

*Diamond Jubilee*

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EVANGELICAL  
CHURCH



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REV. TITUS LEHMANN, *Pastor*  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
OCTOBER 3rd TO NOVEMBER 14th, 1948







## *Dedication*

*The diamond is symbolic of the celebration of seventy-fifth anniversaries. Naturally we think of it also as in United Evangelical Church we commemorate this great event.*

*No human being can produce a real diamond. God alone has done this through "fire in the earth." Human beings cannot establish a Church, only God can do this. So we are grateful to Almighty God for His mercy in allowing our Church to be in His service these years.*

*The diamond is an imperishable and indestructable jewel. Herein it symbolizes the fact that God's Church and the Word of God, Christ Jesus, are "adamant" and "invincible." Our Church, because it is the Lord's, therefore has carried on.*

*The diamond has the quality of being sharp and cutting. "Only diamond can cut diamond." So as Christians we must, through the grace of God, help one another to become more like Christ. That is our purpose in these days of celebration and at all times.*

*The diamond reflects to a most remarkable degree the rays of the sun. Because of its durability and beauty it is "the eternal gem" and a token of romance and love. As members of Christ's Church we are to reflect in our own lives and into the lives of others the light of the Sun of God and the Son of God.*

*To the end that we might be grateful to God and to our fore-fathers and to more humble service in His Kingdom, we dedicate this anniversary booklet and ourselves.*





OLD  
CHURCH

**"In The Lord's Service"**  
**History of**  
**UNITED**  
**EVANGELICAL**  
**CHURCH**

Canton in 1873 was a sparsely settled community with streets of mud and clay. At the intersection of two of these streets stood a small red brick building, of but a single story in height. This intersection has now become a familiar corner and the small red brick building a thing of hallowed memory to many.

For it was at this street corner, East Avenue and Dillon Street, and it was in that small building that served as a schoolhouse, that our beloved church had its beginning seventy-five years ago.

For sometime worship services had been held in the schoolhouse as far back as 1872. A Rev. Mr. Steinhauer had been preaching regularly to a group of people of German extraction. In 1873 the Rev. Mr. Andrew Schwartz was called by these people to be their minister and soon organization plans were under way. On September 14, 1873, the first organization meeting was held, a decision was reached to organize a church, and the name GERMAN UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF CANTON was chosen. Three days later another meeting was held and the decision was made to build a church beside the little schoolhouse. On October 5th one hundred and four feet of ground were leased. On October 19, 1873, the cornerstone was laid. Rain marred the festivities on this date and thus it was that the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of GERMAN UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF CANTON took place in the market house at Canton Market.



Shortly afterwards a "Frauenverein" was organized by Pastor Schwartz. On April 12, 1874, the church was dedicated to the service of God. A pipe organ and the present two bells had already been contracted for and the little congregation was all set to go forward "in the service of the Lord". Two years later a Sunday School was organized. The present steeple was contracted for on May 9, 1882, and was dedicated in September. The clock was installed sometime later. In March, 1885, fire destroyed the little brick building with no loss of life, however. A new and larger building was then built on the corner and was used as a Sunday School building and as a place for social activities for many years.

In 1889, after sixteen years of service, Pastor Schwartz retired. Canton was now rapidly growing and with it the congregation of the new church was making rapid strides. Pastor Schwartz had served the little church well and faithfully and had gotten it off to a good start "in the Lord's service."

Rev. Mr. Paul Menzel was called to become the second pastor of the congregation. Confirmation instruction was begun in the English language for the first time in 1894 by Pastor Menzel. His consuming passion for the cause of missions brought a new phase of Christian service to the congregation. He also began the mid-week Lenten service which was at first held in the Sunday School Hall. In 1896, after seven years of service, Pastor Menzel resigned to take up new work in Washington, D. C. He had also faithfully led the congregation and had helped it advance "in the Lord's service."

In September, 1896, election was held to choose a new minister and the Rev. Mr. William Batz of Buffalo was chosen as the new pastor. In September, 1897, it was decided to build a parsonage and in April, 1898, it was dedicated. In 1903 extensive improvements were made to the interior of the church by the new rapidly growing congregation. In 1904 the one hundred and four feet of leased ground were bought. In 1907, a Young People's League was formed to meet the needs of the young people of the church. In 1915 art windows were installed in the church. The Ladies' Aid Society had previously presented the congregation with a beautiful painting of Christ walking the Galilean Sea for the chancel niche. In 1923 the same organization presented the church with a fine oak floor and new carpets for the aisles and the chancel.

