

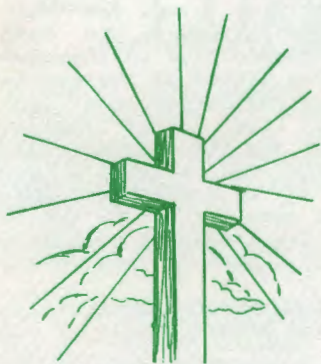


The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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A BLESSING TO THE SHUT-INS

All able-bodied and healthy Christians are fully expected to get to church for the services of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, for this is the important season of the Springtime. All who love the Lord should be in the services of penitence during Holy Week and the celebration of Christian joy at Christ's resurrection on Easter. Nary a one should fail to be present at the Table of Holy Communion during this holy period, but the attendance at the holy meal should not be merely by custom but because of a real inner need for fellowship with and forgiveness by the Lord in this which we know as the Sacrament.

But what about those who, because of illness or physical incapability are not able to be in the House of God? As you dear ones spend your days and hours in total or partial confinement to bed or home, we want you to know you are in our thoughts. For you whose earnest desire it is to be here,

but can't, the Lord has promised His blessings and presence with you. Your background in the faith and at the church gives you the ability to worship with us in spirit. And we will have you in our minds and prayers at this important season of the Christian church year.

The pastor always stands ready to serve you and bring the church to you. He seeks to visit with you at least several times a year and is always ready to come to your home upon call and request. He will bring you the Holy Communion whenever you, or a family member, request it by calling the church office. We send altar flowers from Sunday to Sunday to those who are relatively close and to whom we can direct one of our Flower Committee if there is no relative to pick up the flowers. Each year our women seek to remember our sick and shut-ins at Christmas. At Easter we desire to place our Easter Lilies in your home if the note of invitation is answered by you or your family and a family member is present after the 10 a.m. service to pick up the lily.

You are in our thoughts constantly. You are not forgotten. You are a part of our fellowship here at United Church. May our God bless each of you at this blessed Holy Week and Easter. May you know Him as your personal Lord and Master, and place yourself in His care, knowing He careth for you.

Happy Easter to you all!

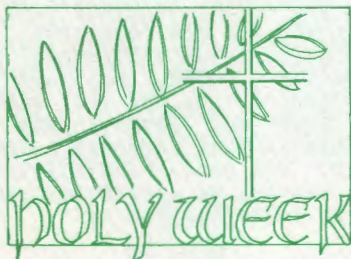




COME, WORSHIP YOUR KING

"Hosanna in the highest!
Hail the King!"
The people cried
"Thou art the Son of God."
They spread a festal way with
palms
"And we are in Thy train!"

Thus Palm Sunday is held up as an important day in the Christian life. Thus we highlight this Day of the Lord with two Palm Sunday services, at 8:00 and 10 a.m. At both services we distribute the palm leaves. For both services the special choral music for Palm Sunday is presented and the Pastor brings the message of Palm Sunday. At the 10 a.m. service we rejoice in bestowing the Rite of Confirmation upon a class of young men and women who have concluded two years of special instruction in the Christian faith and in preparation for membership with the church. You are admonished to be present for either services, plus the Church School session at 8:45 a.m.



Holy Week brings us the opportunity to approximate Christ's steps. Holy Week is more than just making sure to get to church on either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday to take Communion. It is a week of penitence, a week of sol-

emn consideration for us all. Don't misuse this week by non-consideration. Thus your church plans many services, some with Communion, and urges you to be constant at God's House.

DRAMA OF "THE LORD'S SUPPER"
Wed. April 10 at 8 p.m.

This is the 24th annual presentation of this original dramatic presentation of 'The Lord's Supper' by a cast of our men under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Al Witzke. No sermon nor communion this night

TENEBRAE SERVICE
Maundy Thursday, Apr. 11, 8 p.m.

Annually we review the Passion Story from Scripture and Song in this lovely service of the lowering of the lights in the sanctuary depicting the deepening of sorrow in Jesus' life as the crucifixion drew near, and the accompanying appreciation and solemnity in our hearts as we contemplate how all this was done for us and our salvation. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a part of this service.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
Good Friday, April 12

Morning Preaching and Communion service at 9 a.m. Pastor Rasche brings the message of Good Friday from the pulpit and we receive the opportunity of participating in the service of Holy Communion. This is the only service at United on Good Friday.

Community 3 hr. Good Friday service at Messiah Lutheran Church at Potomac and O'Donnell. This service is supported by all the Protestant Churches of Highlandtown and Canton. Service begins at 12 sharp and closes at 3 p.m. with 7 periods of worship. Pastor Rasche will be presenting the Sixth Word from the Cross & this period will include special music provided by our church.





