



The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224



SERVICES OF LENT

As the season of Lent progresses, we move steadily to the religious pinnacle of experience which is in Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter.

The services of Lent are a preparation for these high days. Sunday mornings in Lent present services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. and bring the special Lenten emphasis in Song Scripture and Sermon. Pastor Rasche continues in the Lenten series on 'Questions Asked of Jesus.'

Wednesdays in Lent bring services at 8:00 p.m., services of informal nature, yet meaningful, which include the meditations on 'Scenes of Jesus' Ministry,' based upon masterpieces by Hoffman, a copy of each of these pictures being presented to the worshippers. Following each midweek service is the Fellowship Hour in Friendship Hall and the Lenten Bake Sale by one of our organizations.



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 4

Services this Palm Sunday are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (please note the change of hour) Each of these services will include the singing of 'The Palms,' the Palm Sunday message and music and the distribution of palms to each worshipper. At the 10 a.m. service the class of prepared youth will receive the Rite of Confirmation and be admitted into membership with the church.



HOLY WEEK

We worship during Holy Week on Wednesday, Thursday evenings and Friday morning.

The Wednesday evening service on April 7th at 8 p.m. features the annual dramatic presentation of 'The Lord's Supper' by men of the church.

There is no sermon this night and no Fellowship hour. This dramatic service is very unusual and meaningful. Tell your friends about it and come yourself.

Thursday - Maundy Thursday, April 8th - gives us the opportunity to participate in the service of Tenebrae, 'the lowering of lights.' This is a traditional service, without sermon, wherein by Scripture and Hymn the lights in the sanctuary and on the altar are extinguished gradually. The service ends with the draping of the Cross, signifying the death of Jesus, and the benediction in darkness. Preceding the service of Tenebrae we shall observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 9TH

We provide a service of Communion and preaching here at 9 a.m. Pastor Weisser will be occupying the pulpit for this service.

The community 3 hr. Good Friday service will be here at United, beginning at 12 p.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. Pastor Rasche will have the opening service and the pastors of surrounding churches will preach on the 7 Words of Christ from the Cross. Choirs and choral groups of these churches will participate. You are invited to attend for the 3 hrs or for as many of the 7 periods as possible.

Note: The evening service on Good Friday has been discontinued.



On Easter we have two identical services, the first at 6 a.m. and the second at 10 a.m. Only at the 10 a.m. service will we have the Easter Lily Memorial Service. Each

service will include the special Easter music by our choirs and the Easter message by Pastor Rasche. At each service the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated but with this difference. The communion service will be after the conclusion of the regular service. The Confirmation class will receive Communion at the 10 a.m. service.



ONE GREAT HOUR ON MARCH 21

May we not forget this special offering for the alleviation of suffering throughout the world and about which you have already received information and a special envelope. There is a special plea from our denomination, because of the great need brought on by warfare, earthquakes, etc. in our world, to increase this offering in our denomination by many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Your increase in this gift will assist in better meeting the world need.

NOT MY WILL



THINE BE DONE

OTHER LENT — EASTER ITEMS

Home Communion - The offer is again expressed to all shut-ins to request the pastors to bring the Sacrament to the home prior to Easter. This request must be made through the church office, so that the calls may be arranged in some order and at the convenience of the pastors. Please get your request to the church office soon.

Lenten Dime Folders - These were sent to our families prior to the beginning of the Lenten season. We hope you as a family are being mindful of this annual Lenten offering your church asks of you. If you do not care to place dimes in it, dollar bills or a check will be appreciated. These dime folders may be returned any time during Holy Week or on Easter. Special boxes will be placed in the Narthex in which these may be deposited.

Attendance Campaign - This got under way with Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday in Lent and will continue through Pentecost. Individual record sheets were provided. Both adults and children and youth may participate. You are invited to keep your own account, handing in the sheets on Pentecost, May 30



EASTER LILY ALTAR AND MEMORIALS

The glory of Easter is demonstrated to us annually by the beautiful lily-banked altar. Our lilies are purchased, the cost provided by folk of the church giving Easter lily gifts and Easter lily memorials. These memorials and gifts ought to be received by Palm Sunday April 4 at the latest. Following the Easter services the lilies are given to our shut-ins, who receive letters previous to have someone pick up the lily at the church after the service.

