



12¢ per minute.....

\$7.20 per hour.....

\$172.80 per day.....

This is what it costs to operate your church according to 1968 figures (the budget), for each moment, hour and day of the year.

We share these figures with you because we know you are interested in your church, United Evangelical; and because you are interested, you are sharing in meeting this cost of operating the church locally and participating in the world-wide program of the Kingdom of God through our denomination.

Even now your Finance Committee is calculating the costs of 1969 (the new budget.) Undoubtedly these costs will be up, for all costs of materials and services is rising. We know this from our ordinary living. Therefore it cannot be avoided in the expenses of the church.

Now, the question is - how do you as an individual fit into this picture? How many minutes, hours, and days are you underwriting. If you want to do some figuring of your own, arriving at the fair share of the load, use the figure of 700 members. See where you come out, as to what you might give per week to carry your fair share.

Soon the envelopes for 1969 will be prepared. May we say two things

1) A sizable group of those on our membership do not carry envelopes or use them. If you have no envelopes for 1968 be sure to call the pastor and request a set for 1969.

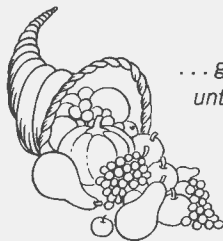
2) If you already have envelopes or will apply for a set, may we re-

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quest as Pastors and Council that you make your contributions in the new year commensurate with the rising needs of the church costs.



*... give thanks
unto the Lord*

EXPRESS THANKFULNESS IN WORSHIP

The admonition continues to come to each of us as members to make our presence in God's House a regular part of our living from week to week. Each Lord's Day your church provides two worship services, at the hours of 8 and 10:15 a.m., save on the first Sunday, when the early service is at 7:45 a.m. because of Holy Communion. It is a shame to have to continue giving this suggestion, when each of us is not hindered from our attendance at God's beloved House, when we have the freedom to be with others of God's children at worship. But some seemingly are unthankful, for they fail to adhere to the Word's advice and let the invitation of the world and the busyness into which we can easily get to keep them from worship. Even if you have to be at work some Sundays, don't fail to come to God's House when you have a free Sunday.

In November we will have special emphases at each of the Sunday services, using the Pastor's Five Minute plan for these presentations. The first Sunday brings the monthly Communion services and the last Sun

day of November brings again our Totenfest Services, the service in which we give special thought to our beloved dead. Please note the Memorial Fund envelope sent you with this issue of the Endeavor. A brochure of our Totenfest memorials will again be prepared.



TOTENFEST

Translated from the German this means 'festival of the dead,' or, as we observe it, a memorial service honoring those of our family groups and friends whom God has received unto Himself in death. At the 10:15 a.m. service on Nov. 24 we give thought to these beloved, reading the names of all who have been laid to rest during these past twelve months at services at which your Pastors officiated. A memorial rose will be presented to each of the bereaved families and a candle lighted on our cross of candles when that name is read.



SERVICE, 10 A.M.

Your church continues to provide a special service on this national Day of Thanksgiving because it is felt we need to be in God's House for just a brief time on this day, it is a part of our heritage which should continue to be very meaningful. The service is brief, that it may not conflict with family occasions which may have been arranged.



INGATHERING DAYS

A very fine service the churches of this community have been able to render to the needy families is to provide baskets of food at Thanksgiving and Christmas. As requests for such baskets are received they are cleared with all agencies possible, to make certain the need is real and no other agency is providing help. If not, then a basket is prepared and delivered to this family.

That we may continue this practice, the Sundays of Nov. 10 and 17 have been set aside in our five Protestant churches as Ingathering Days, days on which our church families and the families of our Sunday Church Schools are requested to bring contributions of canned goods as well as staple foods to the church. Also donations of cash are needed, for additional fresh food must be purchased for the baskets.

Will you share in this practice by bringing your contributions to the church on either of these days. Two Sundays in December will be announced as Ingathering Days for the Christmas baskets.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — NOV. 29

This is the first of two annual meetings, and will be held in Friendship Hall, 2nd fl. Church Sch Bldg. on Friday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect new members to the Church Council and to discuss and adopt a financial budget for the church for the new year. The Finance Committee will present the proposed budget which will then be up for discussion, possible change and adoption.

The purpose of all congregational meetings is to provide a forum in which all members of the congregation may have voice and vote in the affairs of the church. Because you have concern for the church, you should by all means be at this meeting. Though it comes the day after Thanksgiving, this ought not prevent your attendance. Refreshments are provided after the meeting.



NURSERY DURING 10:15 SERVICE

A nursery for children from the time when they can walk through 5 yrs. is now in effect each Sunday for the 10:15 a.m. service, with the attendants being there immediately after Church School until following the end of the church service. The attendants are capable folk, especially designated for the responsibility. We desire that all our young parents be aware of this feature and begin placing their youngsters in this nursery and then coming to the church service. This is provided by Church Council as a service to our church family.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Willoughby Newton, III son of Willoughby and Margaret Myrick, Sept.

