

The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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A NEW YEAR WISH

As 1965 will be upon us when you receive this issue of the Endeavor, we desire to convey the prayer that the new year may be a year of strong Christian living for you; that you may seek to work together with God in Christ to further His Kingdom in 1965 and that you will depend upon the Lord all year for His guidance and Providence.

Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us,
Hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice,
Tender, strong and faithful
Making us rejoice.

Onward, then and fear not,
Children of the day;
For His word shall never,
Never pass away.

(Hymn from The Hymnal)



MEMBERSHIP STUDY COMPLETED

Two years ago the Church Council was given a tremendous annual responsibility which has taken two years to initially complete but which will now be undertaken each year. For, it was two years ago, on Jan. 25, 1963, that the new Constitution and By Laws of the church was adopted by the congregation. It now becomes the responsibility of

the Church Council to make the Constitution and By Laws operative and to abide by its edicts.

In Section 5 of Article II of the By Laws, under the general heading of Membership (on p. 6) is found the section relative to Deletion (from membership). It is as follows:

"Any member who fails to fulfill the responsibilities of Church membership for a period of one year shall be notified that he is classified as an inactive member. If the same situation prevails after the second year such inactive member shall again be notified as to his status and unless remedial action is taken by said member, his name shall be deleted from the membership."

This section follows Section I of the same Article which outlines eleven Duties of a member of United Evangelical Church, among them being the following three duties:

"(a) regular attendance at divine worship, and

(d) regular financial contributions toward the maintenance and benevolent undertakings of the church, and

(k) regular partaking of the Holy Communion."

In the endeavor to have records by which these sections of the By-Laws may be fulfilled, the Council instituted the registration of attendance at the service of worship; the registration of attendance at the Sacrament, and the admonition that all members use sets of envelopes whereby gifts given can be credited to the individual donor. From these records, which are processed weekly and entered upon the personal record of each member in the Church office, the members of the Church Council can determine whether the duties of membership are being fulfilled.

In the study just concluded (the

first attempted in many years and upon membership files which were less than accurate), each individual was adjudged as being active, inactive or seemingly disinterested. Three different letters, of varying severity, were composed and were directed to the inactive and disinterested as deemed necessary by the records at hand.

The purpose was not to hurt any one, for each letter gives the opportunity and extends the invitation to return to activity as far as membership is concerned. The purpose was to fulfill the obligations which the By-Laws put upon the Council and which it is duty-bound to fulfill. It is hoped that this procedure, as outlined by our By-Laws, will enable us to maintain a membership roll which is composed of folk who are concerned about United Evangelical Church and who are desirous of maintaining their membership in a very active manner.

As we stand here at the beginning of a new year, let us vow to remain loyal to Christ and to His Church.

NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

At the meeting of the congregation on Friday, Nov. 27, 1964, the following were elected or reelected to 2 yr. terms on the Church Council:

J. Albert Fader
George Sauer
Alfred Johnson
Richard Single
William Single, III
Fred Long

Leaving the Council because of completion of possible terms served were Norman Fritze and Wm. Bark, Jr. To these two the pastor expresses in behalf of himself and the congregation a most sincere "thank you" for loyal and faithful service as Council members. You have served well.

The new members being installed in the service on the Sunday after the meeting, the council proceeded to elect its 1965 officers at the December meeting. Here are the results:

J. Albert Fader, President
George Sauer, V. President
J. Edwin Myers, Rec. Sec'y.
Alfred Johnson, Fin. Sec'y.
Richard Single, Treasurer

President Fader announces the following committee chairmen for the new year:

Property- Mr. George Sauer
Finance- Mr. Richard Single
Membership- Mr. Ken. Burmeister
Altar- Mr. George Sauer
Fellowship- Mr. Fred Long
Christ. Educ.- Mr. J. Ed. Myers
Calendar- Mr. Ernest Jones
Music- Mr. George Hoffmann
Auditing- Mr. Wm. Single, III
Spiritual- Mr. Arthur Block
Ushering- Mr. Edw. Weidel



NEW PROCEDURES FOR 1965

The Finance Committee conveys to all that it will endeavor to list, on the quarterly receipts sent to envelope holders, all amounts (save Memorials) given to the church. It requests that donors be certain that their name appears on all extra gifts (those in addition to envelopes provided in sets). This includes gifts to all special funds (such as the recent Paint Fund, or the recent Poinsettia Fund, etc). We want you to have an accurate account at year's end for income tax purposes.

Further, beginning in 1965 the blue envelopes in the envelope sets which carry the title "Spiritual Building Fund" will in actuality become "Building Renovation Fund" envelopes, the proceeds being set aside in behalf of the proposed Church School Building renovation. These are now placed at the 3rd Sunday of each month in your set.

Since the financial receipts are issued at the end of each three-month period (Jan. thru March, April thru June, July thru Sept, and Oct. thru Dec) may it be remembered that any amount, to be included in a specific quarterly receipt, must be received no later than the last Sunday of that quarter. If received later, it will appear on the next quarterly receipt.

Memorial monies will be acknowledged by separate receipts, provided the name and address of the donor is on the Memorial envelope. In relation to a multiple gift, the designation as to what amount is to be credited to each donor must be given. Example: If 3 people give an \$8 gift, we must know how much to credit to each of the three. It is most important that you remember to mark the amount given on all envelopes, including those in set which you use each Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation.



CONFERENCE, ASSOCIATION NEWS

In the Endeavor for November the news of our new Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ was given, as well as word of the formative steps of our Chesapeake Association of the Conference.

