

United Evangelical Announces 100th Anniversary Schedule

United Evangelical Church, East Avenue and Dillon Street, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, has announced the schedule of its festivities during the month of September. Founded on September 14, 1873, as the German United Evangelical Church of Canton, the first services were held in a small house in what was then Baltimore County.

The Church has remained in the same location for all of its one hundred years, and now comprises a sanctuary, church school building and a parsonage. The present pastor, Rev. Paul A. Rasche, has served the Church since 1961, and is only the sixth pastor in its entire history. Many East Baltimoreans remember the 30 year tenure of the Rev. William Batz, from 1896 to 1926, which

caused United Evangelical often to be referred to as "Batz' Church."

On Sunday, September 9, Communion will be offered at both the 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. On Friday, September 14, a Mardi Gras Night, featuring square dancing, will be held in the Friendship Hall of the Church, at 8 p.m.

Commencing on Sunday, the 16th, the usual 8 a.m. ser-

vice will be discontinued for the next three Sundays, through September 30, with one worship experience being held on these Sundays, at 10 a.m. Each service will feature special music by the choir and organist, and also will be highlighted by guest speakers.

On September 16 the message will be brought by Dr. Ernest Press, of St. John's United Church of

Christ, in Evansville, Ind. Dr. Press, while still a student in seminary, served as the interim pastor of United, from January through April of 1934. The theme will be reflections on the Past of the Church, and also will be Confirmation Reunion Sunday. All persons who have been confirmed at United are invited to attend this service. It is hoped that representatives of as many

of the annual confirmation classes as possible will be present.

At 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, a Community night will be held, to which the ministers of all neighboring churches and various other dignitaries have been invited. A collection of photographs and other mementoes of the past has been assembled and will be displayed in an interesting

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arrangement. The high point of the evening will be the showing of movies of many important events in the life of the Church, taken by church members and others.

On Sunday, September 23, the theme of the service will be the present of United Church. The guest minister will be the Rev. Paul Lehmann, of the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Dr. Lehmann is the nephew of the late Rev. Titus Lehmann, who was the Pastor of the Church from 1934 to 1961. This will be the primary celebration Sunday of United's entire anniversary.

On Saturday, Sept. 29th, a gala banquet and dance will be held at the Eastwind, at 9000 Pulaski Highway, beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations may be made by contacting Mrs. Dorothy Long, banquet chairman, at 433-1390.

The final event will be the service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30. The theme will be the Future or Youth Sunday.

The Rev. Edwin Werner, Mahanoy City, Pa. who served as an assistant pastor of United in 1939, will bring the message. In addition, there will be presented a chancel drama, entitled, "The Challenge of the Cross," acted by members of the congregation.

Each of the services on September 16, 23 and 30 will be followed by a coffee and social hour in the Friendship Hall, during which members and friends may renew acquaintances and browse among the many exhibits which will continue on display through-out September.

United Evangelical Church cordially invites all of its members and friends to participate with it in celebrating the beginning of its second century of service by attending all of these services and other events.

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