



WE CAN DO IT!

November is the month in which many congregations across our nation begin planning definitely for the new year rapidly approaching. In these churches which request definite pledge-commitments from members, this is the month of the "every-member canvass" or "enlistment" during which visitors go to each home to secure the commitments for the next year's budget. On the calendar of the church, suggested by our denomination, the first two Sunday of the month are designated for these purposes.

The traditional approach here at United has been a bit different. Through a gradual and continuous educational process, the realization on the part of our membership as regards their stewardship has been fostered. In recent years we have stressed the concept of "proportionate giving" as the stewardship philosophy we desire all our members to adopt in their calculation of the weekly gift to the church and the Kingdom of God. "Proportionate giving" as a method of stewardship places the total income of an individual or a family as the beginning figure. Then, prayerfully and thankfully, the individual and/or family determines what percent of that total shall be his or their weekly gift to the work of God through the church; whether it will be 1%, 2%, 5% or more. The percentage arrived at depends upon the individual circumstance of the family.

We request no precise pledges, but rely upon the devotion of our members to faithfully contribute their fair share of each week's pay

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or each month's income, regardless of what that total may be. This is stewardship without any compulsion or any force tactics.

Thus far we have fared satisfactorily, budget-wise. The income has increased slowly across the years to meet the increased expenses the church had to incur. But now we have reached a place where it behooves us to accelerate our total income, and for a very good reason. We have spent, or will shortly spend, a total of about \$30,000.00 on the Church School Building renovation. Part of this amount was forwarded by members in the form of interest-bearing bonds. Part was defrayed through outright gifts. The larger percentage was paid out of various reserve funds.

The bonds will have to be honored, our funds will have to be repaid. We should like to accomplish this in a period of about 5 to 6 years, and through the Spir. Build. Fund envelopes in your sets of envelopes. Thus, in addition to our needs for the promotion of the church program, locally and denominationally, which represented a figure of nearly \$49,000.00 in this current year, we will be adding approximately a \$5000.00 expectation to the budget in repayment of our indebtedness to ourselves.

Thus, to each one reading this article comes the earnest plea that you look at your giving, percentage-wise, and determine whether you can stand before the presence of God and say, "I am giving an adequate percentage of my resources for Your Work, the most important Work of all." Your pastor knows that if this is done, then out of the goodness of your heart and your devotion to the Lord, you will adequately help your church in meeting the ongoing and new needs which face us as 1966 soon comes to us.

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES ILLUMINATE COMING AGE

As we meditate upon the Epistles in November we will find them being concerned with the end of all things, the end of human life, of the world. We are exhorted to watch and be ready. Thus, on the Sundays, Nov. 7 and 14, we shall be brought face to face with the enemy with which we must contend and the good works begun within us to be brought to completion at the day of Christ's return. On the 1st Sunday of November our early service begins at 7:45 a.m. and the Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered at both services.

Sunday, Nov. 21 is Totenfest, the Festival of the Dead, the last Sunday of the Christian Church year. The Epistle warns all who believe in Christ to prepare for His coming and urges all to be awake and not sleeping. On this Sunday we conduct our annual Totenfest or Memorial Sunday, honoring our beloved dead. Please read carefully the article on this matter which follows.

Sunday, Nov. 28 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving) begins another new Christian Church year. It is on this Sunday, that the pastor observes the beginning of his fifth year as your pastor. As another Advent season begins (pre-Christmas), we observe again our Advent ceremonies, the first being the display of our beautiful Creche, or Christmas scene, at the altar.



MEMORIALS AT TOTENFEST

Each Totenfest we especially honor the memory of all in the past 12 months at whose funeral the pastors officiated. Special invitations are sent to all such bereaved families, inviting them to attend this service and participate in the candle-lighting ceremonial and receive a red rose. To all families is further given the privilege of making a gift honoring their loved ones.

Further, we sincerely invite all families and individuals of the church and community to make special memorial gifts to the church, memorializing loved ones departed from our midst. A special Memorial brochure will be issued listing all such memorials, as a permanent memento for you. Please note the Memorial Gift envelope with this mailing. Remember, Memorial or Totenfest Sunday is Nov. 21. All memorial gifts must be in the office no later than Wed. Nov. 17 to be included in the printed booklet. Be sure to denote clearly in whose name the memorial is given and from whom. If more than one donor please indicate person to whom receipt is to be sent, with address.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

10 a.m.

MESSAGE BY

PASTOR RASCHE

SPECIAL MUSIC

BRING GUESTS WITH YOU

CONGREGATION MEETS FRIDAY, NOV. 26

This is a stated meeting of the congregation for the purpose of receiving nominations and electing members to the Church Council. The Nominating Committee, of which Wm. Single is chairman, is at present securing a slate of nominees and will report at this meeting.

Further, action on the submitted proposed budget of the church for 1966 will come before the congregation at this meeting. The Finance Committee is endeavoring to bring forth another realistic budget reflecting pertinent needs.

Following the meeting the Fellowship committee will serve refreshments. Meeting in Fellowship Hall.



WORKERS' CONFERENCES OFFER EXCELLENT HELP

Our United Churches of Christ in the Balto area are planning a series of Tues. evening conferences on topics of extreme interest to teachers in the Church School, and members of the church at large. Dates are Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23.

