



WHAT IF THE CHURCH WERE UNIONIZED?

Listening to the radio the other day and hearing the news about the attempts being made to unionize the Police force of Baltimore, the pastor mused on the proposition of the church being unionized, and pondered if such an action would have definite blessings to the growth, effectiveness and strength of the church as an instrument of Almighty God.

What if there were necessary a very definite and precise application for membership, which would be brought before a Board, and membership would be granted only to the individuals who evidenced sincerity in their desire to secure membership, and promised loyalty for all the days that followed?

In the union there are definite standards of work production set up which must be achieved. What if in the church there were definite standards of life management set up to which the applicant and member must agree and from which he must make achievements year after year?

Membership in the union does not continue ad infinitum, but only so long as the member fulfills to the tee all the requirement of said membership. What if membership with the church were on the basis of annual renewal upon the evidence of fulfillment of entering agreements?

What if, as union members are now expected to do, membership with the church were to rest upon the obligation that the individual, without reticence, would agree to help

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interest others in the common cause and would present their names for membership?

These and other musings went through the Pastor's mind, but as the musings came to an end the Pastor realized that all these expectations are not unthinkable in the church at present but in actuality are a part of the frame of reference in which each present church member is to operate and live.



SUNDAYS IN MAY AND EARLY JUNE

Services will be held each Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. except that on our Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in May, May 1, the early service will begin at 7:45 a.m.

This will be the last Communion Sunday until the month of September, so, let us all come.

Church School sessions will be at the hour of 9 a.m. each Sunday.

The message of the mornings will be a treatment of the reading from the Gospel for that particular Sunday.

Special Sundays in the month of May include the celebration of the

Festival of the Christian Home on Sunday, May 8th, and the Festival of Pentecost on May 29th. The Festival of the Christian Home is otherwise known as Mother's Day, and on this day the pastor urges that families make a special effort to be present 100% and to sit together, for we honor not only Mother on this day, but the uniqueness of the family circle and its beneficial effect upon the individuals of that family.

Pentecost is the 'day of the coming of the Holy Spirit unto men' and the birthday of the Christian Church, for it was on this day that Peter preached the first Christian sermon and souls were baptized unto faith in our Lord and Master. We lift up this great doctrine of our faith in our services this day.

Please note the picturization of the invitation to be regular in attendance at God's House as it is depicted by the footsteps at the head of this article. Heed this urging, for your presence at God's House regularly should be a continuing part of your weekly life.



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

It was with joy that we welcomed the 24 members of this year's Confirmation Class into membership with the church following their Confirmation on Palm Sunday past. The names of our Confirmands and new members are listed herewith with joy:

Beverly Jean Blunt
Jeffrey Lynn Bradford
Bonnie Joyce Clay
Craig Norman Cumberland
Linda Jaye Cunningham
Peggy Ann Duvall
Sandra Joan Earl
Cheryl Lee Finnerty
Dawn Elizabeth Griest

Calvin Richard Gundalch
Bernard John Haberkam
Carol Elizabeth Jones
Patsy Lee Ketchum
Donna Anetta Lanehardt
Deborah Metzger
Terry Lee Moore
Beverly Ann Myers
Frederick Naarisma
Carolyn Louise Scales
Patricia Ann Stanton
Eugene Paul Taormina
Jacqueline Elizabeth Walton
John Edward Weininger
Arthur Hillard Young, III

In addition to receiving these 24 youth into membership with the church on Palm Sunday, it was also our pleasure to receive 11 adults into membership in the same service. Their names are as follows:

Mr. Charles Alt
Mr. George Amend, Sr.
Mr. Martin Lee Beauchamp
Mr. Joseph John Carter, III
Mr. Joseph J. Corliss
Mr. Alexander C. Cunningham
Mr. Thomas Joseph Gawronski
Mrs. Dora Kramer
Mr. Jerry James Leftwich
Mr. Edward L. Willis
Miss Linda Fannie Zitzer

We welcome all these new members and pray that our association together in God's Church may bring real blessings for all of us and great contributions toward the building of His Kingdom in our world.

PEACE PROGRAM BEGUN

The United Church of Christ launched a "priority program for peace" in March. An immediate campaign will begin to have all agencies and congregations "join in a remendous effort to work for peace on every level of church life," Dr. Herbster, president of the U.C.C. said. "We are now trying to move peace from the periphery of our vision to a position of priority in our own life as churches."



MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The Spring Membership Contest between our groups is progressing in-

to the last month of its duration. There has been great action on the part of some of the groups and no action at all on the part of others. At the present writing, the Girl's Guild is in the lead, having gained 900 points. The Choir is second with 500 points and the Church School third with 260 points. The knight on horseback, eagerly waiting to get into the fray, is still at the beginning for the other groups. Let us get some action for all groups during this month of May



SOUR BEEF SUPPER, WED. MAY 4

Our Ladies Aid is preparing another of its delicious sour-beef suppers for early May, a fine Spring event. Tickets will be at \$1.50 per person. Get your tickets early and make sure of having a place at this outstanding event.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET, MAY 11

Another Spring event which is awaited by many of our folk is the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet for all our mothers and daughters. This year it will be held on Wednesday, May 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The committees on arrangements and program are busy at work and promise another banquet and program which will be pleasing and delightful. Also get your tickets for this event very soon.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, FRIDAY, JUNE 3

While we are announcing Spring events, we don't want to forget the first announcement of the Strawberry Festival, here at the church on

Friday, June 3. This is the stage program (followed by refreshments) arranged annually by our Church School for the benefit of the Camp Fund. This is usually a home talent show which is lots of fun, so set this night aside for our Strawberry Festival.



CHESAPEAKE ASSOC. HAS SPRING MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 22

The Chesapeake Association is that functioning of our denomination in the local area, being composed of all our United Churches of Christ of the larger Baltimore area of Maryland, and our churches in Delaware. It is one of six Associations making up our Central Atlantic Conference.

The Spring meeting of this Association will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at Protestant Community Church 155 Orville Rd (Middle River) and to it are to go delegates of each of the member churches. We are entitled to 4 such delegates. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. and continues through the supper hour and early evening.

OUR RENOVATED CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE REDEDICATED

Sunday, June 5 is the date for this rededication, the festivities to transpire during the Church School hour. The actual rededication will take place in Fellowship Hall. More details about arrangements in the next Endeavor. Since the completion of the renovation we can now realize what a wonderful plant for religious education we do have and know you will be proud to visit it also. Better yet, why not join one of the Sunday classes.

BIG WOMEN'S MEETING PLANNED

For a number of years we have been awaiting resumption of the work among women as we knew it in the old E. & R. Church. Now it is beginning to happen, and one of the first steps is this Workshop meeting for all women of our Chesapeake Association at our 1st and St. Stephen's Church, 6915 York Rd., on June 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is promised to be a work meeting, in which the furtherance of the work among women in the local church will be fostered. All women of the church are invited. Bring a sandwich, coffee will be served.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please make note that we are planning our Vacation Bible School for the last two weeks of June, beginning, Monday, June 20th.

While speaking of vacation, parents, don't forget the church camps which were announced in last months paper. Get your youngster registered early so that there will be no disappointment later, to find the camps already filled. Registration cards can be secured from the office of our Church School.

RECORDS OF THE CHURCH

Baptisms:

Tina Marie, daughter of Lois Malecki, on March 13

Robin Denise, daughter of Fred and Anita Bolick on March 20

Thomas Benton, Jr., son of Thomas and Patricia Wright, on April 17

James Michael, Jr., son of James and Doris Hofmann, on April 17

Weddings:

Joseph R. Miller and Mrs. Lois Hepler on March 26

J. Douglas Thomas and Jacqueline Jean Kraft, on April 2

Louis Ochlech and Mrs. Elizabeth Walter, on April 16

Funerals:

Ralph Bell, member, age 55, on March 16

Mrs. Lena Boehm, member, age 85 on March 17

Peter Kroll, age 67, on March 31

Michael Finger, age 70, on Apr. 4

William White, Sr., age 85, on Apr. 11

Clarence Hoffmann, member, age 69 on April 14

John F.W. Becker, age 76, on Apr. 19

DID YOU KNOW

...that we are keeping in contact with our shut-ins by sending the Upper Room into their homes.....and now also one of our women, Mrs. Loraine Long is visiting them with a tape-recorder and taking a tape of a morning service for them to hear....we also keep in contact with our students at college and men in the Armed Services by sending them the Upper Room and also a letter from the church. Mrs. Mary Bassford is our student-soldier secretary...the nearly 50 lilies on the Easter lily altar were given to the shut-ins. Cards were sent to the homes and a family member invited to come after the late Easter service to pick up the lily.....the Coffee Hours after each mid-week Lenten service were very successful.....the full-color bulletins for the Wednesday evenings were greatly appreciated, giving a complete picturization of the events of Holy Week....all the services of Lent-Holy Week-Easter were filled with great blessings for all who were in attendance. Thanks again to all - the choirs, the various committees and individuals who contributed toward this overall success.

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