

The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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February brings the Pre-Lenten season of the church year. In Epiphany we have been concerned about the manifestation of the character and teaching of our Christ and of the lessons of Christian behavior on our part. In the pre-Lenten period the note changes from the post-Christmas joy to sorrow.

The church prepares for Easter in three steps - Pre-Lent, Lent and Passion. The three Sundays of the pre-Lenten period (Septuagesima, Feb. 14; Sexagesima, Feb. 21; Quinquagesima, Feb. 28) introduce the period of penitence. The four Lenten Sundays are strictly a time for penitence and personal examination. The final two Sundays (Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday) to Good Friday are devoted especially to the commemoration of the Lord's suffering.

In our Scripture readings as well as in our meditations together it will be our purpose to thus prepare ourselves for this Lenten season, the second of the two long periods of preparation in the Christian Church year, the other being Advent. The altar hangings will change from white to violet and the mood of the service will become more reflective.

It behooves us, as earnest folk,

to continue our Christian walk, as God gives us strength to walk, a walk of constancy and devotion. May we read the Bible in our homes, in the family circle, using the Upper Room or other devotional guides. May we bear evidence of Christian strength as we participate in the life of today, persevering in the endeavor that our faith be expressed in every avenue of our living.

Feb. 7 brings the Sacrament in the services, the early service at 7:45 a.m. and the late service at 10:15 a.m. On other Sundays the services are at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. The Church School sessions are at 9:00 a.m.



MEETINGS OF THE MONTH

It is not too frequently we have room to list the meetings of the month, but we do so this month, and suggest you keep this on file, for these meetings usually fall on the same day each month.

As we are in the early stages of a new year, the admonition is expressed that each of us as church members ought also to be a part of one of the organizations of the church, the avenues through which we can work together in the name of the church. We do not beg people to participate in our organiza-

tional life, it is in reality an obligation, a part of our membership - - - to worship together, to participate in the Sacrament, to contribute to the work of the Lord, and to share in the actual work of the church through the committees and the organizations. Do not wait to be invited, for you are invited. Take the initiative and come out to our group meetings.

Church Council, 1st Tuesday, Feb 2, 8 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

Ladies Aid, 1st Wednesday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

Church School Staff, 2nd Tuesday Feb. 9, 8 p.m. in Friendship Hall. This is a full staff meeting this month, for all teachers, sup'ts, and administrative officers. These general staff meetings, which come three times a year (the other months being Sup'ts meetings) are basically not business meetings, but for mutual betterment in the fulfillment of the task of teaching the Word of God. It is extremely important that all teachers be present for this meeting.

Girls Guild, 2nd Wed., Feb. 10, 8 p.m., Friendship Hall.

Christian Education Committee (also serving as Committee on Lay Life and Work) 3rd Tuesday, Feb. 16 7:30 p.m., Friendship Hall.

Women's Guild, 3rd Wednesday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., Friendship Hall. Devotions, regular order of business. Theme for the evening, "A Washington Social" All women of the church invited to become members of this active organization. Program chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Long, Ass't chairman, Mrs. Thelma Hoffmann.

Men's Club, 4th Wednesday, Feb. 24th, 8 p.m. Friendship Hall. This is our men's organization, and we are desirous that the men of the church generally participate in the organizational life.

Scouts: Every Monday. Brownies, Jr. Girl Scouts, 3:45; Boy, 7; Girl Cadettes, 7:30, Cub Pack 4th Monday
Choirs: Thursday. Youth, 6:30; Senior, 7:30; Cherubs, Sat. at 1:30
Confirmation, Thurs., 7:30-9p.m.
Youth Nite, each Friday, 7:30 p.m.

A PRAYER

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be,
A living fire! Amen.

from the Hymnal



FASHION SHOW FEBRUARY 22

It will not be long until Spring is here and new spring clothes are needed. Come to our Fashion Show and see the latest styles. This event is held in the Gym Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are at 75¢ and include a light luncheon. Get tickets from Girl's Guild members, who are sponsoring this event

SOUR BEEF

SUPPER FEBRUARY 23

A new venture is the Sour Beef supper by our Ladies Aid at this time of the year. Planned early in February, while sour beef still is a cool weather delicacy, this supper will be a most delicious experience for you and your entire family. Serving will begin at 12 noon and continue thru to 7 p.m. If you can plan to come other than from 5-7 you may avoid some of the crowd which is normally here at that time. The menu includes dumplings as well as sour beef and the other ingredients for a complete meal. The price is \$1.50 per person.



NEWS OF CENTRAL ATLANTIC CONFERENCE AND CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATION

During January two important bodies of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, were brought into working existence by the adoption of a Constitution and By-laws.

On Sat. Jan 9, the meeting of the Chesapeake Association convened

at our Zion Church, Stemmers Run Rd After formally adopting the Constitution and Bylaws, the Rev. Harry Carolus, pastor of Messiah Church was elected its first president. This Association of our churches, which includes all United Churches of Christ in the larger Baltimore as well as some in nearby Delaware, further progressed its working facilities by forming standing committees to carry on the united work. Several of our own folk have been accorded positions on these committees: Ernest Jones on the Stewardship Committee; Miss Dorothy Trautner on the Higher Education Committee; J. Albert Fader on the Committee of Lay Life and Work and Pastor Rasche on the Health and Welfare Committee.

