



# The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224

Stewardship... is  
carrying your share of  
the LOAD.



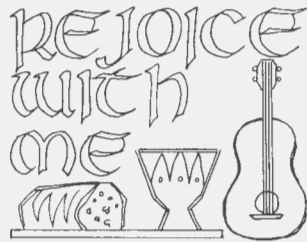
## STEWARDSHIP IS IMPORTANT

Stewardship is an important tenet of the Christian faith, one of the two most important obligations a person takes unto himself when he accepts Christ. The other is evangelism, that use of the individual's ability to tell the story of the great love of Christ to others, to bring others to Christ. In a way evangelism and stewardship are interrelated because one cannot be engaged in the 'telling' of the Gospel unless one uses one's own ability. And when one uses one's talents, this is a phase of stewardship, for stewardship is the dedication of one's time, talents and treasure to the service of the Lord.

Stewardship is important to you, the reader. Stewardship presents to you the opportunity as well as obligation to praise God through the use of the good things God gives to you - your abilities, your time as well as your money - and thus to grow in the Christian virtues and attitudes. Stewardship is important to you, for it gives you the opportunity to put into action in your living the admonition of God's Word - 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, thy mind and

thy strength.' Thus for your benefit the church uplifts stewardship.

Stewardship is important to the church. For the church is nothing more than its people, it can accomplish nothing, it can further no part of the Gospel, of the mission given to it save as that all is done by the folk making up the church. The church needs dedicated people as workers and givers. It is stymied unless its folk are willing and eager to practice stewardship. For stewardship provides the life blood of the church. Thus the church must uplift this concept, for its continued existence depends upon the outworking of stewardship.



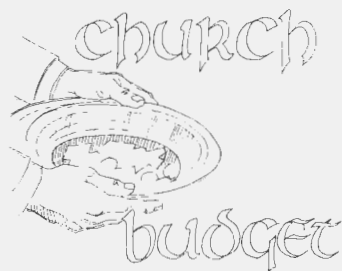
## COMMUNION, SUNDAY, NOV. 1

The blessed Sacrament is an act of solemnity. But it is also an act of rejoicing. Thus the musical instrument is very appropriate beside the bread and the wine. For the Word of God says, 'Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Sing unto Him with stringed instruments and the cymbals.'

Though in the Sacrament we lift up that which Jesus did for us in His suffering and death, this same act on the part of Jesus, the divine act of our redemption, is that which should also make us very happy and ready to sing out for joy

For we have the opportunity of fellowship with God through life, and certainly after human life is ended, because of the glory of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

Will you receive the invitation of our Lord, 'Rejoice with Me,' and will you come to the altar on this November Sunday, as an act of devotion, an act of piety and petition for forgiveness.



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NOV. 8

On this Sunday our purpose will be to look at the proposed church budget for 1971, as prepared by the Budget Committee and approved by the Church Council, preparatory to the meeting of the congregation later in the month. This budget will represent the needs as foreseen in the new year, to operate this our church in its many aspects as well as to participate in the world-wide work of our denomination.

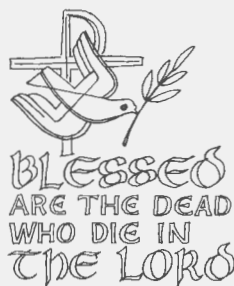
In both services we shall look at this budget and speak of how these needs can be met. The Pastor's sermon this Sunday will lift up the stewardship theme.



## LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

Rather than having a Men's Sunday and then a Women's Sunday plus a Youth Sunday, we seek to present the concept of folk at work in their church through the year on this particular Sunday in November. Pastor Weisser is assuming the responsibility for these services. Lay folk of the congregation will participate or completely be in charge of both the services.

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SUNDAY,  
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## TOTENFEST SUNDAY, NOV. 22

This is an annual Memorial Sunday which each year comes on the last Sunday of the Christian Year, Sunday before another Advent (pre-Christmas) season. On this Sunday we memorialize those at whose funeral service the clergy of this church have officiated since the last Totenfest (festival of the dead). Also we are thoughtful of the memory of all departed loved ones.

Thus we offer the opportunity to all to make special gifts to our Memorial Fund on this Sunday, and prepare a brochure listing the names of our honored dead for the year and all memorial giving on this occasion.

Please therefore note the Memorial envelope with this mailing, and, if making a memorial gift, be sure it is in the church office no later than November 18, 1970.

The official Memorial service will be included only in the last service, though brochures will be available at both services and the Totenfest motif will be expressed at both services.



THE KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN IS  
AT HAND.....

