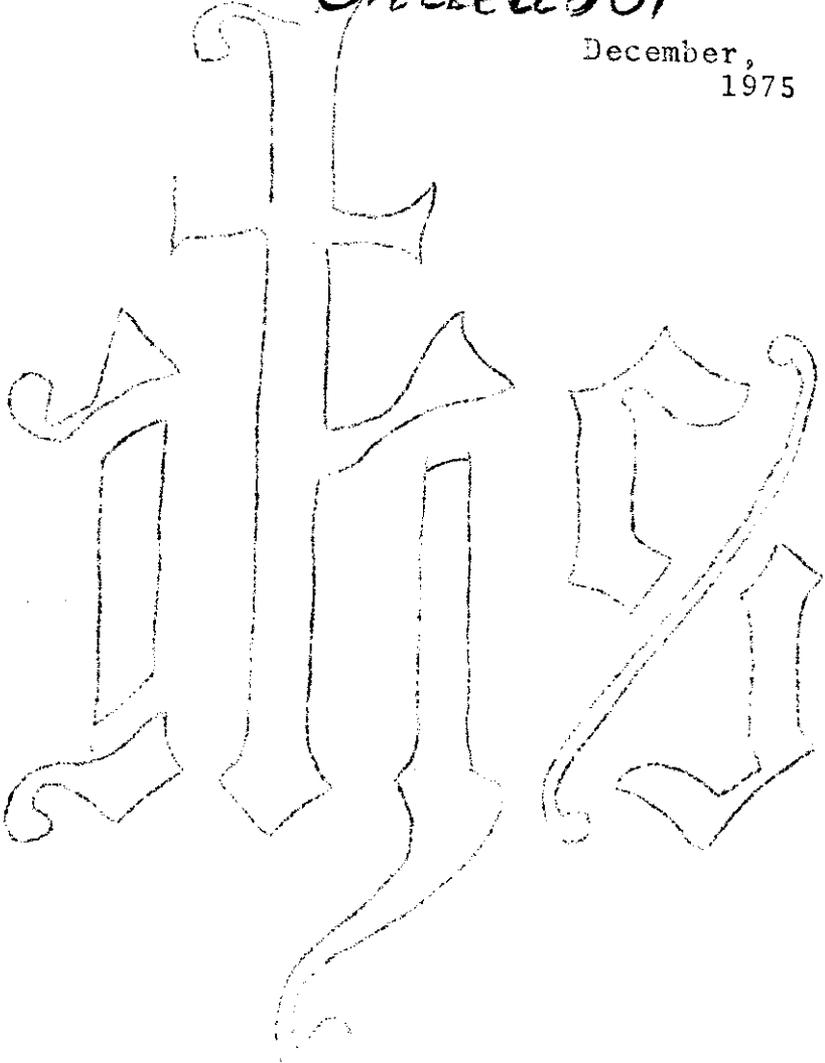
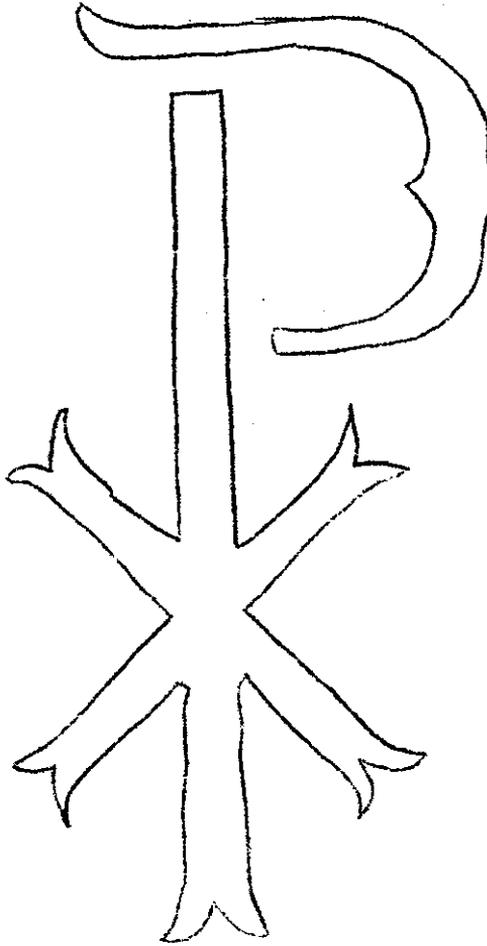




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On the front page appear the first three letters from the Greek word for Jesus. The letters are iota, eta and sigma. The English equivalent in letters are J, E and S. We have a Greek shorthand for the name Jesus.

