



GUIDELINES FOR 1968

There is a difference between guidelines and resolutions. Resolutions tend to be fragile, static and unbending. Resolutions, if broken, are almost always discarded. Guidelines are of that quality which is elastic, durable and yet beneficial. A guideline is like a rope stretched between trees on a steep hillside. The rope gives and yet does not break. In ascending the hill, the rope can be grasped and held on to, but the body has leeway for movement either side of the rope, yet the progress is in attention to the peak reached by the rope.

1968 holds out to us some fine guidelines for our travel through this new year which will make our journey purposeful and worthy of the time God gives us for life.

Love your work, for work will be a life-time partner. All work is a composite of the little tasks done daily. Some are harder than others.

Accept criticism as coming out of the desire of someone to help you. We learn to do right by being shown what we have done wrong.

Make fairness one of the strong points in your relation with other people. Try to find at least one nice thing to say or do every day.

Respect those who are superior to you. Someone has to be responsible, and authority necessarily grows out of responsibility.

Build self-confidence by doing

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right the first time, if possible. Work in harmony with others so that honest differences of opinion can be settled without being disagreeable.

Try these guide lines in your life in this new year. They will assist you in the fulfilling of the possibilities of greater and more satisfactory living on your part.



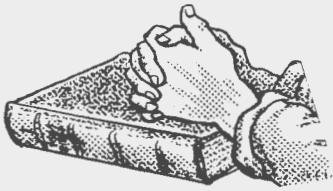
Symbol of EPIPHANY

SEASON OF EPIPHANY BEGINS AGAIN

The star is the Epiphany symbol, indicating the Light of the World, our Christ, being spread unto an entire world, leading the world to salvation, even as the Star of Bethlehem led the Wise Men to His cradle.

The season of Epiphany is thus properly used in the Christian Church to magnify the cause of Missions, the method whereby this message of salvation is given to folk of all the world who know it not.





JANUARY SERVICES CALL YOU

Your membership with United Church gives to you the admonition to be regular in God's House in the new year as you have been or should have been in the old year. Now that Christmas is over does not give you the option to be unmindful of the call to God's House on the Lord's Day.

The services at your church continue to be inviting in January as they were in December and we urge you to be with us constantly.

The first Sunday will be our Communion Sunday, at 7:45 and 10:15 am. We will have with us for the first time our Pastor of Visitation, Dr. Weisser, who will assist your pastor in these services.

On the second Sunday, Jan. 14, our new staff member will present the message at both services, and, following the 10:15 a.m. service, he and Mrs. Weisser will be honored in a reception in Friendship Hall. To many of you prefer to come to the 8 a.m. service, we sincerely suggest that on the 14th you attend the late service, or at least plan to return later, that all may be in the welcoming group for these our new co-workers in the work of the Lord. Please read carefully the biographical sketch attached to this issue.

On the last two Sundays, the Pastor will continue the messages from the book of Joshua, messages which will speak to our needs in these days. Services on all but the first Sunday will be at 8 and 10:15 a.m. and the Church School session at 9 a.m.

**ANNUAL MEETING
OF CONGREGATION
FRIDAY, JAN. 26
8 P.M.
FRIENDSHIP HALL**

CONGREGATION ACTS

The congregation, in official session on Friday, Nov. 24 acted to receive and adopt a budget for the new year and to elect six members to the Church Council for the new year.

The Budget Committee presented the Unified Budget (Current and Benevolence) for 1968 of \$62,233.00. This was discussed in detail and received by due vote as the official budget for the new year.

The Nominating Committee presented the slate for Members to the Church Council, and the following were elected to two year terms:

Louis Parker	William Voelker
Louis Smith	John Lenning
Robert Logue	Fred Long

These were officially installed to their office on the Sunday following the meeting.

Louis Mueller, Arthur Block and Wm. Bark, Jr. left the Council at the end of their term in office.

We welcome the new members to the Council and sincerely thank the outgoing members, who have given so willingly of their time during the months and years they were on the Council. The pastor desires to thank all the members of Council for their untiring service to the church.

