



The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224



WE HONOR OUR CLASS

With joy we list the members of the Confirmation class of 1967, 21 in number. These were confirmed and received into membership with the church on Palm Sunday, Mar. 19.

Members are: (from front row, beginning from left) Eileen Buddemeyer, Patricia Moore, Linda Stricklin, Barbara Pfeiffer, Sandra Scheuerman, Betty Padeletti.

(2nd row) George Doulong, Doris Metzger, Janice Spliedt, George Hammerbacher, Sharon Mack, Janice Freeman, John Hammerbacher.

(3rd row) Wm. Bursey, Paul Weidel, Kenneth Borkman, Richard Waters, Robert Wirth, Melvin Hammerbacher, Bernard Ratajczak. Mark Spliedt is not on the picture but was a member of the class.

ENCLOSURE ON WILLS

Included with this mailing is a reprint of an article appearing some time ago in our denominational paper, "The United Church Herald" on the subject of the wills that each of us ought to have in our possession. These reprints have been provided by our denomination. It is hoped that this article will be

carefully read in each family, and that if you have not taken any action relative to this matter, that you will get busy concerning it. The article contains many, many fine suggestions which are worthy of your consideration. If an additional word is permitted, your editor would like to emphasize the suggestion concerning the remembrance of your church in your will. It is only as our members remember United Church by a legacy that our Memorial-Endowment Fund can be built up substantially. As with many congregations, the time may come that the need for reserved funds will be very necessary for the continued health of the church. So, please give consideration to this inclusion in your will. The church has been very thankful of recent times for a number of legacies which have come to us. By remembering the church in your will you can make your influence felt here at the church long after your departure from this earth.

"WORKING WITH THE UNWORKABLE."

A meditation in a Lenten series of devotions used this lead phrase in speaking of the man Barnabas, an associate of St. Paul and St. Mark in the gospels.

This meditation elucidated on the point that when the Christians of Jerusalem were skeptical about the new-comer, Paul, who professed to be a follower of the Christ but whom they had known to be an adversary of the Christians, this man Barnabas believed in Paul's sincerity and joined up with him at that crucial point in Paul's beginning ministry. Later, when this very

apostle Paul could not quite accept a youth by the name of Mark who also professed loved for the Christ and desired to be about the Lord's work, this same Barnabas separated himself from Paul to befriend and go with Mark, who needed encouragement.

How ready we are to 'dump' people, to make a judgement concerning those with whom it may be very difficult to work; to say, "Why knock myself out trying to be friends with that person, in trying to work with him or her in the church."

We very easily come to the same conclusion that the Jewish Christians did about Paul - that he just could not be trusted; or the opinion of Paul against Mark - that his sincerity was at least to be questioned.

Though we may say that because those much more holy than I (St. Paul and the Jerusalem Christians) could make this error, thus I as an individual should not be held too accountable for the same error, we ought to remember always that the faith calls us to more determined efforts to actually continue to work in the church, through its many committees, groups, etc., to continue to be on good terms with those who irk us, those who slander us, those whom we do not especially trust - in short, to work with the unworkable. Not that we are ordered to love them, but we can, for the sake of the Christian faith and for the unknown effect we may have on them, work with them. If it had not been for Barnabas perhaps both Paul and Mark would have turned aside from the path of faith and discipleship. If you don't come through, maybe someone else will be dissuaded in the following of the Christian way.



EASTER IS A SEASON

May we not be unaware that Easter is more than one day. It is the beginning of Eastertide, and the thrill of the Easter fact is to permeate our very lives through the days which follow. If we just observe Easter and then go on as if

it never happened, as if the Resurrection of the Christ meant nothing in our lives, then Easter itself is a fantasy for us. We must carry Easter into the weeks which follow.

In our services of April we desire to augment this thought by devoting the meditation times to an exploration of some of the manners in which the fact of our happy and glorious Easter faith can make a difference in the way our lives are lived. In these services we shall return to the pattern of having a Hymn of the Week, and continue to use the Service for the Lord's Day as suggested by our denomination.