On this page we have another shorthand word. The "X" is the Greek letter Chi (ki) and the "P" is the Greek letter Rho (row). These two letters represent the word Christ. They are the CHRIST In CHRISTMAS. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

You probably have seen both of these sets of letters on church altars and at other places in Christian art. Make them a part of your Christmas celebration. Make a Chrysmon. Hang it on your tree.

Both "Jesus" and "Christ" have very significant meanings.

Keep Christ in Christmas!

OYSTER AND SOUR BEEF SUPPER

I would at this time thank all of those who helped with the Oyster and Sour Beef Supper to make it the huge success it was. It takes many people to make a supper of this type succeed, three days of hard work from 8 in the morning until 9 or 10 at night.

We served over 925 suppers earning \$2,500.00, money which is needed with the many additional expenses we will have with the coming of a new Pastor.

So again I will thank all of you who helped in making my job as Chairman much easier and the supper a huge success.

Ernie Jones

POINSETTIA FUND - that we may again have a lovely array of poinsettia at the altar for the services of Christmas and Christmas time, we invite the individuals of the church family, the organizations and the friends of the church to make contributions to the Poinsettia Fund, from which these plants will be purchased. These gifts can also be in the form of memorials. Please have all Poinsettia Fund gifts in by December 15, and place the name and address of donor on the envelope, (one is enclosed and additional ones can be found in the pew racks), and if a memorial, the name of the person in whose memory it is given.

The Ladies Aid will have their Christmas Party, December 3 at 2:00 p.m.

The Sewing Group will have their Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 16 at 12:00 noon.

A.D.

These letters are an abbreviation for the latin term "anno domini" which are translated "in the year of our Lord."

Our calendar year is A.D. 1975.

"The Year of Our Lord" begins with the birth of Jesus Christ, who in Christianity is regarded as The Lord.

Lord is a loaded word.

We say that Christ is the Lord.

Of what is He the Lord?

The Lord of your life?

Let the calendar be a reminder of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The Jews regard the present time as the Common Era. They do not use A.D. as a designation. The time before Christ's coming is designated "BCE" - Before the Common Era.

B.W.

Let's Have a Little Fun

A little boy was gazing into the crib at his new baby sister who was lying there crying loudly. "Did she come from Heaven?" the lad asked his mother. "Yes", said the mother tenderly, "she did". "Well, with all that noise she's making," said the little boy, "it's no wonder they threw her out".

Remember to pick up your 1976 Offering Envelopes and your 1976 Church calendar.

ADVENT IS PREPARATION

We are preparing for the celebration of the Birth of Christ in the first Advent.

As a congregation there should be especially another Advent preparation.

That Advent is the coming of Pastor Hengen and his family.

Pray for his arrival. Help to plan his arrival. Work for his arrival.

A new day dawns. A new chapter begins. A new Pastorate is inaugurated.

Be like John the Baptist. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Also prepare the way for the Hengens.

B.W.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

8:30 p.m.

This will be the traditional service of Christmas, with the service of candelighting and carols, the Christmas message by Interim Pastor Wickkiser and the lovely Christmas music. All this in the glow of the Christmas candles and the Christmas tree. Come and worship the Lord Christ at the Festival of His Birth. Do not forsake your Lord by staying away from His House on Christmas. As important as are family gatherings, even more important is the allegiance to the Christ we express by being in His House on Christmas Eve.

Holy Communion, Sunday, January 4, 1976

D E C E M B E R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	1 Senior Citizens Scouts	2 Sewing Group Scouts Council Meeting	3 2:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Christmas Party
7 - 2nd Sun- day in Advent Communion Services 7:45 and 10:15 am	8 Senior Citizens Scouts	9 Sewing Group Scouts	10
14 - 3rd Sun- day in Advent Worship 8:00 & 10:15 Tinsel Sunday	15 Senior Citizens Christmas Dance Scouts	16 Sewing Group Christmas Party - 12 noon Scouts	17 Young Women's Guil Christmas Pa ty - 7:00 pm Hunt Valley Inn
21 - 4th Sun- day in Advent Worship 8:00 and 10:15 am	22 Senior Citizens Scouts	23 Sewing Group Scouts	24 Youth Group Servi 7:00 pm Regular Chri mas Ser. 8:3
28 Sunday Worship 8:00 and 10:30 Youth Service 9:30	29 Senior Citizens Scouts	30 Sewing Group Scouts	31 New Year' Eve No Worship Service thi Year

NOTE: All dates are subject to change without notice. Contact Church Office for further information. Hours of service are subject to change without notice.

