



The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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A YEAR ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the process of telling the story of Jesus Christ and His glory, the story of redemption of sins and the gift of eternity with God through the blessed Lord Jesus. Evangelism is the personalizing of Jesus' commandment, 'Go, tell the story and baptize men into the faith.' Evangelism is gathering folk together in the Church of the Lord Jesus to enable them to maintain the faith and live it.

This story is not being heard as it should these days by our modern civilization. The call of the Christ is not getting through. As a result we read that only 4 out of 10 in our nation are in active relation with a church. As a result we see the terrible conditions of ungodliness of various natures which are being evidenced in our nation & world. Christ is still the answer to the needs of people and a generation. The redemption He offers is still the remedy to the hold of sin on folk & ways of living in our day.

Thus it is imperative we give attention to Evangelism in the church. We have slighted this for too long. We propose therefore to do something about it in 1974 in a number of ways, making Evangelism the

theme of the year.

We begin this emphasis in February, with a series of what is hoped will be thought-provoking and response-eliciting messages on "The Biblical Anatomy of Evangelism." It will be our purpose to look at this challenge as presented in God's Word and through these messages to prepare ourselves for action in 1974.

Then, in the Lenten mid-week services, we want to direct our attention to the questions of our faith, the examination of the basis of our faith as presented through the Evangelical Catechism. Questions on the faith from congregational folk will be the basis of meditations at these very informal services each Wednesday at 8.

Also, during Lent, it will be our purpose to invite folk to be willing to witness and to accept the responsibility of making personal calls on specific folk of our larger fellowship, friendly concerned calls.

If possible (this is only tentative) after Easter we plan a week of evangelistic services with a guest speaker present to lead us in our thinking and convictions.

During these intervening months it will be our purpose to zone our congregation and set up a large series of fellowship meetings for community members in the various sections of our city, so we as fellow members can get to know each other better. These meetings will be in the fall of the year. The Pastor and one or more Council members will seek to be at each of these meetings.





FEBRUARY SERMONS TO INAUGURATE YEAR'S THEME

During February Sundays the pulpit messages will be on the theme of Evangelism, presenting 4 facets of "The Biblical Anatomy of Evangelism," or an explanation and the thrust of evangelism as reflected in the teachings of God's Word.

February also brings the pre-Lenten Sundays - Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. Each of the February Sundays will highlight special features in addition to the messages.

The Lord's Supper

THE LORD'S

SUPPER

FEB. 3

The first Sunday, Feb. 3 will be Communion Sunday with services at the hours of 7:45 and 10:15 a.m.

BOY SCOUT

SUNDAY, FEB. 10



BOY SCOUT WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 10 is Boy Scout Sunday and in the 10:15 a.m. service our Boy Scouts will be present and include a special event.



BROTHERHOOD

SUNDAY, FEB. 17

February is Brotherhood month and Feb. 17 is Brotherhood Sunday with the services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

PRE-LENTEN

SUNDAY,

FEB. 24

Sunday, Feb. 24 is the Sunday



prior to the beginning of the Lenten season. Services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., with the monthly Youth Service at the hour of 9:30 a.m.



LENT BEGINS LATE IN FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season is Wednesday, Feb. 27th. This brings our first mid-week Lenten service at 8 p.m., and the first of our very informal services. These services will bring the opportunity to sing the well-loved hymns from the Hymnal and the special Lenten Hymnal, plus the reading of portions from the Scripture as relating to the Passion of our Lord. The messages of the evening will be in the form of answering questions, explaining questions from the Catechism or on the faith in general (see article which follows) A Coffee Hour will follow each service.

More details about the Lenten season plus the Lenten dime folder will reach you with the March mailing.

However, it is proper to also include in this preliminary write-up the fact that we will be having the Lenten Sales each Friday, and the weekly Bake Sales after the mid-week services. The sale on Ash Wednesday will be sponsored by the Ladies Aid.



REDISCOVER THE CATECHISM

This will be our purpose for the mid-week Lenten services in 1974, in reality to rediscover or give

new strength to the faith of each of us. The Catechism is that question and answer compendium of the elements of our faith as has been used in Confirmation for many decades. Through the posing of questions that one may have about the faith and the answering of these questions by the Pastor in these services, and through open discussion, we hope to make the mid-week services very helpful to all.

To aid in this purpose, 100 copies of the Catechism have been placed in the pew racks, and cards upon which questions can be written have also been provided. We invite folk to peruse the Catechism, study it, and to jot down on a card (as many as you desire and as often as you desire) these questions. Hand them to an usher and the Pastor will receive them and use them to build the meditations for these services.

So, enter in upon this venture, rediscover the Catechism and help us to rediscover and strengthen our mutual faith in God through Jesus Christ our Lord.



MEETINGS OF THE MONTH

Church Council, Tues., Feb. 5

Ladies Aid, Wed., Feb. 6

Church School General Staff, Tues. Feb. 12. This is a meeting of all the staff members of our Church School.

