

NEW YEAR'S BELLS AND OTHER BELLS

We are accustomed to the ringing of bells at the stroke of the new year. Our hymnal has a lovely hymn entitled, 'Ring Out, Wild Bells To The Wild Sky,' with words by Alfred Lord Tennyson. The first stanza is as follows:

Ring out, wild bells, to the
wild sky, the flying cloud,
the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night
Ring out, wild bells and let
it die.
Ring out the old, ring in the
new, Ring, happy bells, across
the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in
the true.

Have you ever considered the place of bells in the life of man. In 'The Story of Our Hymns,' by Armin Haeussler, a study of the hymns in our hymnal, he gives a most enlightening account of bells in mans life. He reports that there was a time when bells were used to call people to gatherings of all kinds and to remind them of certain events:

Peasants and farmers had seed-
ing and harvest bells, depend-
ing on the time of year;

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American farms inevitably had dinner bells, to call the workers from the fields;

In feudal times an oven bell announced that the lord of the manor's oven was ready for tenants to bake their bread;

In schools, classes were begun and ended with the ringing of bells, as well as the opening of the school day;

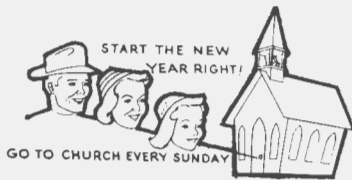
We all remember the old fire bells which preceded the siren and the bells on the fire engines, preceding the horns.

Formerly, church bells were rung for many purposes - toll ed the number of years of age at a member's funeral; the Gabriel bell in England which rang at dawn on Sunday to wake up the parish; the pudding bell, sounded when services were about over to inform the servant to put the potatoes or pudding on, for the family would be home; not to mention the sounding of the bell(chimes for us) three times during the Lord's Prayer to signify Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

With bells so much an art of our history, it is hardly New Year's without the sounding of the bell, or the making of noise to herald in the new year. May this new year of 1972 be for us the development of the 'true' for us; the sluffing away of the 'false.'



EPIPHANY
THEY SOUGHT
AND FOUND



JANUARY SUNDAYS

January 1972 brings us five Sundays each one holding importance because of the special emphasis each Sunday carries.

Sunday, Jan. 2 - New Year's Sunday. Service at only 10:15 a.m. The Church School has session at 9 a.m. The Pastor will bring the message for the new year.

Sunday, Jan. 9 - Communion Sunday. Services at 7:45 and 10:15.

Sunday, Jan. 16 - Bible Sunday Services at the regular hours. On this Sunday we give attention to devotional life, to the importance of the Bible in our Christian walk.

Sunday, Jan. 23 - Unity Sunday On this Sunday nearest the Week of Christian Unity we want to think about the plan of unity called COCU and see what it portends.

Sunday, Jan. 30 - Mission Sunday The work of the church outside its own walls has to do with the larger area of Mission Work. Our church is a part of a multi-denominational work in discovering strategies for the church in the metropolitan area. We are privileged to have the Director of this work, the Rev. Wayne Moulder as our missions speaker, to bring us the message from God's Word and the news of what we as a church are engaged in here in our own city. He will speak at both services and the Pastor will be Liturgist.

MISSION STUDY GROUP WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

India is much in the news today. Our church has been at work in India for over 100 years and still is active in the humanitarian and spiritual efforts among its peoples.

On the four Wednesdays of Jan. from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., all are invited to participate in an infor-

mal group, meet to consider the work in India in these 100 years. Led by the Pastor and using visual aids these four sessions will look at the history of the work, the work in agriculture, medicine, evangelism and education. Meeting will be in Friendship Hall. All folk of the church who are free in the mornings (men, women and youth) are invited to these informal gatherings.



COME, VISIT US AT THE PARSONAGE

Pastor and Mrs. Rasche are desirous of having you come for a visit to the Parsonage, as individuals and family groups.

So, on Sundays, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 the parsonage family will be having 'Open House' for the folk of United. We will be 'at home' during the hours of 2 - 5 p.m. on each of the Sundays and invite you to come and see the lovely home you provide the Pastor, and just to sit and chat for awhile. This is all very informal, come as you are.

**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
FRIDAY, JAN. 28
8 P.M.
1971 REPORTS
PLANS FOR 1972**

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

These meetings are held every other Sunday, from 2 p.m. onward. The Sundays in Jan. are 2, 16, 30th. An active planning committee of our youth are at work, setting up activities and gatherings which are 'right there' as far as youth are concerned. Become a part of this.



HOFFMAN HOME OFFERING

Annually the Hoffman Home for Children, which we support in our congregation, makes an appeal to the churches for a special offering. In many churches this takes place at Christmas, but our Council felt the offering would be better in January. So, please find enclosed the special envelope. The gift you place inside as an individual or family will assist in the wonderful work our church is doing with rehabilitating the lives of the youth at this special Home.