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~~Happy~~

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to Bruce, Mom, Jane, Bard & Bronwen & Dick & Kizer

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Confirmation II Senior Choir	5	6
11 Confirmation I Senior Choir	12	13
18 Confirmation II Senior Choir	19	20
25 Christ- mas Day Office Closed 10 pm	26	27

Office. Check your Sunday Bulletin or call the
 hours are 9 to 4, weekdays, phone number 276-0393.

Interim Pastor Bruce Wickkiser

TINSEL DAY

Tinsel Day is a traditional day of joy and festivity at United, for on this day the whole church building is made ready for Christmas, with the departments of the Church School being decorated by the pupils and teachers plus the tree in the sanctuary decorated by youth. The adults have the opportunity of making an Advent decoration for their home. All this is preceded by a fellowship dinner here at the church and concluded with a birthday party for Jesus in late afternoon plus the official lighting of the church tree and a wonderful carol sing in the glow of the tree in late afternoon.

We invite all to participate in our Tinsel Day festivities by coming to the services to begin the day, then remaining or returning for the noon meal plus the afternoon's events. All folk of the Church and Church School with their families are invited, but this is not a community-wide event. It is for our own larger church family.

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 7 - 7:45 and 10:15 - Services with the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Advent ceremonial of the wreaths plus the lighting of candle 2 on the Advent Wreath.

Sunday, Dec. 14 - 8:00 and 10:15. Display of the Christmas creche and the lighting of candle 3 on the Advent Wreath.

Sunday, Dec. 21 - 8:00 and 10:15. Display of our lovely Christmas tree and the Poinsettia altar.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Youth Service at 7:00 p.m. Regular Christmas Eve Service at 8:30 p.m.

EPIPHANY

The Church Year began on November 30 with Advent. The Advent season includes all the days and the four Sundays prior to Christmas.

Then come the 12 days of Christmas.

Then comes the Season of Epiphany.

Epiphany is a New Testament word which means 'to manifest' or 'to show forth'.

Epiphany is a kind of second Christmas to the Gentiles. The Gentiles in Biblical understanding are all non-Jews. On Epiphany, we celebrate the coming of Christ to the Gentiles. The tradition is based on the Biblical account of the Wise Men, who were Gentiles.

God sent Christ to Jews or Hebrews.

When the wise men saw the Christ, the Gentile world was introduced to Christ.

The Eastern Orthodox church celebrates Christmas on January 6, the date of Epiphany in the western tradition.

The western tradition are the Roman Catholic churches and most Protestant denominations.

B.W.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms - Sheri Ann Brandenburg, daughter of William Robert and Darlene Dora nee Dimick on November 30.

New Member - Mrs. Peggy Colleen O'Hara Taormina on November 30.

CHRISTMAS - A SEASON

Christmas Day is December 25. That's one day only.

Christmas is a season.

Christmas is 12 days. Remember the carol "On The Twelfth Day of Christmas". It may help you to remember that there are 12 days in Christmas .

The Christian shouldn't have a "blast" on the 25th and forget the other 11 days.

The celebration of the birth of Christ cannot be celebrated in just one day.

'tis the season to celebrate Christ's birth.
B.W.

The Young Women's Guild will have their Christmas Party on December 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Hunt Valley Inn.

CHRISTMAS BASKET FOOD. Again our church, together with others, seeks to prepare baskets for the needy. These are prepared with food (canned goods, staple foods) contributed by the folk of the churches. Here also you can help in the project by food or cash gifts. To the canned goods we add perishables such as meat, oleo, milk, cereal, potatoes, etc., which are purchased. Food should be brought in by December 21.

Merry Christmas! See you in Church!

VITAL STATISTICS.

Funerals - Members of our Congregation

Mr. Kenneth J. Luckhardt, passed away November 12, laid to rest in Schwartz's Cemetery on November 15, 1975.

Mrs. Edna Adams, passed away November 14, laid to rest in Garden's of Faith Cemetery on November 17, 1975.

REST IN PEACE

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