



The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224

WHEN STORMS COME

This was the title, believe it or not, of the sermon the Pastor prepared for Sunday, Jan. 30, unmindful that this would be the day of the great blizzard. The message was based upon the gospel for that Sunday and dealt with the miracle of Jesus stilling the storm on the Lake of Galilee. The chief point of the message was that our Lord is a sure Lord, dependable, and bringing salvation to those whose trust is in Him, who trust in Him above all things.

As Lent comes to us again it will bring with it a wonderful opportunity to be more about the matters of our faith. Honestly now, haven't some of us taken the matter of our faith too lightly? Have we not put other matters in prior position over our obligation and opportunity of being at the House of God, His Church, in a regular manner? For, our faith cannot be much of a faith if we do not express it by our presence in the House of God. The true man or woman of faith loves the church and builds the church in his or her life by presence and participation.

Lent traditionally is a time of stressing church attendance. But we stress this not because of Lent but because there is no Christian faith that last long without a closeness to God's Church. So, let us each be honest with ourselves and our beloved Lord by ceasing to evade our "church-going practice" and make ourselves regularly a part of the worship at the church. Thus, by such a practice, strength comes to us. If, because of illness or old age, we cannot get to church, the Lord compensates us in personal blessings, but as long as we have

ability to "get out", the Lord expects us in His House to receive the blessings He would give us.



LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 23rd

Receive the special Lenten announcement enclosed with this mailing and save it by tacking it on the wall somewhere that you have a continual reminder that United Evangelical Church calls you to a Lenten loyalty. Services will be held each Wednesday at 8 p.m. and at the regular hours on Sunday. We expect to see you at these services.

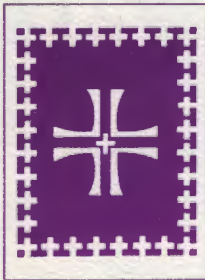
Further you are being sent a Lenten Dime Folder for yourself or your family group. Please begin using this Lenten Dime Folder dearly in the Lenten season, for your church looks forward to a generous Lenten offering through these Dime Folders as they are returned at Easter time.

GUEST SPEAKER HERE

Dr. Robert Moss, the president of our Lancaster Theological Seminary of Lancaster, Pa. will be with us at both services on Sunday, Feb. 20. Dr. Moss is an excellent bearer of

the Word, one of the outstanding leaders of our United Church of Christ, a very able man. He will bring us a message of great worth on this Sunday, one which merits the attendance of all our church family.

The Seminary which Dr. Moss heads is the Seminary of our section of the church in which young men are trained for the Christian ministry. It is the Seminary to which we give our support. We have approved an amount of \$600.00 each of the next three years for the support of the building of a new Library at this Seminary. For this purpose you will find a special envelope with this issue of the Endeavor. Our offering for Lancaster will be received this day on which Dr. Moss visits us. May we all share in this worthy effort to which the churches of our United Church of Christ are putting their hands. Let us build the Library.



MEMBERSHIP CONTEST PROGRESSING

With February a contest for increasing the membership of each of the organizations at the Church has gotten under way. The contest will continue thru April and it is hoped each group will endeavor mightily to increase its membership appreciably in this period of time.

A chart for the contest is located in the Narthex of the church, and each group is represented by a knight in armor, carrying the group banner and engaged in a race with the other knights to a distant goal. Progress will be achieved as points are gained for new members brought in and registered with the church office.

Such a contest can be interesting if the groups enter into the spirit of the contest and put forth some effort.

If you are not a part of any organization at the church, now is

the time to begin attending. Don't wait for a membership committee to invite you but take the initiative yourself to attend the group meeting. Each member of the church is expected, by the constitution, to be a part of one of the church organizations, and we have an organization for each member. Here are the groups of the church which invite your participation:

The Men's Club, meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 8 p.m. This group is for all men of the church and community. A fine and active group of about 90 members, this organization is headed by Mr. Edward Schwartz as president.

