



Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Luke 3:4

THE UNITED ENDEAVOR
United Evangelical United Church of Christ
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The Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III - Pastor

Advent is a time in the Church Year when we plan and prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Coming of the Christ into this, His world. We tend to forget, sometimes, that His Coming as Emmanuel (God with us) was at the same time a claim of Lordship over all that we claim as "our" world or "our" worldly possessions. His presence even as an infant child is preceded by an announcement of His competitive authority over other kings and powers in the Biblical story.

The gospel-writer Luke records that it was a decree from the Roman Caesar Augustus that caused Joseph and the pregnant Mary, his betrothed, to make the journey from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judea to enroll in the census that was being taken. Rather, it should have been Augustus, himself, who should have come from Rome (the seat of power in the Roman Empire) to Nazareth to do homage to this King of Kings.

Matthew's Gospel indicates that the paranoic King Herod had his own troubles regarding this new king who was born in a backyard cow-shed. The wise men from the East were wise enough to recognize King Herod's power problem and went home by a better route. But Herod's rage resulted in a massacre to try and satisfy his jealousy for power.

As the Lord of all lords and ladies, the true Prince of Peace comes into the world of our lives and brings us the blessing of His Presence. Let us receive Him rightly with the worship and honor He rightfully deserves as God's Son.

Pastor Hengen

A MEANINGFUL GIFT

As the end of 1976 approaches, many of us are remembering that the Federal Internal Revenue Service will be looking over our shoulders between then and April 15, 1977. They will be concerned not only about our income but also our deductions. Giving dollars to the church is one way to increase your federal tax deductions. What follows here are some additional ways to lower your tax bills this year and in years to come while at the same time providing you or a loved one with regular income for the rest of your lives and becoming a partner in your church's ministry here and around the world. Which is best for you?

1. A Gift Annuity: \$500.00 or more as an irrevocable agreement within your estate plans that gives you or your loved one a fixed, guaranteed income; an immediate tax deduction; some tax-free income each year; lifetime income for another person; and freedom from investment management worries.
2. A Deferred Payment Gift Annuity: \$500.00 or more as a saving for retirement years to provide an immediate income tax deduction; guaranteed income, some of which will be non-taxable, deferred until later years when you or someone else will need it; and freedom from investment management worries and expense.
3. Pooled Income Fund (especially for persons with capital gains tax problems): \$1,000.00 or more contributed to receive an immediate income tax deduction; save paying capital gains tax on appreciated securities or other property; receive
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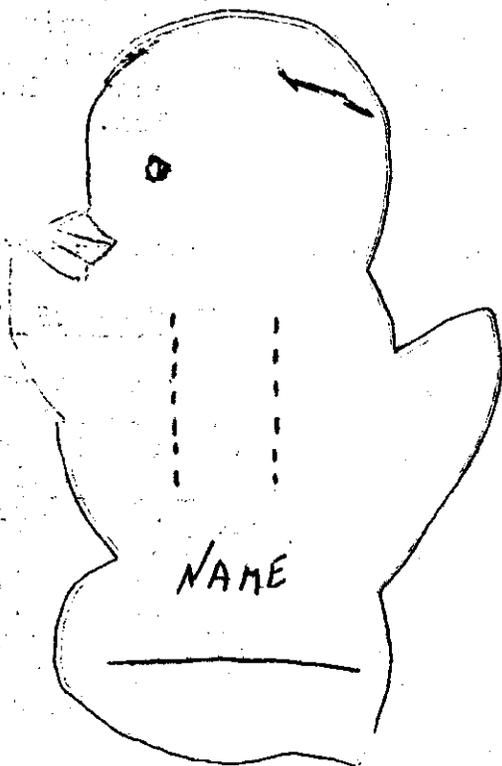
annual income throughout your lifetime or the lifetime of a loved one; plus provide a hedge against inflation in the years ahead.

4. Charitable Remainder Trusts (Annuity Trust or Unitrust): \$50,000.00 or more contributed to provide income payments for the rest of your life or that of another; an immediate income tax deduction; possibilities for some tax-free income each year; a legal way to avoid paying capital gains taxes on appreciated property that is donated to establish the trust; and an increased marital deduction when estate taxes are calculated.

