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Philippians 2:8

THE UNITED

ENDEAVOR

March 1977

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Now that we have entered the 1977 Lenten Season and are preparing ourselves for the coming observance of Holy Week and Easter, it is important that we use every available opportunity to help us do just that. As you probably already realize, the Gospel of Luke has been selected as our Bible Study Book. And a coordinated program has been developed to tie together what is happening during our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services and the Sunday Morning Scripture Lessons and Sermons. Through this unified approach, we should be able to "make new sense" out of Luke's story about Jesus. We should also discover new meaning and purpose for our lives as Christians and for our life together as a Christian community of believers.

Let me suggest for you a particular way to use this coordinated approach for your own best advantage. On Wednesday evenings after supper and before you leave home to come to the church, take up your Bible and read in Luke's Gospel those passages already covered in this process. That review will then prepare you to read the new passage to be used as the basis for that Wednesday evening's sermon. Then, either on Saturday evening or just after you arrive at Church on Sunday morning, repeat the procedure only this time using the Gospel Lesson for that worship experience. In each case, ask yourself: "How does this passage about Jesus speak to me and to my life situation?"

Lent should be a time for reflection and change. Life-long conversion is a process  
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PASTOR'S COLUMN (Contd.)

utilizing repentance (turning away from what is evil) and faith (trustful turning toward what is good). I hope that is what Lent, 1977 will mean for you.

Pastor Hengen

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CHURCH RECORDS

Weddings

Gus Christofield and Janice L. Sullivan on February 5, 1977.

Karl Hoffmann and Gloria McCue on February 12, 1977.

Funerals

Mrs. Cora Chojnacki, non-member, age 48, on February 7, 1977.

Mr. Frank "Buddy" Woelfer, member, age 64, on February 14, 1977.

Mr. Charles Zimmerman, non-member, age 88, on February 15, 1977.

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Our Sewing Group is sponsoring a "Luncheon Is Served" on Saturday, March 12 at 2:00 pm in Friendship Hall.

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A little love goes a long way!

## GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

Remember back last Spring when the Pastor held a series of Saturday afternoon workshops about planning for the future? If you remember, and better yet if you participated in those workshops, then what follows in this article is not news. Nor is it news to those who responded to the request for your "wishes" and "hopes" during 1976. Both were part of planning process necessary for the development of Goals, Objectives, and specific program plans designed to move us forward into our future together.

The Church Council and Christian Education Committee, representing each of our active organizations, met together to form a series of futuristic goals for United Evangelical. Those goals were built upon the "wishes" and "hopes" submitted by you, the members of this church. Subsequently, these goals were presented for action at the postponed Congregational Meeting held on Friday, February 18, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. The Goals set at that meeting are as follows:

By 1980 (1983) we will experience:

1. Telling the Good News -
  - a. Increased Bible-oriented ministry for differing ages and interests of the congregation.
  - b. Increased involvement in the functioning of the local neighborhood community.
2. Doing the Good News -

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GOALS FOR THE FUTURE (Continued)

- a. Greater care for all elderly members and others who cannot care for themselves.
  - b. An increase of 25% in our benevolent giving for church-related projects (to match what we did in 1965).
3. Being the Good News -
- a. At least 25% of the congregation will be of the 20-34 age group.
  - b. More effective communication within the congregation.
4. Celebrating the Good News -
- a. Increase attendance and active participation in worship services.
  - b. Increased outside celebrations.

Now that our Goals are established, the next step is for the Church Council and Christian Education Committee to establish the Objectives under each of these Goals which will need to be accomplished during the remainder of 1977 and into 1978. Planned success will happen as we achieve each of those Objectives through effective programs.

Pastor Hengen

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The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:12

## WORDS FROM THE PAST

The following series of quotations are taken from Vol. 1, No. 1 of The United Endeavor, dated April, 1927. In this Introductory Number the Rev. F. W. Schaefer is listed as the Editor and Howard M. Zimmerman as the Assistant Editor. A pen and ink sketch of one of our art windows appears on the cover which was done by Howard Zimmerman then a student in the engineering course at Johns Hopkins. This issue appears to be a new project of this "new" pastor here just five months, according to his own words in the Pastor's Column. That being the case, then the April, 1977 issue of The United Endeavor will become the 50th Anniversary Issue!

