

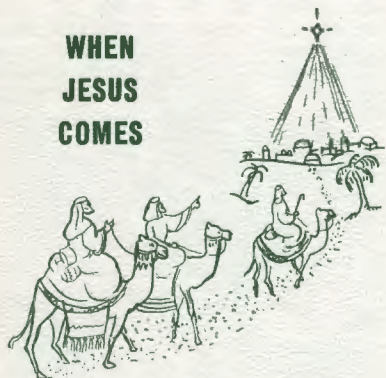
The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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WHEN JESUS COMES



G. A. Studdart Kennedy wrote a terrific poem years ago which tells the story of how folk treated Jesus at the time of His suffering and death on the cross, and of how they actually bodily mistreated our Lord to say nothing of the animosity they expressed toward Him.

In the second stanza the poet transfers Jesus' coming to Birmingham instead of Jerusalem and says that today we probably would not mistreat the Lord, we would merely do nothing, we'd evade Him altogether. Let us quote this second stanza:

"When Jesus came to Birmingham
they simply passed him by,
They never hurt a hair of him,
they only let him die;

For men had grown more tender,
and they would not give him pain

They only just passed down the
street, and left him in the rain

We can substitute Baltimore for Birmingham and the season of Advent and Christmas for Good Friday, and find the message of personal reception. It is one thing to be overcome with the beauty of the Advent-Christmas season - - - the carols, Tinsel Day, Christmas lights and Christmas odors, and to leave the

Christ standing out in the rain (or snow), to not ever welcome Him into our hearts and homes.

Your church works very hard in planning to help you prevent this, to aid in bringing Christ into Advent-Christmas for each of you. But all the planning we do will not help you and your family unless you participate in the events of Advent and Christmas and thus capture the reason we observe this meaningful, lovely season - to permit the Lord to come to each of our hearts and be born anew in us as our Master, but also as our Judge and Mediator before God.

Don't let Jesus stand out in the rain (snow) of your thoughtlessness this Advent-Christmas season.



ADVENT SUNDAYS BRING MESSAGES, CEREMONIALS, MUSIC

With the 1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29th and continuing up until the day of Christmas, our services bring the traditional ceremonials of Advent - Christmas, the Advent messages on "Aspects of the Nativity" by the pastor and special music by our choirs and soloists. On Sunday, Dec. 6 we shall observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion at both the 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. services. On other Sundays the early service begins at 8 a.m. Mrs. Arbelada, our

organist - director, and the three choirs are already preparing the beautiful choral music for this season. Pastor Rasche announces the following sermon topics for the Sunday of Advent:

Theme: "Aspects of the Nativity"

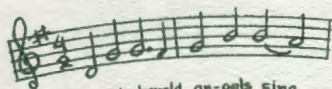
- Nov. 29 - It was God's Time
- Dec. 6 - The Babe Discovered
- Dec. 13 - The Child Visited
- Dec. 20 - The Baby Sought
- Dec. 27 - Old Year Sunday

The ceremonials will be on the following schedule:

- Nov. 29 - Hanging of the Greens
- Dec. 6 - Hanging of the Wreaths
- Dec. 13 - Display of the Creche
- Dec. 20 - Display of our Poinsettia altar and the Christmas trees.

The Church School Christmas service will be at the 10:15 a.m. service on Dec. 20 (See paragraph later)

More and more our folk look forward to our beautiful Advent services, with all their color and deep meaning. May you likewise be certain to make your presence a certainty each Advent Sunday in God's House.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

8 P.M. AND 10:45 P.M.

These will be identical services each with the candlelighting feature, and carol singing by congregation and choirs plus the message for Christmas Eve by Pastor Rasche. The tradition of being in God's House on this holiest of nights is one we want to continuously foster for all our folk. In the glow of the candlelight and the beauty of poinsettia and Christmas tree, the observance of Christmas in this matter ought to be a 'must' for young and old of our church family. If you have small children, bring them to the early service if you desire. We arrange these two services so that all may have the opportunity of worshipping the Christ-child in His House. Our most wonderful Christmas gift is the Christ in our hearts. May we not turn this gift aside by being more concerned with worldly things on this "holy night." We shall look for you here.



TINSEL DAY IS A DAY FOR YOUR FAMILY

Our 4th annual Tinsel Day on Sunday, Dec. 13 is a day of delight for family groups at United Evangelical Church. We invite your family to join others in this wonderful day, or, if you have no family, we urge you to attend.

The festivities begin with the noon meal following the services. We will provide the meat, butter, bread beverage and salad. Families are requested to bring a hot dish(s) of food of their own desire sufficient to feed their family. All will be in buffet style.

At approximately 2 p.m. the members of the Church School classes with their teachers and superintendents will go to the department to decorate same, while the youth of the Jr. and Sr. Hi. Youth Ministries and the Girls Guild and Junior Council are invited to assume responsibility for the decoration of the Christmas trees in the sanctuary. The adults, during this time, will have the opportunity of making home decorations (wreaths, table decorations, etc) from greens. Adults are invited to bring own styrofoam forms, etc. with which to make the wreaths, and the table decorations.

And then, at 4 p.m. we all will gather in Friendship Hall again for our "birthday party" for Jesus, and for the dedication of our White Gift package, to be sent to our Caroline Mission in St. Louis, Mo. At this time we will sing some carols, see a film and have a little Christmas party together as we bring the day to a close.





