member, age 82, on December 9, 1976.

Mr. Robert A. Groom, member, age 64, on December 10, 1976.

F. W. W. O.

An initial planning meeting of a new group for widows and widowers only was held on Sunday, January 2 at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the values and shortcomings of forming a new fellowship group to assist widows and widowers with their adjustment to their new situation in life. Called at the invitation of the Pastor, those present decided to hold an informal covered-dish luncheon at Noon on Sunday, February 13, 1977, in Friendship Hall. All widows and widowers of the Church are invited to come and bring a covered-dish for the light lunch to be shared. Immediate friends and neighbors may also attend.

Following lunch, we will set immediate plans for future meetings. The death of a loved marriage partner is an experience others have known. If that has been your experience, this group is intended to assist you. Come and join us.

The "Give A Chick for Christmas" and Advent Self-Denial folder will be accepted anytime.

JANUARY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

<p>2 COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE 7:45 AND 10:30 AM CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM WIDOW & WIDOWERS 3</p>	<p>3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 3 PM</p>	<p>4 SEWING GRP 10:00 AM CHURCH COUNCIL 8:00 PM</p>	<p>5 LADIES 12:00 CONFERENCE GIRLS COOK</p>
<p>9 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM YOUNG ADULTS GRP. 7:30 PM</p>	<p>10 SENIOR CITIZENS 10:00 A.M. SCOUTS</p>	<p>11 SEWING GROUP 10 AM SCOUTS CHURCH SCHOOL MTG. 8:00 PM</p>	<p>12 CONFERENCE</p>
<p>16 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. - GUEST PASTOR RALPH WEISSER CHURCH SCHL. 9 AM</p>	<p>17 SENIOR CITIZENS 10 A.M. SCOUTS</p>	<p>18 SEWING GRP. 10 A.M. SCOUTS</p>	<p>19 YOUNG GUILD</p>
<p>23 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:00 & 10:30 AM - GUEST PASTOR RALPH WEISSER CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.</p>	<p>24 SENIOR CITIZENS 10:00 AM SCOUTS</p>	<p>25 SEWING GROUP 10 AM SCOUTS</p>	<p>26 CONFERENCE</p>
<p>30 WORSHIP SERVICE 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM YOUTH SERVICE 9:30</p>	<p>31 SENIOR CITIZENS SCOUTS A.M.</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>

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EDNE DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ICE. CHECK THE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR 276-0393 - HOURS MONDAY THROUGH</p>			<p>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>
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<p>IRMATION I</p>	<p>13 SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>CONFIRMA- TION I WOMEN'S 8:00 PM</p>	<p>20 SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>IRMATION II</p>	<p>27 SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>28 ANNUAL CONGREGA- TIONAL MTG. 8:00 P.M.</p>	<p>29</p>

K E E P Y O U R C A L E N D A R

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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ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!

(18-35) You are cordially invited to attend a Planning Session on Sunday, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (use East Ave. entrance) for the purpose of discussing the future plans and activities of this group. A Steering Committee met in December and they now wish to bring their thoughts before a larger group. You will be contacted individually in the near future by members of the Steering Committee. For further information, call the Church Office, 276-0393.

Louis Parker, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP FRUIT CAKE SALE

Thanks to all of you who bought Benson's Fruit Cakes; our sales were successful again this year. We had many compliments on the quality of the product and we look forward to offering them to you again next year. The proceeds will go toward our ongoing youth program. As you probably already know, when the youth group goes on an outing, ALL the youth group members go at no additional expense to them.

Mrs. Claire Hengen

Special thanks to Robert Jackson, Lynn Stinchcomb, Robert Gundlach, Paul Hengen, Randy and Denise Schmitt for delivering our Christmas poinsettias from the Chancel to our Nursing Home shut-ins.

GIVE A CHICK FOR CHRISTMAS

The Church School would like to thank all those who supported their "Give A Chick For Christmas" project. About \$125.00 will be sent to the Hunger Task Force so that hungry people can begin their chicken raising. We all can share a sense of accomplishment from these efforts to help those in special need.

Mrs. Claire Hengen

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Joann Lee Wacker, born September 13, 1976, daughter of Mr. Edwin Lee Wacker and Ms. Joann Louise Tracy.

Ronald Thomas O'Donnell, Jr., born September 10, 1976, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald T. O'Donnell (nee Elizabeth Van D Vander).

Roger Van D Vander, born December 30, 1971 son of Mr. Leon Vandevander and Ms. Elizabeth Van D Vander.

Weddings

William John O'Neill, III and Kim Allison Wirth on December 4, 1976.

Thomas Michael Deegan and Mrs. Chalsileen Garnette Chase on December 26, 1976.

Happiness is bringing a friend to church.

MISSING PERSON?

We are helping to try and locate John (Jack) Hartley Kirby, whose last known address was 1604 Appleton Street, Baltimore, Md. His nephew, Stan Woods, 44 Desborough Park Road, High Wiccombe, Bucks, UNITED KINGDOM has been worshipping in Tewksbury while in the U.S. on business. If you know of Mr. Kirby's whereabouts (nursing home, etc.,) or have any means of finding him, please have Mr. Kirby correspond directly with his nephew.

JOE EVANS ELECTED UCC PRESIDENT

The UCC Executive Council has elected the Reverend Joseph H. Evans as the third president of the United Church of Christ. Assuming the office left vacant by the death of Robert V. Moss on October 25, Joe Evans, secretary of the church since 1967, will serve as UCC president until September 30, 1977. Meanwhile, Charles H. Lockyear, UCC director of finance and treasurer, will serve as secretary pro tem. Next summer the 11th General Synod will elect a UCC president to serve a 4 year term beginning September 30.

The Rev . Ralph E. Weisser will be our Guest Pastor on Sunday, January 16 and Sunday, January 23; Pastor Hengen will be on vacation.

1977 Church Offering Envelopes are ready. Please pick them up from the Church Office.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The United Evangelical Youth Group had their Christmas party on December 19 at 5:30 p.m. They had many varieties of pizza, hamburgers, sodas, etc. After that the Youth Group went carolling to the shut-ins in the neighborhood. Later, hot chocolate was served to the cold Carollers. All agreed we had a fun day.

The last meeting was on December 5 at 2:00 p.m. At this meeting members from the Chesapeake Association Task Force were present to discuss the play which all the Churches in the Association are supposed to participate. The play will be entitled "All In The Family". It's for a work-study trip to Guatemala. Will keep you posted.

The Youth Group takes this opportunity to wish all a Happy New Year!

Billy Hoffman

Our Ladies Aid Group begins their New Year on Wednesday, January 5 at 12:00 noon.

Our Sewing Group resumes their meetings for the New Year on Tuesday, January 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Our Canton Friendship Circle resumes their meetings on Monday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Scouts resume their meetings beginning January 10.

Keep these dates in mind! We need You!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The postponed Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Friday, February 18, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall.
2. Due to the energy crisis, beginning on Monday, February 7, 1977, the Church School Building will be kept at an absolute minimum temperature. All groups using that building are urged to use Friendship Hall.

The Church Council

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