

The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

DECEMBER 1962

BALTIMORE 24, MARYLAND



ADVENT - A TIME OF PREPARATION

We need time to prepare for the coming of Christmas in a spiritual manner as well as in gift-buying and home decorations. Our hearts can be so encumbered with any number of worldly concerns and burdens that the mysterious and wonderful sense of Christ coming to us anew may never be apprehended in our inner lives.

This would be tragic, for without this, Christmas is but a pagan holiday. Even though we have a Christmas tradition in our lives, this holiness of Christ's birth may elude us altogether. And then, how sad our state would be.

As we use the Lenten season as a preparatory season for Good Friday and Easter, so it is our purpose to use the four weeks prior to Christmas, called Advent, as a time of preparation. It is not extra services and events which we merely add to an otherwise busy schedule at the church, but necessary steps to the preparation of the human heart for the indwelling spirit of God through His only begotten Son. So, read carefully the wonderful events planned during this Advent and participate to the full so that your preparation may also be complete.

ADVENT CEREMONIALS MUSIC, MESSAGES AT 10:15 A.M. SERVICES

Each Sunday, in our Advent ceremonials, we shall move closer to Christmas in our preparation. All these ceremonials will take place at the 10:15 a.m. service, the 8:00 a.m. services being preaching services (On Dec. 2nd, the early service begins at 7:45 a.m. due to Communion in that service, not the later)

The Ceremonials

- Dec. 2 - Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 9 - Ceremony of the Creche and the Wreaths
- Dec. 16 - Ceremony of Poinsettia
- Dec. 23 - Ceremony of the Christmas Trees.

To follow these ceremonials from Sunday to Sunday, to witness our lovely sanctuary assume the Advent and Christmas decorations, to hear the messages of Advent from pulpit and the choirs - this is your opportunity by regular attendances during Advent.

TINSEL DAY - A LOVELY DAY

Our second Tinsel Day is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 16th. This all day observance at the church gives us as individuals and as families the opportunity of "getting in the Christmas spirit" through the decorations of the Christmas trees in the sanctuary and our Church School departments; through the fellowship meal we will eat together; through the Vesper "birthday for Jesus" party and service. We sincerely urge

even more of our larger family to spend the day at the church that Sunday. We suggest that parents of boys and girls attending our Sunday Church School, but which parents are not a part of our fellowship, come with their sons or daughters this day and discover what a fine fellowship we have here, and become acquainted with their child's church.

Come for the morning service, or if you cannot come then, come at the noon hour for the 'carry-in dinner' and remain for the afternoon's activities. For all who can come to the service, bring your food dishes to church as you come and place same in kitchen, where women will be stationed to take care of these eatables.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

12:00 noon - carry-in dinner in Friendship Hall, with food being placed on tables and all securing their food from these tables.

1:30 p.m. - the trimming of the trees in the sanctuary and all departments of the Church School by the youth and leaders for the sanctuary, and the teachers and pupils in the departments.

During this activity by the youth and children, the adults will have a Christmas Workshop, at which they can make decorations for the home fireplace, table, etc.

3:30 p.m. - Tinsel Day Program in Friendship Hall. All members of families, all present will gather for the singing of carols, a Christmas film, and the closing Vespers and the "birthday cake for Jesus," after which we will have refreshments and dismissal.

To expedite the events of the day, please note and cooperate in the following:

Meat, bread, butter, beverage and a green salad will be provided for the dinner. Families, or individual members are requested to bring a covered dish (casserole or vegetable, potato salad or family favorite dish) Dessert provided.

If your family, or you, will be here for dinner, please call one of the following numbers and give the number of folk in your group, so we may make preparations.

Mrs. Dorothy Long, ID 3-0390

Mrs. Myrtle DeVaughn, OR 5-0508

ADVENT VESPERS EACH

SUNDAY, 4 P.M.



Sunday, Dec. 2

"Christmas In Art"

Pastor Rasche will interpret a number of the most famous of depictions of the Christmas story by the artists of world renown. See the meaningful pictures as they are portrayed on the silver screen and become aware of their message.

Sunday, Dec. 9

"Christmas In Music"

Our three choirs will present the Christmas story in anthem and solo. You won't want to miss this excellent presentation by our choral groups.

Sunday, Dec. 16

"Tinsel Day Vesper"

Our Tinsel Day will conclude at about the hour of 4 with our Vesper in the Friendship Hall. All others are in sanctuary.

Sunday, Dec. 23

"Christmas in the Drama"
also Church School
Christmas Service

A group of adults and youth, under the direction of Mr. Al Witzke will present the one-act Christmas play, "The Christmas Baby," in the chancel of our church. This is not a pageant but a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story for young and old. Your life will be enriched by seeing this.

Members of the Church School are also participating in this service, presenting some songs and some dramatic readings. All the Church School classes will be in the service. The gift to the Church School pupils from the Church School will be given at this service.

Parents of the little ones, be certain to bring the children, and come yourself to this service. Older members of the Church School, we also ask that you attend, sitting together by class groups.

