



## THE CALL TO LENT

The season of Lent in 1970 begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 11. In the Christian faith this season is one which is highly important in the intensification of the deeply religious motives in the individual heart.

The church provides special handles by which this intensification can be advanced, but these are effective only as you and I, as individual children of God, make use of these handles, adopt these techniques into our own lives.

Along with this mailing you will find 2 items concerning this Lenten season. The first is the Lenten brochure, which gives in detail the plans for services this holy season. We again provide the services on the Lord's Day, as we constantly do, but with the flavor of penitence and introspection necessary for the inward renewal of spirituality for each of us. Also we provide the special series of services on Wednesday evenings, the mid-week Lenten services, planned to heighten our sense of spiritual vitality. Please receive the whole hearted invitation that you and your family members be in attendance.

Secondly, we commit into your care the Lenten dime folder for your family. The history of the use of these folders is that many fami-

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lies disregard these completely, a fact which is sad. The church puts into its budget each year an amount it expects from these folders, which amount presupposes their use. We do admonish each family to be diligent this year in filling the Lenten dime folder and returning same at the conclusion of Lent.



## PRE-LENTEN SUNDAY BRINGS INDIAN GUEST

Dr. and Mrs. Rajamikant Arole, of the land of India, graduates of the Christian College at Vellore and currently in residence at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, will be our guests at the services on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Dr. and Mrs. Arole, not clergy but medical people, were associated with our United Church of Christ as directors of our rural hospitals in Vadala, India. Dr. Rajamikant is taking work in public health and Dr. Mabelle is working in the field of family planning. They will return to India in June to work at Maharashtra, about 400 mi. south of Bombay, where they will undertake a pioneering program for our Board focused on prevention of disease through preventative medicine and treatment and education. Dr. Arole will speak in both services and Dr. Mabelle will speak in the departments of the Church Sch. Sun. Feb. 1 - Communion Sunday.



## CHURCH COUNCIL ORGANIZES

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Ushering -

G. Sauer, G. Tuerk (8 a.m.)  
W. Voelker, E. Jones (10:15 a.m.)

Stewardship -

George Tuerk, J.A. Fader, G. Sauer,  
E. Jones

Youth -

Louis Parker, Jr., R. Schmitt, W.  
Benser, F. Long, C. Rowell.  
committees appointed by  
J.A. Fader, Church president.

## GET UP TO DATE ON CONFIRMATION

You are each invited to alert yourself, to refresh yourself in the facts your Confirmation once taught you. You are invited to share in the Interest Group on Confirmation renewal, a refresher in matters of the faith. Dr. Weisser is leading these lecture-discussion periods each Sunday in February and March at 9 a.m. (right after the early service) on the 2nd floor of the School bldg (entrance through front door of Church School bldg). These will be helpful to you in reviewing the things you learned in Confirmation those 5-15-40 years ago. No memorization, no questions unless you want to ask them. Lecture and conversation. You all come.



## KEEP BUSY THIS WINTER

If you have free time this winter why not avail yourself of the adult evening classes at Hampstead Hill Adult Center, Pratt and Ellwood, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. In addition to academic and business education, classes are offered in such subjects as Driver Education, Investments and Securities, Home Repair, Ceramics, Jewelry Making, Oil Painting. No registration fees are charged for these courses, save for Driver Education and personal use courses, to residents of Balto city. For more information call HO 7-4000 x2251 from 7-9 p.m.

## CONFERENCE NEWS

The priorities for the next 3 yrs in our Central Atlantic Conference of our church, in the Conference's Advance Program are 1. Crisis in the Nation, 2. Organize for Mission, 3. Leadership Development. Our Advance Program is probably the only model in the United Church of Christ of a Conference effort aimed at renewal and relevancy.



Fred hasn't missed a service in 32 years.



## THE UPPER ROOM



Have you followed the very interesting series of devotions on the Sermon on the Mount in the Upper Room, Jan. - Feb., issue. If you and your family are not regular users of this daily devotional guide, begin now. If all the current copies are gone at church, be sure to begin with the Mar. - Apr. issue. We provide these guides for our folk and would be pleased to have to increase our order.



## SYMBOLS OF OUR FAITH

Our Lord's last words to his disciples: "Go and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost" gives us the statement of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The equilateral triangle is one of the oldest symbols. The union of three equal sides suggests the one and in separable Divine Essence. The three fish arranged in the form of a triangle is also a very ancient symbol. One fish alone is the ancient symbol of the Saviour. Three fish teach that Three Persons have part in man's salvation: a. the sacrifice of the Son, as a means to salvation; b. the application of salvation through the work of the Holy Spirit; c. the prompting cause of salvation, the love of the Heavenly father. Hence man's salvation proceeds from a Triune God.