On June 10, 1926, after a period of illness, and after thirty years of faithful service to a rapidly growing congregation, the beloved Pastor



Batz was called to his eternal reward. None can truthfully estimate the value of this faithful shepherd's life to the thousands with whom he had come in contact during his ministry "in the service of the Lord."

So it was that on August 11, 1926, at a special meeting Rev. Mr. Franklin W. Schaefer was called to be the fourth pastor of United Church. He was installed on November 14th. While he was pastor, the office of Church Secretary was established and continues until the present time. In 1929 the church took another step forward and became affiliated with the Evangelical Synod of North America, thus broadening its sphere of service and enlarging its program of work. In 1929 also, Sister Lena Nos was called as parish worker for the church and served it faithfully in that capacity until her marriage.

A building fund was begun in 1928 for the building of a new and larger and more adequate Sunday School building. In April, 1929, a Loyalty Crusade was held at which time subscriptions amounting to over \$40,000.00 were secured for this purpose. In 1933, Dr. Tralle, a consulting architect, and Mr. R. N. Randle, an architect, were employed.

In January, 1934, Pastor Schaefer left the ministry of our church to take up new duties in San Antonio, Texas. Many new members had been added to the membership list. Rev. Mr. Schaefer for the time of his ministry at United had also worked faithfully and had advanced the church "in the Lord's service".

Mr. Ernest Press, a young student from Eden Seminary (now serving a church out in Iowa) served the congregation until April when Rev. Mr. Titus Lehmann, our present pastor, was installed as the fifth pastor of our church. Rev. E. Werner served as an assistant pastor in 1939 and is now serving a church in South Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Pastor Lehmann instituted the English morning service in 1934. In 1935, he began the Daily Vacation Bible School during the summer.

In 1935, the congregation decided to build a new Sunday School Hall and on March 8, 1936, the ground breaking service was held. On April 19th the cornerstone was laid and on November 8th the new hall was dedicated to the service of the Lord. In March, 1937, the cornerstone was laid for the present parsonage which was dedicated on May 23rd. This building was erected on the corner of East Avenue and Dillon Street where the old hall had stood and the new hall now stands where the old parsonage



and yard had been. A debt of \$25,000.00 was incurred by the building program but nothing daunted, the congregation went to work with zeal to reduce the indebtedness. On October 24, 1943, at the time of the 70th Anniversary, the mortgage was burned and the church was once again debt free. The building fund has been kept up however, and to date over \$50,000.00 is in the banks to be used when a new church is built. The congregation decided on January 10, 1945, to build a new church sometime in the future. In November, 1946, rededication services were held on the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the new hall.

About 429 young men served their country during World War II, six of them paying the supreme sacrifice.

The name of the church was changed to UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH in 1945. Since 1941, Alma Bladin Whittliff has been organist and under her direction three choirs, the Senior, the Youth, and the Junior Choir, now serve and help in the worship services. In March, 1944, a Young Women's Guild was formed to give the younger women of the church a place of service and fellowship. In the same year, 1944, the United Dramatic Guild was formed for those interested in dramatics. In

