

The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

MARCH 1964

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21224



The season of Lent gives us the opportunity of coming into closer fellowship with the things of God in Christ through His Church and in our private devotions. Our faith is that which needs to affect our inner living and needs to be expressed in our outward behavior and attitudes. It is not something we pin on our sleeves or about which we have an outward symbol of burnt ash placed on our head, and this be all. It must be a faith which uplifts this deeper fellowship.

Your church has prepared services to assist you in this achievement, through the guidance and graciousness of God through Christ. But these services do you no good unless you attend them. Do make your presence at the Church regular and meaningful.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

This is Communion Sunday, with the early service at 7:45 a.m. and the late service at the regular time. Pastor Rasche preaches at both services, the sermon topic being: "Guests at the Lord's Table."

DON'T FORGET TO BE FILLING THE LENTEN DIME FOLDER REGULARLY IN LENT!!!

LENTEN MUSICALE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8

The United Choirs will present a Lenten Musicale at the 10:15 a.m. service, this taking the place of the morning message.

Dr. Lehmann will be preaching at the 8 a.m. service, on the subject: "Meaningful Living."

CONFIRMATION EXAM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15

The Confirmation Class of 20 members will be presented at the 10:15 a.m. service and will bear evidence to their faith in public examination.

Dr. Lehmann preaches at the 8 a.m. service, the title being, "Seeking Through Love."



MARCH 22

First Service - 8:00 A.M.

Second Service - 10:00 A.M.

At both services the Procession of the Palms will be included, as will be distribution of the palms at the conclusion of the service. Pastor Rasche brings the message at both services on the subject, "The Nerve of Failure."

At the 10:00 a.m. service the Confirmands will receive the sacred rite of Confirmation.

LENTEN FILM HERE



"Gates of Glory", an excellent film depicting the story of Lent and Easter will be shown in our sanctuary on Wednesday, Mar. 4 at 8



CLIPPER CHOIR SINGS HERE MARCH 11

The well-known Clipper Choir of Patterson High School will sing a concert at our church on Wednesday March 11th at 8 p.m. This choral group, under the direction of Mr. Mitchell will be heard in full concert. Bring your friends.

THE BISHOP'S COMPANY



presents

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW'S

SAINT JOAN

INCLUDED IN THE SAME EVENING

OCCUPIED TERRITORY

by Phyllis Beardsley Boker

**AT OUR CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

This world-famous religious drama group, direct from California will be with us for a special presentation of the above dramas from our chancel. We are committing ourselves for a definite honorarium to this group, and therefore seriously make this double plea to our

folk -

1. Make every effort to assist in filling our sanctuary that evening by bringing every member of the family and all your neighbors who are not going to their own church that evening. We do need an extra large attendance for this showing. It is a professional group, and you will never forget the wonderful manner in which these religious dramas are presented.

2. Bring an extra large offering with you, that we may fully meet the stipulated honoraria we had to promise to secure this group. We do suggest that if possible, you make a 'silent' offering that night meaning an offering of a 'bill' of some denomination. For those who cannot afford this size offering, any amount which can be given will be fully appreciated.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

"THE LORD'S SUPPER" IN DRAMATIC FORM, BY OUR MEN, WED., MARCH 25

This is an annual presentation of the drama of the Lord's Supper, by the members of our Men's Club, in beautiful costume and narration from the Scriptures. Each year the Lord's Supper presentation is a fitting preparation for our participation with the divine Sacrament later on in Holy Week, or on Easter.

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE, Mar. 26, at 8

This is a service of communion, with a brief message from the pulpit.

GOOD FRIDAY, Mar. 27th

Identical Communion services on this day at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. with the Sacrament and the message by Pastor Rasche for Good Friday.

A three-hour service, by the churches of our community, will be held at Abbott Memorial Church, at Highland and Bank Streets. Pastor Rasche has the first devotional segment which will also include music by our choristers. Service begins at 12 noon and concludes at 3 p.m. Plan to attend the entire service or as much as you can, departing if necessary at one of the intermissions. An offering is requested as you depart from the church.

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SPECIAL GIFTS AT EASTER

Along with this issue of the paper you receive a Memorial Gift Envelope, with this special thought.

Easter is an excellent time to make Memorial gifts to the church in the name of departed loved ones. To facilitate this endeavor, we send this special envelope.

Further, it is our purpose to paint the sanctuary immediately after Easter, together with the halls leading thereto. For this we need a fund of some \$3000.00, which we do not want to take from our regular resources, but would desire to receive through special gifts, either as direct gifts to the Paint The Church Fund, or in the form of memorials, stipulated thusly.

Thirdly, we secure the lovely lilies on our Easter altar through the graciousness of our people in donating to the Lily Fund or making memorial gifts to this Fund.

We place these matters into your attention, asking that you remember your church in these special ways at Easter, together with your extra Easter gift through the regular envelopes. And we thank you beforehand for your response.

