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“Rev flections”

A church only turns 150 once and we’re going to celebrate Immanuel’s history and look to the future with a sense of purpose and gratitude. No church is ever what it used to be. But if you think about it for a little bit, it’s always been that way. The earliest version of the Early Church moved from one challenge to the next, day after day, anticipating that Jesus would stop dragging his eternal feet and come back to make everything right at last. Luther had no idea that he would revolutionize the whole history of the world.

Church historians tell us that shockwaves rock the very nature and being of the church every 500 years. The last shift was the Reformation and we’ll be celebrating Luther’s anniversary during our General Synod next summer. So order your Martin Luther bobble head now and beat the rush on Amazon! No, I’m not making that up - \$20 will have you humming “A Mighty Fortress” when you find some space on a shelf.

So, change is built into our theological and spiritual DNA, and faith, if it’s deep and wide like it’s supposed to be, won’t let us stay still and wait to die quietly. We’re called to go all out and far out before our work is done and our mission completed. Compared to many UCC congregations, Immanuel is still young, vital and viable! If you find that hard to believe, then you haven’t been in a snarly church with hardened arteries lately! And, believe me, you know it right away. Even the hymnals are cranky and stiff from too many years of rigidity and inertia.

Immanuel has seen many people come, grow and go through the years. Lives have been rebuilt and restored by your commitments to house all kinds of support groups. Earl’s Place and Prospect Place would’ve lacked resources without your help and generosity. Your passion for justice has fueled so many special emphases stretching across the United States and across the world. You’ve helped countless people in crisis when natural disasters have overwhelmed thousands upon thousands of families and communities. And when refugees have sought safety and shelter, you’ve helped create hope in overwhelming loss and grief.

These are the days to share stories, look at the pictures, and smile at the good old days with very different hair! Let’s be thankful for the blessings of faithfulness, stewardship, flexibility, humor, grace and an endless capacity to share God’s love in creative ways with God’s help and providential care. Yes, Immanuel has come a long way! And the journey of discipleship continues with God’s abiding presence and joy. So, let’s party on Nov. 6th! Happy 150th, Immanuel!

Peace to you from Rev Bev...

East Coast cleans up after Hurricane Matthew, UCC donations for long-term relief

October 12, 2016 Written by **Anthony Moujaes**

As North Carolinians face the destruction of Hurricane Matthew — which killed 19 people in its wake — waters **continue to rise**, hindering the relief efforts in some of the poorest parts of the state. Both the United Church of Christ and its communion partner, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are ready to step in as they actively coordinate their responses after the storm swept along the Atlantic Coast in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas on Friday and Saturday.

Meanwhile, solidarity grants from both denominations are on their way to Haiti and Cuba to provide food, shelter and safety in the wake of Hurricane Matthew's earlier destruction.

UCC Disaster Ministries executive Zach Wolgemuth said that "a lot of places in North Carolina are still under water and flood waters have not receded yet." As emergency personnel attempt to rescue people, the ministry continues to monitor the situation by working closely with the conference staff and appropriate partners.

"I would encourage local congregations to be in direct contact with their conference disaster coordinator," Wolgemuth said.

Hundreds of roads in North Carolina are flooded, making access to some areas difficult.

The UCC African American Women in Ministry Conference was scheduled to take place this week at Franklinton Center at Bricks — a ministry of the denomination in Whitakers, N.C. But because of flooding in the area, the event has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

"Although Franklinton Center at Bricks suffered very little physical damage due to the storm, we have no electrical power at the Center," said Vivian Lucas, director of Franklinton Center. "The very deep and rising waters, flooding, fallen trees on power lines, and washed out roads mean the electric company is unable to make needed repairs to the lines that supply power to the Center for several days."

In Florida, the UCC has supplied cleanup buckets, hygiene and baby care kits to a storm shelter in Bunnell, and hygiene kits for 125 Bethune-Cookman University students sheltering in place in the Daytona Beach school's performing arts center. At least one church is providing shelter for members who had to evacuate their homes.

