



THE CHURCH IN MISSION

The local church in its tradition, wherever it has been located, has been concerned chiefly in the past with the serving of its own family of people, of strengthening its own ties and programs in an individual community. Local churches of various denominations have vied with each other in the promotion of the kind of over-all program which would elicit the interest of its own family and the family of the unchurched in the community.

There are those in these days who are saying that this approach to the matter of the individual, local church is dead; that if the church is to exist it must sense the need for mission to a community and not merely the promulgation of own life. There are many who are proclaiming that unless the local church can become part of an ecumenical movement in a community, it might as well know its doors will be closed within the foreseeable future.

In the Canton area the pastors of the five or more Protestant congregations have been looking at the place of the 'church' in our community and have begun building a sense of togetherness on the part of our people in the community as regards their Christian faith. In a very meager way we got together for a Carol Sing on the 'shut-ins' of our churches at Christmas. At present we have gotten some of our laymen and laywomen together in the promotion and planning for an ecumenical or cooperative Daily Vacation Bible School. We are moving now to the formation of a Protestant Council

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for Canton and are looking to the possibility of work among the Senior Citizens of the area and the setting up of a 'Coffee House' for the older youth and young adults. A location for these activities has already been secured. At a meeting at Messiah Luth. Church on Friday, May 5 we plan to inaugurate this Council. From the projects of a Senior Citizens group and the Coffee House we can soon move into other areas of Protestant impact in our community - with a counselling service, an Alcoholics Anonymous group, a study hall for intermediate and High School folk, a tutoring service, etc. Won't you let the Pastor know you are desirous of helping. We'll need lots of workers volunteer to give us a lift.

SUNDAY, MAY 7 IS COMMUNION

This is our first Communion since Easter and all our members ought to be present for the Sacrament, at either 7:45 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. The pastor will bring the message on the subject, "The Call To Urgency."

SUNDAY, MAY 14 IS MOTHER'S DAY

We honor our mothers on this day and we honor them best by coming with them to God's House, coming as a family unit to the worship services. We urge all youth to attend with their parents on this Sunday. A special memento will be provided for each family group present in the form of a lovely picture in

color which will be suitable for framing and hanging in the home.

A grave problem in our day and one which faces family groups is the laxity which seems to be prevalent concerning the observance of the 7th commandment. Thus, on this family day the pastor will bring the meditation on the subject, "Is Chastity Outmoded?"

SERMON FOR PENTECOST ON MAY 21

Since Pentecost and Mother's Day coincide in this year, it is felt feasible to lift up the theme of Pentecost on May 21, for this is so important to the Christian in action. Bringing the impact of Pentecost for our current year, the pastor will use as the theme for this Sunday, "We Are Hit By The Spirit."

CHARACTER CONCERN ON MAY 28

The progression of our life from day to day and year to year under the influence of the Christian gospel should bring forth some effect upon our characters. If we remain the same from year to year, then our faith is having no relation to our being at all. On this Sunday we look at this matter, using the theme, "Changes in our Religious Feelings."



CHURCH SCHOOL DEPT'S TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES

It is felt by our Church School staff that the members of our departments and classes should have the opportunity of worshipping together frequently as a part of the 10:15 a.m. services. Thus a plan whereby each department would be a part of the worship service every

seven weeks has been set forth. On the particular Sunday the department is due to attend the services, the members of that department will come for the 9 a.m. Church School session and then remain for the later service, attending in a body and sitting together at the front of the sanctuary (lectern side) The beginning schedule is as follows:

April 30 - Primary, ages 6,7
May 7 - Lower Junior, 8,9
May 14 - Junior, 10,11
May 21 - Junior High, 12,13
May 28 - Middle, Senior High
June 4 - Adult classes
June 11 - Nursery, Kindergarten
3,4,5

June 18 - Primary
Etc.

Parents of our Church School members are sincerely invited to attend our services on the Sunday if children or youth are there, and other Sundays as well.

MOTHER - DAUGHTER BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1967 — 6:30 P.M.

ADULT \$2.00

FINE MEAL

CHILD \$1.00

EXCELLENT PROGRAM

A GOOD TIME

GIRL'S GUILD PLAN PIZZA-A-GO-GO

Our Girl's Guild have scheduled a Pizza-a-go-go for the afternoon of Sunday, May 7 in Fellowship Hall at 3 p.m. (entrance through East Ave Church School entrance) The Guild is anxious to have our young ladies of the church who are above Confirmation age to know they are invited. No charge, and plenty of good fellowship promised.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

An interfaith group for young adults has been active in our city for the past year and is inviting all young adults to this friendly group of Protestant young adults. A

very active overall program presents activities such as bowling, skating, plays, dances, etc. Coming events include a Square Dance night on May 5th (8:30 - 11:30) at Trinity Episcopal Church in Towson; an address on "Implication of Population Explosion" on May 14 at 2nd. Presbyterian Church, St. Paul and Stratford. Further programs are listed on the bulletin board. Our young adults are admonished to make themselves a part of this group.

CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATES MEETS, SUNDAY, MAY 7

The meeting is at St. Luke's Ch. Fayette and W. Carey, beginning at 7 a.m. Representatives of each of our churches are to be at this meeting. This is an official meeting of our Association at which the annual business will be conducted.

