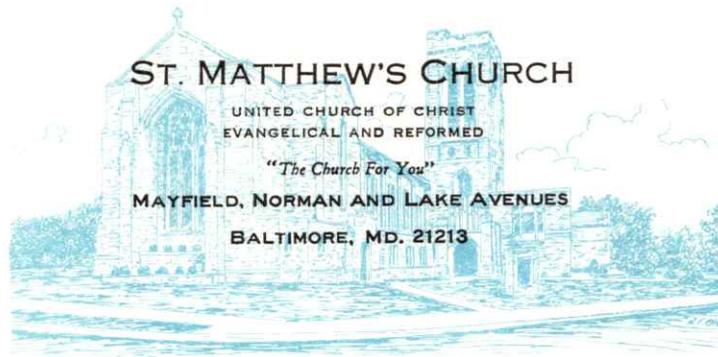


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The Rev. Paul A. Rasche, Pastor
United Evangelical Church, UCC
East Avenue and Dillon Streets
Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Dear Pastor Rasche and Members of United Evangelical Church:

We, the members and pastors of St. Matthew's United Church of Christ, rejoice with you during the month of September, in which you are observing the 100th anniversary of the founding of your congregation. It is our ardent hope and sincere prayer that the Almighty God, whose Grace and Mercy have brought you to this day, will continue with you in the years ahead as you seek to do His Will among the members of United Church and in the community and world.

We are greatly impressed with the fine program which you have arranged for the Sundays in September, and we shall keep our people informed from week to week as to the separate aspects of the program.

When a person reaches the age of 100 years, we congratulate him with a bit of reluctance, realizing that it may be the last time for such congratulations. But when a congregation is about to celebrate its centennial, we do not hesitate to congratulate with joy and exuberance, knowing that the Church of Jesus Christ, against which even "the gates of hell shall not prevail", has been established to remain among men forever.

God's richest blessings upon you, your people, and all the festivities toward which you are looking with anticipation.

Most cordially,

Raymond F. Frankenfeld
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