



THE CHIMES

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"Reflections"

As we turn the pages on our calendars, if you even have paper ones anymore, we know that Fall has arrived in several ways: it gets dark faster; we can open our windows at night; the Orioles are still trying to make the playoffs; and it's time for our *"Neighbors In Need Offering!"* For those of you who are new to the UCC, this is one of our 5 "prime time" offerings that occur throughout the year. It funds the majority of our justice and compassion ministries throughout the country. Our Justice and Witness Ministries deal with a wide array of issues: local and national justice initiatives, action alerts, resources, immigration, voting rights, health care, hate crimes, environmental justice, education, and our UCC Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). CAIM is the official voice for our Native Americans to the wider church. Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska.

Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors. In addition, CAIM strives to be a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations and to strengthen their participation in the life of the church. And, yes, the name of the Washington NFL team is still a significant issue! The envelopes will be appearing soon in your pews...

The Global Café Adult Bible Study is returning for our second year, **Wed., Oct. 7th, at 7:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room.** We're continuing our trek in the Old Testament with the Book of Numbers (it's better than Leviticus). Come and check out the class and see if it fits you! Fall also brings the yearly flea market/yard sale, so start bringing the stuff you want to donate for our mission ministries now! Yes, I am bringing more stuff I still haven't unpacked from my last move...

Peace...

Rev Bev

■ Upcoming Events

October 4 – Catonsville Crop Walk (See information later in the Chimes)

October 7 – Global Café Adult Bible Study, 7:15 in Fireside Room

October 8 – Earl's Place Opening Doors Dinner and Silent Auction, United Ministries, Overhills Mansion. (See link for more information – umhousing.org)*

October 11 – Consistory

October 17 - Fall Congregational Vitality workshop “How to Grow Our Churches - Extending an Extravagant Welcome Embracing the Divinity of Difference” (St John’s UCC, 10 AM to 3 PM)

October 25 – Budget Forum

November 7 – Annual Yard Sale

November 8 – Consistory

November 15 – Annual Congregational Meeting

November 26 – Thanksgiving

November 29 – First Sunday in Advent



October Birthdays

01 – Debra Paton

02 – Dee Luco

03 – Tim Schatz

05 – Alex Garner

11 – Kenneth Briers

13 – Libby Walter

16 – Kristin Thomas

19 – Lavina Pfefferkorn

23 - Hayley Schreiner

27- Scott Simpson



Immanuel Happenings

Summer is over and things start happening at Immanuel. On October 25th we will have the **Budget Forum**. This lays out a proposed budget for Immanuel and is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our finances. This is followed by the **Annual Congregational Meeting** on November 15. This is where the congregation approves the budget, elects consistory members, makes changes to the By-Laws and conducts any other important church business. If you have an interest in serving on consistory, please talk to any consistory member. They are listed on the first page of the newsletter.

At the November Annual Meeting there will be a series of proposed changes to the By-Laws. While the number of changes may appear large the impact should be rather modest. The bulk of the changes are to make the By-Laws conform to how we actually do business. There will be copies of the proposed changes on the table in the hall a few weeks prior to the meeting.

The **Annual Yard Sale** will be held November 7th from 9AM to 1PM. We can always use your help for the yard sale. If you have anything laying around your house that you can donate please bring it to the church. We store everything downstairs on the stage. The Wednesday evening and Thursday morning before the sale we help set things up. The times will be announced at church. And of course, we need people during the sale on Saturday.

On the Friday evening and Saturday morning before the first Sunday in Advent we decorate the church. This will help get you in the Christmas spirit!

UCC Happenings

Crop Walk

The special offering for September is the annual crop walk. The event will be held October 4th. Registration begins at 1:15 and the walk starts at 2:00 from the Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church located at 5112 Wetheredsville Road, Baltimore, MD 21207. This year the local agencies helped are the CEFM Network, 40-West and SWES. For those who wish to donate online, this is the link - [Catonsville Crop Walk](#). You can also use an envelope at church.

Fall Church Vitality Event

The Conference will host the Fall Church Vitality event on Saturday October 17, 2015 from 10-3 at St. John's United Church of Christ, 1000 S. Rolling Rd in Catonsville, MD in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Our presenters will be the Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson, Senior Pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church in New York City and the Rev. Ismael Sanchez, Associate Pastor/Latino Ministry, Park Avenue Christian Church. [Registration online.](#)

Unity Campaign for Frederick County Fundraiser

Christ Reformed will be hosting a Doctor Who Marathon on October 3rd (10am-8:30pm) to support the Unity Campaign for Frederick County. Could you please share this event announcement with the members of the Catocin Association? (This is a link to the flyer with more information - [Dr Who](#))

Women's Bodies as Battlefields: Christian Theology and the Global War on Women

Adult Education Forum at Westmoreland Church with Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite Sunday, October 4, 11:30 am Rev. Dr. Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite will lead a conversation that examines the global pandemic of violence against women and the agencies of Western philosophy and theology that support not only the war on women but also all war. Please see flyer for more information - [War on Women](#).

Washington Walk to End HIV 2015

First Congregational UCC invites you and your church family to join us for the Walk to End HIV on Saturday, October 24, 2015. UCC friends will gather in the Narthex at 8:15 AM before the step off at Freedom Plaza. We are located at 945 G Street, NW near Metro Center and Gallery Place metro stations. We will leave at 8:55 for the 9:15 step off at Freedom Plaza which is at 13th & PA & E Streets, NW.

Note that while the name of the event has changed, the need has not, as Washington, DC has been effected by this pandemic. Your support helps ensure that Whitman-Walker Health can provide people in our community living with HIV and AIDS the healthcare they need. To register, go to their website: www.aidswalkwashington.org.

Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, November 7, 2015, 9:00am - 3:00pm at the beautiful grounds and space of the Maryland Presbyterian Church 1105 Providence Rd, Towson, MD. This is sponsored by United Evangelical Church, UCC Cost: \$20. Please see flyer for more details - [LINK](#)



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Update Church Directory and Birthday List

The current directory is on the table in the hall for people to update. Also, the birthday list that is used for the Chimes is also on the table in case you would like to add your birthday.

Lectionary Readings

(Day-Date; First Reading & Psalm; Alternate First Reading & Psalm; Second Reading; Gospel)

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - October 4, 2015

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 & Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24 & Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - October 11, 2015

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 & Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 & Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost - October 18, 2015

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) & Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 53:4-12 & Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - October 25, 2015

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 & Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9 & Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Prayer Concerns

PRAYER CONCERNS IN THE CHURCH FAMILY:

Elizabeth "Libby" Walter's friend, Sammie Uhler (not feeling well); John DiPaula (Steve's brother); The Dunham's extended family; Kathy Riggins (illness).

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS:

Emanuel AME, Charleston, SC; Baltimore; Black Churches across the South; Storm Victims; Nepal; All facing increasing violence and terrorism; Afghanistan; Iraq; Syria.