In the evening, at the same church, the last U.C.C. Forum will be held, beginning at 7:30 and presenting a missionary couple from Ghana who will speak on their work there with the aid of colored slides. This is an open meeting, for all our U.C.C. folk.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMPS BECKON YOUTH

Your boy or girl ought to have the experience of attending one of our church camps this summer. For all who are members of our Church School, 1/2 of the cost of camp is provided by our School.

The youngest camps are for those who have finished the 5th and 6th grades and there are 7 periods for this age group: June 18-24; July 2-8; July 16-22; July 30-Aug 5; Aug. 6-12; Aug. 13-19.

Junior Hi dates (4 at Camp Michaux) are: July 16-22; July 23-29; Aug. 6-12; Aug. 13-19.

Middle High (9, 10 grades) provide only 1 week at Michaux, Aug. 13-19.

Senior High have camps at various spots through the summer. For all age groups, other camp dates are provided at other camp grounds a bit farther away from Baltimore.

Cost for the camps at Michaux is \$28.00 and campers must provide own transportation. Registration cards for these camps are available at the Church School office. Get soon.

RETREATS FOR LAY FOLK PLANNED

A number of week-end retreats for men and women of our churches are planned for the coming months.

Our Lay Life and Work Committee offers the following retreats:

For Men -

Camp Hilltop, Downingtown, Pa. on May 19-20-21 with the theme being 'Dietrich Bonhoeffer.'

Massanetta Springs, Va., on May 20, 21. Theme, "Would You Believe - Yourself?"

Camp Michaux, Sept. 8, 9, 10 Theme "A Changless Christ for a Changing World."

For Youth - Adults

Hood College, Frederick, July 14, 15, 16. Theme: "Ethics at the Cross roads."

For Women -

Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women at Purdue Univ., W. Lafayette, Ind. July 13-16, under auspices of the National Council of Churches

These retreats provide wonderful opportunities to meet with others of our churches in a meaningful experience in a camp setting.

In addition to the above, the men of the church have also been invited to the Roman-Catholic Retreat Center near Annapolis by the men of Sacred Heart congregation. They are planning a group on June 23 weekend

AN OFFENSIVE SERMON

"The scene was a courtroom in the city of Salisbury, Rhodesia. The defendant was the Rev. Charles P. Blakney, a missionary of the United Church of Christ. The charges were two-fold: in the midst of turbulent Rhodesia, Blakney was charged with 1) preaching a sermon that was, according to the authorities, 'likely to expose the police to contempt, ridicule or disesteem' and he was charged with 2) using words 'likely to engender feelings of hostility toward the police.'"

The court found Blakney guilty of the first charge, fined him \$42. The second charge was dismissed. To the white-minority government authorities of Rhodesia, Blakney's sermon had indeed seemed disturbing. In it, he had described incidents of alleged police brutality against black African members of his congregation. Later, he said to the court

itself, 'When Christ preached, he offended most of his listeners.... Remembering that, it is not dishonorable to preach an offensive sermon.' Already a number of other missionaries in that land have been listed as 'Prohibited Immigrants' Like them, Blakney and his family may now also be thus listed, and ultimately deported from the country. But in the midst of a country where freedom for the African is conspicuously lacking, Blakney has given Christian witness - even before the judges of a government court." from "Task Force."



CHURCH UNION WORK PROGRESSING NICELY

'The Consultation on Church Union' known briefly as COCU is making progress in the proposal to organically bring together ten of the denominations of our United States into a new united witness of our Lord as a unified church in the U.S. Word has just been received that the 10th church, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, has officially joined the others who are committed to ongoing plans toward such union. These 10 churches will send their representatives to the next plenary session, to be held in Cambridge, Mass., May 1-4.

Clergy and laymen of these 10 groups (not all having churches in the Balto area) met for a day of conversations and questionings on the great theme, on April 20 past at Redeemer Episcopal Church on N. Charles. About 150 were in attendance at this meeting and heard the Rev. David Colwell, of our own United Church of Christ in Washington, and who is at present the Executive President of COCU, relate the progress of this movement in the recent past. Present also were a panel of representatives of other communions also instrumental in this larger program of union. From these, much inspiration and help was received. We of the United Church of Christ and as members of our United Evangelical Church ought to be grateful that we are a part of a denomination that takes seriously Christ's admonition - "that they all may become one."

Y.O.U. PLAN MAY MEETING

Our Youth of United are planning its meeting for May 21, from 7-8 in Fellowship Hall. To this meeting we invite all confirmed youth or youth above confirmation age. We have had some fine times together. This month we are planning to say 'hello' to those of this year's Confirmation class and welcome them into the group. After a brief devotional, the Rev. Samuel Fogal will speak to the larger youth work of our denomination. Then will follow a brief party and refreshments. Youth are invited to bring a favorite record with them, to be used from 8-8:30 for those who desire to remain.

THIS AND THAT

The Strawberry Festival is to be held this year on Friday, June 3 and will be a variety show plus refreshments for the one price, the benefits to go to our Camp Fund, by which our youth are provided with the opportunity to attend camp.

Our Easter Memorial booklet contained memorials and gifts to the amount of \$932.30. Thank you, all.

Please read carefully the brochure on our Canton Community Daily Vacation Bible School which is sent you with this Endeavor. And, we do need help from adults and older youth for this venture. Can't you give those 10 mornings? You don't have to be an adept teacher, with long experience. We can use all volunteers, and, since we are the largest church of the five cooperating churches, must provide the most volunteers. Won't you help?

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