

TALK ABOUT MONEY!

"Talk about 'money' not 'stewardship'" the Lutheran Church in America's Laymen League (fund raisers) were told at a meeting a year or so ago by the Rev. Richard Peterman of Summit, N.J. He continued by saying, "The word stewardship is a cop out, a hedge, and 90% of the people don't know what you're talking about. Most Lutherans have more money than they ever had before. Our job is to point out priorities to them, to show them where to place their dollars."

It becomes imperative, at intervals, for your church to talk about money, for it takes money to carry on the many-faceted functions of the church, and you are the only source of your church's income.

At present the Budget Committee is putting together the financial needs for 1972 here at United, establishing the church needs for the support of the work here at home & our Central Atlantic Conference and our United Church of Christ.

November is the month during which your church seeks to talk plainly about money and to relate its needs to you and your envelope giving for 1972. For a number of years we've stressed proportionate or percentage giving, wherein you are admonished as individual member givers to make your weekly gift commensurate with a definite percentage of each dollar you earn, leav-

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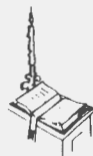
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ing the designation and calculation of the percentage to your choice, but depending on you to be honest with your church and your God as regards your stewardship, or use of money.

As by way of example, should you choose 3% as your figure, then you would give 3¢ of every dollar earned, or 30¢ for every \$10.00 or \$3.00 for every \$100.00. If you choose 5% or 7%, the amounts can be just as easily calculated. Sad to say, the easiest thing is to put our giving at \$1.00 or \$2.00 per Sunday, when that amount may actually be way out of line with our family income.

As we face a new year, may we remember that the church has to deal with money, has to pay its bills and thus has to talk frankly with each of us as members about money. Let's not be guilty of being a cop-out, or evader, when it concerns our duty to set the church high on the list of the priorities of our lives.



**PASTOR WEISSER'S
FAREWELL SUNDAY
NOV. 7**

As you've been informed, Pastor Weisser will be leaving our staff as he and Mrs. Weisser go into full retirement at our Springvale Terrace Senior Citizen's Center at Silver Spring, Md. His last Sunday as

a staff member will be on our Communion Sunday, Nov. 7th, with services at 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. He will be preaching at both services and Mrs. Weisser will be also present for each service. After the 10:15 a.m. service, the Church Council is arranging for a Farewell Coffee Hour in Friendship Hall, when each of us will have the opportunity to bid the Weisser's farewell and to express our appreciation for the wonderful service he gave the congregation during the years he has been with us, and for the friendship with he and Mrs. Weisser. All are invited to the Coffee Hour reception.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NOV. 14

Both the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services this day, in formal presentation as well as the sermon, will be devoted to the matter of stewardship and our support of the local and world church in the coming year. It is not often the church devotes a Sunday to this matter, but at least on this annual occasion, it is necessary to speak plainly about needs and expectations.



TOTENFEST SUNDAY

NOV. 21

Each last Sunday of the Christian Church year (which begins with the first Sunday in Advent, the season of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas) becomes for us a day of memory, when we in memory recall those who have departed this life during the past twelve months,

and over the longer span of time in general. This day thus becomes for us a Festival of the Dead, or from the German, Totenfest. The pastor's sermon is also on this theme.

Each year we publicly record in our 10:15 a.m. service the list of those at whose funeral the pastors of this church presided, inviting those family members to be in attendance and presenting to each family a living rose as a gift from the church on this occasion, and also lighting a candle on our Cross of Light for each name read.

Further, we invite all members and families to place Memorial gifts with the church on this occasion, in memory of departed loved ones. We publish a special brochure of such special gifts.

Thus, please note the Memorial Gift envelope included with this mailing. For your gifts to be included in the brochure, the memorial gift must be received at the office by Nov. 14th.



PASTOR RASCHE

OBSERVES TENTH

ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, NOV. 28

Pastor Rasche began his work at United Church on the first Sunday of Advent, 1961. This is therefore the 10th anniversary of the pastorate here, and of the Rasche family residing in the parsonage.

This Sunday is also the first Sunday of Advent and brings the beginning of our Advent Ceremonial these transpiring only at the 10:15 a.m. services.

For the occasion of the above mentioned anniversary, the Pastor has invited his Seminary classmate and fellow pastor, the Rev. Raymond Frankenfeld of our St. Matthew's Church here in the city to present the anniversary message at the 10:15 a.m. service. Come to this service and help the pastor celebrate this happy anniversary.



IMPORTANT RETREAT NOV. 19 AND 20

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19 & 20 brings the all-church retreat at New Windsor, Maryland, to which folk of all segments of the church life have been invited. Letters have gone out to the members of the Church Council, the 100th Anniversary Committee, main officers of all organizations, and their spouses and to other selected individuals of the congregation.

Our Retreat will be based on the very provocative theme - 'The next 100 Years of our Congregational Life,' looking forward to the eventual emergence of broad concepts and priorities in the life of this United Church as we face the years after 1973. It is not too early to begin now to face the challenge of these years, even as we have a Committee planning the 100th Anniversary.