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

(By vote at the annual meeting the reproduction of this report was ordered in this issue of the paper. It appears in abbreviated form)

"In gratitude to God we would review the past year and look into the unknown future....We can report services were held on each Lord's Day and at special seasons.....For all Sunday services of the year, the average attendance was 437 per Sunday, a figure which reveals that a fair representation of our membership have not followed assiduously the desire of our Lord that we present ourselves very regularly in the House of God for the services of worship.....We need to continue pressing home the admonition that regularity of attendance at the services of worship is the first responsibility of a Christian Church member.

Other statistics for 1963 are—weddings, 75; baptisms, 51; funerals, 65, of which 24 were members. 9 were confirmed, 28 adults were re-

The beautiful Easter Lily Altar will be on display at both services and the Easter Lily Memorial service will be a part of the 10:00 a.m. service, as will be the reading of the Easter Memorial gifts and the Memorial service.

The pastor will present the Easter message at both services.

The Lenten Self-Denial Dime Folder will be dedicated as a part of the 10 a.m. service.

Our choirs will present the beautiful Easter music at both services.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered at each service.

EASTER CHURCH SCHOOL SESSION, 8:45

This will be a unified session, held in the Friendship Hall for all departments. All are to meet there for the entire session, some special Easter program being offered. Do not go to your departments on Easter but come to the auditorium beneath the church sanctuary.

REMINDERS

After each of the midweek Lenten services a Coffee Hour will be featured in Friendship Hall, as will a Bake sale by one of our groups.

The Lenten Sales continue each Friday during Lent, with sales beginning at 12 noon on Fridays. Orders may be telephoned in on Thursday nights. Both the Coffee hour, and the Sale will not be held during Holy Week.

PAPER DRIVE — MARCH 7

The Cub Scouts desire to pick up your paper. Call 288-4335 to request pickup. No calls received after Friday, March 6th. Be a help to our Scouts in this drive.

ceived into membership, making a total of 37 additions. Removals from membership were: by death, 24; by deletion, 17; transfer out, 18; commended but not transferred out, 14. Our total membership dropped from 1048 to 1012, a net loss of 36. Nearly half this net loss is due to the study of our membership records by the Spiritual Committee and the Church Council as ordered by our Constitution and represents a beginning of the cleaning up of our files to bring these files into a very current condition, removing all such names of those who have no further interest in the church. This process has just gotten started and will bring further results. Our Constitution says that any one who has been inactive for 2 or more yrs and shows no interest or does not react to letters of admonition from the Council, is to be deleted from membership. This action is not taken heartlessly but only after all attempts to reinstate the individual or family fail.....

The financial records shows we have pretty well met our budget locally and have made big strides forward in our benevolent contributions as a church in 1963. We have not achieved the total goals given us by our Synod and denomination as well as local denominational mission ventures. Our total benevolent giving for 1963 approximates nearly 25% of our total income, which is a commendable percentage. We still need to strive to the goal that each member of the church be an envelope contributing member, and that our continuous stewardship plan be that of advocating percentage or proportionate giving. The not all our folk are seemingly placing their voluntary giving on this Scriptural basis, your pastor feels that many have prayerfully adopted this approach, and commends them for the same, and admonishes others to do likewise. May more of our folk in 1964 and beyond look at their giving to the church as being that percentage of total earnings which is taken off the top of the pay check, as cream is taken off the top of a bottle of milk, rather than being the money one has left over when all commitments have been met. The word of God through His Church is important enough to receive first place in our lives.....

Through the efforts of Council and our people we were able to paint the gym (Auditorium) and the Friendship Hall, setting forth also a program looking to the refurbishing of our sanctuary in 1964. Also

through the contribution of our women we were able to provide the equipment whereby our sanctuary and chancel lights can be dimmed at will. We are grateful for this gift to the church.

Finally, during the year further steps of inquiry were taken to provide an Intern from a Seminary, or some other like person to augment the staff and give assistance to the pastor. Nothing definite can be reported at this time, but definite information should be forthcoming soon. The pastor is appreciative to Mr. William Laukeman, one of our retired members, who has been serving as Parish Visitor and making certain visits under the Pastor's direction. This has already proven a most worthwhile program and will be continued into this new year.....

Respectfully submitted,
Jan. 31, 1964 Pastor Rasche

MEETINGS OF THE MONTH

Spir. Com and Church Council, Mar. 3
Church School Supts, Mar. 10
Women's Guild, March 17
Ladies Aid Trip to City Hosp., Mar 17
Ladies Aid meets, March 4 at noon
with luncheon and meeting after
Com. of Christ. Educ., March 31
Other meetings to be announced
Choirs, Scouts, Conf., regular sched.

BUS TRIP PLANNED

Save Sunday, April 26 for a bus trip to our new United Church Home in Silver Springs, Md, and then for a dinner at some special eating establishment in the Washington area. More details given later. Departure will be after morning service. You will enjoy this trip.

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