



The United Endeavor

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UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH BALTIMORE, MD. 21224



LENT
IS

A PREPARATION
FOR EASTER

LENT IS TO BEGIN AGAIN

What's this with Lent? Why do we have Lent? What's it all about? Why can't we go along with just having Sunday morning services? Isn't it a little much for the church to expect us to come to church on Wednesday nights? What's this with Lent?

Well, Lent is a special period in the year when the church draws attention to that which Jesus did for us and our salvation by giving Himself to the suffering and even death in an inhuman way to prove the greater power of God and goodness over the worst the devil and evil could do to any man, even Jesus. Jesus, in His resurrection from the grave after His burial, made crystal clear that for Him and for any of God's children who believe in Him, death and evil did not have the last word.

For the Christian this is the very center of our faith and is of such importance we cannot permit its impact grow weak in our lives. So, the church gives us this opportunity to think primarily about these things in this special season of the year just before we celebrate the day of Jesus's death (Good Friday) and His resurrection (Easter.) 40 days (not counting Sunday) before Easter is the containment of Lent. As Jesus spent 40 days in the desert place, in contempla-

tion of renewal of spirit, previous to the beginning of His work of God in His ministry, so also these 40 days of Lent can be used by us for zeroing in on the facts of our dedication to the Christ and the care-taking of our Christian life.

To further impress this season into our consciousness, the church sets forth some special services on Wednesday evening. Psychologically, it is good for us to change or enlarge life patterns at times. So, in addition to Sunday, when in our services we give consideration to this motif, we also take special cognizance of the importance of this by coming to our church also on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Thus we intensify the effect of this season upon us, as also we intensify our contemplation.

Who should attend these special Wednesday services? You! These services become a part of the regular ritual of the church, just as we have Communion each month. And, as we are to come to the Sacrament regularly, so also each member of the church is to feel obligated, by virtue of his membership, to attend on Wednesday evening.

So, this is what's with Lent. See you in church on Sundays and also on Wednesday evening. Read carefully and save the special Lenten Announcement folder, which gives facts about all services of Lent, Holy Week and Easter.





**JOIN IN OUR
MARDI GRAS
FUN NIGHT
FRI., FEB. 11 — 8 P.M.**

The Mardi Gras period in New Orleans is a time of fun prior to the beginning of Lent. Here at United we are planning a night of fun for the adults of the church (adults only this time, please) in which we will gather for this Fellowship Night of fun and recreation and good fellowship. Under the care of our Fellowship Committee of the Church Council, this night will be planned also by the women of our Guild. So, set aside Friday night, Feb. 11 (the Friday before Lent) and come to the church for an evening of joy. There will be no charge for this event, and refreshments will also be provided. All adults of the church invited.

LENTEN SALES

**Each Friday in Lent
(Save Holy Week)**

**12:30 p.m. Pickup Time
Padded oysters, cod fish cakes,
cole slaw, potato salad, crullers**

**for sale by advance
order.**

**orders received by
phone on Wed., evenings
to 9:30 p.m.**

**call
426-5703 — 866-1934**



**LENTEN DIME
FOLDERS AND
EASTER MEMORIALS**

You will find these two pieces in this Lenten mailing. The Dime Folder is for the use of your family and the receipts of this special offering assist the Council in achieving some additional challenges which come to it and which cannot be handled out of regular funds. Your attention to these dime folders throughout Lent is solicited. They are to be returned to the church at one of the Holy Week or Easter services. The special offering will be dedicated in the 10 a.m. Easter service.

We also send at this early date the Memorial Fund envelope for your individual or family memorial gifts at Easter, to be included in the Easter Memorial Brochure and the Easter Memorial service at the 10 a.m. Easter Festival Service. These gifts must be received not later than Sunday, March 19 to be included in the brochure. Please fill out the envelope completely, stating the name of the individual in whose memory the gift is given and the name and street address of the donor.



GROUND HOG DAY

**LEADER'S DINNER
MON. FEB. 14**

Annually our Chesapeake Association invites all leaders of the congregation (Church Council members, organization heads) and their spouses to attend the Association Leader's (Consistorial) Dinner. This year it will be held on Monday, Feb. 14th at 6:30 p.m. at our St. Matthew's Church. Tickets at \$2.25. Please get reservations in early.



UCC MINISTERS AND WIVES TO BE HOSTED HERE

The clergy of the United Church of Christ of the Chesapeake Association, and their wives, will have their February meeting in our Upper Room on Friday, Feb. 25th at 8 p.m. Pastor and Mrs. Rasche will act as host and hostess for this meeting, beginning at 8 p.m. The speaker of the evening will be Councilwoman Barbara Mikulski. We are looking forward to a very interesting meeting with this very capable Councilwoman from our own district.



FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Scouts - The various Girl Scout groups meet on Monday afternoons and evening, with the Cadettes on Tuesday evening. Boy Scout groups meet on Monday also.

Sewing Circle - Our group of sewers meet each Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Church Council - Tues. Feb. 1, 8 p.m.

