



The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224

ANNIVERSARIES SLIP BY

With January of 1969 Pastor Weisser has been on our staff for a complete year. During these months he has gotten into many homes on visits; he has been very helpful in conducting portions of our worship services and has preached frequently. It is good to have Pastor and Mrs. Weisser with us here at United.

With December of 1968, Pastor & Mrs. Rasche celebrated their seventh anniversary as residents of the parsonage. These have been seven happy years and have been fruitful ones.

While speaking of the continuing ministry of your pastors, and after a year's experience on the part of Pastor Weisser, it may be well to gain remark as to his responsibilities as Pastor of Visitation. First, let us remember that he is only on part-time service with United Church, not a full-time pastor. His arrangements with our congregation were that he would give about 3 days per week plus many Sundays to our work here. He is not, however, duty bound to be here every Sunday. Besides assisting Pastor Rasche in the services when required and preaching at intervals, Pastor Weisser takes full pastoral responsibility during Pastor Rasche's vacation.

The chief responsibility, however, of Pastor Weisser is to make contacts or visits in homes of certain of our member families, chiefly those who are not as regular in their participation in the worship services as they ought, who are somewhat inactive. His purpose is

to endeavor to bring back these folk into regularity. However, while in neighborhoods, he also may contact other families living there, though he is not able to make a general visitation of the church families. This may be desirable but is a physical impossibility now, with the large number of these special calls which must be made. His calls also carry him into homes of folk who show an interest for the church and are potential members, he making the first contact, and then Pastor Rasche taking over for instruction and further work with the family.

One other responsibility Pastor Weisser has great competency for and is seeking to fulfill is the work among adult groups in the church family, advising and assisting them in their ongoing life.

In addition to the many-faceted responsibilities of the total work of the congregation, Pastor Rasche reserves for himself the care for the more than fifty shut-in folk and seeks to contact each shut-in at least several times during the year, plus the calling on the many folk who are sick in hospitals and homes. In this manner, the large responsibility of visitation is divided between your two pastors. The one thing we cannot achieve now is a general visitation on all homes, as much as this is desired. Time runs out before this can be accomplished.



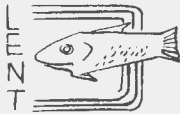
WINDOW SERMONS CONTINUE

The series of messages on the

beautiful stained glass windows in our sanctuary, which has concerned us during the month of January, will continue through the first three Sundays of February. You will have a fuller understanding of the message of these lovely paintings done in stained glass as you are here for each of the services. The picture windows dealt with in February are: -

- Feb. 2 - The Last Supper
- Feb. 9 - Lord, Help Me
- Feb. 16 - Christ in Gethsemane

The services are regularly held at the hours of 8 and 10:15 a.m., but on the 1st Sunday of the month the early service moves up 15 minutes to the hour of 7:45, and the Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all believers at each service.



SEASON OF LENT COMMENCES

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent is on February 19 this year. This means that again we are being called to special services at our church each Wednesday night and to the Sunday Lenten Service through the 7 weeks until Easter.

Church Council has again set in operation plans for fellowship times in Friendship Hall each Wednesday evening after the service, at which time coffee and buns will be served. Also plans are to have a bake sale by one of the organizations of the church after each of the Wednesday services.

More details will be coming to you in the special Lenten mailing, but begin adjusting your calendars to include your presence at God's House each Wednesday at 8 and each Sunday at either the early or late service.



COUNCIL ORGANIZES

J. Albert Fader, president of the congregation and presiding officer of the Church Council has announced the following committee appointments for the year 1969. Each following committee is chaired by the first name listed under committee membership:

<u>Property</u>	Fred Long, William Benser Louis Smith, John Lenning
<u>Finance</u>	Louis Smith, Ernest Jones George Tuerk, Ford Rowell
<u>Membership</u>	Wm. Voelker, Louis Parker, Sr., Robert Logue, John Lenning.
<u>Fellowship</u>	J. Albert Fader, Fred Long, Louis Parker, Jr.
<u>Calendar</u>	Ernest Jones, Pastor Rasche
<u>Music</u>	Louis Parker, Sr., George Tuerk, William Benser
<u>Auditing</u>	Ford Rowell, Wm. Voelker, Alfred Johnson, non-council
<u>Spiritual</u>	Wm. Benser, Robert Logue, Louis Parker, Jr., J. Albert Fader, John Lenning
<u>Ushering</u>	Louis Smith, 8 a.m. Robert Logue, 10:15 a.m.

According to our constitution we do not have elders or trustees, but all men are elected to Council at large, which then organized itself, and all are trustees of the church.



WORLD HUNGER SHADOWS ARE DEEP

Hunger throughout the world was one of the main concerns of the 159th meeting of the United Church Board for World Ministries in Greensboro, N.C. It was indicated..... that world hunger will probably be the 'greatest specter that faces us in the next 20 yrs'..... that the death rate in strife-torn Biafra alone was expected to mount to more than 20,000 per day in December.... that our denomination board (working in our name), together with other Protestant and Catholic relief agencies is feeding some 350,000 Biafrans daily and that the churches have subsidized more than 500 flights over the blockade, mostly at night, carrying over 5000 tons of food and medical supplies. (cont)

Dr. James McCracken, executive director of Church World Service, overseas relief agency of the National Council of Churches, said that the affluent northern and western countries of the world, with 15% of the world's population, make and consume 85% of the world's economic production. The 'massed humanity' of the southern and eastern countries with 85% of the population consume only 15% of all manufactured goods and commodities.