The Ladies Aid, meets on 1st Wednesday at 8 p.m. (Meetings at noon during Lent) This is the older women's group in terms of average age of members. Mrs. Myrtle DeVaughn is the president of this group numbering about 60 women.

The Women's Guild, meets the 3rd Wednesday at 8 p.m. A group numbering about 90 members, this women's organization is younger in age of organization and in the average age of members. Mrs. Grace Fader is the President.

Both these women's groups invite concern of the female proportion of the church family and present a variety of programs and activities thru the year. Some women belong to both groups, but all women of the church ought to belong to at least one of the two.

The Girl's Guild, for young ladies 14 yrs upward, our newest womens group, which meets the 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m. Another fine group for action. See Miss Connie Huber for more information. Mrs. Dorothy Long and Mrs. Thelma Hoffmann are the group's advisors. The group numbers about 25 members.

The Senior Choir, which rehearses each Thurs. at 7:30 p.m. Composed of about 20 members, this group needs bolstering by both female and male voices. With Mr. Al Witzke as president, this group is for all above the age of 15.

The Church School, the last of our competing groups, meets each Sunday at 9 a.m. with Christian Education classes for all ages. Mr. Paul Bauersfeld is the superintendent and we have a fine staff of more than 50 at work in the various departments. 418 are on rolls.

Other groups of the church which are not competing in this contest but invite your participation are the Junior Council, an elective body for boys 14 yrs old upward; the Youth and Cherub choirs, and Scouts.

REPORTS FROM ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting convened on Friday, Jan. 28 and was given over entirely to the presentation of reports from the organizations of the church and the financial statement of the Council as well as the Pastor's annual report. Of these we shall give brief excerpts from the report of the Pastor and the church finances.

The Pastor's Report

Truly our hearts ought always to bring adoration unto our God, being conscious of His goodness toward all His creation and also of the blessings received from out His bountiful hand. Our prospering of His work brings joy to our hearts and the challenge He gives us ought result in resolution in our efforts. Our total attendance for all services during the year was larger than last years, as was the average for the services for Sunday during the year, it increasing from the figure of 438 to 445 as average attendance for each Sunday of the yr.

The statistics of the church are as follows: baptisms, 47; marriages, 53; funerals, 81, of which 24 were listed as members of the church 42 youth were confirmed and 15 adults received into membership, and 24 reinstatements, making a total accession of 81, 86 shown as losses, through transfers out, deaths and folk put on inactive standing. Present membership, 919 members.

Large accomplishment of the year was completion of Church School Building renovation. We are happy we did not have to secure a mortgage to pay for this but could use reserved funds we have on hand, which must be now repaid across the coming years.

Greatest problem before us is the adequacy of our work with youth. We have a wonderful contingency of youth people in our church family, but in many ways they are not being saved for the church. Outside the work of our Girl's Guild and the Jr. Council, there is nothing done to train youth in real churchmanship and Christian living.

A second major problem is the flow through on members who move into the state of inactivity; with families and individuals who have baptisms, weddings, funerals performed by the church but who are not actual members. The pastor carries a very full schedule in the many-sided facets of this life of this large congregation and cannot

place more in his busy schedule. Thus the only way of achieving the lacks in our life is to secure additional full-time staff personnel. The pastor prays that this matter may not lie dormant for too much longer, for it is serious, and the whole life of the future of this congregation depends upon action taken at this point.

It has been a good year, and the pastor expresses appreciation to all who have helped make it thus.

The Finance Report

<u>Income</u>	
Regular env.	\$38,272.90
Holiday env.	2,020.85
Communion env.	2,308.36
Initial env.	194.50
Self-denial env.	2,090.13
World service	364.97
Oyster Supper	1,146.40
Donations	2,194.52
Total	\$48,592.63