Under the title "Love's Sacred Bonds" we read: "On the afternoon of Sunday, March 6th, a capacity audience witnessed a pretty church wedding at 4 o'clock, when Miss Anna M. Brunner, the bride, was escorted to the altar by her father, who gave her hand in marriage to the man of her choice, Mr. Albert H. Witzke." Those two persons whom we all know well are this month (March 6th) celebrating 50 years of happily married life together. Special congratulations to the both of them.

And under the title "The Every'Member Canvass" we find some most interesting statistics. "It was inspiring to hear at the final meeting March 18th, how cordially our many workers on the Canvass Committee were received when they called at the homes of members and prospective members." "The Canvas resulted in an addition of 609 new contributing members.... The above figure also includes 75 of this year's confirmation class, who have already

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WORDS FROM THE PAST (Continued)

taken the duplex envelopes and are contributing regularly....It is impossible at this time to state what this Canvass will mean to our church financially. However, the pledges range from five and ten cents per week to one dollar per week." Fifty years worth of inflation certainly changes the amount necessary in our envelopes, but the use of the pledging system 50 years ago is most noteworthy.

Pastor Hengen

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NOTES FROM GUILDA

At the February meeting, we welcomed a new member, Margaret Myrick. What a pleasurable evening February 22 proved, with the square dancing and fellowship. All agreed this should become an annual fun festival.

The Guild Flea Mart is to be held on Saturday May 21, and articles are now being accepted.

Mildred Gronberg - President

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F.W.W.O.

Our Widows and Widowers Only had a covered dish luncheon on Sunday February 6th. Lots of delicious food was prepared by the ladies. It was such an enjoyable way to spend the day, the group decided to do it again on Sunday March 6th. If you are a W.W.O. or know someone that is, invite them to join our group. Call the Church Office, if you need more information.

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Friday, March 18th  
at Grace United Church of Christ, 1404-18  
South Charles Street from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.  
Music and Refreshments. Donation is \$2.00  
per person. All funds raised at this Record  
Hop will be donated toward the Youth Task  
Force Guatemala venture in June, 1977.

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TID-BITS FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Week is from Sunday March 6  
through Sunday March 13th.

Girl Scout cookies are now in. Your order  
will be delivered. Cookies are \$1.25 a box.  
If you did not order cookies and want to pur-  
chase same, call the Church Office, 276-0393.

The Scout Bake Sale will be Wednesday, March  
23 before and after the Lenten Worship Ser-  
vice. Donations of baked goods will be  
appreciated.

Mrs. Irene McVicker

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If you are planning to move or have moved re-  
cently, please call the Church Office and ad-  
vise the Secretary. We wish to keep our  
records up-to-date. Also let us know if  
there has been a change in your telephone  
number.

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World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 4th at  
7:30 p.m. at the Bethel United Church of  
Christ, Baltimore Street and Ellwood Avenue.  
Everyone is welcome.

## MORE THAN BREAD

The needs of the world's hungry involve getting off relief and on to productive work. Persons who depend on us for food should be helped to support themselves, for they have few resource themselves. Transportation and storage are crucial to helping poor countries take care of their own. The population trend in this world will only be reversed when there is reason to live with fewer family supporters. There are hungry poor and elderly in our cities and in the rural areas of Maryland. The OGHS offering answers these crucial needs with More Than Bread.

Gone are the days when we could consider World Hunger a problem for other people far away. Their problems are fast becoming our problems and the whole Christian answer is to make possible More Than Bread through the continuing creative work of the Service Division of the Board for World Ministries. These people use your money wisely to work mini-miracles, I know, because I've seen them in action.

Please let's Have a Goal for This Year!

1. Every church in Chesapeake Association participating in OGHS.
2. Each church raising at least \$2.00 per member for this most important offering.

Now is the time to plan for One Great Hour Of Sharing - March 20th. Thank you.

Chris Burr, Pastor - Immanuel Church, Cambridge, Maryland - Hunger Task Force Chairperson, Chesapeake Association, U. C. C.

M A R C H

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUE DAY

NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. CHECK THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. CHURCH OFFICE PHONE 276-0393.

1 SEWING GROUP  
SCOUTS  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

6 COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICES, 7:45 AND 10:30 A.M.  
NEW MEMBERSHIP GRP. 9:15  
CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M.