Since then the Constitution of the Conference was adopted and the Conference officially given birth. The first full meeting of this Central Atlantic Conference will be on Saturday, Jan. 16 at our St. Matt. new Church here in Baltimore. At this meeting the first full-time Conference Minister (president) will be elected, as well as members to the Board of Directors, and other Conference officers. The first Conference budget will be presented for adoption.

Our Conference, one of many in the United Church of Christ, has a membership of all our churches in Maryland, D.C., northern Va., New Jersey, Del., and a part of W.Va. It is divided into three groups, called Areas, and each area is composed of two Associations. Over each Area is to be a full-time Area minister. Our Area, the Washington Baltimore Area has within it two Associations, one for Washington and environs, the other for the Baltimore area, including churches in Delaware and northern Maryland.

This new Association, the Chesapeake Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ will have its Constitution meeting at Zion Church, Stemmers Run, on Sat. Jan 9 at 1 p.m. At this meeting the Constitution and Bylaws will be adopted and organizing elections will proceed.

Our United Evangelical Church will be officially represented at each of the above meetings. A number of our folk are on the nomination ballot for committee responsibilities on the Association level.



SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany is that season after Christmas and until the pre-Lenten Sundays wherein we center our minds

on the manifestation of God's redeeming love through the early years of the life of our blessed Lord - His youth, baptism and early ministry.

Our services will be at the hour of 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. save on the first Sunday, when the early service will be at 7:45 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated at each Service on Sunday, Jan. 3. The Pastor's messages at the January services will be on the Epiphany theme.

Church School sessions begin at 9 a.m. each Sunday.



CONGREGATION MEETS FRIDAY, JAN. 29

This is the official notice given to all members for the annual meeting of congregation on Friday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, 2nd fl. of Church School Bldg.

This will be the review meeting of the year when each group of the church is requested, by the Constitution, to present not only a financial report but a report of its meetings and accomplishments during the year. The annual financial report, reports of officers and the Pastor's report for the year will be given.

EVENTS OF MONTH

SPAGHETTI SUPPER, SAT. JAN. 9

This supper is sponsored by the Girl's Guild and tickets will soon be available, so get yours early. Price: \$1.10 Time: 1 - 6 p.m.

OYSTER ROAST, SUN. JAN. 10

This event is chiefly for the Bowling group of the Men's Club but others are invited. It begins after the morning service at the Fernwood Club.

FATHER-SON BANQUET, WED. JAN. 27

An annual event which brings a lot of good fellowship to all in attendance. Fine program follows a superb dinner. Get tickets soon.

BENEFIT PAPER DRIVE, SAT. JAN 30

One of our Cub Scout workers was injured seriously on a Scout hike. The paper drive is planned to give some financial assistance to this family. Please cooperate in this venture. Call Julius Fischer for pickups of paper. Phone is 288-4335. if you want to give cash, please do so.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

Janice Lynn, daughter of George and Patricia Wooden, on Dec. 13

Wedding:

Anargyros Katsianos and Anna Volakis on Nov. 15

John B. Meyers, III and Georgette Rappold, on Dec. 5

George M. Amend and Dorothy Muir on Dec. 13

Funeral:

Mrs. Florence V. Baesch, age 76, on Nov. 25

Henry Ovelgone, Jr., age 60, on Dec. 10

John W. Dolch, age 61 on Dec. 15

Aaron D. Hughes, age 71, on Dec. 16

Mrs. Lillian Wagner, member, age 74 on Dec. 19

New Members:

Mr. J. Carl MacGeorge, by restatement of faith.

Miss Lulu Gunther, by transfer from St. Matthews United Church. Church School Registration.

The following are folk who have been entered upon the rolls of the Church School since August, either as new members or as former members returning:

Dorinda Eckley, Kathleen Young, Bonnie Kluver, Joan Muir, Debra Brown, Debra Harkins, Sandra Harkins, John Kluver, Mrs. Barbara Sullivan, Penelope Sullivan, Michelle Sullivan, George Fischer, Margaret Boner, Mary Smith, Donna Shreves, Debbie Shreves, Gary Pate, David Shreves, Mrs. Erma Good, David Good, Betty Cummins, Diana Wirsing, Dennis Jon-do.

Finance Report - presented at Dec. Council meeting, for November

Receipts-

Envelopes, etc. \$4978.84

Disbursements-

Local needs \$2867.09
for salaries, utilities, office expense, repairs

Benevolences \$1025.00

3892.09

Balance for month \$1086.75

Memorial Fund, 11/30 \$4932.22

Legacy Received

Our church, in the past months, has been the recipient of a legacy from the estate of George Diedeman. These funds have been placed in a special account. We are most thankful for the receipt of the gift.

The action taken by Mr. Diedeman in the preparation of his will, the remembrance of the church in this way, is a suggestion to you when you prepare your will.

STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

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The annual Stewardship Project of our United Church of Christ continues in January. This is a contest in which folk of our churches are invited to enter Posters, Plays, Compositions, Hymns on the 1965 Stewardship Theme: "Christian Responsibility in a Time of Urbanization." Entries are invited from children from the 5th and 6th grades up through adults, and Resource booklets are available, free of charge, which give further information relative to the theme in each age group, and suggestions for the preparation of the entries. Mrs. Mae Getz is our local chairman and has these resource materials. Entries should be received no later than Feb. 21, so local judging can proceed by March 1. If you've never entered before, do so this year and you may be successful in winning Conference or national recognition.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

Memories of the Advent-Christmas season at United Church are pleasant. The offerings of our three choral groups did much to heighten the services. The generosity of our people in the giving of Memorials, providing for our Poinsettia and Wreath Fund, and in the provision of cash and goods for the baskets at Christmas and for the needy in the coming months is greatly appreciated. The love labors of committees decorating the church, preparing for Tinsel Day, and the Church Sch. service is appreciated.

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