Church members are alerted to and invited to attend the January meeting of congregation, which is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 26 in Fellowship Hall at 8 p.m.



SEWING CIRCLE ACTIVE

The newly organized Sewing Circle has been very active during the past weeks, preparing articles for the Mental Hospital and the City Hospital. This group will resume its meetings on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in Friendship Hall on Jan. 9 and invites all women of the church to join them. It is a lot of good fellowship with the women, and some excellent handsewn products are produced for various agencies. Here is a list of their accomplishments: For the Mental Hospital - 49 pair mittens, 50 pr. scuffs, 14 bed jackets. For City Hospital - 29 pr. scuffs, 30 bags, 13 baby sock; 24 baby bibbs, 18 bed jackets, 25 balls.



COUNCIL APPEAL TIME

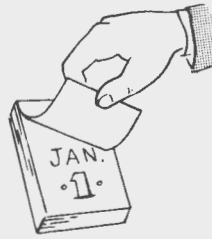
During the month of January we of United Church will be requesting your gifts to the support of the work of the Maryland Council of Churches for 1968. The chairman for the appeal is Mrs. May Getz, and all gifts from individuals and organizations of the church should be given to her. Of late years our total gift to the Council has been in the neighborhood of \$600.00. To reach this figure again will mean the support of a goodly number of our individual members. Envelopes leaflets will be available at church where the matter will be highlighted in the services of Jan. 7th. Your gifts anytime during the month will be appreciated.

WOMEN'S MEETING JAN. 3, ST. PAUL CHURCH

Representatives of each of our church women's groups are to meet with like representatives of all our churches at St. Paul Church, on Beechfield Ave. on Jan. 3 from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. for a planning meeting looking forward to the resumption of more U.C.C. (United Church of Christ) Womens meetings during the year.

MEN'S CLUB PLANS BANQUET

The United Men's Club will hold its Annual Father and Son Banquet on Wed. Jan. 24, 1968 in Friendship Hall at 6:30 p.m. This year the banquet will be different than former banquets and will feature a very fine speaker, the Rev. Paul Gabler, of our St. Luke Church. His topic will be "Being a Father or a Son in a Day like This." There will also be a clown show and other features of interest for Dads and sons. Price is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for the children. For tickets or program booster information please contact Bill Laukeman at Id 3-0390 Will Ermer at ID 3-5930 or the Pastor. Be a 'booster,' and get your name in the official banquet book.



YOUR DEVOTION NEEDS TO BE MADE IMPORTANT

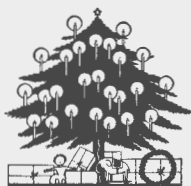
A new year is beginning, 1968 calls to a percentage of the folk on our roll to make their membership more important in these days of the new year than in 1967. It is always a sad reflection to note that for some the church is of little importance. Never let the things of the world become so important that you forget the vows you made at Confirmation or Adult Membership.

Do you have envelopes for 1968? If you let your connection with the church slip in 1967, you probably do not have current envelopes. To secure these, make application to the Pastor, and renew at the same time the vows to be regular at the Sacrament of Holy Communion and as an attendant at the House of God on the Lord's Day mornings. Your Council desires no one to be inactive, for it does not relish the task of taking people off the 'active' roll. You can prevent this for your own person by fulfilling the obligations of your membership.

Further yet, be active in inviting others to come with you and persuading them to make application for membership with us. You can be a personal emissary for the Lord if you will. This will help others, for it will bring them to the Lord, and it will be of spiritual satisfaction to you and the bearer of distinct blessings from our Lord and God.

PLEASE NOTE ENVELOPE

Annually our Home for Children known as Hoffman Home, of Littlestown, Pa., which has been visited by our women on innumerable occasions, requests of our membership a special gift for its ongoing work. In many churches this request comes in December, but we have placed it in January, after the Christmas expenses have been absorbed and we can again give thought to the needs of our church institutions. This Home for Children is doing a wonderful job in helping needy children. You can help it by your gift.