Easter memorial gifts are also to be in the office by Palm Sunday. On Easter a memorial brochure is presented to all in attendance, and the brochure contains the memorials and gifts presented. During the 10 a.m. service we conduct our Easter Memorial service.



INVITE A FRIEND
TO CHURCH
THIS SUNDAY!



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CONFIRMATION CLASS

If each member of the class chooses to be confirmed, there will be 23 youth confirmed on Palm Sunday at the 10 a.m. service. They will appear in examination on Thursday, March 25 before their parents and the members of the Church Council in an informal meeting. The Confirmation picture will be taken on that night also. The youth will be confirmed and received into membership with the church at the 10 a.m. service on Palm Sunday and will receive the Sacrament for the first time at the 10 a.m. Easter service. Will you have these youth in your thoughts and prayers during these important days in their lives.



OUR YOUTH COUNCIL AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Something new has been added to the life of the congregation. The former Junior Council has changed its name to Youth Council and, membership in the same has been opened to young women of Confirmation age and above. At present seven young women have applied for Youth Council membership. Applications for membership are now receivable, for membership on the Council is only for a year and reapplication must be made by all members. Applications will be acted upon shortly by the Senior Council and a date for installation set, so, get applications in soon for new or renewed membership.

With the Youth Council as a basis, a new Youth Fellowship is being formed, for only our own youth. The Youth Fellowship is open to all youth of Confirmation age and above. Sunday, March 21 will be the first

major meeting, at the church, from 2 - 4 p.m. Meetings will probably be twice a month.

All youth work is under the direction of the Youth Committee of the Church Council.



A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR JOINS STAFF

Mrs. Barbara Irons assumed the position as Director of Music of our church as of March 7, upon the resignation of Mr. Donald Schnader who had been with us for five years. Mr. Schnader had to resign because of the press of his full-time occupation. We thank him for his many efforts through the past years and his many contributions to the beauty of our services.

We welcome Barbara and wish for her much satisfaction as our Director of Music. She comes with a zest to upbuild the music at the church and a desire to enlarge our choirs. From time to time she will be using this paper to get messages to you folk. Read carefully this, her opening appeal to you all - - -

"More men are badly needed in our adult choir to balance the women's voices. If you can sing either tenor or bass, please do consider joining us. We practice on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00. You are welcome to come to any practice or, if you feel more comfortable, see me first after service on Sunday." Barbara Irons, Music Director.

SCOUT NEWS

Much is happening with our Scouting program and all 5 Scout groups are very active and growing. Gratitude is to be expressed to all our Scout leaders and workers - both for Girl as well as the Boy Scout groups.

The Boy Scout Blue and Gold Dinner recently was a wonderful event. The Court of Honor, by which advances in rank is given credence, was unique in that a raise in rank for every position in Cubbing and in

Scouting was made, including even a move to Eagle Scout by one of our young men. This is the highest rank in Boy Scouting.

On the Girl Scout side, a most unusual meeting was held by our Cadettes, to which were invited about ten other Cadette groups as well as our own Junior Scouts. Conducted entirely by members of the Cadette group, the evening featured a most interesting slide lecture on the history of our section of the city, Canton, by Mrs. Gloria Aull. About 150 scouts attended this, and in the neighborhood of 200 Boy scouts were at the Blue and Gold Dinner.

SEWING GROUP

Our Sewing Group continues to be active in their social service work. Most recently they completed another batch of things for City Hospital, this time preparing and sending to the hospital the following articles.

16 towel bibs, 12 baby sacks, 6 blanket and sacks, 20 baby bibs, 18 bags, 20 pair footies.

This group meets each Tuesday morning and will be most happy to have you come and join the happy group. Don't wait for a special invite, but just show up with willing fingers, and they will put you to work.

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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.