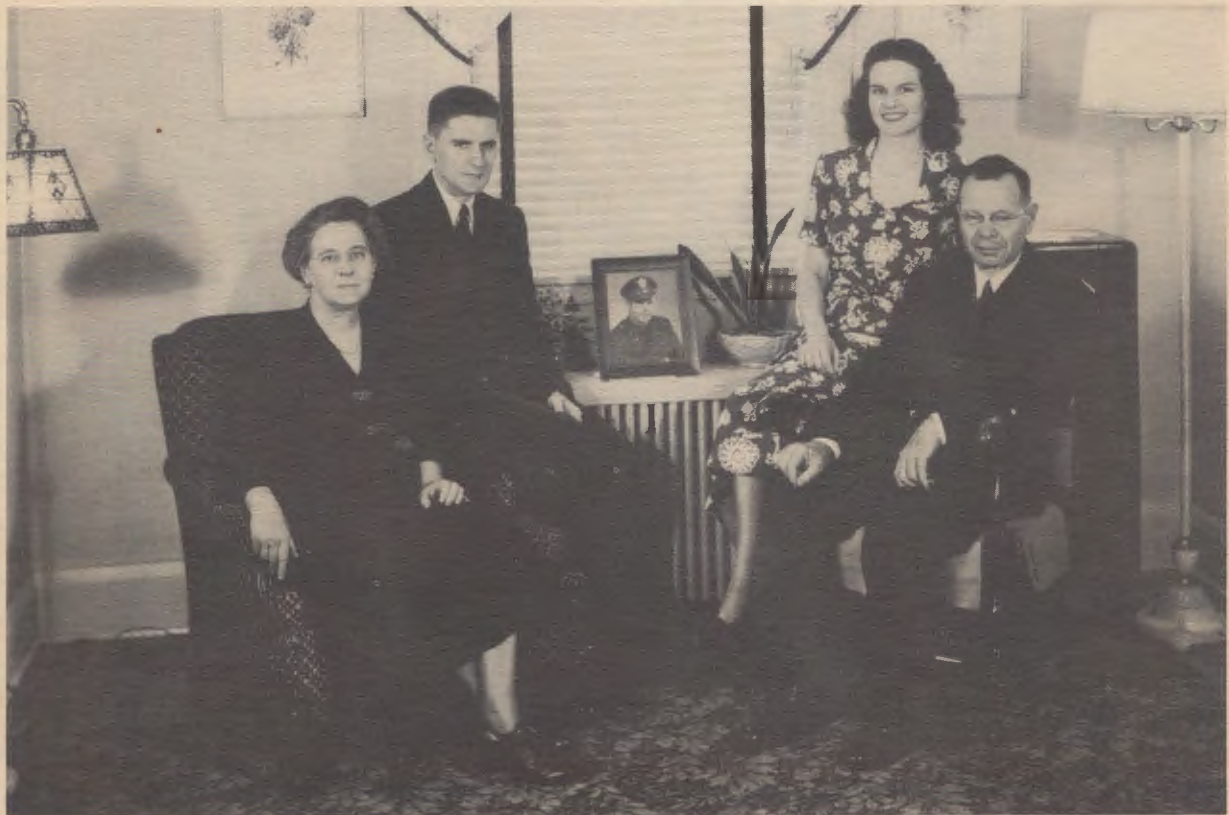


PRESENT HALL, CHURCH AND PARSONAGE



February, 1945, the present United Men's Club was formed and offers a place of fellowship and service to the men of the church. In the spring of 1947 a Girl Scout and Brownie Troop were formed to give the younger girls of the church opportunity for service. Under Pastor Lehmann's leadership the church is advancing farther along life's pathway "in the Lord's service".

So much for the facts of the church history. "In the Lord's Service since 1873" is the theme of our anniversary celebration. Who among us can compute or give an accurate valuation to the service which our beloved church has rendered to the many thousands who have worshipped within her portals? There have been heartaches and disappointments along with joys and accomplishments. The congregation has steadily forged ahead, ever seeking to be "in the Lord's service" and looking to the Master for its guidance and its strength. And now as we salute our beloved church on this, its Seventy-fifth Anniversary, our prayer is that it will go steadily forward and that it may ever be said of her—"in the Lord's service since 1873". May God bless and strengthen all who seek the guidance of our church and may He richly endow us all with His spirit of love and grace.



