



The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224
JANUARY 1970

THERE IS NO COMPULSION

We are in the season of Christmas tide, the post-Christmas season. In spirit the season of Christmastide continues for many weeks, for the glow of Christmas is slow to leave our hearts. In actuality the Christmastide season begins with Christmas Day and continues to Epiphany (Jan. 6), when the season of Epiphany begins, that season in which we consider the lessons of the youthful life of Jesus.

Christ did not come to the earth the first time with pomp and circumstance. His entrance into the life of man was lowly and unpretentious. There was no edict that the world had to receive the Christ. There was no compulsion that any had to follow Him as disciples later on, in His Ministry. There was no compulsion that any who believed in Jesus after Pentecost, when persecution became very real, had to continue. No one was forced to give up his life for Jesus, as literally thousands did, in the 300 yrs. of severe persecution of the Christian position. Anyone could have side-stepped the issue and gone scotfree. There was never any compulsion to the Christian position, that is, save the compulsion of the individual human heart to remain true to the conviction of Christ as personal Lord.

There is no compulsion from without against any of you today. There is no law upon the books of Maryland which says you have to belong to a church. You can go scotfree and never darken the door of the church or ever take unto yourself any of the self-imposed laws of dis-

cipline which the Christian position suggests. There is no compulsion save the inner compulsion of the Christian position you have taken upon yourself when you professed the Christ and became a part of His Church. No one forced you, you did this because the Spirit moved you to do so, and having done so, then the church in which you professed yourself does not use temerity in suggesting you fulfill these self-imposed or adopted principles of loyalty to the church, as the emissary of Christ upon earth, and complete discipleship unto the Lord.

In this discipleship is the fulfillment of Scripture when it says to us, 'As ye have freely received, so freely give.' Herein is the principle of stewardship expressed, a principle which is dead-center in the Christian doctrine and which one cannot sidestep and still feel he is a Christian. And yet this principle carries no compulsion from without, save the compulsion we have taken upon ourselves. We who have received without measure of goodness of God and Christ are neither to count the extent of our giving of money, love and our talents. Thus the church, in the fulfillment of its responsibility to guide us in all phases of the Christian life—to pray unceasingly, the study God's Word diligently, to attend God's House regularly—also gives guidelines to our giving, guidelines which are not meant to be laws which are laid down, or dues which are set up. It is in the receiving of the suggestion the church makes, in the spirit in which this suggestion is given, that our largeness of the Christian spirit is measured.

Soon to each member will come the suggestion for giving in 1970, not in the spirit of compulsion but in the spirit of Christian preciseness. Our faith is not vague, it is pre-

cise. We ask that each member study the brochure, soon to reach you, in this light, considering that herein is no compulsion save the compulsion brought on by our love of the Lord and His Church.



EPIPHANY SUNDAYS **IN JANUARY**

To maintain the spirit of Christmas the Christian Church year moves right into the season of Epiphany after Christmastide. In Epiphany the Gospel concerns are with the events of the coming of the Wisemen to worship the Christ at His home, the visits to the Temple and even the account of the baptism of Jesus Epiphany leads us into the pre-Lent and Lenten season.

Our meditations at the January services will uplift the Epiphany accounts:

Jan. 4 - Sunday before Epiphany Holy Communion at 7:45 and 10:15, with message on 'The Manifestation of God's Goodness.'

Jan. 11 - 1st Sunday a. Epiphany Services for remainder of month are at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Message: 'There is Room for Enthusiasm.'

Jan. 18 - 2nd. Sun. a. Epiphany Message: 'For What Are You Looking'

Jan. 25 - 3rd Sunday a. Epiphany Message: 'You Can't Kill God.'

Not what we gain
but what we give,
Measures the worth
of the life we live.



1970 BUDGET

Salaries

Pastors, other church staff \$23260
 Salaries, vacation periods 200
 Additional clerical help 1000
 Officers salary-

ies 98
 Youth & Nursery directors 800
 25358.00

Maintenance, Church
 Utilities 4250
 Insurance 1800
 Repairs, equipment contracts, improvements 6000
 12050.00

Maintenance, Parsonage
 Utilities 660
 Maintenance 300
 960.00

Other church expense
 Equip., supplies 1750
 Church office 1500
 Music, choir supplies 200
 Pastor Emeritus 500
 Soc. Sec. tax 800
 The Endeavor and advertising 550
 Church picnic 100
 Flowers, decorations 400
 Additional pastoral help 100
 5900.00

Pastoral Expenses
 Automobile exp. 750
 Hospital, Liability Insurance 300
 Pension, Annuity 1360
 2410.00

Pastor of Visitation Expenses
 Housing 1720
 Auto allowance 300
 Telephone 120
 Hospital and liability insurance 200
 2340.00

Special Church Expenses
 Receptions, refreshments 400
 Choir (outing) 100
 Church School Debt Amortization 5000
 5500.00

Benevolences
 Central At. Conf. 9129
 Chesapeake Assoc. 501
 United Church Home 500
 Hoffman Homes 1000
 Canton Christian Council 300
 Other Benev. 300
 11730.00

Total 1970 Budget \$ 66248.00



COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the business meeting of the congregation the last part of November, the following were elected to two year terms on the official Council of the church, and were installed at the service on November 30th

Arthur Block, Frederick Long, Louis Parker, Sr., George Sauer, Ray Schmitt, William Voelker.

With the end of December, the following left the Council, and with the listing of their names here is expressed the heartfelt gratitude of the Pastor and the members of the congregation for their wholehearted support of the church in this office:

William Bark, Jr., John Lenning, Robert Logue, Sr., Louis J. Smith.