In each case you decide by designating how your gift is to be used; to support the work of all, some, or just one of the sponsors of this cooperative plan for giving to your local church, Central Atlantic Conference or a national church agency of the United Church of Christ. This Planned Giving Program provides you with immediate income tax relief and helps you become a partner with the church in providing needed ministry. It also provides you or others with the unparalleled satisfaction of knowing that your dollars, securities, real estate or insurance policies will be used in a most meaningful way when you no longer have need for them. Also, when you make your Will, consider your church as a meaningful beneficiary. Plans now can have an even deeper meaning later.

Pastor Hengen

The Church School has adopted a program called "Give a Chick For Christmas". The children have each received a bank decorated by them to represent a chicken. Money put in the bank will be used to buy chickens to be raised and bred to supply meat and eggs for the hungry. If you would like to help us in our concern for World Hunger please cut out the chick at the bottom of this page; cut two slits in the body along the dotted lines, fold up a dollar bill, slide it into the slits and place it in the offering plate. Deadline for the project is December 19. Look for our "Chicks For Christmas" display on that day.



CHURCH SCHOOL REPORTS

The Church School will have their Christmas program in the Church during the regular Sunday School hour at 9:00 a.m. All families and friends are invited to attend.

A workshop on Christian Education Shared Approaches was held on Saturday, November 19th. Seven from our congregation attended - Pastor and Mrs. Hengen, Carole Weidel, Margaret Brunner, Bertha Will, Carol Rowell and Pat Jenkins. Three approaches to understanding the needs of Christian Education within a Congregation were discussed. Some new curriculum material is available now and all should be available by 1978. Future planning and decision making about our whole program for Christian Education in this Church are imminent as a result of this strategic event. You will hear more about these plans and proposals as they develop.

Carol Rowell

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

At our last meeting the Youth Group had election of officers on November 7, 1976. The following people were elected: President: Lynn Stinchcomb; Vice-President - Penny Sullivan; Secretary - Missy Sullivan; Treasurer - Billy Hoffman, Jr. President's Cabinet: Linda Pate; Dawn Hanks; Gary Pate; Norman Metzger and Robert Jackson. These people will have the office for a year. Finally, the Youth Group went bowling on November 22. went to the Greenway East and bowled 10 pins.

Billy Hoffman

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD

The Young Women's Guild is going to Péerce's Plantation on Wednesday, December 15, for their annual Christmas Party. Their next regular meeting will be held on January 19, 1977 at 8 p.m. in Friendship Hall. We extend to all women of the Church a hearty welcome and invitation to join us at our regular Guild meeting in January.

Mildred Gronberg - President

SEWING GROUP

Our Sewing Group submitted the following items to Baltimore City Hospital: 20 lap robes, 23 bed jackets, 90 baby bibs, 52 pair footies and 44 baby gowns. Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 7.

Lillian Buschman - President

LADIES AID SOCIETY

Our Ladies Aid Society is having their annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. We wish to take this opportunity to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our first meeting in the new Year will be Wednesday, January 5, 1977 at 12:00 noon.

Myrtle DeVaughn - President

Be good and you'll get a nice surprize for Christmas.

CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION

At the Annual Congregational Meeting held on Friday, November 26, the following people were voted into the Church Council:

Mr. John Bond
Mr. Willoughby Myrick
Mr. George Sauer
Mr. Randy Schmitt
Miss Carole Weidel
Mrs. Marie Voelker

We congratulate each and everyone and we wish to thank the 'out-going' Council Members for a job "well-done".

SOME WAYS OF SERVICE

Run errands for those unable to do them for themselves.

Collect, repair and distribute toys for needy children.

Read for those with failing eyes.

Offer transportation to services of worship or to important meetings for those without a way.

Give regular companionship to disadvantaged children, youth, or senior citizens by scheduled visits or just chatting.

Play games, teach art and crafts, or just talk with physically-handicapped, mentally ill, retarded or crippled.

Youth Magazine

K E E P Y O U R C A L E N D A R

Display the calendar in a prominent place in your home to keep you abreast of the daily, weekly and monthly events going on in your Church.

Make notes on the calendar for your ready reference.

If you have an event you feel others in the Church would find of interest, let us know in the Church Office, phone 276-0393, Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. CHECK THE SUNDAY BULLETIN OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. CHURCH OFFICE PHONE 276-0393.