THE PARSONAGE FAMILY





REV. D. ANDREW SCHWARTZ  
1873 - 1889



REV. PAUL A. MENZEL  
1889 - 1896



REV. TITUS LEHMANN  
1934 -



REV. WILLIAM BATZ  
1896 - 1926



REV. F. W. SCHAEFER  
1926 - 1934



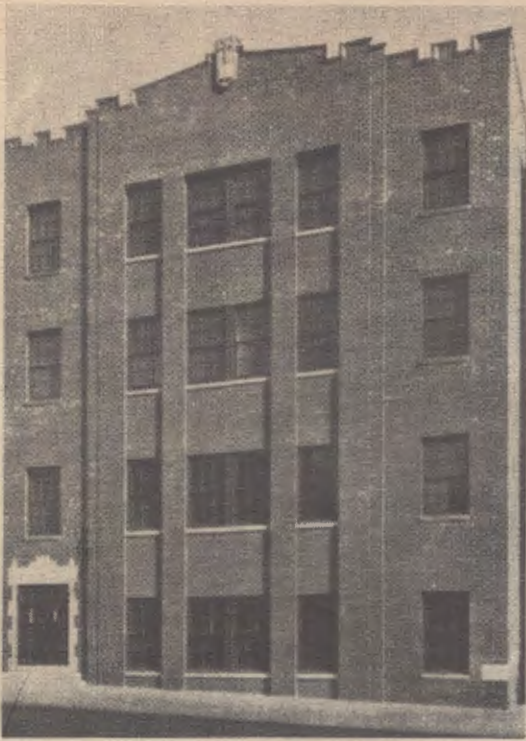


SENIOR COUNCIL



JUNIOR COUNCIL





SUNDAY SCHOOL  
BUILDING

## *History of Sunday School*

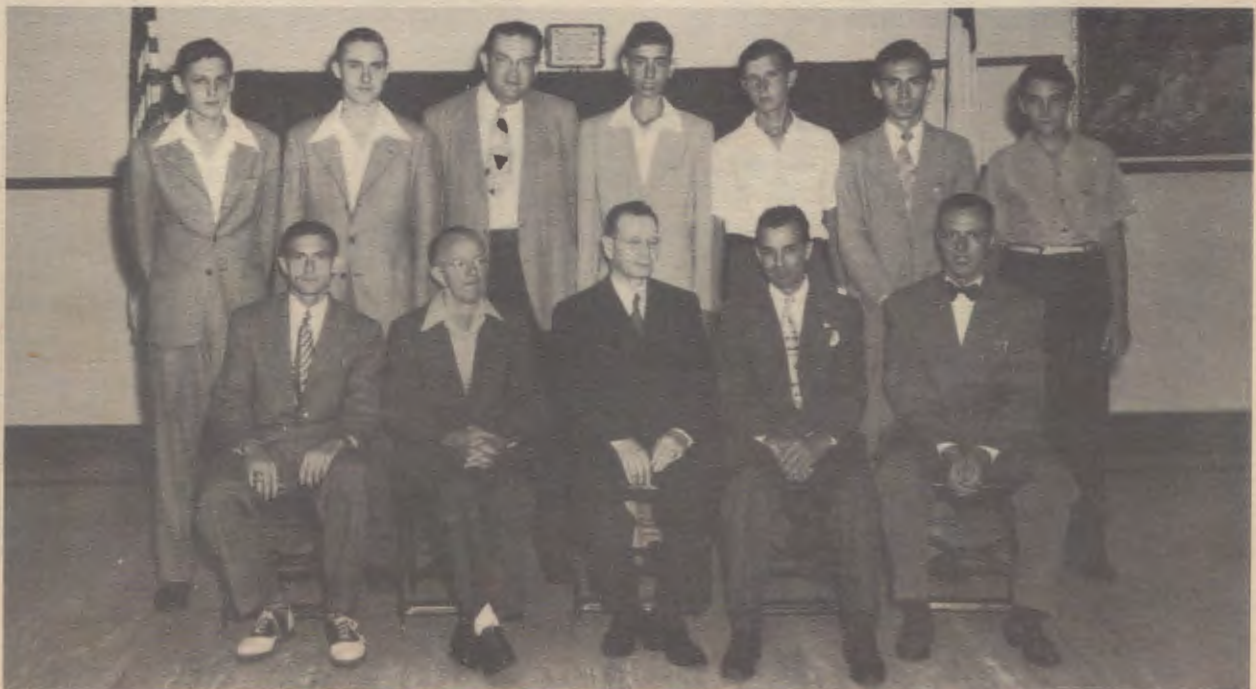
The Sunday School was organized in 1876. In March of 1885 fire destroyed the Sunday School Building and in the same year a two story brick building was erected on the same site and was used as the Sunday School building and as a place of social activity for many years.

Due to the ever increasing enrollments a larger building was needed and on March 8th, 1936 the ground breaking service was held and on April 19th the cornerstone was laid. On November 8th the present Sunday School Hall was dedicated to the service of the Lord.

The supreme purpose of the Sunday School is the creation and sustaining of interest in Christian education and the building of Christian character among the Church congregation from infancy thru adulthood.

We, the Sunday School extend our hearty congratulations to the Church on its 75th Anniversary and promise to dedicate ourselves to the teaching and preaching of the word of God.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ—Eph. 1:3*