RAMBLINGS ABOUT ADVENT

The church was very pretty during the Advent-Christmas season. All the days before Christmas our lower auditorium (Friendship Hall) was very gaily decorated, having been dressed up early in Dec. by the members of our Church School Christmas committee. This committee is also to be thanked for the wonderful job done with the Annual Christmas Service of our Church School. Well done.

The beauty of our sanctuary at Christmas is outstanding. Thanks to all who contributed to the cost of these decorations and the members and committees of the Council responsible for the decorative work.

Tinsel Day was again a success, and a joy to all who attended. Tho the total crowd was somewhat less than last year, all the elements of the day were complete and successful. Thanks to the committee preparing the food, the handicraft committee, the work committee and the various ones of our Church School staff who carried on the work in their departments. A good job. All who helped in any way, thanks.

Your pastor is happy to report that again gifts of cookies were sent by the church to all our service men throughout the world. Also the women of the church provided a gift for all our shut-ins at this season of the year.

The White gifts this year went to our Hoffman Home for Children, and appreciation is expressed to the folk who brought the articles.

Carolling again was a joy for about 40 of the folk of the church who visited at about a dozen homes on the evening of the 17th, after a busy Tinsel Day.

Our choirs are to be complimented for their cantata on the 10th, "Canticles of Christmas", a fine cantata well done.

Baskets at Christmas were prepared in cooperation with the other churches of the Canton Christian Council and delivered to about 30 families in our area. In this manner we can help others at the happy season of Christmas. Your help in providing the materials and cash to prepare these baskets is much appreciated.

DON'T FORGET. ANNUAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Kimberly Lynn, daughter of James and Deborah Pizzini, on Nov. 19

John Edward, son of Ernest S. and Beverly Moore, on Nov. 26

Roger Austin, son of Donald and Gloria Caricofe, on Dec. 10

Dawn Marie, daughter of Sharon Walter, on Dec. 10

Sandra Lee, daughter of Richard and Geraldine Sauter, on Dec. 10

Weddings

Steven F. Robertson and Sharon Wisner on Nov. 18

Emmanuel Kalandros and Annemarie Lilley, on Nov. 18

Charles Blische and Barbara Wisniewski, on Nov. 19

John Bell, Jr. and Jacqueline Giasulla, on Nov. 26

James King and Theresa Pruchnicki, on Dec. 8

Charles Weigert and Martha Imes, on Dec. 9

Bobby W. Mullins and Jane N. Bellman on Dec. 16.

Funerals

Howard W. Turner, Sr., age 61 on Nov. 17

John F. Ruth, age 27, on Nov. 21

Mrs. Annie Kinstler, member, age 82, on Dec. 1

Adam Deares, age 66 on Dec. 6

John Dickerson, age 72, on Dec. 9

New Members (received Dec. 17)

Roy C. Jones, Sr., Let. of transfer

Mrs. Roy C. Jones " " "

Mark A. Jones " " "

Dennis Lee Jones " " "

Mrs. Inez McGeoch " " "

Mrs. Barbara Maier, reinstatement

Mr. Wilford Maier, " "

Mrs. Katherine Behner " "

Emmanuel Kalandros, restatement of faith

We welcome these new members.

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Dr. Ralph E. Weisser, who will become our Visitation Pastor as of January 7, 1968, was born on April 13, 1902 in Jamestown, Missouri. He is a graduate of Washington University and Eden Seminary, from which he holds the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, conferred in 1964. Dr. Weisser also has done graduate work at the Yale Divinity School and at the University of Chicago Divinity School, and has been instructor of Biblical Literature at Elmhurst College and an instructor of German at Southeast Missouri Teachers College.

Dr. Weisser was ordained into the clergy on June 8, 1924, at California, Missouri, by the Evangelical Synod of North America, and has been Pastor of churches in Indianapolis, Minneapolis, and, presently, in Buffalo, New York. He is a member of the Corporation of our Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Dr. Weisser has been married since 1929 to the former Martha Braun, and has one daughter, Lois, who lives in the Baltimore area.