5 COMMUNION SUN. SERVICES AT 7:45 AND 10:30 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.

NEW MEMBERSHIP GRP. 9:15 A.M.

6 SENIOR CITIZENS

SCOUTS

7 SEWING GROUP CHRISTMAS PTY. SCOUTS COUNCIL/YOUTH COUNCIL MEET. 8:00 P.M.

12 WORSHIP SERV. 8:00 AND 10:30 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM NEW MEMBERSHIP GRP. 9:15 A.M.

TINSEL SUNDAY, 11:45 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

13 SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PTY.

SCOUTS

14 CHURCH SCHOOL MTG. 8:00 P.M.

SCOUTS

19 WORSHIP SERV. 8 AND 10:30 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM NEW MEMBERSHIP GRP. 9:15 A.M.

20 SENIOR CITIZENS

21 SEWING GROUP 10:00 A.M.

26 WORSHIP SERV. 8 AND 10:30 A.M. RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS 10:30

CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM

27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

28 SEWING GROUP 10:00 A.M.

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 LADIES AID CHRISTMAS PARTY 2 P.M. CONF. II - 7-9 FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>	<p>2 SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>8 CONFIRMATION I - 7-9 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>	<p>9 SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>10 YOUNG ADULT PLANNING GRP. 7:30 P.M. FRIENDSHIP HALL</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>15 GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY CONFIRMATION II 7-9 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>	<p>16 SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>17 CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>22 CONFIRMATION I - 7-9 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>	<p>23 SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>24 YOUTH SERVICE 7 P.M. WORSHIP SERV. 8:30 P.M.</p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i></p>
<p>29 CONFIRMATION II - 7-9 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>	<p>30 SENIOR CHOIR 7:30 PM</p>	<p>31</p>	

RULES FOR DAILY LIFE

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD;

Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode.
And seek His love to share.

OPEN THE BOOK OF GOD;

And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts,
And sweeten all thy care.

GO THROUGH THE DAY WITH GOD;

Whatever thy work may be;
Where'er thou art--at home, abroad,
He still is near to thee.

CONVERSE IN MIND WITH GOD,

Thy spirit heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

CONCLUDE THE DAY WITH GOD,

Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

LIE DOWN AT NIGHT WITH GOD,

Who gives His servants sleep;
And when thou tread'st the vale of death,
He will thee guard and keep.

Faith, Prayer and Tract League

TINSEL DAY AT UNITED
SUNDAY, DEC. 12, 1976
11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy Good Fellowship and a prepared meal (such as we had last year.) No special charge made, but donations from families or individuals will be accepted on Tinsel Day to offset cost of meal. Children will be served free.

EVENTS OF TINSEL DAY

- 11:45 a.m. Dinner will be served buffet style
- 1:00 p.m. Decorating of Church School Departments. Planned activity for adults in Friendship Hall.
- 2:30 p.m. Lighting of tree in Sanctuary and Carol singing.
- 3:00 p.m. Santa Claus in Friendship Hall. Happy Birthday to Jesus and refreshments.
- 3:30 p.m. Dismissal

Fred Long

The Youth Group and Church School made \$122.96 from the Fun Fair. The Youth Group made \$61.48 on the show, the Church School made the same amount. About 114 people came to the show. They want to thank you for coming and thank everyone who participated in it.

Billy Hoffman

If you have moved recently or anticipate a move in the near future, please advise the Church Office Secretary, so we can change our records accordingly. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

As indicated in our November United Endeavor, memorial and other poinsettia plants will be available for placing in the Chancel during the Advent-Christmas season. The price currently established by our florist is \$8.50 per plant. Each plant as it arrives will be tagged for whom it is intended. Memorial plants can be either designated for a shut-in or for those who give the memorial gift if the gift is at least the cost of the plant. All other love and memorial gifts will be used to purchase plants that will be designated for specific shut-ins. Only those plants will be ordered for which there are sufficient funds from these gifts to cover the cost for these plants. If interested, contact the Church Office Secretary, (276-0393).

Deadline for memorials for inclusion in the special Christmas booklet is Friday, December 17.

Donations of canned goods and money are being accepted in the Church Office for food baskets for the needy at Christmas, which will be distributed through the Canton Christian Council, of which this Church is an active member.

