



The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224



**WHERE
THERE'S A
WILL
THERE'S A
WAY**

This phrase, usually connoting a determination to get things accomplished despite odds and set backs, also bespeaks the kind of thoughtful preparation for the future which is commendable on the part of any individual, especially a Christian.

I am referring to the instituting of a Will by each individual, which Will spells out exactly the desires of the individual as to how one's belongings are to be dealt with following the conclusion of life.

Because a great many men as well as women (but certainly including women) - because many feel it is morose to think of death much less to prepare for it, it is still true that great number of folk have no will and die without one.

As a Christian this is never to be understood. If we believe that all good gifts come from the hand of the Father God, and He expects us to carefully administer the good things of the world we have (and each of us has more possessions that we sometimes imagine, even the least of us), then God also expects us to arrange that these belongings (personal belongings, house, invest-

ments, cash in bank, etc) be rightfully taken care of after our death. To fulfill this expectation of our Stewardship is not morose or frightening or, even inviting death as some wrongfully suppose. It is the expression of our Christian duty.

Within the coming weeks definite helps on the making of a Will are to be placed in the pamphlet rack at church. You ought to take a copy and read it carefully.

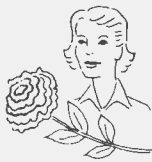
A Will is a legal document where by those who remain of your family and friends after your departure will know exactly what your decision is concerning the disposal of your goods, etc.

As you prepare this Will, please remember, a part of your stewardship, a definite percentage of your worldly goods ought to be devoted to the continuance of your influence and love here at your church. This definitely is a part of your stewardship, to remember the church in a worthwhile manner through your estate.

Our entire congregation has been blessed in past months and years by specific mention in a number of wills - in one case the house was willed to the church - in many others various sums of money in the hundreds and thousands.

Once each year your pastor feels it is of merit to remind all concerning this procedure of life. If you have not heeded the appeals in the past, let not another plea go unheeded - by all means make a will and in this will may your church be among those who are specially remembered.

When you have prepared your will you have also prepared the way in which your goods will be distributed. Thus, where there's a will, there's a way.



MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 10th

MAY - THE MONTH OF MOTHER AND THE FAMILY

May is traditionally the month during which we lift up the value of dedicated motherhood, and the great validity and power of the Christian family.

Highlighting this month at United are two events of annual importance. The first is Sunday, May 10 which we observe as Mother's Day and The Festival of the Christian Home. Though we shall be continuing the sermon series on "Noble Living" through this Sunday, we shall have special features which beam us to the importance of a strong family unity. And, each family attending will receive a beautiful copy of the masterpiece "Christ in Gethsemane" by Hoffman, a color ed print suitable for framing and placing within the home. So, families, make a special effort to be present on Sunday, May 10 and honor your Mother and family.

The other feature of the month is the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet, this year scheduled for Wed. May 13. Always a happy event, the banquet committee this year again promises a happy evening. Also, once more the men will serve the meal for the womenfolk.

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FAMILY WEEK

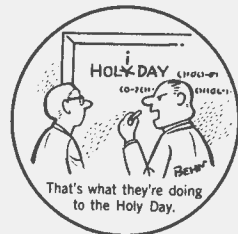
Set time aside during this week to do things together as a family. You will find that wonderful dividends in happiness can be secured by making your family important. Be with your family in a real way.

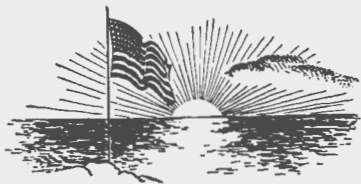


EASTERTIDE SEASON ENDS ON PENTECOST - MAY 17

With this Sunday in May the season of Eastertide comes to an end. This is the period in the Church Year which carries the glow of the Easter Resurrection into meaning in our lives. With Pentecost, May 17 we enter upon the season of the Holy Spirit, the story of the power of God made manifest in that Spirit of God which inhabits human hearts to their sanctification and works in the world through the Christian Church, to the salvation of that world.

As Eastertide ends also ends our sermon series on "Noble Living" wherein we have sought to make explicit how our life can give expression to the glow of Easter. On this day we also bring an end to our Easter to Pentecost Attendance campaign, following which day will then come the drawing up of our Perfect Attendance Honor Roll and the Attendance awards being given to all who were at church services each of the 7 Sundays. We hope you will turn in your private record of attendance promptly, so that the awards will be ready for distribution shortly after Pentecost.





PATRIOTISM IS IMPORTANT

In these days when so many are knocking our country and lambasting it unmercifully, it is worthy to remember also the many good things our citizenship provides. We do not believe in "flag waving" or t' "my country, right or wrong" philosophy, but we do believe in some basic loyalties which we need to express, and we do hold that every citizen of the nation should be practicing a sound patriotism.

