



## A NEW YEAR

Let us not accept this new year grace, 1966, so casually that we give no mind to Him from whom all blessings come, including every breath of life we draw. We can get so casual about the dawn of "just another year" that we forget the fact that life is a gift, living a privilege. For people of the world this attitude of casualness is understandable, but for Christians the remembrance of the preciousness of life and the realization of our sonship under God is not merely to be hoped for but expected. Thus may we pray God's guidance in our lives as we consciously abide by our Christian frame of mind through out 1966.



## SUNDAYS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY

Our "Endeavor" comes to your homes late this month. Because of this unavoidable delay, we will combine two months in this one issue, and have it relate to services and events up through the beginning of the Lenten season.

Of chief interest is the fact that Pastor Rasche has concluded a year's preaching on the Epistles for each Sunday and now begins "a year with the Gospel readings. So far as God gives us strength and opportunity, it will be our purpose to use the Gospel reading each Sun-

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224

day as the basis of our morning meditations.

The Services are at the regular hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. save on the 1st Sundays of the month when we have the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and the early service moves up to 7:45 a.m.

With 1966 we are beginning to use the bulletins supplied by our United Church of Christ. The bulletin for each Sunday will have a different cover, to fit in with the Scripture lessons and will carry a message of denominational import. We use these bulletins that we of United Church may receive the news of denominational affairs and concerns and thus feel ourselves more a part of the United Church of Christ.

## HERE ARE THE NEEDS

Below you will find a copy of the approved budget for 1966, as adopted by the congregational meeting of November. As presented by the Finance committee in the services of Nov., it is to be noted that the budget is higher than that of last year and for some very definite reasons. Certain increases have been made in salary items; certain maintenance items are higher. But, chiefly, the reason for the increase is the item of a debt we owe for the renovation of our Church School Bldg., a debt of approximately \$30,000.00 which we seek to liquidate across 6 years. Thus, an amount of \$5000.00 extra becomes a part of the budget for the future.

These increases are brought to the congregation with the admonition that we all realize our responsibility as members to help meet these increased needs which face our church. The only way this can be accomplished is through the in-

creased giving of our folk - as stated by a representative of the Finance Committee in a "Pastor's Five Minutes" on a Sunday morning, "We can accomplish this challenge before us if we each increase our total giving by 25% each Sunday," this representative said. This would include our giving in the regular envelopes as well as in the "Improvement Fund" envelopes each month.

If you as a member do not have envelopes and are not contributing to the church (unless you are poverty stricken, aged, chronically ill or away from home in school or the armed services), then we do expect you to contribute regularly to your church through envelopes. Membership cannot be maintained except on the levels of attendance at services, participation in the Sacrament and regular contributions to your church.

Please read carefully the pamphlet on Stewardship which is sent you with this issue of the paper.

#### THE 1966 BUDGET

##### SALARIES

For salaries of church staff, including Pastor Emeritus. \$22,173.00

##### CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Fuel Oil	\$2000	
Gas, Elec.	1500	
Organ Service	100	
Church cleaning	700	
Repairs	1000	
Water	125	
Telephone	500	
Insurance	1400	7,325.00

##### PARSONAGE MAINTENANCE

Gas, Elec.	200	
Telephone	160	
Fuel Oil	300	
Cleaning	150	810.00

##### OTHER CHURCH EXPENSES

Equipment	2000	
Supplies	2000	
Music	275	
Church office	1200	
Soc. Sec. Tax	500	
Organist Exp.	250	
Church Picnic	150	
Church notices	175	
Church Paper	400	
Flowers, Decoration	200	
Poor Fund	150	
Petty cash	200	
Ass't Pastors	400	7,900.00

##### PASTORAL EXPENSES

Car allowance	500	
Gas and oil	250	
Hospital, Disabil.	250	
Pension	880	1,880.00

##### SPECIAL CHURCH EXPENSES

Receptions, etc.	200.00	
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Choirs Expense	100	\$300.00
<b>BENEVOLENCE FUND</b>		
Gen. At. Conf.	10,300	
Chesap. Assoc.	450	
United Ch. H.	1,180	
Lan. Th. Sem.	600	
Other Benov.	200	\$12,730.00
General Budget Tot.		\$53,118.00