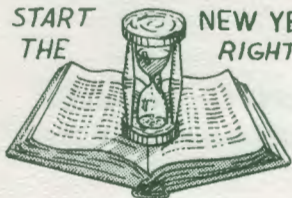
**CHURCH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
10:15 A.M.**

All departments of the Church School will attend the 10:15 a.m. service on this Sunday. Church School session will begin at 9:30 instead of the regular hour. At approximately 10 a.m. the departments will begin to march into the sanctuary and sit as department groups. The service is being planned to be of interest to all, the youth and adults. Also the regular 10:15 congregation is urged to attend this service, for it will be a full worship service.

Featuring the music of our new Cherub Choir and the Youth Choir, the service also will include a brief dramatic Christmas message and a meditation by the Pastor from the pulpit.

Following the service the departments can return to their meeting place for the giving of individual gifts and whatever festivities they desire. There will be no evening Christmas service for the Church School this year.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT



NEW YEAR'S EVE

The traditional New Year Eve's service at 8 p.m. brings to each of us and our families the opportunity to end the old year and begin the new year in the mood of reverence and meditation, in God's House. We need to walk with God through the last of 1964 and into 1965.



**POINSETTIA FUND
AND OTHER ITEMS**

You are invited to contribute to our Poinsettia and Wreath Fund, the proceeds of which fund will be used to help defray the expense of these Advent decorations which we use in our sanctuary. Gifts may be given to any usher or put on the offering plate in a marked envelope, signifying they are for this fund. These can also be memorial gifts. Our poinsettia and wreaths are purchased at one time in conformity to our needs, thus we desire cash gifts rather than gifts of flowers.

Envelope sets for 1965 will be ready by Sunday, Dec. 13 and can be secured following either service in Friendship Hall. Please remember, if you have not used the 1964 envelopes, none will be made up for you for the new year, but can be secured by individual application thru any Council member and by conversation with Pastor Rasche. It is the desire of the Church Council that each member of the church be an envelope contributor, but sets of envelopes are not automatically prepared for all but just for those who contribute through them. Other members can receive them by application.

We invite you to assist us in the preparation of baskets at the Christmas season by the contribution of staple foods and canned goods. May we have these no later than Sunday, Dec. 20th. Thank you.

The pastor stands ready to bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion to our shut-ins and sick early in the month of December. Since our Communion at church is on Dec. 6, it is fitting the Home Communions be requested also for early December. Requests are to be made directly to the church office.

Memorials at Christmas will be announced only on Sunday, Dec. 20th

WHITE GIFTS FOR 1964

Each Advent-Christmas season we at the church have been thinking of others whom our congregation can assist. We have been bringing our "white gifts" for specific institutions and agencies of our larger church. This year Caroline Mission of St. Louis, Mo., is to be the recipient. Caroline Mission is a work of our denomination in the slum area of that city, carrying on church work and a Community Center.

Thus we are inviting all who desire (of the Church School and congregation) to bring in dolls, doll dresses, wash cloths, face soap, towels, and equipment for the maintenance of the Center Nursery. Do not individually wrap materials. They will be wrapped and packed on Tinsel Day (Dec. 13). These are not gifts particularly for Christmas but to assist throughout the future

SENIOR CITIZENS HOME SOON READY

The 1st location of our United Church Homes, Inc., is in Silver Springs, Md., and is known as Springvale Terrace. It will open for occupancy about Feb. 1, 1965 and will contain excellent facilities for Senior citizens.

A brochure of questions and answers concerning residency is available from the pastor, as are application forms. Here are answers to some pertinent questions:

1. There are 124 units, with a capacity of 139 residents. Units are of 2 types: an efficiency unit of 1 room, private bath, with or without kitchenette, and, a 2 room apartment, with bed and living room plus bath and kitchenette.

2. Buildings are completely air-conditioned.

3. Admission is primarily for residents of Wash-Balto area who are 62 yrs of age, not gainfully employed and in good health.

4. No admission fees, life-lease contracts or other payments over and above rent of rooms, food and the collateral services. Cost is approx. \$90-95 for single unit per month and \$115-120 for double units

If interested, contact the pastor who will further explain questions, provide application form and arrange for interview with the Director of Springvale Terrace.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

Edward Brian, son of Grady, Jr. and Phyllis Hobby on Oct. 25

Charles Brian, son of Hugh, Jr. and Valerie Handley on Oct. 25

Candia Lea, daughter of Vernon and Donna Siewierski on Oct. 25

Priscilla Yvonne, daughter of James and Loretta Ball on Oct. 25

Weddings:

Earl Roger Pumphrey and Sylvia Dianne Smith on Oct. 17

William F. Reitz and Betty Antoinette Ryan, on Oct. 17

August C. Knapp and Erma L. Taylor on Oct. 20

Samuel L. Ertmine, Jr. and Gale Teresa Bosley on Nov. 14

Robert C. Felter and Rosalie Sanders on Nov. 14

Funerals:

Joseph H. Davis, non-member, age 64, on Oct. 20

George Philip Mueller, member, age 85, on Oct. 21

Paul George Bohland, non-member, age 66, on Oct. 22

Douglas John Fletcher, non-member age 80, on Nov. 3

Herman Getz, Jr., non-member, age 67, on Nov. 16

Mrs. Florence V. Furlong, non-member, age 83, on Nov. 19

George Michael Rettman, member, age 53, on Nov. 21

Transfers:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hofmann to St. Michael's Luth. Ch., Perry Hall, Md.

Mrs. Lillian Martin to Gatch Mem. Ch., Balto., Md.

Mrs. Elsie Lindner to Graceland Meth. Ch., Dundalk, Md.

Mr. George Yeager to Warwick Cong Ch., Warwick, Rhode Island

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