<u>Disbursements</u>	
Salaries	\$18,929.20
Utilities, church	3,818.10
Utilities, parsonage	613.29
Repairs, cleaning, etc.	2,555.57
Insurance	2,038.83
Supplies, equipment	3,260.14
Music, Organist supplies, choirs	654.55
Church office, advertise, Endeavor, Poor fund, etc	2,315.72
Taxes, picnic, flowers, etc.	891.41
Pastor's car expense	773.86
Pensions, Hospital Ins.	
Ass't. pastors, Emeritus	2,842.46
Youth Dir., D. V. B. S.	193.10
Total	38,886.23

<u>Disbursements, Benevolent Fund</u>	
Central Atlantic Conf.	7,028.84
Chesapeake Assoc.	435.00
United Church Home	990.00
Other Benevolences	235.00
Total	8,688.84

Total borrowed from special funds

<u>For Renovation Work</u>	
From Emergency Fund	3,000.00
From Memorial Fund	8,499.38
From Wills, Bequests	8,000.00
Total borrowed	\$19,499.38

Renovation Fund, Income and Outgo

<u>Income</u>	
Bonds sold	\$ 7,455.00
Cash donations	2,222.50
Renovation Fund env.	4,433.63
Other income	128.61
Borrowed funds	19,499.38
Total	\$33,739.12

Expenditures

For work done thus far, which includes all but a few minor matters, still to be cleaned up.	\$32,116.20
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Those church bells are getting louder every Sunday.

NEWS OF THIS AND THAT

Mr. Paul Bauersfeld, superintendent of our Church School, included in his report to the annual meeting the fact that the enrollment of our Church School is 418, with an average attendance of 243 or 57% of enrollment across the year. Staffwise the Church School has had quite good fortune, but there is always need for volunteers for teaching in our very fine school.....Speaking of needs, we have a great need for volunteers to help with the Teen Nites on Fridays, 7:30-9:30. We need you as a man or a woman. Call the office and say we can depend on you to come and help monitor our youth on those nights. You will certainly be assisting in an important part of the work in this manner, just being here to help keep order. Call the pastor and inform him you will be here.

As a sidelight to the annual meeting, it was reported by our Finance Committee that the only place in which we did not meet the needs financially was in the matter of our Central Atlantic Conference support. We failed to meet the goal by about \$2500.00. As we increase our contributions in 1966 it is hoped we can come closer to meeting this request also.

On the level of our Central Atlantic Conference, it has been announced that the Rev. James Tomasek has been chosen as the Christian Education Director of our Conference, and will be having headquarters at the Conference House in Silver Springs.

From the meeting of the General Council of our Chesapeake Association come the information that a series of Forums are being planned for our Baltimore area in the coming months, the first being in the month of February, Sunday, Feb. 27 and will feature a drama by the

Brown Memorial Players. Location of the Forum will be made later. Other dates which merit remembering are the Dinner for all Church Council members on Monday, Feb. 14th; the Convocation for all folk of our Chesapeake Association at Messiah Church (The Alameda nr. Belvedere), on Sunday, April 17 and the Spring meeting of the Chesapeake Association for May 22nd.

The pastor has received word of the "Friends of Lancaster" Trip to Europe for this Aug.-Sept. which journey is open to interested folk. The flight to Frankfurt is on Aug. 24, with return flight from Frankfurt on Sept. 21. Cost for the flight is about \$300 roundtrip with choice of travelling according to choice in Europe for the month or taking the tour arranged. Cost of tour is \$615. This will be the last year such a tour will be open the folk of our churches thus the suggestion that you might desire to take advantage of this inexpensive way of visiting Europe.

RECORDS OF THE CHURCH

Baptisms:

Steven Michael, son of Alfred D. and Helen Johnson, on Jan. 16

Charles Wm., Jr. son of Charles W. and Barbara O'Brien, on Jan. 16

Irene Suzanne, daughter of Albert and Martha Lang, on Jan. 16

Mark Edward, son of Robert E. and Judith Elliott, on Jan. 16

Marriages:

Donald E. Bolt and Linda Halas on Jan. 15

Funerals:

Peter L. Kuyawa, age 75, on Jan. 7

Mrs. Anna Kobus, age 58, on Jan. 1

Albert Wanhoff, age 64, on Feb. 3

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