



ON HAVING A REAL CHRISTMAS

"1. On Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, when the family gathers around the tree or fireside, let there be a carol sung, 'Away In A Manger'; let someone read the story of Christmas, Luke 2; let everyone bow in a short prayer.

2. When the gifts are distributed let there be an envelope marked, 'For The Christ Child,' and appoint someone in the family to see that this gift of money goes to a refugee child, World Relief, or a Home for Children. No other moment can come to be so beautiful and reverent as this moment when the Christ-Child is remembered by the family at the distribution of the gifts.

3. Let everyone in your home, family and friends, attend the Christmas Eve service. Participate in the beautiful service of carols and candles.

4. Wherever you are for Christmas dinner, when all have gathered at the table let the meal begin with a Christmas carol, 'Joy To The World'

5. You'll have an inner glow if you know you have done something for

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someone outside your family circle. Let it be your Christmas secret. Make right that old wrong. Make it a time for renewing friendships. Practice some act of real goodwill. But remember, keep it a secret.

6. Preeminently and poignantly present the Christ Child. Let His picture be central in your home at the Christmas season. Put up the creche and the Christmas scene. Let the Christ and all He stands for, be forever before the eyes of your children.

7. Let us go home for Christmas."
- - O. W. Wagner



ADVENT SUNDAYS

The new Christian Church year begins with the season of Advent. Advent is that season wherein we prepare for Christ's coming, at Christmas, and at the Last Time. It is a penitential season, thus we continue to include the stanza of Confession in our services.

Beginning with Sunday, Nov. 29, the Advent season not only brings messages by Pastor Rasche on the theme, 'Advent and Christmas Brings' and the beautiful music of Advent and Christmas from our hymnals and by the choirs but also the Advent Ceremonials which have become traditional with us here at United.

Our first ceremonial is the hanging of the Advent and Christmas Greens in our sanctuary. On Sunday, Dec. 6, we add the beautiful Christ

mas wreaths. On the 3rd Sunday in Advent we display our beautiful Italian creche in the sanctuary and on Sunday, Dec. 20 we add the final touch, with the Poinsettia Altar and the Christmas tree. Truly our sanctuary will be blazing with beauty as we approach Christmas Eve. Be with us for these wonderful Sundays. The ceremonies will be a part of the 10:15 a.m. services. Sunday, Dec. 6 will bring the Communion services for the Advent season, there being no Communion either at Christmas Eve or the last Sunday of the year.

On Sunday, Dec. 20 at the hour of 9 a.m. (between the two preaching services) our Church School will have its Christmas service in the sanctuary.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, the Sunday after Christmas, at the 10:15 a.m. service, our choirs will present the Christmas cantata, "Wonderful Love," a musical offering you will appreciate.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

8 P.M. — 10:45 P.M.

Attendance at either one of the Christmas Eve services should be a definite part of Christmas for all our families. Let us not become so unmindful of the real truth of the great day that we fail to place the presence in God's House at the very center of our observance.

Since each of these services is identical to the other, it matters not which one we attend. Some prefer the earlier service for the sake of younger children (even the very young should not be deprived from attendance at the Christmas Eve service); some prefer the spiritual thrill of being in God's House up until the hour of midnight.

Each service is a candlelighting service, conducted in the glow of the Christmas candles and the light of the Christmas tree. Each service includes a message of Christmas from the pulpit and the glorious music of Christmas by our choral groups. Each service includes the service of candlelighting, the traditional service for Christmas Eve. Each service includes the Christmas offering, wherein each child of God has the opportunity

of bringing a love gift unto the Lord whose birthday we celebrate.

The 8 p.m. service only will include the placing of the figure of the baby Jesus in the crib in our lovely creche, the final touch of our ceremonies for Advent and for Christmas.



TINSEL DAY

DEC. 13

12 — 4 P.M.

Tinsel Day is family day at our church, for on this Sunday we remain after the late service, and have our noon dinner together. The meal is prepared and there is definite cost, only an offering. Reservations, however, should be given in, so we know how many for whom to prepare.

The meal begins at noon, and is for family groups, including the children. At approximately 1:30 the children and members of the department of our Church School, together with their teachers go to the various departments to decorate the departments and the trees for the Christmas season. The youth with the assistance of Council members put up the tree in the sanctuary. Adults are invited to remain in the lower auditorium and work on the Advent-Christmas handiwork suggested, something to take home with you for decoration of your home. At approximately 3:30 we all gather in the sanctuary for a 'carol sing' and the official lighting of the church Christmas tree. Then we again to Friendship Hall for our 'birthday party' for Jesus and a piece of birthday cake, and we are dismissed for the afternoon.

WE GO
CAROLLING!



Each year we seek to make Christmas a bit happier for shut-ins. The date this year is Sunday, Dec. 20 and the time is 6:30 p.m. Meet on the Dillon St. side of the church, coming dressed to walk about outside, and with a flashlight. After carolling we'll have something hot to drink. We want adults as well as youth, and invite you to bring your junior children along.



CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE DEC. 20 — 9 A.M.