New Membership Adult Group reception on Sunday, December 26, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Dr. Robert V. Moss is Dead at 54
Nation Joins UCC in Mourning

President Moss died in Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, New Jersey, in midafternoon October 25, two months after he underwent surgery that revealed he was suffering from cancer.

A memorial service was held in First Congregational UCC, Montclair, on October 28 at which James O. Gilliom, the Moss family pastor, officiated. Members of the Executive Council and present and former staff associates of Dr. Moss participated. William P. Thompson, president of the National Council of Churches and Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, represented ecumenical bodies.

Additional memorial services have been scheduled by Lancaster Theological Seminary, where Dr. Moss taught starting in 1951 and was president from 1957 to 1969, and by ecumenical agencies and churches in New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. Moss have asked that gifts in his memory be made either to the World Council of Churches or to the Memorial Fund of Union Congregational, UCC, Montclair, N.J., where the Moss family are members.

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Please Note: 1977 Church Offering Envelopes are now ready. You can pick yours up in Friendship Hall. Also 1977 Church Calendars are now available.

LOVE GIFT MEMORIAL

A new ceramic nativity set to be used in the Creche for the Chancel during the Advent-Christmas season has been given to the Church by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Oberlander, in memory of their parents. We extend our special appreciation to them for this most meaningful and beautiful gift, particularly at this time of the year.

NEWS FROM OUR BOY SCOUTS

Troop 19 is preparing to renew their charter. They have served the Church with another year of scouting .

Pack 19 visited the Chevrolet Plant on Monday, November 22. Had a Rocket Derby on Saturday, November 20. Winners will be announced in the January United Endeavor. On November 29th, Indians from Broadway visited and showed the Cubs Indian Crafts and also did an Indian Dance.

On Monday, December 20th, Christmas Pack Night will be held. Parents of Cubs are invited to attend.

Robert Jackson

The Youth Group is selling Benson's pre-sliced fruitcakes. The cost is 1½ lb. \$2.50, 2 lb. \$3.50, and 3 lb. \$4.25. Help our Youth Group by placing your order now. Any member of the Youth Group will take your order, or contact the Church Office, 276-0393. Orders will be delivered promptly.

CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERALS:

Mr. Robert J. McWilliam, age 76,
on October 27, 1976.

Mrs. Anna Stanski, member, age 78,
on October 28, 1976.

Miss Elizabeth Raddatz, member,
age 75, on November 6, 1976.

Mr. John H. Rumel, Sr., age 80, on
November 9, 1976.

Mrs. Anna M. Williams, member, age
71, on November 11, 1976.

Mr. John W. Rippel, Sr., age 71,
on November 15, 1976.

Mr. Albert Mausolf, age 87, on
November 16, 1976.

Mr. Bernard H. Musch, age 54, on
November 26, 1976.

On Friday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m. in
Friendship Hall there will be the first meet-
ing of a new Young Adult Planning Group. All
active young adults (18-35) are cordially in-
vited to participate in helping to get this
new fellowship group started. Come prepared
with creative ideas to get us moving quickly
from plans into activities for the New Year.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE

January - May 1977

NOTE: All rehearsals take place immediately after late church in the choir room.

There are no rehearsals on days the children sing.

January 2 - NO REHEARSAL

January 9, 16, 23 - Rehearsals

January 30 - SING (10:30 a.m.)

February 6, 13, 20 - Rehearsals

February 27 - SING (10:30 a.m.)

March 6, 13 - Rehearsals

March 20 - SING (10:30 a.m.)

March 27 - Rehearsal

April 3 - SING (10:00 a.m.)

April 10 - SING (10:00 a.m.)

April 17, 24 - NO REHEARSALS

May 1, 8, 15 - Rehearsals

May 22 - SING (10:30 a.m.)

Robert Gundlach

Tinsel Sunday, December 12, 10:45 a.m. to
3:30 p.m.

The UNITED ENDEAVOR is a vital form of communication between you and the United Evangelical United Church of Christ.

Read each page carefully - be informed. There are many opportunities for your participation.

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* Communion Sunday - 7:45 and 10:30 a.m.*

* Communion Sunday - First Sunday of Month *

* Church School - 9:00 a.m.*

* Youth Sunday - Last Sunday in the Month *

* Come and join us! All welcome! *

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