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VOLUNTARY BUT NOT OPTIONAL



Sometimes, in our reading, or in a sermon we hear, we become aware of the statement, "You are not saved by going to church." While in every case in which this statement has been made, the speaker or writer was seeking to utter the truth that our faith is in no way legalistic, that it is a matter of inner direction by God rather than a mere following of an outward pattern, yet many folk, hearing such a statement, infer that while church membership is necessary, attendance upon the services is not important.

This is certainly an erroneous point of view and a wrong pattern of behavior. Rather I would quote an arresting statement made in a sermon heard recently - "Our participation in God's work is voluntary but not optional." This states the matter in the spirit of the Gospel. While no one forces any individual to become a part of God's Church, it being voluntary, still when and as long as such membership is entered upon and sustained, there is no option as to whether one's presence in God's House shall be other than very regular.

A well-known German chemist came to Glasgow many, many years ago to visit Sir William Thomson. As he came to Sir William's home on a Sunday morning, he rang the bell and the maid answered, asking the man what he wanted. He replied that he desired to see Sir William. "He is not here," said the maid. "Where might I find him," asked the visitor. "Sir William is where you

ought to be right now, in Church."

Our participation in God's work is voluntary but not optional. Are you living by this rule? If you've said you want to be a part of God's work then there are definite—you accept, which are not optional. At the head of these disciplines is regular attendance at the services of divine worship Sunday after Sunday.



SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, Nov. 3rd

Holy Communion in both the 7:45 and 10:15 services.

The theme of this Sunday is the world-mission of the church, and Pastor Rasche's sermon is entitled, "Into Every City and Place"

Sunday, Nov. 10th

Services at 8 and 10:15 a.m.

This is the first of two Sundays devoted to the theme of Stewardship, and the Pastor, by request, is speaking on the progression of a life through the church, with the title: "Your Life at United Church."

Sunday, Nov. 17th

Services at 8 and 10:15 a.m.

The second of our Stewardship emphasis Sundays. At the 10:15 service a cast of 10 of our own youth and adults will present the dramatic sermon, "A Stewardship Census." The pastor will preach in both services.

Sunday, Nov. 24th

Services at 8 and 10:15 a.m.
This is Totenfest (Memorial) Sunday. Sermon: "All About Heaven"
In the 10:15 a.m. service the annual Totenfest service will be included (see article later)



BIBLE STUDY ON FRIDAYS

The pastor announces Bible study periods on the Fridays of November at 8 p.m. in the Upper Room. We shall be concerned with the Book of James in the New Testament on these 5 Fridays. This is a short but important Christian document, and you will enjoy and be helped by these sessions. Come and study with us and bring your Bibles. Read the first chapter before you come.

WHO MAKES THE CHURCH A SUCCESS?

Xvxn though my typewriter is not the latest model, it works quite well except for one of the keys. I have wished many times that it worked perfectly. It is true that there are forty-six keys that function well enough, but just one key not working makes the difference.

Sometimes it seems to me that our Church is somewhat like my typewriter - not all the keys properly working properly.

You may say to yourself, "Well, I am only one person. I won't make or break the Church." But it does make a difference, because a Church, to be effective, needs the active participation of every person. So, the next time you think you are only one person and that your efforts are not needed, remember, "Xvxn I am a key person in my church and I am needed very much."

-from St. Peters Voice, St. Louis



STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS



November is the month in the Christian Church across America wherein we lay stress to the doctrine of Stewardship as it ought to be translated into each Christian life. At this period in the year we are led to think of the manner in which our faith is translated through the church in the giving of our talents and our money to the furtherance of God's work.

There are times when the Gospel must be interpreted in language and precepts we all can understand.

"A wise man said sometime ago: 'Unless I give a definite proportion of my salary to the church, I find that I am not really giving enough compared with the way I use the rest of my money.' It is like a man going to the store and buying a \$125.00 overcoat for himself and a \$2.79 dress for his wife, and, all the way home singing, 'Oh, how much I love my dear wife.' We must not sing the hymn -

Were the whole realm of nature mine

That were a present far too small (for the Lord)

and then give the church less per week than one would have to pay to go to a movie, or what one spends on tobacco per week."

(taken from Pastor's reading)

We as a church people need to be advocates of "proportionate giving" in our weekly contributions to our church and Lord. Come to the Stewardship services to find out more about this important matter.



SERVICE ON THANKSGIVING AT 10 A.M.

A wonderful day for the entire family to come to God's House together, for, even though you plan a Thanksgiving dinner, the schedule can be arranged for all to frequent God's House in the morning hour. All three choirs will participate in this service and the pastor will use the Thanksgiving theme for the morning message. The service will not be unduly lengthy.



TOTENFEST ENDS CHURCH YEAR

The last Sunday of the Christian Church year (usually the last Sunday in Nov.), this year Nov. 24, is Memorial Sunday or Totenfest (feast or observance of the Dead) when we reverently bring to mind the memory of those who have been taken from this life in the past 12 months. At United Church we solemnly lift up these memories and invite all families who have been bereaved in this past church year to make special efforts to attend the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 24th.

At this service the name of each deceased loved one will be read and a living rose presented to a family representative present that morning plus a memorial candle being lighted at the altar.

Further, Memorial Sunday is one of two Sundays of the year (the other being Easter) on which we suggest that special gifts be made to our Memorial Fund in memory of loved ones departed from our midst. It is suggested that individuals and family groups give special attention to this suggestion, and that such memorials be turned in at the office prior to that Sunday morning that they may be read in the special Memorial Service to be included in the regular service.