At the December meeting of the Council, the group organized itself the year 1970 with the following results:

J. Albert Fader, Sr. President

George Sauer, Vice President

Louis Parker, Sr., Secretary

Ernest Jones, Financial Sec'y.

Arthur Block, Treasurer

Members appointed to the Junior Council were installed for a 1 yr. terms at the service on Nov.30. The following were installed:

Joseph Bush, John Hammerbacher, George Hammerbacher, Jr., Melvin Hammerbacher, Robert Logue, Jr., Gary Logue, Donald Long, Norman Parker, Randy Schmitt, Henry Schneider, Jr. Gary Schorr, Paul Weidel.



INVITE A FRIEND
TO CHURCH
THIS SUNDAY!

HOFFMAN HOME ENVELOPE

With this issue of The Endeavor you will note the Hoffman Home 'Hello' and the special quarterly Hoffman Home envelopes. You are admonished to read the 'Hello' and then to prepare your family offering envelope. The envelope is one of four we desire to give you each year for family offerings toward the capital funds drive of the Home. As a local church we have committed ourselves to \$2000.00 per year, for 3 yrs, over and above our regular benevolent giving to the denomination. Only a part of this is reflected in the budget, the remainder is hoped will be received through these four

offerings and through the gifts from Sunday to Sunday in the Hoffman Home boxes at each entrance. Our Hoffman Home is a very worthwhile and splendid institution, operated by our denomination and assisting many children who have great needs in our day.



CONFIRMATION REFRESHER

In the years of my ministry I have heard many people say, 'I wish I could take my confirmation instruction over again, now that I am older.' This is not surprising, for while the main teachings of the Christian faith can appeal to youth and the Christian experience be real at the time, it is still true that as we learn more about life, we often see more clearly our need for understanding the Christian way. Believing that there are a considerable number of people at United who would find both profit and enjoyment in such a venture, we have decided to offer to our people an 8 week series of Sunday morning sessions, with the title 'We Believe,' which will be such a Confirmation Refresher Course for adults and old or youth.

This will be held during the months of February and March at the regular Church School hour, 9-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the second floor of the Church School building. The undersigned will be the leader, presenting talks and answering questions. Some questions and answers from catechism will be discussed, as well as other concept of Christian faith and live. There will be no memorizing. The Women's Class and the Men's Class of the Church School will be part of the group, but we hope that many others of you will put attendance at these sessions into your Lenten plans for this year. Times like these call for Christians who know what they stand for and in whom they believe.

Pastor R. Weisser



CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Robert W. Jr., son of Robert and Shirley Willey, on Oct. 26

Phyllis S. daughter of Alan and Sharon Griest, on Nov. 16

Carroll J. Jr., son of Carroll and Gloria Malecki, on Nov. 23

Christina L. daughter of Joseph and Shirley Kolodyieski, Nov. 23

Paul W., son of Jerry and Diane Wisner, on Nov. 30

Christina L. daughter of Charles and Rosemarie Clapin, on Dec. 14

Kimberly G., daughter of John and Rosalie Watkins, on Dec. 14

Mildred E., daughter of John and Rosalie Watkins, on Dec. 14

John A. Jr., son of John and Rosalie Watkins, on Dec. 14

Weddings

Gilbert Halle and Patricia Kane on Oct. 31

George Schrieber and Viola S. Schwartz, on Nov. 1

Edward Spirko and Nancy Johns on Nov. 1.

Charles Alt and Mary Smith, on Nov. 7

Carl Henninger, Jr., and Kathleen Weldon, on Nov. 21

James Regulski and Theresa Stifler on Nov. 22

Robert Anthony, Jr. and Sharon Mitchell on Nov. 29

Frederick Kotrla and Nancy Meyers on Dec. 13

Funerals

Mrs. Anna Steel, age 80, member of church, on Oct. 30

Raena F. Meyer, age 7 weeks, on Nov. 4

Frederick Lange, age 73, on Nov. 26

Miss Emma Kimmerle, age 83 on Nov. 29

Mrs. Minnie McEvoy, age 77, on Dec. 3

New Members - Dec. 28th

William G. Gensler, Sr., by re-statement of faith

Mrs. Sharon Gensler, by first profession of faith.

Edward W. Pugh, by first profession of faith.

Greek ICHTHUS(fish) are the first letters of Jesus Christ, son of God, Saviour also in Greek, and became the symbol of Christians in the days of persecution.

ANNUAL MEETING

UNITED CHURCH

CONGREGATION

FRI. JAN. 30

FELLOWSHIP HALL — 8 P.M.

REPORTS, PLANS FOR

1970

REFRESHMENTS

SHUT INS

Please remember these shutins with prayers and messages -

Mrs. Charles Carlson, 715 Linwood Ave., (24)

Mrs. Caroline Carrigan, 3411 Dillon St. (24)

Mrs. Anna Davis, 3017 O'Donnell St., (24)

Mr. John Diehl, Star Rt.#1, Bristol, Fla. 32321

Mrs. Eliz. Dillfelder, 2923 Dillon St. (24)

Mr. and Mrs. Ditschler, 4352 Sheldon Ave. (06)

Mrs. Katherine Dunn, 714 S. Farley St. (24)

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A SYMBOL OF CHRIST

This is a combination of the Chi-Rho embedded in the figure of a fish, both symbols of Jesus. ChiRho are the first two letters of Christ in Greek. A fish is one of oldest Christian symbols, the letters in