

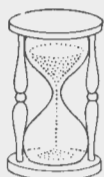


The *United Endeavor*

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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THE TIME CRUNCH

We are all very much aware of the energy crunch in our day, and, because of the repercussions of this crunch are being reminded to be conserving in many other areas of life. Because we have not been aware of the need to conserve, feeling that our supplies were unlimited, we now are brought up short with this crisis. Irregardless of whether or not this situation could have been avoided, the beginning of 1974 presents this difficult problem.

In like manner, there is a time crunch. Our time on earth is not unlimited, even though some live as though it were. So many precise years, days, hours and minutes can be calculated, after our passing, as the span of time in which we lived. Also, one with superior wisdom and possessing the story of our life, could calculate the worth of our life.

We can, each one, do this much better, for we are living our life. We know the schedules of our time. Are we conserving the time given us to live, never knowing how long it will be? The beginning of another year of life, by the grace of God, is a good time to reflect and to make amends, if we have been wasteful.

How can we so regulate our time

as to conserve it in the best manner? I would suggest we prioritize the use of our time (outside the hours we must spend at our jobs.) To prioritize that which is spare time one would make a list of all activities that are or ought to be of concern and then to relist these according to the manner in which each activity assists in making the use of time an expenditure of worth.

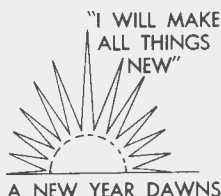
Certainly the time spent with one's family is important. No one should ever be too busy to spend time with family members, not just being in their presence but doing something together which will give recreation in the best sense, the constant re-creating of the kind of rapport between parents and children or between man and wife which heightens the sense of love, devotion and companionship.

Then again, time should be given to God and His Church. Neither God nor the church should get the tail-end of our time, after every other need has been cared for. One's faith is of sufficient importance that it needs to be expressed in additional ways than being in church on Sunday. The work of our Lord calls you to give your religious work a priority in the use of your time. The church cannot function without the giving of time by its members to expedite its furtherance.

Yet again, an avocation, or hobby is important to the best use of time. Hobbies are as varied as people. Some have one, others have a number of activities. By way of example, as little spare time as we have at the parsonage, we still seek to follow hobbies to keep life interesting and productive. Mrs. Rasche collects old pressed glass, figurines and dishware. I have sought to work with plants in a winter garden under light in the basement and in collecting old furniture

and antique clocks which I then re-finish in my workshop and put into working condition. We have secured these materials from friends, and from auctions we have attended. We have sought to have multiple hobbies so as to have many activities to keep us from wasting time.

May we be aware of the crunch of time. It moves on relentlessly and we cannot recapture the time we have wasted. The sand in the hourglass keeps flowing. The use of time in the furtherance of the family, in the furtherance of our life of faith and in the pursuit of hobbies gives a zest to life which then is transferred to our daily work, enlivening it and making all of life worthwhile.



JANUARY SUNDAYS

January 1974 brings a number of special emphases which will be of interest to all the congregation. Each of the four Sundays is devoted to a special theme which will involve folk of the congregation.

Sunday, Jan. 6 - Communion Sunday
Services at 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. with the Sacrament at each service and the message by Pastor Rasche.

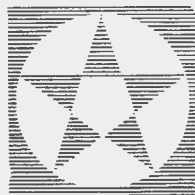
This will be the first Sunday of 'daylight saving time,' so don't forget to get up an hour earlier.

Sunday, Jan. 13 - Laity Sunday
Services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. We could not have Laity Sunday in the fall because of the Anniversary, so we schedule it now and announce that the major portions of the services will be in the hands of laypersons, with Mr. Wm. Single, III bringing the message.

Sunday, Jan. 20 - Christian Education Sunday

A unique Sunday, which begins the special emphasis with the 9:00 a.m. hour and continues through a Coffee Hour after the 10:15 a.m. service. See the special article elsewhere in this issue. Pastor Rasche will preach at both the 8:00 a.m. and the 10:15 a.m. services. The Church School is in charge of both services

Sunday, Jan. 27 - Youth Sunday
Our youth will produce and conduct both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services with the guest youth minister, Rev. Eugene Bartell bringing the message. Church School hour at the regular time with all Church School pupils and staff asked to attend the 10:15 a.m. service by departments, and invite parents.



EPIPHANY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY UNUSUAL

Education in matters Christian is very important to the church. We need to know the Bible and what we believe. Thus the church admonishes every family to make certain their youth are in Church School every Sunday from the age of 3 yrs. onward

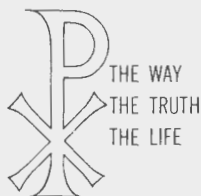
That all our congregation may be aware of the very conscientious efforts being put forth by our Church School staff in behalf of our children, youth and even adults, our Christian Education Sunday on Jan. 20th this year will be a "Show and Tell" Sunday, including a Fellowship Hour.

Beginning at 9 a.m. we will follow the theme, "See Our Church School at Work," urging adults visit the various departments of the School and observe it in session, travelling from department to department during that hour.

The major services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. will be devoted to the Christian Education theme.

Following the late service the Church School will offer a Coffee Hour in Friendship Hall, giving opportunity for members of the staff, pupils and congregational folk to get better acquainted and to talk over the day's experiences and answer any pertinent questions.