##### SPECIAL DEBT BUDGET

Amount for 1966	5,000.00
Total Budget	\$58,118.00

One final word - in 1966 we are beginning to use a simplified report to you each quarter of the yr. as regards your giving to United. You will hereafter receive a simple statement indicating the total amounts you have contributed during each three month period of the year



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## ABOUT THE INSERTS

Hoffman Home Envelope - One of the Institutions of the Church which we support in the Central Atlantic Conference, our Conference, is the Hoffman Home for Children, Littlestown, Pa. Late in 1965, too late for sending out, the materials for our annual Christmas gift to this institution arrived. As you remember, we distributed the leaflets on one of the Sundays in Advent. Now we send the envelope for your belated Christmas gift to this cause. There are not many extra requests which come to you for work outside our own church, and we pray each family may cooperate in this asking from Hoffman Home. Place the enclosed envelope in the offering plate with your gift inside. Be certain your name and address is affixed. Bible Reading List for 1966 - To assist you in your devotional life, your church has secured the enclosed Bible Reading list from the American Bible Society, and provides it for your personal and family use. A suggestion - use the Upper Room at one meal when the family is together and this listed Bible reading at another family meal each day. Stewardship leaflet - Reference has already been made to this, but be sure to read it carefully.

## OUR CHURCH COUNCIL

The following were elected or re-elected to the Church Council in November - Wm. Bark, Jr.; Arthur Block; E. Louis Mueller; George W.

Hoffmann; Louis F. Smith; Wm. A. Voelker. Because of the sudden and greatly lamented death of George W. Hoffmann, Mr. Louis Parker has been appointed to fill this vacancy.

The Council has elected the following as its 1966 officers: -

J. Albert Fader, President  
George Sauer, V. Pres.  
Richard Single, Treas.  
Alfred Johnson, Fin. Sec'y.  
Fred Long, Rec. Sec'y.

Mr. Fader has appointed the following committee heads: -

Property	George Sauer
Finance	Richard Single
Membership	Wm. Bark, Jr.
Altar	George Sauer
Fellowship	Rotating Chairman
Christ. Educ.	Wm. Single, III
Calendar	Fred Long
Ushering	
8:00 a.m.	Louis Smith
10:15 a.m.	Wm. Voelker
Music	Alfred Johnson
Auditing	Wm. Single, III
Spiritual	Arthur Block

The church desires to again express personal thanks for all loyalty and services given by our retiring Council members - Kenneth Burmeister, Ernest Jones, very J. Edwin Myers. Thank you, so very much.

## DR. LEHMANN WRITES

Dr. and Mrs. Titus Lehmann, our Pastor Emeritus, have now moved to the Philadelphia area to be near to their daughter. Their address is -

Patricia Apartments, J1  
111 N. Lansdowne Avenue  
Lansdowne, Pa. 19050

The following Christmas greeting to the congregation was addressed the church president - "Would you please convey to the members of the Church Council as well as to the congregation, our Christmas greetings and the best wishes for a blessed new year. The people of United Church have been very nice and generous to us through the years and we want to express our deepest appreciation. Sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. T. Lehmann

We wish the best for Dr. and Mrs. Lehmann and ask God's richest blessings upon them in this new year.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCED

The annual meeting of our congregation is scheduled for Friday, Jan 28th. The annual reports of the or-

ganizations, the Pastor, the Church Council Committees will all be given and discussed. Plans for the new year's work and life will be outlined and discussed. Refreshments served following this meeting in Fellowship Hall, 2nd fl. of the Church School Bldg.

## EVENTS IN JANUARY

New Church Chartered - Though already a reality, announcement is made of the chartering of our Church of the Good Shepherd in Harundale Mall Glen Burnie on Sunday, Jan. 2nd. We rejoice with this new congregation and its pastor, Rev. Richard Bayard Father Son Banquet - Wed. Jan 19 is the date for the annual Father-Son Banquet, given by our Men's Club for all father's and sons of the church and community. This will be another outstanding event, not only in the delicious food, but also in the program provided, for which one of the guests and speakers will be Charlie Eckman, a well-known radio and citywide sports figure. Get tickets from the office if you have none as yet.