Mr. McCracken said his agency feeds and helps six to ten million a year in 37 countries, while the net population rise in these same countries is 27 million annually. Incidentally, again in March, in our One Great Hour of Sharing, we will each have an opportunity to give a sizable gift to help in this needed program of meeting the great needs of our world today.



ITEMS FOR A WINTER MONTH

The annual dinner for all members of the Church Council or Con-sistories of our United Churches of Christ in the area will be held on Monday, Feb. 10 at Zion Church on Harford Rd. (at Iona Drive, right at the Parkside) The time is 6:30 pm and the price per plate is \$1.75 Other church leaders are also invited to this affair. Reservations must be given to the pastor. This event is also for wives & husbands

A new pastor and his family have come to serve our protestant Community Church in Middle River. He is Rev. Mr. Cooke and we welcome him and his family into our midst.

Mrs. Getz still reminds us that if we have not made your contribution for the year 1969 to the Maryland Council of Churches, she is awaiting our gift to her for this benefit. Let us not fail to support this endeavor.

Workshop on Program-Planning Skills - Feb. 7, 8th. This workshop is being held by our Chesapeake As-

sociation. This workshop will focus on providing actual practice in planning and executing programs for particular groups. The workshop will be held Friday night and again on Saturday until 4 p.m. The place will be First and St. Stephen's United Church of Christ, 6915 York Road. Only cost is the noon lunch on Sat. at \$1.50. See Pastor Weisser about being a participant.

Women of the Chesapeake Activities

1. Communion Fellowship on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. at Faith and St. Mark's Church.

2. Spring Program Workshop for planning of activities and programs for individual groups, May 14th at the hour of 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Teacher Training Class begins here

Under the sponsorship of our Church School, a Teacher Training group will be formed as of Sunday, Feb. 2nd at 9 a.m. in the Teacher Training room on 3rd fl. of Church School Bldg. This is a group for all above 14 who desire to become teachers in our Church School or who just desire the review in the principles of teaching and Christian doctrine. Open for older youth and adults. Teacher, Mr. John Bond.

Youth Fellowship meets Sun. Feb. 2

The February meeting of our Youth Fellowship group will be at 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on this Sunday in Friendship Hall, and will be a meeting of general activities, ending with luncheon at 5 p.m. All youth of Confirmation age and above are invited. We have a good group going, and invite you to join it.

Church School Lenten Banks. These will be distributed early in Lent, and the proceeds will be used for the Furnishings Fund of the School, the chief project being the provision of new drapes at the majority of the windows in the Church School Bldg.



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CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Donna Jeanne, daughter of William and Holly Raddatz, on Dec. 8

Christine Lynn, daughter of Herbert and Sandra Dawley, on Dec. 25

Theodore Seybold, son of Charles and Gerda Proctor, on Jan. 11

Michele Renee, daughter of William and Jane Barnes, on Jan. 19

Weddings

John G. Zeller, Jr. and Pearl D. Raynor, on Dec. 8

Funerals

Mrs. Mary Linthicum, age 76, on Dec. 11

George Hausner, age 73, on Dec. 13

Mrs. Bertha Bollack, member, age 69, on Dec. 16

Wm. Conaway, Jr., age 53, Dec. 21

F. Ernest Leimbach, age 67, on Dec. 24

John Clark, age 51, on Dec. 28

Mrs. Bertha Jones, member, age 76 on Jan. 2

Mrs. Madeline Goetzel, member, age 63, on Jan. 4

Mrs. Marie Burmeister, member, age 65 on Jan. 22

Benhardt Bollack, age 74, on Jan. 24

THE CANTON CHRISTIAN COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

There should not be a reader save the newcomers to our church family, who does not know what the Canton Christian Council is. For those newcomers may we again say briefly that this Council is the cooperative effort of five Protestant Churches in this Canton area. Working together through the Council we engage in many of programs which none of the churches would be doing alone. We are seeking to serve the youth and adults of our community in a variety of ways, realizing that in no other manner would these services be offered. Some of the activities were promoted by individual churches prior to the Council, its true, but since the advent of the Council, the accomplishments have been much more satisfying in that it is people of many congregations working together in common efforts to serve a community and thus serve God.

Chief among the achievements of the Council are the Golden Age Club, the Pre-Kindergarten School

and the summer Camping program. In addition the Council operates Teen Nite programs, a cooperative Vacation Bible School, a Scouting program for boys and girls; an interdenominational youth group; a program of providing food and clothes for the needy throughout the year, a program of carolling on shut-ins at Christmas plus participating in various religious services of an ecumenical nature thruout the year.

All this can continue, and even be enlarged in scope, plus other needs of the community met, only if from the membership of our churches we receive financial undergirding in a yearly financial drive. This appeal to our church membership is the most important facet of meeting the annual budget of some \$3000.00 needed for these endeavors plus an expanding effort.

Will you please participate this drive in February by making a substantial gift to the work of the Canton Christian Council. Can you spare a \$5 bill once a year for this community work? It would be appreciated. But, if this amount is too rich for your budget, than a couple of dollars will be appreciated. You will feel good in doing this, for the Council can be undergirded thusly in a real manner. Use the enclosed envelope for your gift and place same on the offering plate on one of the February Sundays. It will thus get to the Council, and your church will get credit for your gift. Thank you, in the name of the Canton Christian Council.



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