7 SENIOR CITIZENS  
SCOUTS COMMUNITY PROGRAM

8 SEWING GROUP  
SCOUTS  
CHURCH SCHOOL MEETING

13 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
NEW MEMBERSHIP GRP. 9:15 - QUIET ROOM  
F.W.W.O.-NOON LUNCHEON  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 AM

14 SENIOR CITIZENS  
SCOUTS

15 SEWING GROUP  
SCOUTS

20 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
NEW MEMBERSHIP GROUP 9:15 - QUIET ROOM  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 AM  
O.G.H.S. Sunday

21 SENIOR CITIZENS  
SCOUTS

22 SEWING GROUP  
SCOUTS

27 WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
YOUTH SERVICE 9:30 A.M.  
NEW MEMBERSHIP GRP. 9:15  
CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:00 AM  
CONF. II - COVERED  
DISH DINNER & EXAMINATION - 5:00

28 SENIOR CITIZENS  
SCOUTS

29 SEWING GROUP  
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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GRP. COUNCIL	2 LADIES AID NOON MEETING  LENTEN SERV. 7:45 - SEW. GRP. BAKE SALES	3 CONF. I SEN. CHOIR - CONWAY WEIGHT PROGRAM - SLIMNASTICS COURSE	4 WORLD 5 DAY OF PRAYER - 7:30 PM BETHEL UCC	
GRP. SCHOOL	9 LENTEN SERVICES - 7:45 PM -  GUILD BAKE SALES	10 CONF. II SENIOR CHOIR CONWAY WGT. PROGRAM - SLIMNASTICS COURSE	11	12 SEWING GRP. LUNCHEON IS SERVED 2-4 PM FRIEND. HALL
	16 LENTEN SERVICES - 7:45 PM  CHURCH SCHOOL BAKE SALES	17 CONF. I SENIOR CHOIR CONWAY WGT. PROGRAM SLIMNASTICS COURSE	18	19
	23 LENTEN SERVICES - 7:45 PM  SCOUTS BAKE SALES	24 CONF. II SEN. CHOIR CONWAY WGT. PROGRAM - SLIMNASTICS COURSE	25	26
	30 LENTEN WORSHIP SER. 7:45 PM  CHOIR BAKE SALES	31 CONF. I SEN. CHOIR CONWAY WGT. PROGRAM - SLIM. COURSE		

## HOLY WEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered on Maundy Thursday at the 7:45 p.m. worship service, Good Friday Communion Service 9:00 a.m. No Good Friday evening Service. Three Hour worship service here on Friday (Canton-Highlandtown), 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Easter Sunday morning, 6:00 and 10:00 a.m.

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## 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, or call Mrs. Joan Stinchcomb, 732-4668.

Your articles should be received by the 10th of the month for the next month's issue.

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We will have the Lord's Supper Tableau on Wednesday, April 6th. It has been produced annually by the men of the church since 1950; cast of 12 people of the congregation under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Witzke. Time is 8:00 p.m. Bring your friends. Have entire family attend.

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## EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Since the procedure we followed last Christmas for the purchase of memorial poinsettias was so successful, the Pastor requests that the same procedure be followed for the purchase of memorial lilies and hyacinths used to decorate the church for Easter Sunday morning. An Easter Memorial Flower Fund will be established from which lilies and all hyacinths will be purchased for delivery to our shut-ins on Easter Sunday. Additional lilies can be designated for individual or family giving if the minimum cost of the plant is covered by the amount of the memorial or love gift. Those plants not so designated will be tagged for delivery to specific shut-ins. A memorial or love gift of \$10.00 or more is recommended to cover the cost of designated lilies.

Because this church will be the host church for the Community (Highlandtown-Canton) Good Friday Three-hour Service, the Pastor also requests that the special Easter garden (next to the Pulpit) be eliminated from use this year.

If private home Holy Communion is requested during the Lenten-Easter Season, please contact the Church Office (276-0393).

Pastor Hengen

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New membership group will meet for four (4) consecutive Sundays beginning March 6 and will be received into the Church on Sunday, April 3. If you are interested in becoming a member of this church, please call the Church Office, 276-0393.

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During the year the average attendance on Sunday morning was about 87 persons. The total attendance for the year was 4,546. More than \$550.00 was spent on new materials to supplement those we have been using for many years.