## DID YOU KNOW ?

....that the emphasis of our denomination, as we enter this new decade of life, is, RECONCILIATION IS OUR BUSINESS - BACK IT. This is an important emphasis, for we do have to give much thought and effort in bettering relations with peoples in our world, both here in our country and throughout the globe.

....that during Advent it was our joy to dedicate, and the church's joy to receive, two new sets of paraments for the altar and ecclesiastical furniture in the sanctuary. The set in white was given to the memory of George Hoffmann, by Mrs. Thelma Hoffmann. The set in green to the memory of Clarence Hoffmann by Mrs. Margaret Hoffmann. These are exquisite additions to our sets of altar paraments.

....that John Lenning, a member of the Church Council until this January, has for the past year or more, and continuing on into 1970, given voluntary service to the church by coming each Sunday at 7 a.m. to open the Church and Church School Bldg and get all ready for the 8 a.m. service. Then he returns after the 10:15 a.m. service to take care of locking up all buildings, seeing that all lights are out, etc. This is worthy of mention, for it saves your church the cost of having a caretaker present on Sunday, and also because it is a fine example of love for the church being given expression in tangible manner.

....that your Church again sent boxes of cookies to each serviceman of the church, everywhere in the world, as a gift from the church.

....that the Young Women's Guild again provided and delivered a special Christmas gift for every shut-in of the church, thus making their Christmas a bit happier.

....that beautiful new wall to wall carpeting was laid in the parsonage prior to Christmas, covering all rooms but kitchen and powder room on the first floor and all hallways and stairs in the parsonage. Pastor and Mrs. Rasche say "thank you."

....that it will not be too many years before the carpeting in the

church sanctuary will need replacement. Worn spots were recently remedied by spotting them with extra carpeting on hand.

....that during January 40 children from the 6th grade at St. Brigid's Roman Catholic School, together with their teaching Sister, at their request, visited our sanctuary one week-day morning and spent an hour in conversations with the Pastor concerning every element of our worship, our doctrines, as well as the appointments in our sanctuary. At the conclusion they sang a special song for unity, accompanied by one of the class members on guitar. After the visit each child sent the Pastor a personal letter of appreciation.

....that it is important to mark the amounts of our weekly gifts on your envelope each Sunday (and upon each envelope even if you bring them in in bunches) for this aids the Council members when they make an accounting of the offerings, and also the secretaries when the personal records are made in the church office.

....that the gifts you place, from week to week, in the Poor Boxes at the church entrances are important in the completion of our support of the Hoffman Home Capital Funds drive. This Home in Littlestown, Pa. is performing a wonderful service in helping emotionally disturbed children and rehabilitating them for normal life in society when they attain adult age. Further, there are 18 residents of this Home from our own state of Maryland, and we of the Md. churches should be aware of the need for funds to care for these state folk. The per-capita cost of each child is \$442.00 and much of this cost must be supplied by our churches.

....that the 10:15 a. m. Sunday Church - time Nursery is a going thing here at United. Miss Carole Weidel is the person in charge. You are invited to take your children (from walking stage up to 5 yrs) to this Nursery on the 3rd floor of the Church School building during the second church service. This is provided that parents with young children need not stay home, but can leave these children in the Nursery and attend the services.

....that it is to your own spiritual enlightenment that you use the pew Bibles during the services to follow along with the readings from the Old and New Testament. Please be ready when this time in the service comes. And, please, all, join in the "Amens," which are sung.

## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptisms -

No baptisms since Christmas

### Weddings -

Yelton W. Kingsley and Paula Janicki, on Dec. 27

Charles B. Baer and Alberta J. Glass on Jan. 3

Francis A. Sapel, Jr. and Anna Zimroz, on Jan. 3

William Clark and Sandra Stuts, on Jan. 17

Thomas L. Higgins and Terry Claes on Jan. 23

### Funerals -

Mrs. Anna E. Mack, age 82, member on Dec. 31.

Albert L. Schweiger, II, age 65 on Jan. 5

Robert D. Good, age, 32, on Jan. 5

Joseph Rayman, age 74, member, Jan. 7

Fred W. Smith, age 63, on Jan. 8

Mrs. Eliz. Brune, age 80, Jan. 20

Charles J. Nemec, Jr. age 64 on Jan. 20

Mrs. Anna Adams, age 89, on Jan. 22



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