On Sat., Jan. 16, at our St. Matthew Church, the Central Atlantic Conference, in official session, also adopted a Constitution and Bylaws, elected a Conference Council, Standing Committees, and then selected and elected the first full-time Central Atlantic Conference Minister (president). He is the Rev. Mr. Francis Xavier Pirozzinni, who at present is the pastor of the Bethany United Church of Christ at Ephrata, Pa. The Rev. Mr. Pirozzinni will begin his work as Conference Minister in April and will have offices in the city of Washington, D.C.

We rejoice in these two accomplishments and, now, through our Association and the Conference, great strides forward can be expected in the ongoing work of the church and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.



FEBRUARY 14, EVENTS

At 3 p.m. the new Senior Citizen Home, Springvale Terrace, of Silver Springs, Md. will be formally dedicated, to open at about March 1. This is the new venture of our United Churches of Christ in the Balto-Washington area to provide a place where senior citizens may secure a fine home in their old age. Pastor Rasche has been on the Board given the responsibility by the church at

large to erect this Home and put it into operation. The Home will house 139 residents, some in efficiency apartments, others in larger facilities. At present there is still opportunity to make application for residence there, for it is felt that as soon as the Home opens it will tend to be filled. If interested, speak to the Pastor.

You are invited to the dedication. Springvale Terrace can be easily reached by the new Washington beltway, exiting at the Silver Spring (Colesville Rd.) ramp, then on Colesville Rd. to Mrs. K's Toll House restaurant, turn left to Pershing Rd., then right to 620 Pershing Rd.

In the evening of Feb. 14 the United Church Forum will bring to us the address by Dr. Edgerton of Johns Hopkins Hospital, on the marvelous work with lepers at the Valore Hospital in India, with which our denomination has been concerned for many years. This meeting is at our Zion Church, Harford Road near Parkside (Iona Terrace) at 8 p.m.

BRIEF NOTES

The Lenten Sales, sponsored by our Women's Guild, have been set for this coming Lenten season. Held each Friday in Lent, beginning Mar. 5 and not including Good Friday, these sales will offer for sale, cod-fish cakes, padded oysters, potato salad, slaw and crullers. Orders must be received by each Thursday evening, to be picked up at noon on Friday. This notice is given also so that all the women of the church may set aside these Thursdays to come all day and help prepare these mountains of foodstuffs, and again on Fridays to prepare the orders.

The Jr. Girls Scout group will be having a First Aid Course on the Mondays of Feb. in the gym, 3:30 p.m.

Our Cub Pack is being studied at the present time to ascertain the future direction of this group. We are interested in getting more of our boys, 8-10 yrs., of the church family in this group. But we are also concerned that when a boy enters the group his parents also give full support to the work in terms of working with the Cub Pack. All interested parents and boys see Pastor Rasche. If any adults are interested in assisting in this work, even if you have no sons, we welcome your volunteering and will be happy to have your cooperation.

The other Scout units, both for boys and girls are eager to serve the youth of your homes. Information can be secured from the office



HAVE YOU TAKEN CARE OF THIS?

Recently there was forwarded to each member of the congregation a letter advising of the badly deteriorating condition of the Church School Building, and advising further of a self-financing program for the restoration of the building. Enclosed with this letter was a card upon which each member of the congregation might indicate the manner in which he or she would like to support this work financially. To date, the response has been encouraging and a substantial portion of the needed funds has been either collected or pledged. However, the program still has a long way to go in order to achieve its objectives. The Church Council and our Pastor, therefore, strongly urge you, if you have not done so previously, to return the card indicating thereon the amount and method which you have chosen to contribute toward the Church School Building Project. Even if you feel yourself unable to contribute financially at this time, please return the card so that a determination may be made as to the feasibility of going forward with this self-financial program. Please take this matter upon your heart, and support this vitally needed work.

The Finance Committee

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

William Henry IV, son of William Henry and Patricia White, on Jan 17

Marriages:

Kenneth W. Young and Mary Rankin, on Jan. 8

John J. Hannan and Sharon Darigo, on Jan. 9

Robert D. Schweiger and Margaret D. Felter, on Jan. 16

Robert F. Gawarecki and Patricia Brannon, on Jan. 19

Funerals:

Archibald E. Thorfinnsson, age 59 on Jan. 2

Wm. O. Joynes, age 70, on Jan. 4

George W. Hines, age 49, on Jan 7

John Wilen, age 71, on Jan. 11

Ernest Brandenberger, age 59, member, on Jan 12

Miss Hilda Harmon, age 62, on Jan. 26

New Members: On Sun. Jan. 24

Miss Shirley McIntee, letter of transfer from Abbott Mem. Church

Mr. George H. Wooden, Jr., restatement of faith

Mrs. Patricia Wooden, restatement of faith

Mrs. Grace Bursey, restatement of faith.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL SEMESTER

The materials in the United Ch. Curriculum are based on a 2 yr. cycle. Each year is divided into two five-month semesters and a two mo. summer term. The courses for the second semester of the second year (Feb.-June 1965) are related to the theme "Belonging to the Christian Fellowship" The various interpretations of this theme on the various age levels emphasize learning about the life and work of the Christian church, both past and present, and taking part in its witness today.

In the Kindergarten group we are to learn how to help each other in the church; the Primary age group is concerned about "The Mark of a Christian." On the lower Junior High level the approach will be to seek to understand the church. Junior Highs will be considering the implications of belonging to the church, whereas in the High School the approach will be in relation to "My Christian Heritage." The adults will be concerning themselves with the "Classic Christian Creeds" of the church.

Since the current semester deals directly with the Bible, this is a fine application of these truths.

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