



The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224



THE LENTEN SEASON CULMINATES

With the month of March, the blessed season of Lent moved to its culmination in the observance of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter.

To each family was sent a complete printed schedule for the Lenten season, listing all services. To recapitulate, in capsule form:-

Midweek services, each Wed. at 8
Services each Sunday, 8 & 10:15

7:45 on 1st Sun. with communion
10:00 a.m. on Palm Sunday

6 and 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday

Holy Week Services on Wed., Thurs
and Fri. at 8 p.m.; also on Fri.
morning at 9 a.m., with communion
on Thurs. and both Good Fri.
services.

Easter Services, 6 and 10 a.m.
with Easter Lily altar and Easter
Memorial Service at 10 a.m.
Communion at both services, with
Confirmands receiving communion
at 10 a.m. Communion on Easter
will be at end of services.



EASTER LILY AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

With this issue you receive a special envelope for an Easter Memorial, if you as an individual or family desire to present a Memorial gift at Easter. Also we invite you to assist in providing Easter lilies for our Easter altar through special Lily Fund gifts or through Easter Lily memorials. All memorials and lily gifts and any love gift will be listed in the special Memorial brochure which will be ready on Easter. Easter memorials and Easter lily gifts must be received no later than March 22 to be included in the brochure. For the Lily Fund gifts use any envelope and write Lily Fund on it with your name and address and place same in the Offering any Sunday. The lilies will be given to our shut-ins after the 10 a.m. service on Easter.

"FOR I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH
AND HE WILL STAND AT THE LATTER DAY
UPON THE EARTH."

Job 19:25



ARE YOU ONE OF FIFTY?

Are you one of fifty who have pledged loyalty to the Lord and His Church and then forgotten about the promises you made. Regular attendance at the House of God is still a chief yardstick of your individual concern for the spiritual in your life. Though voices today are attempting to downgrade the church and Christian worship, the promise of the Master that 'wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in their midst' is still valid. We cannot live the Christian faith alone; we cannot gain sufficient spiritual food from TV or radio, unless we cannot physically be in God's House. Then such modes or worship become meaningless. We need to be in God's House regularly as long as our good God gives us ability to get there.

Our church president uttered a truth recently which has merit of repetition. He said, 'If there were 50 more in the Lord's Day services each Sunday, what a real blessing that would be to all.'

Maybe you are one of the 50 who used to come regularly and have slipped away during the last years. The Pastor's report for his first year in Baltimore showed our attendance average that year (1962) was just about 50 more than for 1969. 50 people have slipped, 50 people have become less spiritually alert and the voice of God in their lives has become less strong. Are you one of these? Maybe so, if so, you know it.

The call goes out - if you are a member of God's Church here at United, it is your responsibility to make your presence in God's House on the Lord's Day a regular part of your life. Come on, get with it in church attendance. By being here every Sunday is the manner in which we as adults and youth do our own 'thing' religiously speaking. We are going to strive to bring those 50 back in 1970, and this Lenten season is a good time, if you are

one of these, to get on the ball and then stay with it after Easter has passed.

We're counting on all members to continue steadfastly but we give a special boost to all you who are "one of the fifty." We need you, you need the church.

1969 ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT

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| <u>Income, General Fund</u> | |
| Through envelopes | \$36,580.68 |
| Holiday, Communion and Initial Env. | 4,984.32 |
| Self-denial Folders | 1,838.05 |
| Improvement Fund | 3,470.08 |
| Other Income | 7,244.41 |
| Total income | \$54,117.54 |

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| <u>Disbursements(General)</u> | |
| Church repairs, supplies | 3,232.40 |
| Office supplies, etc. | 4,588.77 |
| Utilities(church) | 3,920.06 |
| Utilities(Parsonage) | 639.99 |
| Choir and Music | 330.85 |
| Insurance, Soc. Security | 784.65 |
| Salaries | 28,975.99 |
| Church paper, advertis. | 468.00 |
| Carpet, parsonage | 1,000.00 |
| Pastor Emeritus | 500.00 |
| Pension and Disability | 1,070.40 |
| Flowers, Picnic, Fellowship | 887.35 |
| To Church Debt Fund | 522.37 |
| Pastor's Auto Allow. | 771.31 |
| Total | \$47,692.14 |

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| <u>Disbursements(Benevolent)</u> | |
| Christian World Mission (UCC benevolences) | 5,537.00 |
| Chesapeake Association | 576.00 |
| Hoffman Home | 1,000.00 |
| United Church Home | 500.00 |
| Canton Christian Council | 300.00 |
| Other Benevolence | 273.51 |
| Total | \$ 8,186.51 |

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| Memorial Fund Balance | 42,790.54 |
| Due Memorial Fund from amounts borrowed to renovate Church School bldg, several years ago, being paid back through Improvement envelope monies. | \$ 9,583.31 |
| This is the amount remaining from the app. \$30,000.00 we borrowed from ourselves. | |

NOTES ON FINANCE REPORT

A study of the figures above, when compared with the budget for 1969, show that we were \$11,000.00 short of the budget figure, which was a total of \$65,400.00. This \$11,000.00 lack did not mean unpaid

bills at the end of the year, but merely a curtailing of the plans the Council had in mind, and, sad to say, a slackening of the amounts we sent to our Conference for OCWM (Our Christian World Mission), which is the manner in which we share in the total work of our denomination at home and overseas. While we were requested to give \$8,343.00 for OCWM, we could only contribute \$5,537.00, or about \$2,800.00 less. Thus, because of our inability to meet the larger figure, some of the work of our world-wide mission had to suffer \$2,800.00 worth. It is one thing to curtail the local program, we are the ones who bear this but it is tragic to have to curtail the amount contributed to OCWM, for the Lord's work in our world is so important in these days.

