



NOVEMBER ENDS ANOTHER YEAR

This title may seem a month too early, but it isn't, for we are referring to the Christian Church year, and a new Church Year begins with the first Sunday in Advent.

It is proper that this be so, for the Christian Church year is based upon the annual review of the life of our Lord Christ and the subsequent carrying on of His work in the Christian Church. The beginning of the life of Jesus upon earth is on that day we know as Christmas. But it is not proper that we do not prepare for the spiritual mountain-top experience which is Christmas. This the Church through the centuries has foreseen in the provision of four Sundays before Christmas to be known as Advent, during which we prepare again for the coming of Jesus. And, four weeks before Christmas brings us to the close of November, which thus becomes the beginning of a new Christian Church Year. Thus, we are at present in the last weeks of Trinity, the last season of the Church Year. The year ends with the Sunday before Thanksgiving and the new year begins with the last Sunday of November (four weeks before Christmas).

But the close of Trinity brings another anniversary to us, the 5th anniversary of Pastor Rasche's work here at United Church. Your pastor will celebrate this 5th anniversary on the first Sunday of Advent, for it was on Sunday, Nov. 26, 1961 that he took up the pastoral work with this congregation.

So we truly, in two ways, come to the end of another year with the

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passing of the month of November. As has been the custom throughout 1966 the Pastor will bring the meditation each Sunday on the Gospel lesson for the day.



COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

It is important that we receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at regular times during the year, and your church provides the blessed Sacrament on the first Sunday of the month. Let us not become nonchalant about the Sacrament but come with the expectation of new fellowship with the Master through the receiving of His Body and Blood.

Please receive this practical note - as you come to the altar and receive the wafer and wine, please place the hand as a cup so the wafer can be placed into it rather than reach for the wafer. This facilitates the safe distribution. When the cup is offered, please grasp it firmly with your fingers.

Sacramental services, 7:45, 10:15

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SUNDAY, NOV. 13

As a special feature of this Sunday we will highlight the financial

campaign of our Maryland Council of Churches. This is an important facet of our work in Baltimore and our state, and we of the congregation have the privilege of supporting this united witness of Protestantism in our metropolitan area and state.

As a part of the Executive Committee of the Council your pastor can verify the splendid work in the numerous fields of witness which is being accomplished. Since our church does not write any amount in our budget for the Council, we urge our members to bring this support. You do not have to give an exorbitant amount but a modest annual gift of a dollar or so will do much to undergird this important work. At our services this day we will have a representative of the Council with us, and during the day and weeks to follow we each have the opportunity of making our annual donation to this cause. Incidentally we personally profit by the Council as a congregation, for our Communion Assistant, the Rev. Robert Ball is a member of the full-time staff of the Council. Thus we have this personal tie with the cause. Our special gifts can be placed in the offering or given directly to Mrs. May Getz, our Council representative.



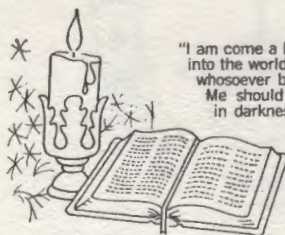
"TOTENFEST" SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

On the last Sunday of the Christian Church Year we include a Memorial service, honoring especially the memory of all at whose funeral the pastor officiated during the past 12 months, and the memory of all our beloved dead.

We invite you as families and individuals to participate in the growing practice of making gifts to our Memorial Fund at this time. Because we feel you might want to do this, we include a Memorial Gift envelope with this mailing. We humbly suggest that all such gifts be in the office of the church not later than Sunday, Nov. 13, so the printed brochure for this day can be prepared. A special Memorial service is included at the 10:15 a. m. service.

The second phase of our service is the return of our family Thank-Offering boxes, which we have had this past year. This is a special Thankoffering in which entire fam-

ily groups are asked to participate. The money is sent to our denomination and is used for specified projects which otherwise could not be undertaken. New Thankoffering boxes for 1967 will be available, and your family is challenged to take one with you for your use all during 1967.



"I am come a light
into the world, that
whosoever believeth on
Me should not abide
in darkness." John 12:46

ADVENT BEGINS NOV. 27 PASTOR'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Advent is always a joyous season at United Church, but this year it is a doubly joyous Sunday because it is on this Sunday the Pastor celebrates the fifth Anniversary of his pastorate in Baltimore. He feels these have been blessed years and would have you share in special prayers of thanksgiving and request for divine guidance as pastor and people begin the second five year period together. Please receive the hearty invitation to be present on this Sunday and help the Pastor celebrate. The greatest joy would be to have two extra large attendances for this occasion.

As we begin the blessed season of Advent we begin our Advent ceremonies, the first being the display of our lovely nativity scene. We also point our services and messages to the preparation for Christ's birth at Christmas. The music by our choirs, the worship service and the sermons will each lift up the Advent theme.