On Sunday, Dec. 20th at the regular Church School hour, 9 a.m. the departments of the Church School will meet in the sanctuary for the Christmas service, at which time the Christmas pageant, 'O Worship King' will be presented. The service will conclude within the hour, in time for the 10:15 a.m. service. Members of the congregation are invited to attend this service.



CANTATA BY OUR CHOIRS

At the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 27th, our choirs will present the Christmas Cantata, 'Wonderful Love,' by Robert B. Ashton. This cantata presents the blessed story of Christmas in music and narration, and combines the style and harmonic structure of the old and the new. The members of the choirs are enthusiastic about this cantata, and we know you will be also, so be here to hear it. No sermon at this service.



WHITE GIFT PROJECT

Each year, during Advent, under the sponsorship of our Church School we bring in special gifts on Sundays for some special group who are in need of our thoughtfulness.

This year the White Gifts will be going to the Metropolitan Association for Mental Health, Inc. We invite all members of the church to share in this project and in the bringing of the following items for this project. All these are to be

turned in by Sun. Dec. 13 (Tinsel Day), that they may be packed that afternoon: Puzzles and games for adults, children; paint-by-number sets; belts(all sizes), suspenders, hankchiefs; small gifts for men patients(shaving cream, lotion, deoderant, toothpaste); for women patients(shower caps, cosmetics, shampoo, hair rollers, mittens); for retarded children - large rubber balls, plastic blocks, plastic dolls with fixed eyes and no hair.



NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE 8 P.M.

Each old year we bid goodbye and each new year we bid welcome in the service of worship on New Year's Eve at 8 p.m. This is a preaching service, planned to conclude within the hour. We invite you to end the year in God's House, including this service in your plans for New Year's Eve, even as you may plan other events for that night.



FOR YOU TO REMEMBER

Food for Christmas Baskets

We solicit your help in securing food for Christmas baskets, inviting you to bring canned goods and staple foods on these Sundays, so as to have sufficient to prepare the Christmas baskets which are requested of us. Food may be deposited in the narthex of the church or brought directly to the kitchen Communion for Shut-ins

The pastor is ready to bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion to the shut-ins, upon their request. The requests should be made early, as

it will be impossible to come close to Christmas because of the press of the many things here at the church. Call your requests in.

1971 Envelopes Ready

The sets for 1971 will be ready as of Sunday, Dec. 20 and will be available on tables in Friendship Hall. Let it be said again that if you have used your 1970 envelopes, have made offerings through them, a new set will be available in your name. If you have not used these envelopes, then no new set will be found, and to secure a set, you must speak directly to Pastor Rasche, making the request through him Poinsettia Fund, Memorial Gifts

We provide poinsettia plants for our altar at Christmas through the gifts of our people to this Poinsettia Fund, either cash gifts or Memorial gifts. All gifts are listed in the Christmas Gift brochure. Also some desire to make cash Memorial gifts at Christmas. We welcome such gifts also. May it be remembered that all gifts to the Poinsettia Fund or Memorial gifts, must be turned in by Wed. Dec. 16th, so that the brochure can be prepared in time. The Christmas Memorial service will be at the services on Christmas Eve.

First Report on Oyster Supper

At the congregational meeting on Friday, Nov. 20 the first report of receipts from the oyster supper was given. At that time it was reported that so far, about \$1600 represents profit at the Oyster Supper.

New Members to Church Council

At the aforesaid congregational meeting, six new members were elected to the Church Council. They are: Ernest Jones, Henry Schneider, Jr., George Tuerk, John Lenning, Richard Single, William Single, III. We welcome these to the Council. They were installed on Nov. 22nd.

At the end of 1970 the following will leave their Council positions: J. Albert Fader, Louis Parker, Jr. and William Benser. We desire to thank each of these for their undivided loyalty and love for their church and for the wonderful service given during the years.

Notice on Church Bonds

The bonds which were sold five years ago when we repaired the Sunday Church School Hall, and which were interest bearing, have now reached their expiration date, and no further interest will be paid on these. They can be cashed in at any time, merely by calling Mr. Arthur Block at HA 6-5703. We thank all who purchased these bonds, for their use was extremely helpful.

Pakistan Offering

All are aware of the terrible tragedy which befall the people of Pakistan in the recent past. Our denomination was among the first to be on the scene there through the provision of emergency funds thru Church World Service, our agency for aiding the suffering and needy of the world. Now the emergency funds have been diminished, and we are urged to make special gifts for Pakistan. This was announced on Nov. 22, and Nov. 29th was the date set for this special offering. If you have not yet contributed at this special time, it is not too late. Place your gift in an envelope (special ones are available at the church) and mark upon it 'Pakistan' together with your name and address, and your gift will be added to the others and forwarded to our denominational office for transfer through Church World Service to the needy of that country.

Totenfest a Blessing

Mention must be made of our Totenfest services, especially the 10:15 a.m. service, when the sanctuary was almost completely filled. These were two wonderful services, and were impressing to all in attendance. At the service 73 new hymnals were dedicated, these being memorial hymnals to replace used hymnals which have had to be taken out of circulation in the sanctuary
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