On Memorial Day Sunday, May 31, we will give thought to this which is an essential patriotism which needs be mandatory for each citizen of our U.S.A. Come to the services.



ECUMENICAL MARRIAGES

When a Protestant becomes the husband or wife of a member of another faith there transpires what used to be called a 'mixed marriage'. The new name for such a union is 'an ecumenical marriage,' and the usual union is between a Protestant and a Roman Catholic.

Heretofore, because of the pressure put on Roman Catholics that their's was the only true faith, and they dare not depart from the faith even in marriage, and, if they did, certain status loss in their own church was suffered - because of this, most Protestants had to give in to be married outside their own church.

This is now different. Our sister church has now changed its opinion. By special arrangement, which

takes some time, it is now possible for a Roman Catholic to be married in a Protestant Church with his or her priest being present and assisting in the service, and wherein the Roman Catholic does not lose status in their church, but the marriage is also registered in the Roman Catholic parish. Such a wedding was held in our church during the past 60 days.

Our youth ought to remember this as they may be moving toward marriage with a Roman Catholic, to know that from this time onward, the marriage need not always be conducted in the Roman Catholic Church even with the Pastor assisting. We rejoice in this change of thought on the part of our sister church.

MAKE THIS A
DEVOTIONAL YEAR

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Read
THE UPPER ROOM

RESULTS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregation, in a specially called meeting after the service on April 19, took action on certain proposals contained in the Pastor's Report for 1969, which proposals had been previously circulated among the congregation. This meeting itself was in a way an experiment, seeking to demonstrate the feasibility of one of the pastor's recommendations, to the point that the by-laws be changed to allow lee way in the dating of the two congregational meetings.

As regards the proposal concerning the inauguration of a Service Corp, composed to Junior Council young men and women, which group would be carefully and precisely trained for participation in the worship services, under the direction of the Pastor, this received approval.

Also favorably received and voted upon was the plan to permit greater usage of our church plant and facilities to groups within the community and to serve community groups. This usage, of course, would be strictly under the gover-

nance and guidance of the Church Council.

The Good Friday evening service will be eliminated from the Holy Week schedule of services, beginning with the 1971 season.

The Church Council was given leave to set the dates of the two congregational meetings, with the stipulation that the budget and election meeting be in November and the report and planning meeting be in January.

CANTON CHRISTIAN COUNCIL POINTS YOU TO MAY 24

Sunday, May 24, will be the Canton Christian Council Day in all the five churches of the Council, wherein our people of these communities will be asked to bring an annual gift of cash for the benefit of the Council work throughout the year.

This cooperative work among the five Protestant churches of Canton is now in its third year of life. Much has been accomplished in the name of togetherness in action in our community. Much more is being planned, and these plans will be spelled out as time goes on.

To carry on the work requires money. Some of these funds are forthcoming from the budgets of the churches (our church contributes \$300.00 thusly) Some have come from the denominations represented. But the bulk of the needs must be met from the free-will gifts of our church folk of Canton.

Thus will you use the enclosed envelope and place within it a sizeable gift for this necessary work right here in our own community. Bring these envelopes with you on the 24th or send same to church office. We hope there will be a host of gifts in the \$5. and \$10 category, for it is this kind of annual support which our Council needs.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Kelly Lynn, daughter of Ronald and Ellen McBee, on April 5

Charles R. III, son of Charles and Debra Wildberger, on April 26

Edward V. III, son of Edward and Brenda Young, on April 26

Weddings

Bernard L. Meyer and Judith A Bogucki on April 4

Charles L. Eder and Katherine L. Loeffler, on April 8

Joseph R. Bailey and Shirley A. Taylor on April 11

Robert Zalenski and JoAnne Wisniewski on April 19

Funerals

John J. Goodwin, age 71 on April 7

Charles G. Williams, age 64, on April 13

Martin Willner, age 75, on April 16

Louis F. Blimline, age 65 on April 23

Frank P. Bowers, member, age 48 on April 23

George A. Yeager, age 75, on April 27

Keeping You Posted

COMING EVENTS

1. Movie Showing. Sats. May 9, 23

2 P.M. Friendship Hall. Full-length features and comedies. 35¢ and 50¢. Plan to bring children.

2. Central Atlantic Conference Annual meeting, Dover, Del. June 5-7

3. Church School County Fair, Friday, June 19. This will be a real night of fun, the 1970 version of the traditional Strawberry Festival So, plan to attend now.

4. Daily Vacation Bible School, a project of our Canton Christian Council, to be held here, Monday, June 22 to Thurs., July 2nd.

5. Crab-cake Luncheon and Supper Friday, July 10, here at church.

6. Annual Church picnic, MagoVista picnic ground, Sat., July 25

7. European Trip, Pastor and Mrs. Rasche leave with 29 tour members on Wed. July 29, returning Aug.

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