Lisa Dorothy, daughter of Thomas and June Bocek, Sept. 29

Gina Michele, daughter of Steven and Sharon Robertson, Oct. 13

Donald Keith, Jr., son of Donald and Gertrude Boothe, Oct. 20

Weddings

Howard W. Meeks and Lottie Braun, Sept. 28

Funerals

Mrs. Helen Batchelor, age 66, on Oct. 5

Bernard Reuter, age 63, Oct. 10

Andrew B. Erskine, age 62, Oct. 11

Mrs. Minna Diven, age 77, Oct. 14

New Members - October 27

Ronald Grieb

Debra Grieb

Bernice Jane Hodges

Edwin L. Werner, Jr.

NOTHING IS MORE SORELY NEEDED IN MODERN LIFE THAN A CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHY OF MONEY.



ANNUAL APPEAL TIME

Through the month of November we shall be seeking to participate in the annual appeal for funds for our Maryland Council of Churches, the cooperative effort of Protestant churches of our city and state. Mrs. May Getz is our church key-person in this request, and individual and organizational gifts should be presented through her. We have so far been a good supporter of this work, may we continue so for 1969.

PURPOSE AND USE OF THE CREEDS

(A continuation of papers presented by 1968 Confirmands)

In our Christian religion we have two creeds. In these creeds one confesses what he believes about our religion: in other words, giving a confession of faith. The purpose of the creeds is to give a person a prayer to use as a confession. As long as men have been living, they have always needed some type of prayer with which to confess their faith. Men put down what they believed in writing which began about 150 A.D. and called it the 'Apostles Creed.' It was not the same then but through the years it was changed to its most recent form.

Since then another statement of faith has been written. It is a little longer but means the same in general. This creed is no substitute for the 'Apostles Creed' but can be used alongside of it. This new creed was accepted by the 2nd General Synod of our United Church of Christ for congregational worship.

We use the Apostles Creed almost every Sunday in church and it is the statement of belief on which children and adults are baptized & confirmed. It is the statement of faith we use at the time of communion.

The creed is composed of three articles. The first article tells about God who has made everything there is in the heavens above and on the earth beneath and who continues to create and sustain His creation. And, most wonderful of all, He is our heavenly Father and this is our Father's world.

The second article deals with

Jesus, the Son of God, who is our Lord, friend and Saviour. The creed tells us about His being born of the virgin Mary and then about His passion and the salvation He provided men through His suffering, death and resurrection. Finally it tells about His ascension again to be with God in heaven, where He is in power as the Second person of the one God.

The third article deals with our beliefs about the Holy Spirit, the power of God that came to earth on Pentecost, filled the disciples with power so they began to tell others about Christ. From this began the Christian church. The Holy Spirit is still active in the Christian Church and in the hearts of true believers.

When you compare the new statement of faith with the Apostles' Creed you find that in the first part of the Statement of Faith it states that we should believe in God, the eternal spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus and our Father and that we testify to His deeds: that He calls the worlds into being and that He creates man in His own image and sets up when he is to die and how. He tries to help people from sin and aimlessness. He also judges men and nations by His righteous will: that Jesus died for us and after the third day He arose and helped us conquer sin and death.

In the Apostles' Creed it states that we believe in God the Father, the maker of heaven and earth. In Jesus Christ the only son of our God, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost and was born by the virgin Mary; also suffered under Pontius Pilate and was crucified between two thieves at Calvary at 9 a.m. on Good Friday. While on the cross He said the seven last words and He died a physical death at 3 p.m. He was then buried. First He descended into hell. He arose after the third day and ascended into heaven and from then on He sat at the right hand of God the Father, and then from then on He judges the quick and the dead.

In the rest of the Statement of Faith, it says He helps us by creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ. He accepts us into His church. He accepts us to be His servants; to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil; to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table; to also join in His passion and victory. He promises to all who trust Him, forgiveness of their sins and fulfillment of grace, courage in the struggle

for justice and peace and eternal life in His kingdom which has no end.

In the Apostles' Creed, it says we believe in the Holy Ghost; the Christian Church, the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. They are almost the same but put in different words.

If we compare then the first part we talked about, it is exactly the same but it is just worded differently. The first part is all about the time from Jesus' birth to His death and after He arose. The second part adds a little more than in the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed just states that part from Jesus' birth to after He arose. The statement of faith goes into more specific things and goes on a little further.



At this season when we are again aware of the largeness of God's provisions, may we also be mindful that God's good gifts to us cannot be hoarded but must be shared. As we eat our bounteous Thanksgiving meal, may we have also made it possible, through a regular practice of stewardship of our treasures, for others to have a full life, both here and throughout the world.

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