THE 1972 BUDGET

Salaries	\$26378.00
Church Utilities	4875.00
Improvements, repairs, Maintenance of church	2600.00
Insurance	1800.00
Parsonage Utilities and Maintenance	2740.00
Equipment, Supplies and Church Office	4500.00
Soc. Security tax	1000.00
Advertising and church Paper	750.00
Pastor Emeritus	500.00
Charity	200.00
Other expenses	1600.00
Pastoral Expenses: Auto, Hospitalization, Pension, Annuity	2530.00
Benevolence	7450.00
Total	\$56923.00



OUR PASTOR EMERITUS IS CALLED FROM THIS LIFE

Death has summoned our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Titus Lehmann, to life eternal at the age of 81. He had been ill for many weeks, and was called from this life on Dec. 16 at the hospital. Funeral services were held at the Karmel United Church of Christ, West Philadelphia on Dec. 21 and burial was at Edgewood Cemetery, Concordville, Pa. Dr. Lehmann was Senior Pastor here at United from 1934 to 1961 and lived in retirement in Lansdowne, Pa. since 1965. Many will remember the fine work done by Dr. Lehmann here during the years of his activity. His impact upon the church will remain vibrant for many years. We express to Mrs. Lehmann and the family, the concern and sympathy of all the church members. A Memorial Service was included in the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 19th.

If you care to communicate with Mrs. Lehmann, she can be reached by a letter in care of her daughter, Mrs. Quentin Flickinger, 225 Wayne Ave., Lansdowne, Pa. 19050, with whom Mrs. Lehmann now makes her home.

RESULTS OF ELECTION

At the congregational meeting of Dec. 3 the following were elected to the Church Council for a two yr. term: Arthur Block, George Sauer, Louis Parker, Sr., Robert Logue, Ray Schmitt, Louis Parker, Jr. They were installed into office at the service on Dec. 12. At the meeting of the Council in Dec. the following were elected as the church's officers for 1972: Arthur Block, Pres. George Sauer, V. Pres., Louis Parker, Sr., Sec'y; Ernest Jones, Fin. Sec'y.; Richard Single, Treas.

Because of the limitation of service according to our Constitution, Fred. Long and Wm. Voelker are required to relinquish their place on Council at the end of December. We desire here and now to thank each of these for faithful service given the church through the years on the Church Council. Your contributions were greatly appreciated, our fellow workers. Thank you so much.



AND JESUS SAID, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE." HALLELUJAH!

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STAND UP
LOOK UP
Think Up



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS

The gathering of our men is scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month. We have two very active women's fellowship groups in existence and also are concerned that the men make themselves a part of this fellowship group.

Our Men's Fellowship is largely an unstructured group, with only the minimum of officers; no membership, no dues. It is open for all men of the church and community. The meetings will provide programs of interest, and time for fellowship plus light refreshments. We do heartily ask our men to set aside this 2nd Wed. of each month and be in our Men's Fellowship. Here are the program outlines for the next several months:

Wed. Jan. 12 - Topic: "The Longest Bridge," a discussion with a guest speaker of the problems and the blessings of communications in our modern world.

Wed. Feb. 9 - Topic: "The Art of Comedy," illustrated by 3 original W.C. Fields comedies on film. Come and laugh at these films out of the past.

No meeting in March because of the mid-week Lenten services.

Wed. April 12 - Topic: "Arthritis and Rheumatism, Fact or Fancy," a discussion of the plagues of human kind by a member of the Medical Society of Baltimore.

Each of these topics should be of interest to you. You women readers, tell your husbands about these meetings and urge him to attend; whether or not he has ever been to a men's meeting doesn't matter. We do want him to be here.

Also of interest to the men is the meeting of our Chesapeake Assoc Churchmen's Fellowship on Thurs. Jan 20. This will be a Ladies Night meeting and will be at Faith and St Mark's Church at 4829 Hazelwood Ave. A men's chorus of 20 voices will sing and the speaker will be Mrs. Thyra Fischer, a Lutheran laywoman.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Kenneth R., Jr. son of Kenneth R. and Jacqueline Sheehan, Nov. 28

Ruth a., daughter of Eileen R. Buddemeyer, on Dec. 12

Gina L., daughter of Joseph R. and Shirley Bailey, on Dec. 19

Weddings

C.L. Chavis and Mabel Chance on Nov. 27

Louis Krieger, Jr. and Peggy Waltmyer, on Dec. 5

Robert P. Wilkins and Ruth E. Wagner, on Dec. 11

Everett T. King, Jr. and Diane L. Wirsing, on Dec. 12

Funerals

August Ritterpusch, age 74, Nov. 24

George W. Kahler, age 76, Nov. 23.

Joseph Teichman, age 89, Dec. 2

Howard J. Adams, age 73, Dec. 6

Herbert W. Krebs, member, age 58 on Dec. 15

Mrs. Frieda C. Reinsfelder, age 80 on Dec. 17

1972 ENVELOPES

Have you your set of 1972 envelopes? If not, they are waiting to be picked up at the church. All who used their 1971 set have new envelopes issued to them. If you have no envelopes, you should have, and you can secure same by applying to the pastor. Do so soon.

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

Church School — 9:00 a.m.