Men's Fellowship, Wed. Feb. 13, 7:30

Women's Guild, Wed., Feb. 20

Scouts The four Girl Scout units and the two Boy Scout units meet, Mon. afternoon and evening at specified times.

Sewing Group meets every Tues. at 10 a.m.

Choir has rehearsal each Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation

1st yr. class, each Sunday at 9 a.m.

2nd yr. class, each Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Youth group

1st meeting of month, 1st Sunday here, at 2 to 5 p.m.

2nd meeting of month, 3rd Sunday afternoon, usually in an activity away from church.

Weekly spiritual meeting, on Wednesdays at 6:30, in Friendship Hall, with practice for Youth Services at 7:30 p.m.



THIS AND THAT

Seven of our young women were elevated to the highest position in Girl Scouting in a wonderful banquet meeting recently. These were made 1st Class Scouts (comparable to Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts) and will form the new troop here at church. This was the first time in 26 yrs. of Girl Scouting at United that such honors were bestowed. The girls are: Debbie Merritt, Debbie Zamenski, Linda Pate, Debbie McVicker, Lynn Stinchcomb, Denise Fischer, Julia Clark. Mrs. McVicker is the Troop leader.\$425.00 was contributed by our people to the Hooper Fund on recent Sundays.Committees for Church Council for 1974 were announced by the church president, Mr. George Tuerk. The chairmen of the committees are: Property, George Sauer; Finance, Wm. Single, III; Membership and Stewardship, J. Albert Fader; Pastoral, George Tuerk; Calendar, Ernest Jones; Music, Randy Schmitt; Auditing, Wm. Bark, Jr.; Ushering, (8 a.m. service) George Sauer (10:15 service) Louis Parker, Jr.; Youth, Fred Long; Fellowship, J. Albert Fader; Youth Service, Randy Schmitt; Church School Liason, Arthur Block.Officers of the Young Women's Guild were installed at the Jan. meeting. They are: Emma Koehler, Pres.; Mildred Gronberg, V. Pres.; Myrtle Eckes, Rec. Sec'y; Cor. Sec'y, Lydie Becker; Treasurer, Grace Fader.the officers of the Church School were relected for this current year. They are: Carol Rowell, Sup't.; Carole Weidel, Ass't Sup't.; Robert Gundlach, Sec'y; Martin Walsh, Treas.; Nancy Parker, Ass't Sec'y; Clarence Rowell, Ass't Treas.The Canton Council, out of the news for some time, is still in existence as a cooperative work between the Protestant Churches of Canton. At a meeting some weeks ago it was decided to continue in the projects of providing baskets for the needy and the Vacation Bible School.



MRS. RASCHE TO GIVE BIBLE STUDIES

LENTEN SALES BEGINS MARCH 1ST

The Lenten Sales will be held each Friday in Lent, beginning on Friday, March 1st. These sales will offer padded oysters, codfish cakes, potato salad, slaw and crullers for sale, upon advance orders. Orders must be phoned in on Wednesdays at the following numbers, 866-1934 or 426-5703. Pick-ups of orders will be 12:30 on each Friday. Prices of items will be available later.

These sales also mean that we will need men and women to help in the preparation of these food items on each Thursday (all day) and on Fridays. We've always had a good group present for work crews. Lets have the same cooperation this year.



CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms None

Weddings

Eugene C. Wolf and Jeanne Ferreira, on Dec. 18

George J. Eschrich and Marian F. Eckstein, on Dec. 20

Funerals

William S. McEvoy, age 68 on Dec. 20

John Graff, age 89, on Dec. 24
Mrs. Eliz. Mitchell, age 81, on Dec. 31

Mrs. Alverta Langdon, member, age 64, on Jan. 4

Mrs. Anna Neuberger, age 80, on Jan. 8

Raymond Brown, member, age 80, on Jan. 12

New Members (received Dec. 30th)

Mrs. Barbara Sullivan

Mrs. Irene McVicker

Miss Carolyn De Pasquale

Franklin J. Maddox



Four studies in the Old Testament will be the scope of Bible Studies to be presented by Mrs. Rasche at the 9 a.m. hour on the first four Sundays in March in Friendship Hall. An open invitation is extended to all adults and youth to attend these 45 minute presentation of Bible stories. There is no charge for this presentation and no home study required, so, you all come. You are welcome.

BIBLE SOCIETY NEWS

Indonesia-Todate, more than 600,000 Gospels and 850,000 selections of Scripture passages have been distributed in and around Jakarta

Korea- The Korean Bible Society made 500,000 Bibles available to the 'All Soldiers Christianizing Movement' through which 109,738 army personnel have been baptized since 1970

Republic of China-Students from 17 colleges and universities participated in the Bible distribution campaign last summer. They circulated more than 180,000 Portions of the Bible

Chile-Adventist Council approved purchase of 1 million Scriptures

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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.