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“Rev flections”

What do you say to a church that lives to see its 150th Anniversary? “You look good? How did you do it when churches across the mainline landscape are already closed or on life support? What’s it like to be older than the UCC itself?” Perhaps the question doesn’t have to be long or even close to profound. “How do you feel, Immanuel UCC?”

When you were born in 1866, the Civil War had been over for a year. Andrew Johnson assumed the presidency after President Lincoln was assassinated, but he would go on to lose the upcoming election. The second White House Capitol dome was finally finished after 11 years of construction. Tennessee was the first of the Southern states to be readmitted into the Union. Fisk University was established and Howard University (ours!) was launched in the District. The ASPCA was founded in New York City. The first daylight bank robbery took place in Missouri. In 1866, the son of Sacagawea—Jean Baptiste Charbonneau—died. The first 5-cent coin, our good old nickel, was approved by Congress to replace the half-dime. I didn’t even know that there was such a thing!

On the church front, missionary societies were kicking into high gear and ministries among Native Americans had begun. They still exist and are vital today. Our Neighbors In Need Offering help fund them every year!

Immanuel, you come from hardy, solid German stuff. You’ve moved several times and made Catonsville your home in 1957, the same year the UCC was finalized. You’ve seen so much change, endured too many wars, weathered cycles of hardship, grown, blossomed and served God in the midst of all of it. You have taught generations of kids, and served countless people in need. You have been a force for justice and chose to become an Open and Affirming church years before many would even talk about marriage equality.

So, my beloved church, I am so very proud to be your pastor as we celebrate this historic day. You are far from being done! Yes, you’re smaller than you used to be. Yes, the building keeps showing its wear and tear. Yes, we’ve got challenges and growing edges, but your heart is strong and never stops beating compassion and healing when people need you the most. Even when it would’ve been easy to give up and fade away into “the church that used to be,” your faithfulness and probably the echoes of your stubborn German roots have kept you reaching for the future.

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As we celebrate, let's thank God for our history, the victories we've experienced, and the days of adversity that we overcame with God's help and providential care. Let's embrace the future that we can't see yet. God is Still Speaking and we aren't done yet! Amen and Amen! It's party time!

Peace...

Rev Bev

The UCC General Synod is Coming to Baltimore, MD June 30 – July 4, 2017

The Central Atlantic Conference is the host Conference for next year's General Synod. Successfully hosting this Synod can only be done through a partnership between the Conference and the local churches within the Conference. The Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) is working on behalf of the Conference and you, the local churches, to provide hospitality and operational aspects of Synod.

The LAC has been working since early 2015:

- Chairs for 15 sub-committees have been identified
- Over 125 volunteers have officially registered on-line (we need 375 more!)
- Fundraising is proceeding
- National Planning Committee is actively engaged with the LAC

What can your church do?

We need all CAC local churches to provide:

- Funding
- Volunteers
- Equipment and supplies for the Childcare / Children's programs (abbreviated list on back)
- Snacks for delegate and visitor Welcome Bags
- Church vans to assist with local transportation needs

Childcare Program Needs: To help keep costs of the program minimal, we are seeking more volunteers, as well as donations or loan of the following:

Cribs	Toddlers' mats	Cars and Trucks	Glue sticks	Baby wipes
Mobiles	Colorful quilts	Wii Game System	Stencils	TV & DVD players
High chairs	Easels	Lego sets	Newsprint	Hand sanitizer
Strollers	Dolls and clothes	White paper	Puzzles	Disinfectant wipes
Changing table	Chairs and tables	Colored paper	Books	Safety scissors
Infant swing	Receiving throws	Duplo blocks	Crayons / Markers	Rocking chairs

Want to help?

- All volunteers, even if you have already completed a paper form, must register online at www.cacucc.org/generalsynod2017.
- Contact Bob Ziegler, Operations Co-Chair, at gs2017fin@gmail.com to provide funding assistance or discuss church van usage.
- For information on providing snacks, contact Sia Barbara Kamara, Hospitality Co-Chair, at gs2017hospitality@gmail.com
- For all General Synod brochures or to sign up for the mailing list, contact Jill White, LAC Chair, at gs2017lac@gmail.com

SPEED BUMP

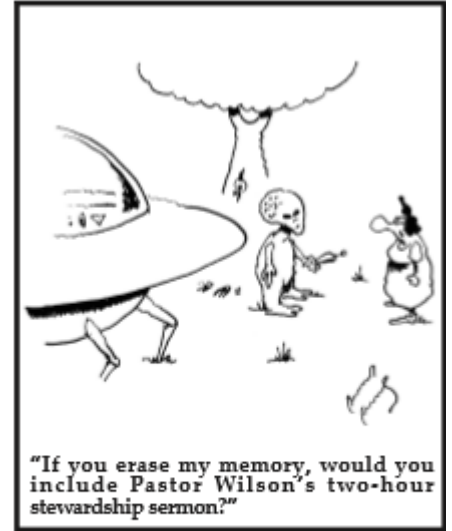
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Upcoming Events

Wednesdays at 7:15 – **Global Café Bible Study** on the Book of Revelation. Fireside Room

November 5 (Sat.) 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – **Annual Flea Market** – workers needed

November 6 (Sun.) – **Immanuel UCC 150th Anniversary Celebration / All Saints Sunday**

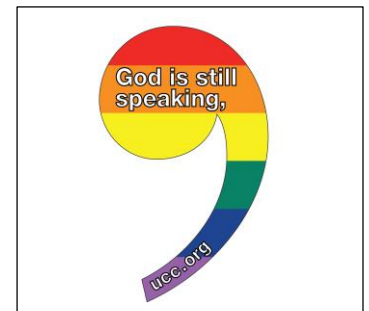
November 13 (Sun.) – **Consistory Meeting**

November 20 (Sun.) – **Annual Meeting**

November 24 (Thurs.) – **Thanksgiving Day**

November 27 (Sun.) – **First Sunday of Advent**

December 10 (Sat.) 7:00 p.m. – **New Wave Singers Winter Concert**



November Birthdays

06— Leslie Dunham

12— Jill Boyd

16— Janet Leak

17— Seth Kramer

19— Isaac Oliver

21— Nancy Taylor





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Lectionary Readings

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

All Saints Day – November 1, 2016

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – November 6, 2016

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98; Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – November 13, 2016

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 **: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – November 20, 2016

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 **: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Thanksgiving Day – November 24, 2016

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2016

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

*** In a very few instances in the Lectionary, no Psalm reading is offered for reasons relating to the thematic nature of the Day.*

Prayer Concerns

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR HOME-BOUND MEMBERS: Libby Walter.

PRAYER CONCERNS IN THE CHURCH FAMILY: Levina Pfefferkorn, recovering from surgery; Les Luco, heart.

PRAYER CONCERNS IN THE EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY: Debbie Cardwell, Fred Wille's daughter, ovarian cancer; Lori Hamilton, cancer treatment; 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: North Carolina; families impacted by gun violence.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS: Prayers for our country as the 2016 election is completed; Earthquake victims: Italy; Wildfire victims: California and Nevada; 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.