Ladies Aid - Wed., Feb. 2, 12 noon

Choirs - Youth Choir, Thurs. 6:30

Senior Choir, Thurs. 7:30

Confirmation - Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Church School General Staff meeting - This is a meeting for all the staff members, Tues. Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. in Friendship Hall.

Men's Fellowship - Wed., Feb. 9th
This meeting is at 8 p.m. and is for all the men of the church. The program features a number of W. C. Fields comedys on film and the playing of dart baseball or dart games in the Gymn.

Women's Guild - no meeting in Feb. or March because of the mid-week Lenten services.

Youth - Youth meetings for Feb. fall on Sundays, Feb. 13 and 27 beginning at 1:30 or 2 p.m., depending upon the kind of program
100th Anniversary Committee - The meeting is set for Tues. Feb. 29 with Ed. Myers as chairman. Meeting at 8 p.m. in Friendship Hall
Representatives of all organizations are urged to be present, so more of the definite plans can be made.

Special Church Council meeting.

The Church Council has a special meeting scheduled for Tues. Feb. 22, at which time the report of the 8th General Synod of our denomination will be considered in detail.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Sherry Ann, daughter of Edward and Jo Ann Stein, on Dec. 26

Charles G., Jr., son of Charles and Mary Alt, on Jan. 16

Christopher Sean, son of Glen and Linda Cassedy on Jan. 16

Katherine Lavona, daughter of Patrick and Regina Osburne, on Jan. 16

William Robert, III, son of William and Darlene Brandenburg, on Jan. 23

Weddings

George W. Ober and June P. Smith on Dec. 24

Charles W. Mrozinski and Stephanie Bielski on Jan. 2

Henry Doeller, Jr. and Dolores Moroz, on Jan. 15

Edwin W. Engle and Dorothy Berry on Jan. 29

Joseph L. Wesolowski and Sharon Winkler, on Jan. 29

Funerals

Harold Pazourek, Jr. age 63, Dec. 22

William E. Greiser, member, age 64, on Dec. 31

Mrs. Anna Wilback, age 78, Dec. 31

John C. Schoeberlein, age 78, Jan. 6

John H. Garman, member, age 76 on Jan. 7

Mrs. Emily Palermo, age 60, Jan. 8

Rudolph F. Everhardt, age 73, Jan. 10

George Wolbert, member, age 76 on Jan. 12

Mrs. Eileen G. Lang, member, age 62, on Jan. 17

John H. Molz, age 66, on Jan. 24

Herbert P. McVicker, age 53, Jan. 29



A LETTER TO GOD

Dear God:

"I'm sorry you made Sunday when you did. You see, its like this:

We would attend Church more regularly if the day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a very hard week, and we are all tired out. Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night. Saturday evening, you know, it the one time when we should enjoy ourselves so we go to the movies or a party and often it is after midnight when we get home. Then it is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning.

You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late, and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Sunday School, especially when they have to be there by 9:45. Then there are dishes to wash, and we have other things we just have to do. I mean no disrespect, dear God, but you must realize you have picked the wrong day, because it is the one day on which we have the biggest dinner. Not only that, but the Church has fixed the hour of worship the very time we must be preparing dinner.

Then, too, you must think of John He is busy all week and Sunday morning is the only time he has to ticker with the machinery and do other odd jobs. When he gets into his old clothes and his hands greasy you couldn't expect him to be able to attend Church.

I am telling you these things because I want you to get our view point. It is not our fault that we are not able to go to Church Sunday morning. We would like to go but it must be clear to you the real reason we cannot go is because you have chosen the wrong day. If you will select another day, we shall be glad to go to Church and Sunday School."

(This letter was given the Pastor by a member, who clipped it from a magazine he received. The Pastor hopes you have read it with discernment)

MORE QUOTES

TESTS FOR A CHRISTIAN

"The Weather Test - are you a sailboat Christian, making progress in the Lord when the winds are favorable? Or are you a tugboat Christian, plowing ahead even though the gales are against you?

The Worry Test - "If you trust enough, you do not worry; if you worry, you do not trust enough." Have you found that He keeps him in perfect peace, whose mind is staid on Him because he trust Him.

The Worldliness Test - Do you think as the world thinks, go where the world goes, act as the world acts? Does your life give evidence of having your affections set on things above, not on things of the earth?

The Wallet Test - What proportion of your income last year was given for the work of the Lord? Was it as much as a tithe, 10%, shared with others to help minister to needs of our fellowmen?

The Work Test - How much of your energy is being given to the work of the Lord? Is it a reasonable proportion of your time. Does it begin to equal the time you waste?

The Witness Test - Are you, by life and lip, commending Christ so that He is attractive to those who do not yet know Him as their personal Saviour and Lord? Do others see Jesus in your daily life?"

(The above tests appeared in a church paper from Cincinnati, received by your Pastor. Again, have you read this with discernment?)

THINK ON THIS

"34.3 million Americans live in poverty. 69% of these are white.... In metropolitan areas, 10.7 million whites live below the poverty line. In the 'inner cities', whites constitute 5.6 million of the poor and blacks, 4.4 million." Quote from Rev. Wayne Moulder, Urban Strategy

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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.