HELP US PREPARE THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We as a church seek to provide baskets of food for needy families at Thanksgiving. To be able to do so, we need the contributions of food stuff and cash from members and friends of the church. We ask you to bring gifts of canned goods, staple foods, cash on Sunday, Nov. 20. We know you will help us do this.



**THANKSGIVING DAY
SERVICE,
AT UNITED CHURCH
10 A.M.**

**HELP MAKE
ENLISTMENT COMPLETE**

Now that the Days of Enlistment are over as far as special Sundays are concerned, we still have to make visits upon those members who have not been heard from as yet. We must go into their homes and secure the Enlistments of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Two Sunday afternoons have been set aside for this task, Sundays, Nov. 13 and 20. On these Sundays we plan to send the Visitors out from the church to tell the "Story of the Church" in the homes and secure the commitments.

We want our visitors to be well trained and so the Visitation chair man, Mr. Wm. Bark, Jr. has scheduled two training nights, identical in content, so our Visitors can select one of the nights and come to the training session then. The two nights are Tues. Nov. 8 and Thurs. Nov. 10. Training location will be Friendship Hall, at 8 p.m.

We urge you to volunteer, or heed the call to become a Visitor. If sufficient hands get busy at this responsibility, none will have to do too much. Do this for your church, to make our Enlistment a complete success. Inform the Pastor of your willingness to help, and select the night you can attend the training session. Then save the two

Sunday afternoons for visits. It won't be hard, for each visitor will be provided with a turn-over chart containing the same information projected on the screen on our Enlistment Sunday. This will primarily be your talk as you visit the homes.

If your own or your family members' Commitments are not in as yet and you want to save a trip to your home, send these to the church office right away, so we can take your card from the home visitation card file.

**MEN'S CLUB DANCE
SAT. NOV. 26
NORTH POINT GARDENS**

The cost of \$4.00 per person includes a hot meal (not just a platter of food) plus the fine evening of dancing to the music of Bill Theiss. Get tickets from E. Dietsch or President Bocek. This will be a wonderful evening, so better plan to get a gang together and attend.

**CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF
MEETS NOV. 8**

This is the quarterly meeting for all staff members - teachers, secretaries, administrative staff. We ask all staff members to attend only these four meetings a year. The intervening months are given over to meetings of the Superintendents. Our quarterly meeting brings business, inspiration, fellowship and refreshments. Meeting is in Fellowship Hall, at 8 p.m.

**ANNUAL
MEETING
OF**



**OUR CONGREGATION
FRIDAY, NOV. 25, AT 8 P.M.
ADOPTION OF 1967 BUDGET
ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

NOT TOO SOON TO ADVISE - - -

1) that you use all the envelopes in your 1966 pack of envelopes before the end of the year;

2) that no envelopes will be issued to those who have not used 1966 envelopes;

3) that to maintain your standing as a member of the church, your church needs to receive regular contributions from you as well as a record through the year of your attendances at services of worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

4) if you do not have 1966 envelopes and desire envelopes for 1967 application must be made through the Pastor.



CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms -

Richard Wayne, Jr., son of Richard and Emily Single, on Sept. 25

Scott Michael, son of Louis and Patricia Jenkins, on Oct. 23

Tracy Renee, daughter of Melvin and Joyce Mack on Oct. 30

Weddings -

James H. Pizzini and Debrah Myers on Sept. 24

Joseph C. Henderson and Evelyn Mullens, on Sept. 24

Dennis Bergin and Cecelia Hayman, on Sept. 24

Howard L. Schriefer and Theresa Walters, on Oct. 8

Frank J. Baier, Jr. and Gloria Dabney, on Oct. 8

Robert D. Crandell and Betty Ann Fischer, on Oct. 8

Michael C. Nickol and Barbara Davis on Oct. 8

Funerals -

John H. Dimick, age 80 on Sept. 27

Mrs. Emma Zimmerman, member, age 75, on Sept. 28

Charles A. Kitzman, age 95 on Sept. 28

Mrs. Bertha Koehler, member, age 91, on Oct. 3

Mrs. Elizabeth Myers, age 51 on Oct. 17

New Members - on Sunday, Oct. 9th.

Rose Kennell, by statement of

faith

Mrs. Louise Wietzel, by restatement of faith

Miss Christina Vaupel, by letter of transfer

John E. Michael, by statement of faith

Mrs. Gloria Haberkam, by statement of faith

Michael C. Nickol, by statement of faith.

WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

Are you an active member -
the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented --
that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings,
and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home,
and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
to help the work along?
Or, are you satisfied to be
the kind that just belong?
Do you ever voluntarily help
as the guiding stick,
Or leave the work to just a few-
to organize a "Clique"?
Come out to the meetings often,
and help with hand and heart-
Don't be just a member,
but take an active part.
Think this over, member,
you know right from wrong;
Are you an active member?
or do you "just belong"?
---this was contributed by a
member who desired it to be
passed on to all our folk.



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