Under the guidance of Pastor Weisser, who has been making the plans for the event and will return for these days with us, the Retreat will have as its director, the Rev. James Tomasek, of our Central Atlantic Conference staff, who will not be concerned with bringing forth precise plans at this time but to show us and help us to look squarely at ourselves and our church and arrive at some basics from which future plans can be made viable.

The Retreat will begin with Friday evening meal and conclude at 3 p.m. on Saturday with housing provided at the Retreat Center.

Thanksgiving at noon or later.

Though traditional as far as the church is concerned, it has not been traditional as far as the attendance of a large percentage of our church family. We do admonish you to converse in your family on the matter, and to resolve that your presence as a family in God's House will be a good tradition to begin, if it is not in existence already. Yes, worship the Lord in His House on Thanksgiving.



THIS AND THAT

The Church Council has set the date for the congregational meeting for Friday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, on the 2nd floor of the School Bldg. At this meeting, the election of Council members takes place and the 1972 budget is proposed and acted upon - two very important decisions which ought to have your personal consideration and vote. So, be present, please. Refreshments after the meeting....

The Memorial Fund envelope is enclosed for your use on Tottenfest, Sunday, Nov. 21. Please have the gift in to the office by Nov. 14, & indicate upon the envelope the name(s) of donors with addresses as well as the name of the individual memorialized....

Pastor Rasche attends the annual meeting of the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ as one of the more than 200 Corporate Board members. The meeting is from Nov. 7 evening through Nov. 10 at New Britain, Conn.....

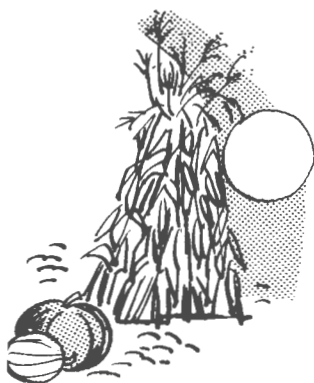
Please remember that we are still much in need of men and women as well for our Senior Choir and of youth for the Youth Choir. We do urge your cooperation in the building up of our choirs. Please feel urged to come to the rehearsals without any special urging or special invitation. The rehearsals are on Thursday evening, the Youth Choir at 6:30 and the Senior Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Let us
Give **THANKS**
in the House of the Lord

THANKSGIVING — 10 A.M.

This is a traditional service here at United Church and is so planned as to not be any deterrent to full participation in the family





MEETINGS OF THE MONTH

Church Council, Tues. Nov. 2, 8 p.m.

Sewing Group, each Tues. at 10 a.m.

Ladies Aid, Wed., Nov. 3, 12 noon

Church School General Staff meet

ing, Tues. Nov. 9, 8 p.m.

Women's Guild, Wed., Nov. 17

Scouts, each Monday and Tuesday

Brownies, Mon. at 3:30 p.m.

Jr. Girls, Mon. at 7 p.m.

Girl Cadettes, Tues. at 7 p.m.

Cubs, dens each week and Pack
each 4th Monday, at 7 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop, each Mon. at 7

Choirs

Youth, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Senior, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Youth meetings, every other Sun-
day from 2-4 p.m. **Meetings**

for Nov. fall on Sun. Nov. 7
and 21.

The Youth of the church are
alerted to a special Youth Ban-
quet scheduled for Friday, Nov.
5 at 6:30 p.m., a Fall Get-to-
gether for youth of the church
in Confirmation and above Con-
firmation age. No charge for
the banquet.

Church School, each Sunday at
9 a.m. with classes for all
age groups..



CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Colleen Estelle, daughter of
Charles and Margaret Carrigan on
Sept. 12

Scott Charles, son of William and
Patricia White, on Sept. 26

Henry August, III, son of Henry and
Lacretia Hensler, on Oct. 10

Stacey Lee, daughter of Will-
and Linda Schindler, on Oct. 17

Victor Michael, son of Kenneth
and Jean Biscoe, on Oct. 24.

Weddings

Frank Siegmund and Nancy Shupe on
Sept. 25

Wayne A. Fader and Carla Pitz, on
Oct. 1

Charles J. Wirsing, Jr. and Jung
Kim, on Oct. 2

John J. Kelly and Antoinette Ken-
dricks, on Oct. 2

Michael Nickoles and Sherry
Williams, on Oct. 6

Larry F. Bivens and Jeanette M.
Helowicz on Oct. 10

Jerry M. Allen and Jeannette E.
Knight, on Oct. 16

William H. Wilke, III and Helen M
Viana on Oct. 21

William J. Long and Susan L.
Earl on Oct. 24.

Funerals

Ernest J. Stricklin, member,
68 on Sept. 20

Andrew Wrightson, age 50 on Oct 1
Mrs. Laura E. Garman, member,
age 69 on Oct. 9

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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.