The above being true, another observation relative to this is to note that we only were able to contribute an amount equal to 17% of our current expenditures for our total benevolences, whereas our goal for the yearly benevolent giving is 25%. Some years ago we achieved a higher percentage. It is hoped in 1970 we can better our mark.

Thus we ask that you heed the message sent to each of you individually regarding your percentage giving, that your Council does not have to curtail either the local or benevolent program and giving. We do want to thank all who have contributed generously, there are many of these. But we also want to admonish all to be alert to the Lord's commands and make their weekly offering commensurate with income and not merely a casual amount.



PASTOR'S REPORT

Statistics for 1969

Average Sunday attendance 388
 (save July August) which
 is 55% of membership
 40 Baptisms
 55 Weddings

47 Funerals, including 14 members
 10 Transferred out
 25 Adults received as new members
 20 Junior Confirmands received.
 Membership, Jan. 1 - 705

Other elements of report

Appreciation is duly expressed to the many who have made this year a very successful year for the church. In the report time is taken to individually thank all officers, Council members, staff, for a very worthwhile year in the history of the church.

Recommendations

The greater portion of the Pastor's report was given over to the recommendations you find attached to this copy of the Endeavor. The first two of these recommendations were adopted, which means that -

1. We shall be having our Presentation of the Confirmands on the Thursday prior to Palm Sunday, when they shall give their testimony, before their parents and family members and also the members of the Church Council.

2. With next September we shall begin the new schedule for Confirmation - that a class of 12 yrs olds will be organized, to meet on Sundays at the Church School hour, under special instruction, this instruction to continue through June. Then this group, as 13 yr olds will meet with the Pastor again in Sept. for the 2nd year, this time on Thursday evenings.

Note: To get this system under way, a class of 13 yr olds will be organized in Sept., for Confirmation at Palm Sunday, 1971. This will be the last 1 year class.

The other recommendations are to be dealt with at a special congregational meeting which is being called by your Church Council for Sunday, April 19, immediately after the abbreviated 10:15 a.m. service. See the special announcement following later.

PASTOR OF VISITATION REPORT

In the field of visitation, which takes the major block of time given I have again visited several hundred people. I come to the homes as a representative of the church, seeking especially to make people aware of our interest in them and their welfare, frequently inquiring as to the reasons for absence from services, and also, in many instances, reminding individuals and families of their membership respon-

sibilities. Some calls have been on active families, when in their neighborhood, when appreciation is expressed for their interest and support..... In the field of Adult Programming, we have sought, thru Focus Groups of lay people, etc. to help extend the horizons of the laity and to point out new tasks and opportunities for all in church and community.

RESUME OF OTHER REPORTS

Church School

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| Finances: Total Income | \$ 4912.54 |
| Total Expense | 3321.15 |
| Net gain | 1591.39 |
| Former Bal. | 3322.55 |
| Current Bal. | \$ 4913.94 |

Attendance - Attendance averages 47% of enrollment for year.

Enrollment - 434, includ. Cradle R.

Men's Fellowship

Total Membership - 20

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| Meetings held each 2nd Wed. 8 p.m. | |
| Income and Bal. | \$284.46 |
| Expenses | 90.76 |
| Balance | 193.70 |

Ladies Aid

Total membership - 47

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| Meetings each 1st Wed. at noon. | |
| Income and Balance | \$2035.38 |
| Expenses | 697.58 |
| Balance | \$1337.80 |

Women's Guild

Total membership - 79

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| Meetings each 3rd Wed. at 8 p.m. | |
| Income and Balance | \$4384.19 |
| Expenses | 4159.39 |
| Balance, Gen. Fund | 225.52 |
| Balance, Mission Fund | 265.12 |

Choirs

Senior Choir - numbers about 20

Active all year save in July, Aug.

Sings 10:15 a.m. services

Youth Choir - numbers about 8

Active all year save July, Aug.

Sings 8 a.m. services.

No Children's Choir this year.

Choirs rehearse Thurs. evenings.

Scouts

2 groups of Boy Scout activities

2 groups of Girl Scout activities

All groups meet on Mondays

Youth

Young Adult group functioned thru

latter portion of the year.

Confirmation Youth Fellowship active through period since Sept.

Sewing Group

Meets each Tues. at 10 a.m., composed of about 15 women. Continuous work being done for hospitals and for Society for the Leprous. Supported by donations of groups and of members of the Sewing Group.

KEEPING YOU POSTED

Our Scoutmaster, Ken Luckhardt was honored by Balto. Scouting by the awarding of the Silver Beaver award, highest possible to be given Congratulations, Ken.....Sewing Group desires old bed sheets and white shirts for bandage making.... There has been a growth in both the Senior and Youth choirs in the past weeks, for which we are grateful. Let it not cease here. We are anxious to have large choirs, so, keep up the momentum and turn out for rehearsals.....Any shutins who desire Home communion at the Lenten season are requested to call the office soon. The Pastor desires to serve all requests, but can't wait until Holy Week to so do..... Our Senior and Youth Choirs will present the Easter Cantata, "Adoramus Te" on the Sunday after Easter at the 10:15 a.m. service.....The World Day of Prayer service, presented by the women of our community, will be held on Friday, March 6 at our Bethel Church, Baltimore & Ellwood, at 7:30 p.m.....Because of conflict in work schedule, Ford C. Rowell has felt constrained to resign his post on the Church Council. Mr. Fader, our President, has appointed John Lenning, to assume the vacant spot on Council. We do heartily thank Mr. Rowell for the service he has given during his time in office.....no room for the announcement of Church Records, such as weddings, funerals, etc. These will be given in the issue of April.....A blessed Lent to all!
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