AS WE COME TO THE CLOSE OF 1962, MAY WE BE MINDFUL THAT ALL THE ENVELOPES IN OUR SETS ARE TURNED IN BY THE END OF THE YEAR. 1963 ENVELOPES WILL BE READY FOR YOUR PICKUP EARLY IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

8 P.M.

A service of preaching on Christmas Eve for family groups and individuals preferring an early service. The music of Christmas by our Choral groups and the Christmas message from the pulpit makes this a meaningful service.

10:45 P.M.

A service of Christmas you will long remember. Conducted in candle light, this service will include a Biblical narrative of the story of Christmas embellished with the lovely Christmas hymns and carols by choir and congregation; special instrumental music by a flutist and a string-ensemble from Dundalk High School. Anthems by our choral groupings and the pastor's message on "God With Us," will bring us to the wonderful climax of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of our beloved Lord unto the world.

No services on Christmas Day.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 AND NEW YEAR'S EVE

On the Sunday after Christmas we shall maintain our regular schedule of services, at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Pastor Rasche will bring a post-Christmas gospel message.

On New Year's Eve an 8 p.m. service brings the old year properly to a close. Plan to attend these final services of the year 1962

ITEMS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. The folk of our fellowship are invited to contribute to the Poinsettia and Wreath Fund, used to de-

fray the expense of these decorations for our sanctuary. Such cash gifts can be given to any usher or put on the offering plate in a marked envelope. If memorial poinsettia or wreaths are desired, memorial cash gifts can thus be stipulated. Our poinsettia and wreaths are purchased at one time and in conformity with our needs, so cash gifts rather than individual plants or wreaths are requested. Plants can be taken after the services on the 1st Sunday in 1963

2. The pastor is ready to make home communions during the time prior to Christmas, upon request from family members, or aged or infirm or sick person himself. Phone the church office, BR 6-0393 with such a request, or put it in writing. Don't expect the pastor to be a member if you merely mention it at the church door.

3. If you desire to aid in preparing baskets for the needy, you are invited to bring canned goods, staple goods or a cash donation for the Poor Fund not later than Sun., Dec. 16.

4. Don't forget the Thanksgiving to Christmas Bible Reading Chart you received in Nov. Use it each day.

5. Memorials at Christmas will be announced at services on Dec. 23 in the morning, so please make certain such memorials are received at the office prior to that Sunday. Christmas is a fine time to make a memorial gift to your church in the name of a loved one.

DEEP APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

The pastor and Mrs. Rasche desire to express deepest appreciation to the folk of United Evangelical for the outgoing expression of love at the recent marriage of their daughter: to those who so graciously arranged and presented the three wonderful showers as well as those who honored Kyra by their presence and their gifts; to the ladies who served the meals at wedding time; to the many, many folk who sent the wonderful gifts and cards; to the members of the choir for singing; to Dr. Lehmann, Mrs. Binko and Mrs. Frink for serving at the wedding service, and to all who honored the pastor's family by attending the wedding and reception. Kyra and Richard (Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Ault) are living in the greater

Chicago area, their address being -
The Hoffmann Estates, Apt. 14, 190
Evanston St., Roselle, Illinois.

Expression of gratitude is also
in order in behalf of all who labor
ed together to make the recent Sour
Beef and Oyster Supper such a huge
success, approximately 1100 being
served. To those who labored Mon-
day, Tuesday and/or Wednesday in
kitchen and dining room; even those
who came Sunday to make candy; to
those who set up the pretty booths
and decorations in the gym and all
who served in the Bazaar booths, as
well as those having contributed to
same; to those who remained after
to do the job of cleanup - - to all
these a hearty 'thank you' for a job
well done.

MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH

- Dec. 4 - Spiritual Council
Church Council
Dec. 5 - Ladies Aid Christmas Par-
ty, 6:30 p.m. Exchange of
gifts.
Dec. 6 - Mother's Club, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 - Church School Sup'ts.
Dec. 14 - Women's Guild Christmas
Party, 6:30 p.m., Brent-
wood Inn, Holabird Ave.
Dec. Men's Club, No activities


Weekly meetings:

Scouts on Mondays, with Brownies
at 3:45; Boy, 7 p.m.; Girl, 7:30 p.m.
Choirs on Thursdays, with Youth
at 6:30; Adult at 7:30
Youth Fellowship, Fridays, 7:30
to 10:30 p.m.

Confirmation, Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Other Events:

- Dec. 5 - Meeting for laymen at the
Towsend Meth. Church, with
Dr. Baumann, TV teacher
as speaker.
Dec. 6 - Annual Meeting, Md. Coun-
cil of churches, noon at
Towsend Meth. Church
Dec. 8 - Council for Lay Life and
Work, Evang. Church, 11-13
Church St., Frederick, Md.
10-4 p.m. Dinner, \$1.50
President of Men's and Wo-
men's groups should be in
attendance. See pastor
about attending.
Dec. 9 - U.C.C. Sunday Evening Fo-
rum, "Dialogue on Christ-
ian Education" presented
by Drs. Floyd and Geneva
Flickinger. Meeting at
First and St. Stephen's
6915 York Road, 8 p.m.



PASTOR AND MRS. RASCHE

THE LEHMANNS,

THE STAFF AND

THE CHURCH COUNCIL



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GOOD WISHES AND

A PRAYER INTO

YOUR HOME

CHRISTMAS, 1962



A LASTING CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU

A Christmas gift which will bene-
fit your entire family and continue
coming all year round is the United
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