SCHOOL OF RELIGION HERE DURING APRIL

This School of Religion is being conducted by the Christian Education Committee of our Chesapeake Association and is for all Church School workers and interested folk from all our churches in the greater Baltimore area.

Costing \$1.00 registration for all four sessions on the Tuesday of April, this School will present three main courses or areas for discussion. Scheduled for each Tuesday from 8-10 p.m., this School is offering the following courses:

1. Orientation to the Curriculum. This will be a distinct help to new teachers into the United Church of Christ curriculum, and will be led by Mrs. Kenneth Wyatt, pastor's wife from Eldersburg.

2. Curriculum Clinic. This is for present teachers on the Church School staffs and deals with problems and questions relative to the various curriculum courses. It will be under the direction of Rev. James Tomasek, director of Christian Education of our Central Atlantic Conference.

3. Renewal of the Church. Participants will attempt to probe the current ferment regarding the purpose and mission of the church. Exploration of new forms of witness both within and beyond the parish locale. Rev. Mr. Clark Hock, pastor of our Annapolis Church will be the leader of this group.

Remember, we want our church school staff members here for this series of meeting, especially since we are the host church. But, all others of the church are invited too.

CHICKEN SUPPER AND BAZAAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

LUNCHEON — 12:00 TO 1:00 P.M.

DINNER — 5:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

TICKETS AT \$1.50

ECHOES OF LENT AND EASTER

1. Appreciation is expressed to the many who gave so much time to the success of the 5 Lenten Sales (the 1st had to be cancelled because of bad weather) Since you may be interested in the total food produced and sold at these sales, here is a down. From advance orders and sales over the counter: Padded oysters, 736 dozen; Cod fish cakes, 1167 dozen; Potato salad, 1286 lbs; Slaw, 1218 lbs., Crullers, 1516 doz. You will agree that this represents a lot of work in preparation, and so the appreciation to the workers is truly meaningful.

2. The midweek Lenten services were attended in goodly fashion, considering the many difficult nights, otherwise, which the Lenten season brought us. The coffee-hours after the services were delightful experiences of good fellowship. The Bake Sales, from the casual impression of your editor, were successful.

3. Thank you all for the special offerings presented to the church in the season of Lent and at Easter: through the Dime folders, in the Lenten and Easter offerings; through giving of Memorials and Lily gifts and memorials. All has been appreciated.

4. We wish to thank the Senior Choir for the gift of new robes to the church. Though these were procured prior to Lent, this is the first opportunity presented to make mention of them. They were secured through funds provided by the choir itself, and the church at large is appreciative of the 'new look' and thanks the choir.

5. The church is grateful to all who have assisted in making the Lenten-Easter season so meaningful, the choirs who have labored diligently to present such fine music, including the Lenten cantata; the individuals who assisted in the various services of Holy Week, and to the Senior Council and members of the Jr. Council for good work. All has gone nicely because of the willingness to cooperate on the part of many people.



CONCERNS FOR APRIL

1. Girl Scout Jr. Group is now meeting on Tuesdays from 6:45-8 under the direction of Mrs. Grace Magee.

2. Ladies Aid will have their meetings at noon through the June meeting, beginning with luncheon.

3. Spring Dance, sponsored by a new group of Protestant Young Adults, 18-30 (single), interdenominational. Dance will be at Towson Presby. Church Social Hall, 8:30 on April 1. Stag or Drag. \$2.00 ea. Music by Bill Bevans orchestra.

4. Chesapeake Association Youth Rally at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday, Apr. 9 from 3-8 p.m. Cost is at \$1.00. We will make this our April meeting of Youth of United, and will meet here for departure at 2:30 p.m., transportation provided. Please get reservations in soon.

5. Concert by the Choir of our Catawba College at Immanuel Church, 1905 Edmondson Ave., 8 p.m., Friday April 14. Free will offering.