With the beginning of a new year in the Christian calendar on the first Sunday of December, we enter again the season of Advent, the pre Christmas season.

REQUEST FOR FOOD



May we request our folk of the congregation and our Sunday School to bring offerings of food on Sunday, Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving baskets the church prepares and for the pastor's food shelf, with which he meets the needs of the hungry who come to the office through the months which lie ahead. The supply on this shelf is in need of replenishing. Offerings of canned goods of any kind, of vegetables, meats, coffee, etc., and of dry staples will be appreciated. Thank you.

MEETINGS OF MONTH

Couples Club, Sat., Nov. 2nd. An automobile scavenger hunt will be the evening feature. Meet at the church at 8 p.m. Bring a couple too
Spiritual Committee, Tues., Nov. 5
Church Council, Tues., Nov. 5, 8 p.m.
Ladies Aid, Wed., Nov. 6th, 8 p.m.
General Staff Of Sunday School on Tues., Nov. 12. This is the quarterly meeting for all teachers and officers., 8 p.m.

Mother's Club, Wed., Nov. 13, 8 p.m. in Upper Room. For mothers of nursery and kindergarten children, a continuing discussion of "Enjoying Your Child." A good group, join it
Fall Dance, Men's Club, at Unity Hall, Sat., Nov. 16th. 9 p.m. This is a yearly event, and elicits the concern of all our folk. Attend this affair this year.

Women's Guild, Wed., Nov. 20, 8 p.m.
No Christian Educ. Com. this mo.
Jr. Council, Tues., Nov. 26

Men's Club, Wed., Nov. 27th. This meeting will be in the form of a pre-Thanksgiving dinner, with the main courses and all the trimmings.
Scouts, each Monday. Brownies & Jr. Girls, at 3:45 p.m.; Boy and Cub Den, 7; Cadettes, 7:30 p.m. Cub pack meeting, last Monday at 7.

Choirs, Thursdays, Youth, 6:30 & Adult choir at 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation, each Thurs., 7:30
Youth, Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi youth meet in conjunction with Sunday a.m. experience at 9 a.m. and from that plan their monthly activities. More of our youth are wanted in these departments and to join our new Jr. and Sr. Hi. Youth Ministries. Both these groups are doing very well.

Sunday School sessions each Sunday at 9 a.m., with classes for all age groups from Nursery through the Adult classes for men and women. The Sunday School is moving along nicely with the new curriculum, and reports show that many new scholars have entered during the past month. All folk from the age of 3 onward should be in our Sunday School. Even after Confirmation the youth ought to continue being a part of our Sunday School and Youth Ministry.

NEW ADDITIONS

We acknowledge the gift of new altar hangings in ecclesiastical red color, a beautiful set, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Becker, from the family and friends.

We also announce the provision of drapes in the Friendship Hall.



GET CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS SOON

The Christmas cards, showing the chance of the church as it was at last Christmas, in full color and very distinct and beautiful, are on sale at the church office and are disappearing at a good rate. Only a certain quantity was secured and when these are gone, that is all. These are beautiful cards, truly in expensive and we'd not want you to be disappointed in not getting some of these. So, call up and make arrangements now for a package or two of these cards, at \$2.25 for 21 of the cards with envelopes. Each card has a beautiful message inside.

A STRANGE FAMILY

The father has never missed the church services or Sunday School in 23 years. The mother has had a perfect record for 11 yrs. A son has not missed for 12 yrs. A daughter has been at every service for 8 yrs. What's the matter with this family anyway? Don't they ever have company on Sunday to keep them away from church.

Don't they ever get up tired on Sunday morning? Don't they belong to any lodges where they get their religion instead of at their Father's House, or to any clubs, or to anything?

Don't they ever have headaches, or colds, or nervous spells, or bus iness trips, or picnics?

Don't they have a radio or T.V., so that they can get some good sermons from out-of-town preachers? Don't they ever get disgusted with the implication of the Gospel, or whatever it is that their minister preaches.

What's the matter with this family anyway, and why are they so happy and cheerful? We leave it to you to answer.

from - Rev. W.W. Wilke, Pana, Ill

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CHURCH RECORDS

BAPTISMS

James Milton Frederick, son of Milton and Peggy Wolfe, Oct. 20
Martin Hart, son of Martin and Margaret Abbott, Oct. 20
Heather Iris, daughter of Paul and Iris Drum, Oct. 20
Doris Edna, daughter of George & Dorothy Prechtel, Oct. 20
Kimberly Ann, daughter of Robert and Charlotte Logue, Oct. 20
Edward Andrew, son of Howard and Bonnie Tomczewski, Oct. 20

MARRIAGES

Clay Oliver, Jr. and Hazel Smith, on Sept. 27
Sylvester Ciemny and Marlene Rhinehart on Sept. 28
Paul Witmore and Darlene Dill on Oct. 5
Thomas Frock and June Carroll on Oct. 5
Michael Hartmann, Jr. and Dorothy Pentz on Oct. 5
Eugene Baker and Elizabeth Benner on Oct. 5

DEATHS

Mrs. Katherine A. Beacham, member, age 84, on Sept. 28
Carroll H. Reynolds, age 73, on Sept. 30
Harry O. Buck, age 80, on Oct. 11
Mrs. Marie Modrak, member, age 67, on Oct. 15

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Bertha Loomis and Mr. Waverly Loving, restatement of faith.



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