SEMINARY OFFERING JAN. 20TH

It is appropriate, on this Sunday, Jan. 20, when we think of Christian Education, that we give thought to the support of our Theological Seminaries, the Graduate schools of higher education, operated by our denomination, for the training of young men and women who become the Pastors and the Christian Education staff workers of our United Churches of Christ. Our Seminaries are facing troublous time in terms of financing. Our theological students are encouraged to choose this profession by giving them assistance through scholarship and grant aid, provided by our denomination. However, our denominational funds are so limited in these days that the Seminaries have been curtailed in the funds thus received and must come to our individual congregations for help.

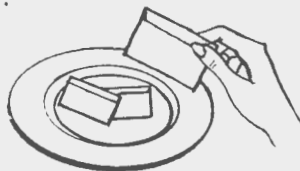
Will we help? Your Council is of a mind we will, and thus has set aside this day, Jan. 20th, as the first of two Sundays in 1974 when we will bring a special offering in behalf of Eden and Lancaster Seminaries, and will provide envelopes for the pews for these offerings. This is the Alma Mater of all the Pastors who have served this congregation and Lancaster is the Seminary of our church in nearby Lancaster, Pa. from which have come many of the pastors serving other UCC churches. Both these Seminaries are in our zone of concern.

ANNUAL MEETING FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Your Pastor and Council are pleased with the fine attendance at our November congregational meeting and admonishes our folk to again be loyal in attending this meeting on Friday, Jan. 25, in Friendship Hall. This will be the 'report' meeting for 1973, when the Council will present the financial report, the Pastor will gather together facts of

1973 and the organizations will likewise give account of their life these past months.

Further at this meeting plans for 1974 will be considered and any other pertinent business transacted. A fellowship period will follow the meeting.



1974 BUDGET

Salaries	\$40,888.00
<u>Church Maintenance</u>	
Utilities	\$5975
Insurance	2200
Repairs, Improvements, Cleaning	2600
Parsonage Maintenance	10,775.00
Utilities	925
Improvements	1000
Church Expense	1,925.00
Equip. & Supplies	2900
Ch. Office	1500
Advertising	750
Ch. Flowers	600
Soc. Security	1100
Charity, Picnic	200
Pastoral Expense	7,050.00
Automobile	750
Hospitalization	600
Pension Fund	1200
Annuity	500
Special Church Expense	3,050.00
Receptions and Choir Outing	850.00
<u>Benevolent Giving</u>	
Cent. Atlantic Conference	5000
Chesapeake Assoc	700
United Ch. Home	200
Other Benev.	400
Hoffman Home	400
Homewood Home	400
Seminary Fund	400
	7,500.00
	<u>\$72,038.00</u>



CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION AND OFFICERS

At the meeting of the congregation on Nov. 30th the following were elected to the Church Council: Arthur A. Block; J. Albert Fader, Sr.;

Ernest Jones; Louis Parker, Jr.; George Sauer; Ray Schmitt. The following leave the Council at year's end, and we thank them for valuable services graciously given: Louis Parker, Sr. and Robert Logue.

At the Dec. Council meeting, the following were elected as 1974 officers: George Tuerk, Pres.; George Sauer, V.Pres.; Louis Parker, Jr., Rec Sec'y; Wm. Single, III, Treas.; Ernest Jones, Fin. Sec'y. The following will relinquish office at year's end and we express deep gratitude for wonderful loyalty and service given: Arthur A. Block as Pres. and Louis Parker, Sr. as Rec. Sec'y.

LETTER FROM HOFFMAN HOME

Dear Rev. Rasche: It is quite appropriate that the Christmas season marks the time of year when many in individuals, organizations and congregations remember Hoffman Home with financial support.....Hoffman Home appreciates your church's gift of \$250.00 (ed. note: most recent check from treas. Total for year nearly \$1000) Without such gifts, Hoffman Home simply could not continue to provide 24 hr. a day care for some 75 boys and girls.....If, in the coming year, I could be helpful in interpreting Hoffman Home's program to your congregation, please let me know. Sincerely, Warren Hilfiker.



CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

James Bradley, son of James C. and Ruby Fillius, on Nov. 25

Michael Joseph, Jr., son of Michael J. and Barbara Stephens, on Dec. 9

Dawn Marie, daughter of James J. and Gladys Smith, on Dec. 9

Edward William, Jr., son of Edward W. and Michelle Pugh on Dec. 9

Weddings

Clinton E. Smith and Lynn E. Fox on Nov. 27

Charles W. Brown and Betty Padeletti, on Dec. 2

Thomas H. Webster, Sr. and Eugenia Dray on Dec. 8

Howard Eilermann and Susan Sotaski on Dec. 8

Walter G. Scheuerman and Karen A. Piercy, on Dec. 15

Funerals

Mrs. Hilda Rollins, member, age 79, on Nov. 28

Leroy Schmuck, age 69, on Dec. 3

William Witzke, member, age 77, on Dec. 3

George K. Shreck, age 71, on Dec. 15



MEETINGS IN JANUARY

Ladies Aid, Wed. Jan. 2, 12 noon.

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

Church Council, Mon. Jan. 7, 8 p.m.

Church-School Sup'ts, Tues. Jan. 8 at 8

Men's Fellowship, Wed. Jan. 9th, 7:30

Women's Guild, Wed. Jan. 16, 8 p.m.

Confirmation 1st yr. class, Sundays

at 9 a.m.; 2nd yr. class, Thursdays

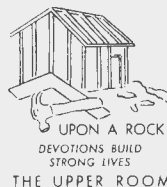
at 7:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsal, each Thurs., 7:30

Scouts Boy and Girl Scouts have meetings on Monday afternoons, evening.

Church School Session, each Sunday at 9 a.m.

Youth Group meeting, each 1st and 3rd Sundays. 1st meeting here at church, 2-5 p.m.; second meeting usually an activity away.



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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.