6. Local conference on COCU (Consultation on Church Union) for the clergy, interested lay people at Redeemer Episcopal Church, 5603 N. Charles Ave. April 20 from 11-3 p.m. This is the movement toward union of nine of our major denominations, of which our United Church of Christ is one. Pastor Rasche would be able to provide transportation to this meeting. Cost, \$2.50, which includes noon luncheon.

7. Looking ahead! Plans are being made for a cooperative Daily Vacation Bible School in Canton for this early summer, in which the five churches of this area will cooperate. Dates will be June 19-30 and the facilities of all of the churches will be used.

8. Be at church always in April.

FOR YOUR CONCERN

1. The Social Security Administration offices in Baltimore have immediate vacancies in the positions of Card Punch operators and Clerks. If interested, see notice on bulletin board, in Church Narthex.

2. From American Leprosy Missions "My name is Bill McColl. I'm a medical doctor who has seen firsthand the heartbreaking plight of leprosy sufferers overseas.....One of the most gratifying operations I ever helped perform happened during my two years as a medical missionary in Taegu, Korea. Our patient was a young girl, a pianist, who suffered from leprosy. Her left hand had become disfigured, she had begun to develop the 'claw hand' seen so often in these patients. Dr. Kim, the skilled Korean surgeon and I repaired her hand. Today this young girl is married, living without a single handicap."

This is one of the causes which your money helps as your Council sends it to our denomination for the mission work of our church. We should be happy to be a part of such a fine piece of work. Incidentally, the annual dinner for the local American Leprosy Auxiliary will be held at our church on the evening of April 25th. Why not plan as a woman of the church to be at this banquet.

3. T.V. programs - watch for programs on interchurch cooperation on NBC-TV's "Frontiers of Faith" 1:30 p.m. Sundays, April 2, 9, 16, 23rd. President Herbster of our United Church of Christ will speak on April 16 and Dr. Roger Hazelton, Andover Newton Theological School, also of our denomination, appears April 23 in a program on COCU.

4. Opportunities - There are current openings for librarians in Turkey, Africa, Zambia, Japan and India, and for home economics teachers in several overseas missions. For information, write Miss Charlotte Reid, personnel sec'y, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, 10027.

5. Local information - From the annual report of Balto Commissioner of Health: The estimated population of the city on July 1, 1966 was 914,000; the white population was 538,000 and the nonwhite 376,000, or 41 percent of the total. When compared with the figures for a year ago, the city's resident population has

declined by 4000 persons, resulting from a net loss of 10,000 white residents and a net gain of 6,000 nonwhite residents.

The number of resident births continued to decline with approximately 850 fewer babies in 1966 than in 65 and 6,000 fewer than were born among city residents in 1957. Since 1960 the white birth rate has declined by 13 percent while the nonwhite has declined by 7 percent.....Heart disease, car and stroke accounted for approximately 65 percent of all deaths."

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms:

Robin Renee, daughter of Robert and Phoebe Brundick, on Feb. 19

Deborah Ann, daughter of Charles and Helena Woodruff, on Mar. 12

Weddings:

William E. Brunner and Mary Cc erham, on Feb. 18

Arthur Jerome and Mary Ann Jerome on Mar. 9

Edward Krahling, Jr. and C. Lynn Ryan, on Mar. 18

Funerals:

Mrs. Cecelia Bark, age 70, on Feb. 21.

Miss Lulu Maasch, member, age 68 on Feb. 28.

Mrs. Mabel Wilen, age 70, on M 11

Mrs. Helen Meyers, member, age 48 on Mar. 13

Baby Girl Ludwig, stillborn, on Mar. 14.

New Members: On Jan. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson, transfer Mrs. Henrietta Held, transfer.

On Easter Sunday
Miss Anna Lohrmann, transfer
Mr. Charles Bennett, transfer
Mr. Donald Schnader, transfer
Mr. Joseph Kolodyieski, restament of faith.

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