ADVENT - NOV. 29

Another Christian year is waning, a year during which we again have reviewed, for our eternal salvation, the blessed story of our faith, from

the Incarnation of our Lord through His ministry, suffering death and Resurrection; reviewing again the coming of the Holy Spirit and then the outworking of that Spirit in the beloved church of the Lord.

By God's grace we begin again the journey of faith on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and begin again our journey to Christmas. The four Sundays of Advent bring our Advent ceremonials, including the Advent wreath and the decoration of our sanctuary from Sunday to Sunday; plus the messages and the music of Advent and Christmas. This Sunday will also be the 9th anniversary of Pastor Rasche's ministry among you folk of United Church.

Come, be with us on these glorious Sundays of November.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FRIDAY, NOV. 20

This is the first of two annual meetings, the first in November, the second in January. Please note the change in scheduling of the meeting, to the Friday before the day of Thanksgiving.

Two items of business are scheduled for this meeting, the presentation and adoption of the 1971 budget and the election of folk to the Church Council. These items are important enough to merit the attendance of all our members. Please save this date and attend. Meeting at 8 p.m.



It just occurred to me that our basic concepts are Christian.



## CHURCH SCHOOL RETREAT NOV. 6-7

The Retreat will be held at the Lodge of the Church World Center at New Windsor, Md. and begins with the evening meal at 6:30 p.m. The Retreat is for members of the Church School staff and the Spiritual Committee of the Church Council. Wives and husbands are invited. The Retreat will conclude in the afternoon of Saturday. Half the cost of the Retreat (for meals and lodging) is being borne by the Church School and Church Council respectively. Reservations should be made to Pastor Weisser immediately.

The Retreat is a spiritual experience, planned to heighten the inspiration of our Church School staff and other adults. It is not a Retreat of methodology. All eligible folk are urged to attend, for it will be a very fine experience.

## UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES



## PASTOR RASCHE GOES TO SEATTLE

Pastor and Mrs. Rasche will attend the 161st annual meeting of the United Church Board for World Ministries, meeting in Seattle, Washington from Sunday, Nov. 15 thru Nov. 18. Pastor Rasche is a Corporate Member of the Board which deals with all the work of our denomination outside the area of our own country - having to do with the work of missions throughout the world. Pastor and Mrs. Rasche will be leaving the week before on the last week of his vacation, going to Minnesota enroute to Washington.







## SERVICE ON THANKSGIVING — 10 A.M.

Our President sets aside Thursday Nov. 26th as the Day of National Thanksgiving. Your church arranges a special service at 10 a. m. on this day, so we can come to God's House to offer this thanksgiving. This is a service planned for this festive occasion to be of such duration as will get all home in time for the traditional familygathering which may be arranged. Do come to God's House on Thanksgiving.

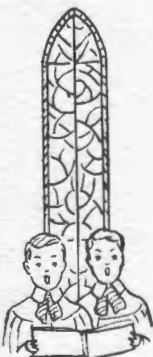
## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Kyra Ault and Arlene Pate have consented to bring our Children's Choir again into being, after a lapse of several seasons.

Rehearsals will be on Saturdays at 10 a. m. with Mr. Schnader, in the choir room, 2nd floor of the office wing, with entrance off Dillon.

Both boys and girls are invited and urged to attend rehearsals and become a part of this group. All who have reached school age are invited to participate.

First rehearsal will be Sat., Nov. 7th at 10 a.m. and will last for an hour.



## CHURCH RECORDS

### Baptisms

Michele Christine, daughter of Edgar and Diane Chaney, on Sept. 27  
Kimberly Dawn, daughter of William and Sandra Clark, on Sept. 27.

### Weddings

Wayne J. Finnerty and Cynthia L. Flagg on Sept. 26.  
Edward Pugh and Michele R. Hall on Sept. 27.

William L. Fields and Eleanor Rice on Oct. 10.

### Funerals

Mrs. Theresa Schroeder, member, age 67, on Sept. 26.

Richard Vickers, Sr. age 54 on Sept. 29.

George W. Fischer, Sr., member, age 70 on Oct. 6.

Mrs. Mary Gunzleman, age 60 on Oct. 9

Mrs. Mary Elliott, member, age 83, on Oct. 15.

Frank Poehler, member, age 63 on Oct. 19

William Blume, age 59 on Oct. 19



THE CHURCH IS MISSION. IT'S SOLE PURPOSE IS TO EXPRESS THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD, TO PUT IT INTO ACTION. AS IT CONCERNS ITSELF WITH SERVICE, WITH GIVING ITSELF AWAY TO OTHERS, IT FULFILLS THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT HAS BEEN ORGANIZED. THE CHURCH MUST DIE IN SERVICE TO LIVE.

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Worship

Each Sunday — 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

(7:45 a.m. each Communion Sunday)

Church School — 9:00 a.m.