



The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

MARCH 1973

WHY OBSERVE LENT?

Lent comes once a year, like the 4th of July, Labor Day and Christmas. Like these other special days it is possible for us to witness the coming of another Lenten period and give it little thought. Like the little ditty: "When winter comes can Spring be far behind," we can say, "When Lent comes, can Easter be far behind," and give it no further concern.

But Lent can be important for us in our living. Like Advent is a season of preparation, of contemplation of the importance of Jesus' coming to earth at Christmas, so Lent can be the period of preparation, of contemplation of the extreme importance to our eternal welfare of the suffering through which we went for our sins, even to the death on the Cross and the glory of the dominance of goodness over evil in the actuality of the Resurrection of Jesus from the grave on Easter.

We invited you to observe Lent, because it is thus beneficial to our eternal welfare; because it is bounteous in its expression of God's concern and because it thus carries a blessing for every child of God who believes in the Lord Jesus. To lift up and highlight these three contributions to our spiritual health, your church calls you to the observance of Lent in your personal life at home and in the meetings of worship which are being arranged and planned at your church. Read and study carefully the Lenten calendar enclosed with this mailing and keep it handy that you may always be alerted to Lent at United.

WHEN WERE YOU CONFIRMED?

We're interested here at the church in your Confirmation date, if you were confirmed here, or the year of your adult membership here, if you were not confirmed here as a youth.

Why we are interested is that we plan, as a part of the Centennial in the Fall, a special Confirmation Reunion Service, on which occasion we want to invite all the Confirmands we can locate, those who are still members here and those who have moved away or become members of another church.

We need your help in two manners
1. To discover the year of your Confirmation, and the possible dates of even other members of your family circle, and your maiden name, if a woman. Will you put this information on a card or in a letter and send it to Mr. Al Witzke, 607 S. Eaton St., Baltimore, Md. 21224. Mr. Witzke is chairman of this committee.

2. To help in locating other folk of your class or another class. When you tell us the year in which you were confirmed, will you also volunteer to hunt down as many of your class as you can. We'll provide you the list of the names of your class from our records - the names of the boys and girls (single names) Then check with whatever contacts you have to find their present name & address (even if out of town). We want to send them an invitation to our Centennial.

The success of this endeavor depends upon the willingness of our people in these two ways.

Will you help us?

MEETINGS

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

"Overshadowing everything else in the story of our life in '72 is the beginning of the preparation for our Centennial in '73. The Committee has been meeting for some months now and the plans for the celebration are firming up....If all plans materialize, this celebration will truly be an outstanding one....

Added to the many other good things which have happened in '72, I am grateful to all the staff for fine service given. I also express appreciation to the Church Counciland say a special thanks to those who relinquished their Council positions as of Dec. 31 - John Lenning, Richard Single, Henry Schneider, Ernest Jones.....On the debit side, we mention the loss of our caretaker, Mrs. Carrie Bentrup, who retired after 17 years of loyal service. We express appreciation to her. Also Mr. Paul Bauersfeld relinquished his position as Church School Sup't., after another record of long service. We say, 'Thank You'

Here are the statistics for '72: Baptisms, 40; Weddings, 44; Funerals, 65 (of which 16 were members) In addition to the Confirmation class, 25 adults were received into membership. 8 transferred out of the church...The figure of 325 was achieved across the Sundays as average attendance at the Sunday services. The total membership of the church now stand at 738. Church School had an enrollment of 243, not including the non-attending Cradle Roll. The average attendance of 50% of enrollment was met for the Church School in '72....."

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Chad Howard, son of Ronald N. and Juanite (Heim) Stedding, on Feb. 11.

Adam Joseph, son of Joseph A. and Laraine (Dimick) Jones, on Feb. 18.

Weddings

George D. Branagan and Geraldine Skelton, on Feb. 17.

Funerals

Mrs. Minnie Perkna, member, age 79, on Jan. 27.

Andrew Rowe, member, age 79, Jan. 29.

George Mack, member, age 65, Jan. 30.

Joachim Larson, age 87, Feb. 3.

Church Council, Tues., Mar. 6
Ladies Aid, Wed., Mar. 7, 12 noon
Lenten Service, each Wed. at 8 p.m.
Church School Sup'ts, Tues., Mar. 13
100th Anniv. Com., Tues., Mar. 27
Scouts, each Mon. and Tues.
Sewing group, each Tues. 10 a.m.
Choir, each Thurs., 7:30
Confirmation, each Sun. & Thurs.
Youth Groups, to be announced.
Guild and Men's meeting, postponed
Lenten Sale, Work day, each Thurs.
Lenten Sale, each Friday.

THIS 'N THAT

Council requests that all write the amounts of contributions on the envelopes from Sunday to Sunday..... Boxes at back of church now both Homewood and Hoffman Homes... Girl Scout Sunday, Mar. 11..... We have a guest speaker for the services of Mar. 25, a missionary..... No more Youth Choir because the members' deportment in the services was too disturbing..... We have withdrawn from Key '73 because the Council felt nothing should distract from our preparation for the Centennial, and some of the Key '73 activities would require quite massive manpower from our congregation. Also, the approach to Evangelism, as far as our church's heritage is concerned, differs quite radically with some of the approaches of the Key '73 program in our area..... One Great Hour of Sharing special offering coming on Sunday, April 1. Envelopes will be coming to you with the next mailing.....

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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.