Women's Meeting, Wed., Jan. 19th at Messiah Church. This is the first all-womens meeting of the women of our Chesapeake Association and will be held from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Each woman bring a sandwich; coffee served by the host church. It would be wonderful if we could get a good representation of our women to go.

Youth Rally - All U.C.C. youth in High School are invited to the Rally for Youth at our St. Stephen's Church on York Rd. on Sunday, Jan. 23 from 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. Topic will be a discussion of the problem of Alcoholism by a panel of a policeman, a social worker, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and a pastor, plus a parent-youth dialogue. Very worthwhile. Registration of \$1.00 includes the evening meal.

Ecumenical Service A unique service, sponsored by the Maryland Council of Churches and a Committee of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese, an Ecumenical Service of Worship. This service is planned for 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan 23 at the Lyric Theatre, admission by ticket only. Tickets are in the hands of the Pastor and will be distributed as per request. This service will bring Roman Catholics and Protestants together as officiants in the service and will be a testimony to our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Men's Mid-Winter Retreat - The Men's Federation announce the mid-winter retreat for all men of our United

Churches of Christ and especially for those men who attended the Retreat at Michaux in Sept. This mid-winter retreat is at Faith and St. Mark's Church on Hazelwood Ave. on Wed., Jan 26th. Speaker will be Rev. Imre Kovacs, the speaker at the Sept. Retreat. Reservations are to be given to Harry Humphreys, phone-TU 9-7730.

## MEMBERSHIP CONTEST FOR GROUPS

Beginning with the 1st week of Feb. and continuing through April, a period of 12 weeks, the groups of the church - Men's Club, Ladies Aid, Women's Guild, Senior Choir, Church School, Girls Guild, are being asked to vie with each other in securing new group members. Definite rules of procedure will be given to each group, and a chart for the contest will be placed in the narthex of the church. By the end of April it is hoped each group will have strengthened itself considerably.

## PRE-LENTEN FELLOWSHIP PARTY

Our next big Fellowship event is to be a Pre-Lenten party for the larger church family on Sunday, Feb. 20th, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. More details will be forthcoming, so set the date aside and wait for the news.

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptisms:

Carol Ann, daughter of John and Harriett Finch, on Dec. 12

Lisa Loretta, daughter of Frank and Loretta Fisher, on Dec. 12

Kenneth Robert, son of Wm. and Rose Carrigan, on Dec. 12

Dawn Patricia, daughter of Thomas and June Bocek on Dec. 26

Kimberly Ann, daughter of Ronald and Dorothy Himmelman, on Dec. 26

### Weddings:

Ronald G. Smith and Elizabeth Hensel on Nov. 27

Lawrence A. Ammons and Barbara A. Leader on Dec. 4

Foster E. Hedrick and Anna E. Bauthner, on Dec. 4

Denver L. Cross and Eldyes Chavis on Dec. 24

Joseph P. George and Katherine

Morris, on Dec. 31

### Funerals:

Mrs. Rachel Bosley, age 76, on Nov. 27

Mrs. Roberta Makowski, member, age 58 on Nov. 29

Charles E. Shiner, age 25 on Dec. 10

Mrs. Minnie Altvater, age 66 on Dec. 14.

Adolph C. Stump, age 48, Dec. 15

Roy W. Myers, age 60, on Dec. 15

Edward M. Ulrich, member, age 86 on Dec. 16

Mrs. Anna Klingelhofer, age 67 on Dec. 20

William Abendschein, age 64, on Dec. 21

George W. Hoffmann, member and Member of Church Council, age 38 on Dec. 23

Edward J. Schmeiser, age 88 on Dec. 24

Mrs. Elizabeth Rund, member, a 49 on Dec. 29

John Loeffler, age 57, on Jan. 3

Mrs. Hattie McFarlane, age 80 on Jan. 3

## A GRAND CHRISTMAS

From the beginning of Advent thru all of Christmas events, the spirit at United Church was wonderful. Because of excellent planning for these events and great cooperation on the part of all committees and participants in services and events, the total picture was one of great satisfaction. The Lord Christ was glorified and a Christian Christmas magnified among us. To all who contributed of time so generously, a word of thanks.

Our special gifts to the church were generous also, a total of nearly \$1400 for Memorials, and gifts to special funds. Thank you so much

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