Easter

On Easter the church puts on its finest beauty to welcome the Risen Lord. We beautify our altar with a multitude of gorgeous Easter lilies to make our Easter worship very special.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE April 14 - 6 a.m.

A full service with special choral music, the Easter message by the Pastor and the celebration of Holy Communion at the close of the service. Come, while it is yet dark, unto the House of the Lord as the early disciple went to the tomb on that Easter morn. Come, welcome the resurrection of the blessed Lord of our life.

EASTER CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION Friendship Hall, 8:45 a.m.

The entire school gathers as a body for this occasion (don't go to departments first) This special session will be over in good time to enable folk to get to the Festival Service.

EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE 10 a.m.

Though there will be much similarity with the 6 a.m. service, this 10 a.m. service will include the Easter Lily Memorial service and then the first communion of the 1974 Confirmants in the Communion service following the major service.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER REMINDERS

Dime Folders

Your church is requesting that the Dime Folder sent you or your family, and which you have been filling, should be returned during Holy Week or on Easter and deposited in the special box in the Narthex.

Easter Lily Gifts and Memorials

With your March Endeavor you received a Memorial Fd. envelope for your use in making Memorials at Easter and even gifts toward the purchase of Easter lilies. A reminder is given that if these gifts are to be included in the printed Easter Memorial brochure, they must be in the church office by Wed. April 3rd.



THIS AND THAT

Final Midweek Service before Holy Week, on Wed. Apr. 3, at 8 p.m. will bring us a Lenten Musicales by our Senior Choir. During the final Fellowship Hour after the service, the Bake Sale will be given by our Boy and Girl Scouts.

Shut-in Communications - these will be made by Pastor Rasche the week before Holy Week, upon request by the shutin or the family for such a visit. Requests that come in too late for that week will be fulfilled after Easter.

Association Youth Here - Our youth will play host to the youth of the Chesapeake Association on Sunday, Apr. 21 from 3-5 p.m. and will present one of their youth services for the guests.

Children's Choir - a Children's Choir has been rehearsing on Sundays from 11:30 to 12 noon (after

the late service) and will first appear at the Palm Sunday and Easter services. The group is under the direction of Robert Gundlach, assisted by Janice Houck and Denise Iwancio. We are happy for this new choral group.

Journeys Away from Home. Travel this summer by auto may be curtailed because of the energy crunch. Maybe you'll want to vacation by bus. If so, be aware that two of our congregation have been arranging bus trips now and then, some for a day, some a week-end and some longer. If interested, contact Mrs. Dorothy Long (433-0390) or Mrs. Marty Craig (675-2251). Or, if you are interested in foreign travel, Pastor and Mrs. Rasche are planning a tour of the British isles for two weeks, departing late in July. They will be glad to supply a brochure upon request.



YEAR OF EVANGELISM MOVES ON

Right after Easter we want to begin the next phase of our year of Evangelism with visits upon inactive members of our church family for the purpose of bringing them back into activity. This will begin by periods of training for those who volunteer to be an official visitor. Time for this training will be announced shortly and it is hoped these visits will be made before the end of May.

The previously announced week of evangelistic service is now definitely booked for Sunday, May 19 through Friday, May 24. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Sartelle of Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship. Wait for further announcements concerning this special week



COMING EVENTS

Mother-Daughter Banquet, Wed. May 8
We make this early announcement, that you may mark this date on your calendar.

Flea Market, Saturday, May 18
The Flea Market was such a success last year that another is being planned for the date above. Remember this fact and bring articles for sale (see enclosed leaflet)

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Nicole Dawn, daughter of Eugene and Brenda Gavel, on Mar. 10

Stacy Marie, daughter of Ray and Gwendolyn Bartlett, on Mar. 10

Richard Samuel, son of Kenneth and Jean Biscoe, on Mar. 17

Anthony Gene, son of Eugene and Peggy Taormina, on Mar. 17

Michael Joseph, son of Joseph and Carol Palermo on Mar. 17

Weddings

Joseph S. Schultz and Charlotte Miller on Jan. 26

David Bell and Linda Richert on March 16

Funerals

Mrs. Minnie Witzke, member, age 84, on Feb. 11

Ernest Loehr, age 53 on Feb. 12

George Loeffler, age 47, on Feb. 18

Mrs. Gustella Bergund, member, age 81 on Feb. 20

John Swiec, age 65, on Feb. 25

George A. Schaal, age 73 on Feb. 27

Henry Williams, age 76 on Mar. 7

William A. Noetzel, Sr. member, age 66 on Mar. 9

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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.