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LADIES' AID SOCIETY



YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD



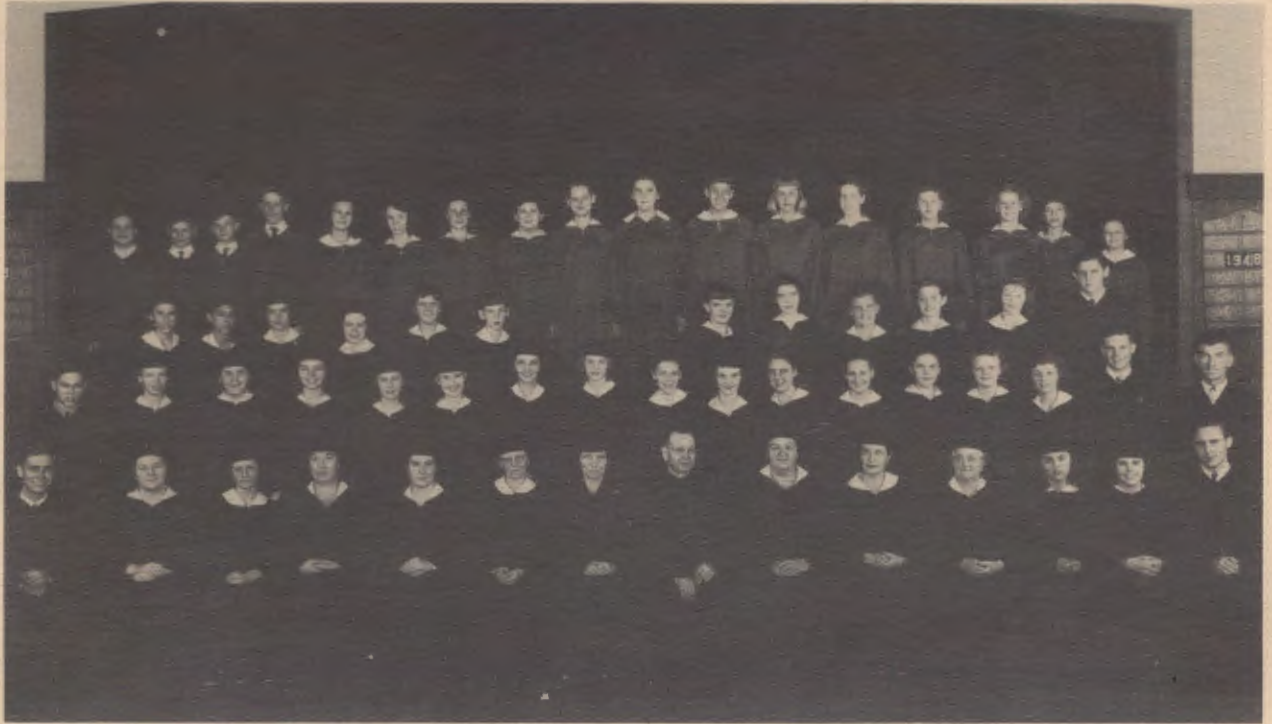


THE BOYS' BRIGADE



UNITED MEN'S CLUB





THE CHOIR



THE DRAMATIC GUILD





GIRL SCOUTS AND BROWNIES



THE ADELPHIANS



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## *Organizations*

### LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Although there seems to be no definite date as to when the Ladies' Aid Society was organized, its organization took place around the time of the founding of the church. Its first meetings were held on Sunday in the homes of the different members. Then as now, its purpose was and is to help in anyway possible to promote the welfare of the church and to offer to the women of the church a place where they may find fellowship, a chance to be of service to others, and a place to find spiritual inspiration for their daily living.

Through the years it has beautified the church and the parsonage by purchasing furnishings and by making improvements whenever possible. To date it has contributed over thirteen thousand dollars to the building fund of the church. It partakes of activities sponsored by the regional and synodical groups of this area. Thankful to God for His help in the past, the Ladies' Aid Society looks to the future with a prayer for continued guidance and inspiration.

### OFFICERS

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MRS. BESSIE DOENGES, *Secretary*



## YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

The Young Women's Guild was formed in March 1944 by fifteen young women. The purpose of this organization is to have social fellowship with the younger members of the church and to promote fellowship to all. Always to be ready to lend a helping hand in our church and to partake of missionary activities is part of the purpose of the group.

The Guild now has an active membership of 73. The organization extends a welcome to all the young ladies of our church. Join with us on the third Wednesday of the month.

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## THE BOYS' BRIGADE

Company "B" United Boys' Brigade of America was chartered on May 2, 1930. The boys are taught to drill with precision. The Company offers the boys fellowship, Bible work, first aid, athletics, and every two months, parties. The Regiment has competitive drills between companies, offers church services and banquets.

The object of the Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends to a true Christian Manliness, and to further such principles as will make the youth of the Nation loyal, patriotic and law-abiding.

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LIEUTENANT DAVID MILLER                      S/SGT. CARROLL FITZGERALD

## UNITED MEN'S CLUB, INC.

In the latter part of February, 1945, a group of men of our Church met in an effort to form a men's organization to aid in the social and spiritual activities of our returning servicemen. After several organization meetings, the first regular meeting was held on June 4, 1945 with fifteen charter members present. Since its inception the club has sponsored a soft ball team which is now completely uniformed and competes at Patterson Park. A bowling league was formed the first year and has grown from six teams to fourteen last year. The bowling league has also fostered interfaith competition with Sacred Heart Church for the past three years. An annual event has been the Father and Son Banquet held each January, served by the Ladies' Aid and Young Women's Guild and addressed by outstanding sports' figures. It is an occasion that is now awaited with eager anticipation by young and old alike. The membership has grown from the original fifteen charter members to the present membership of 165. The Men's Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

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*In memory of those who  
paid the supreme sacrifice  
in World War II*

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