

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)
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Dear Members and Friends:

What's Happening? That's the kind of question many ask in order to find out how to "plug in" and get involved. This letter from your Pastor is my answer to that question. The summer is usually a time for our pace to slow down, our interests to change direction, and recreation to enable us to make it through the next Fall, Winter and Spring seasons. I look to the summer (July-August) as an opportunity to set some specific objectives and plans for what's going to happen here at the Church beginning in September, 1976 and beyond.

But before we get into that, look what's been happening here during July and what's expected to be happening in August.

July	4	- Bicentennial Birthday Communion Service
July	6-23	- Canton Happening happening
July	9	- Guild Crab Cake Luncheon and Supper
July	10	- Yascavage-Hengen Wedding
July	11	- Borkman and Jedlicka Baptisms - Gunther-Lariviere Wedding
July	14	- Sewing Group boat trip to Annapolis
July	18	- Dvornicky, Fischer and Smith Baptisms - Whitman-Senula Wedding
July	20	- Church Council Meeting
July	22	- Canton Happening Closing Program
July	24-30	- Pastor's Vacation
July	25	- Pastor Ralph Weisser as Substitute Pastor in our Chancel
August	1	- Holy Communion and 1976 Confirmation Class Special Recognition
August	1-7	- Pastor and family to Claggett Center
August	8-28	- Pastor's Study Weeks for Doctor of Ministry Program

And now on to what's going to happen in September and beyond:

September	1	- Ladies' Aid Meetings resume
September	5	- Holy Communion and New Membership Group forms
September	7	- Church Council Meeting - Girl Scout Meetings resume
September	10-12	- Men's Retreat at Marlow Ridge
September	14	- Church School Staff Meeting
September	15	- Young Women's Guild Meetings resume
September	17	- Church School and Youth Fun and Talent Fair
September	18	- Vandergrift-Reif Wedding
September	19	- Charney-Krass Wedding
September	26	- Youth Service at 9:30 a.m.

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- October 1 - Guild Bicentennial Dinner/Dance at Northpoint Gardens
- October 2 - Foster-Abshire Wedding
- October 3 - World Communion Sunday, Neighbors-in-Need Special Offering and New Members Received
- October 5 - Sewing Group Meetings resume
- Church Council Meeting
- October 20 - Guild Mystery Ride
- October 26-28 - All-Church Sour Beef Luncheon and Supper
- October 31 - Reformation Day and Youth Service

But that's just our regularly-scheduled happenings. Now let me move on to the other purpose for this Pastoral Letter. Many more kinds of things need to be happening here at the Church, or perhaps in people's homes, if we are to rejuvenate and reactivate the meaning of the Church in the lives of our Young Adults. There is a needless gap between our activities for youth and our activities for Middle and Older Adults. Therefore, without in any way slighting that programming, some new groups are being formed and some new events are being planned to begin in September and October. This will involve some concentrated efforts by a new Young Adult Planning Group. It will need the full support of the entire congregation. It will also involve some necessary adjustments in the current use of our facilities, in our scheduling of other events, in some of our "traditional" programming, and in the attitudes sometimes expressed by older members against younger members. I cannot be more specific than that because this Young Adult Planning Group has not yet been formed nor set any specific plans. Nevertheless, the style of our "life together" will need to expand enough to include the many and varied interests which this age group has and which are not presently part of our weekly or monthly schedules.

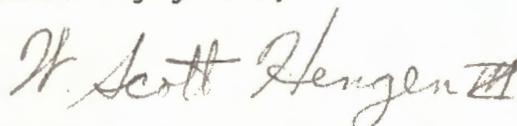
For example, it has already been suggested to me that a Saturday Evening Worship Service, developed with a more informal style, would be helpful and almost necessary to attract more younger couples and young families to worship. Other ideas include informal study-discussion groups, family-style Christian education experiences, fellowship events, and planned outings. But these are ideas I've heard about and are not specific plans by the Group itself. When formed, that Young Adult Planning Group can make such specific plans and I will be meeting with them to assist when and where I can.

Therefore, if you are a Young Adult, age 18-35, married or single, and are willing to serve on such a Planning Group, please inform us at the Church Office. We will be in touch with you about a convenient time and place for the first meeting. If you are not a Young Adult but know of someone who should be challenged to serve on this important Planning Group, let us know their name, address, and phone number and I will contact him and/or her directly myself.

The time has come for us to set in motion some new plans for the future, especially for and with our Young Adult members and potential members. With everyone's help these kinds of program plans should prove to be most successful.

That's what's happening at United Evangelical. May God continue to bless our future efforts together.

Sincerely yours,



Pastor W. Scott Hengen, III

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P.S. We in the Church Office are trying to develop a complete file of Confirmation Class Pictures from 1873 to the present. If you have such a picture, you can help by loaning it to us long enough to have it reproduced for the Church Files and Archives. Thanks.

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