Before reaching the mainland United States, Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Haiti and Cuba on Oct. 4. Both the UCC and Disciples of Christ, through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering and the Week of Compassion Fund, are poised to work alongside other churches to supply food, water, containers, tents, mattresses and hygiene kits to those affected by the storm. More than 1,000 people were killed in Haiti by the hurricane, which hit with winds up to 135 mph and left up to 1.4 million people (about 13 percent of the population) in need of assistance.

"Funds are needed more now than donated goods, because the recovery will be months — if not years — in these locations," Wolgemuth said.

Anyone interested in supporting the UCC response to Hurricane Matthew is encouraged to **give online**.

Blessing of the Animals – Saturday, October 1, 2016



Chesapeake Association Annual Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2016
First & St. Stephen's UCC
6915 York Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21212

Registration begins at 10:00am
Registration fee is \$10
Meeting begins 10:30am to 2pm

Lunch will be provided

REMINDER TO THE CONGREGATION:

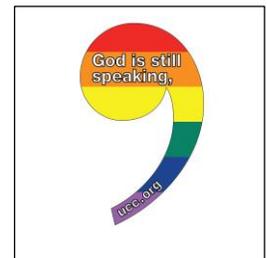
Church services start at 10:30 am on Sundays. Please make every effort to arrive at church before 10:30. The pastor will continue to make every effort to begin the service on time and appreciates your kind cooperation.



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Upcoming Events

- October 1 (Sat.) 10:30 – **Blessing of the Animals.** Leash or pet carrier required.
October 13 (Thurs.) 6:00 to 10:00 – **United Ministries Annual Dinner to benefit Earl's Place.**
Immanuel UCC will, as always, have a table for 10.
October 15 (Sat.) 7:00 – **Variety Show!** Admission is 3 or more cans of food.
October 19 (Wed.) 7:15 – **Global Café Bible Study** on the Book of Revelation. Fireside Room
October 22 (Sat.) **Chesapeake Association Annual Fall Meeting,** Registration begins at 10am.
October 22 (Sat.) 5:00 to 8:00 – **Catonsville Cooperative Market Chili Cook-Off**
October 23 (Sun.) 5:00 – **Irishman's Chorale Concert.** Admission is free.
October 30 (Sun.) – **Budget forum**
November 2 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m. – **Flea Market Set-Up** – workers needed
November 3 (Thurs.) 9:00 a.m. – **Flea Market Set-Up** – workers needed
November 5 (Sat.) 8:30 a.m. – **Annual Flea Market** – workers needed
November 6 (Sun.) – **Immanuel UCC 150th Anniversary Celebration**
November 13 (Sun.) – **Consistory Meeting**
November 20 (Sun.) – **Annual Meeting**



October Birthdays

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| 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 | |





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Lectionary Readings

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 2, 2016

Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – October 9, 2016

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – October 16, 2016

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – October 23, 2016

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – October 30, 2016

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Prayer Concerns

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR HOME-BOUND MEMBERS:

Libby Walter

PRAYER CONCERNS IN THE EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY:

Friend of Jackie Donaldson facing surgery for possible cancer; Family of Reverend Casey Cain; Family of Andrea Ratajczak (PDA Marketing consultant); Family of Bryan Holley; Friend of the DiPaula family fighting leukemia; Helen Carrick's daughter, Sharon Welsh, recovering from surgery; the family of Reverend Dr. John Deckenback; the staff of our Central Atlantic Conference.

PRAYER CONCERNS IN OUR REGION:

Impact of Hurricane Matthew; Flood victims: Ellicott City and West Virginia; families impacted by gun violence.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS:

Victims of destruction by Hurricane Matthew; Commuters in Hoboken, NJ; Earthquake victims: Italy; Flood victims: Louisiana; Wildfire victims: California; families across all law enforcement communities who have lost their loved ones; families who have lost their loved ones under questionable circumstances; refugees across the world; people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria; all U.S. military deployed and stateside; gun violence in Chicago.