In November 7 people from the Church School staff attended a meeting in Silver Spring to help us see the ways of surveying our congregations to discover the types of materials best suited to our needs.

Our mission contributions this year totaled \$700.00. Of this amount, \$300.00 went to our regular yearly missions and \$400.00 went to the Guatemala disaster. To the Puerto Rican Pilgrimage Fund \$100.00 was given. The Chick Fund at Christmas raised \$136.73 with the support of the congregation.

In cooperation with the Youth Group we had a Fun Fair. Half of the profits from this venture, \$61.48, went to the Church School.

As has been the practice for several years, Bibles were given to the Confirmands - this year, 27 of them.

Carol B. Rowell, Supt.

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Memorials for inclusion in the special Easter Booklet must be received in the Church Office by Friday, April 1.

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## CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

A meeting of the Church Council/Youth Council was held on February 1. The following is a summary of some of the important points from that meeting.

1. Due to the energy crisis and rising fuel costs, it was decided to maintain minimum temperatures in the church school building. All events normally scheduled for that building may be conducted in Friendship Hall.
2. It was decided to increase our fire insurance to \$1.6 million until an inventory and final assessment have been completed.
3. The congregational meeting to be held in January was cancelled because of inclement weather. It was decided to reschedule it for Friday, February 18 at 8:00 p.m. The goals developed by the Council and the Christian Education Committee were to be presented at that meeting.

Carole P. Weidel

Recording Secretary

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## YOUNG ADULTS

Our Young Adults had a Bowling Party at Pinland Lanes on Sunday, February 28. If you are between the ages of 18 and 35, we want you to become a part of this Group. Call the Church Office, 276-0393 for more information.

Colleen Parker

REPORT ON CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the congregation was held on Friday, February 18, in Friendship Hall, with 37 persons in attendance. Below is a summary of actions taken at that meeting:

1. It was decided to return the Rite of Confirmation to Palm Sunday, overturning the decision of the previous meeting to have Confirmation on Pentecost. The vote was 20 to 16 in favor of Palm Sunday.
2. The nursery during the 10:30 a.m. worship service is to be limited to children of kindergarten age and below.
3. The goals developed by a joint Church Council-Christian Education Committee were approved as written.

Carole P. Weidel  
Recording Secretary

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## BOY SCOUTS AND CUBS

The Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner was held on Monday, February 28. Scouts received Merit Badges and Year Pins. Dean Sanders was awarded Scout's highest rank "Eagle". Dale Sanders was awarded with Scouting Religious Award, Ad-Altere Dei (Roman Catholic Faith). An added touch to the Blue and Gold Dinner were clown acts performed by Explorer Post #9090.

The Scouts are starting a checking account which to the best of the Troop's knowledge, is a new venture. The appointed treasurer is Arthur H. Smith.

CUBS - March 1977 will bring the Pinewood Derby and the Kite Derby. The Cubs are taking a part in Church on March 13, in a Memorial Service in honor of Mr. Kenneth Luckhardt in conjunction also with the Girl Scouts.

The Cubs "Luncheon Was Served" Program was held in Friendship Hall on Saturday, February 5 and was a big success. A Thank You to all who helped make this advent a success.

Robert Jackson

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## THINKING THIN

Our Conway Weight Program and Slimnastics Course are now in full swing on Thursday evenings, 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. We are still taking new registrations. Come and join the fun. The Slimnastics Course ends with the "Funsters" learning new dances.

Millie Slechta

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

At the last Youth Group meeting we talked about going ice skating at a frozen pond in the Middle River area. With the weather warming up, the trip was cancelled.

The Youth Group also talked about getting an "Odessey" T.V. game for our newly donated television. The group will decide later whether to get one.

It is still questionable whether the Youth Group will paint the Sunday School Building. Details are still pending.

Billy Hoffman

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LADIES AID

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held on Wednesday, March 2 beginning with luncheon at noon.

At our last meeting we honored our outgoing officers and presented each of them with a poem and prayer book by Helen Steiner Rice in appreciation for their many years of service to the Ladies Aid and to this Church.

Our meeting in April will be held on Wednesday April 13 beginning with luncheon at noon. Note that the week has been changed because of Holy Week.

Claire Hengen

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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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