These conferences will offer four individual units of work each evening:

1) Exploring our Christian Heritage
This is a seminar based on the understanding and use of the new curriculum. Extremely helpful to teachers, for it will be centered on this semester's unit of work.

2) Lectures on the human personality, a help in understanding the pupil, other folk, family members.

3) Christianity and the Arts, a series of presentations of aids to teaching via other than the use of words - the use of audios and visual materials of various types.

4) The use of Worship in the overall job of teaching, another helpful series of presentations.

These conferences will be held at our St. Mark Church, 1805 Wicks Ave. (Morrell Park) off S. Washington Ave. Total cost, \$1.00 which will be repaid by our Church School. We are planning a possible caravan of cars leaving from the church these Tues. evenings. Speak to your Sup't. about your interest in going and whether you can provide or will need transportation.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 26

8 p.m.

NOVEMBER FAMILY

NIGHT HERE

SUNDAY, NOV. 21 — 8 p.m.

Beginning with our Halloween Party in October, the Church, through its Fellowship Committee, is planning six Sunday evening Family Nights in late 1965 and early 1966, having one in Oct., Nov., Dec., then in Jan. and Feb. Skipping the Lenten season, the last one will be after Easter.

These are planned as times when our entire church family (grandparents, parents, single folk, youth and children) can come for a period of fellowship. There is no charge for these events, and "eats" will be included each of the nights. Each event begins at 8 p.m. (Tinsel Day in Dec. being at a different hour)

In October we plan fun at the Halloween Party. November we are bringing in a very fine motion picture for the entire family. It is concerned with family life, dealing with the problems of youth and parents, plus other members of a family unit as they make their life together. Entitled, "As We Forgive," it brings a dramatic message which all our families should receive.

MENS' CLUB

DANCE, NOV. 27

The annual Fall Dance of our Men's Club is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 27 at Unity Hall, Dundalk Ave. beginning at 9 p.m. This is always a fine event and we invite you men of the church to plan to bring your best girl to the dance and to be sure to get your tickets soon. Beginning at 9 p.m. the events continue until, and offers prizes plus a platter of food for those attending.



COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DRIVE

Our Maryland Council of Churches opens its Finance Drive on Nov. 1st That means that it is again time for our members and groups to present their annual contribution for the work of united Protestantism in our city and state. Mrs. Mae Getz is our key person and will be looking for your contribution. Pastor Rasche is a member of the Executive Committee of the Council and is therefore extremely active in all of its endeavors and anxious for its continued strength and effectivity.

Our annual contribution has hovered between \$500.00 and \$600.00 through the years. Could we not increase this total sum? We can if each one who contributed last year will put a little more love into the gift in the form of an increase and if the many who have not given anything through the years will give a gift to the work this year. Special envelopes are available at the church. Or, use an envelope of your own, write Council of Churches on it with your name and address and place same on offering plate in any service, or send to the church office, if you don't know Mrs. Getz. Please, remember the Council of Churches work. Protestantism needs to continue to make a definite witness in our city and state, and it takes funds to make this possible.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

Steven Scott, son of Waverly and Carolyn Loving, on Oct. 17

Weddings:

Lambert Davis and Darlene Fischer on Sept. 19

George W. Burke and Linda Weaver on Oct. 9

George T. Wise and Joan Childress on Oct. 16

Robert W. Willey and Shirley Picarello, on Oct. 16

Stephen Schwartz and Peggy Blake on Oct. 16

John R. Ellerman and Martha Stern on Oct. 16

Funerals:

Mrs. Bessie Jefferson, age 80, on Sept. 15

George W. Bellman, member, age 81 on Sept. 27

Mrs. Eliz. Padeletti, age 38 on

Sept. 28

Mr. Emil Dahms, member, age 88 on Sept. 29

Mrs. Amelia Gundlach, member, age 82, on Oct. 4

Milton C. Tolson, Sr., age 59 on Oct. 9

Richard C. Goodwin, age 62 on Oct 16

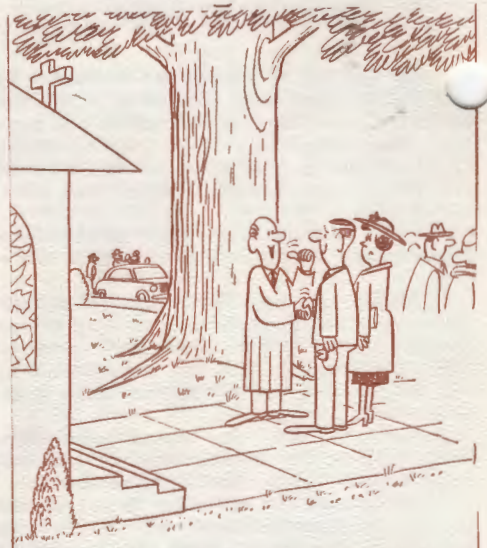
New Members:(received on Oct. 3)

James W. Martin, letter of transfer.

Mrs. Eleanor Grace Martin, letter of transfer.

Daniel J. Jacobs, restatement of faith.

Miss Kathryn M. Weber, by letter of transfer.



"I'm glad you could make it to church again, Mr. Bower! I haven't seen you since you helped me plant this tree!"

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