

# Our Family

God made us a family  
We need one another  
We love one another  
We forgive one another

We work together  
We play together  
We worship together

Together we use God's word  
Together we grow in Christ  
Together we love all men  
Together we serve our God  
Together we hope for heaven

These are our hopes and ideals  
Help us to attain them, O God  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord



PASTOR'S COLUMN

The use of a family emphasis cover for this issue of the United Endeavor may seem a bit unusual, since we are pointing forward to Lent, 1977 and since Christian Family Week is not until May 1-8. But if we think of this congregation of Christ's People as our extended family, then those phrases on this cover begin to make much more sense. In fact, our belief that God made us a church family that needs, loves, and forgives one another sets the right tone or emphasis for us to begin Lent together.

That realized togetherness will include:

1. Using God's word.
2. Growing in Christ.
3. Loving all people.
4. Serving our God.
5. Hoping for heaven.

Those hopes and ideals, and the activities that will naturally follow them, will also help make us a closer Christian family together.

And if you think that cover is worth using for your own family, simply cut it off and frame it or decupage it for use in your living room, dining room, or kitchen to remind yourselves and others how important our togetherness really is.

Pastor Hengen

AFFIRMATION AND INVITATION (Continued)

We encourage seminaries and colleges related to the church to take seriously esthetic ways of knowing and communicating through art the judgment and grace of God in their curricula and degree programs.

We urge the church to struggle for justice for artists in our society.

We encourage members of the church to risk opening themselves to the power and dynamics of the contemporary arts.

We support and urge membership in the United Church Of Christ Fellowship in the Arts.

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We are pleased to announce that two members of our Church and Boy Scout Troop have begun the process of preparation necessary to receive the God and Country Award. This God and Country Program seeks to bring a boy's life as a Scout into his faith and normally takes about a year or more to complete. These two Scouts now currently involved in this program are Billy Hoffman and Ed Tomczewski. Working with the Pastor as their Counselor, these Scouts need your recognition, prayers, and support in this important endeavor.

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Feel free to call the Church Office, 276-0393, if you wish to place a Memorial in the Sunday's Bulletin. The money can be put into the special "Memorial Envelopes" found in the pews; and the Envelope then placed in the Offering Plate.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS

Our Senior Choir is now in the process of preparing special music for the Lenten and Easter season. If you have a voice worth sharing and are willing to learn how to use it better, please come to the rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. There is no better way to sing praise to the Crucified and Risen Lord.

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LENTEN SERVICES

Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will begin at 7:45 p.m. to give us additional time to have a song sharing experience of familiar (and new) Lenten hymns. Please come early and help the rest of us sing to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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CONFERENCE RETENTION OF 10% HUNGER FUND OK'D

The Executive Council, at its fall meeting, authorized UCC conferences to retain 10% of money collected from churches for the Hunger Action Fund. Conferences will be expected to use this money for programs in keeping with the GS10 pronouncement on World Hunger.

From Dec. "Keeping You Posted"

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As of December 15 the UCC has been asked by Church World Service to help raise \$100,000 to aid victims of recent earthquakes in eastern Turkey. Tents, blankets and winter clothing are also needed. Forward donations thru the UCC Conference Offices.

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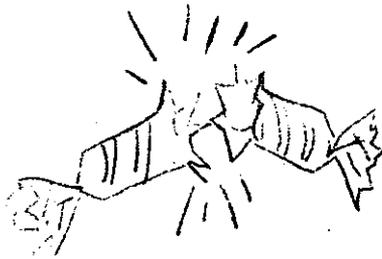
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## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group had its first meeting of the new year on January 2. We discussed going roller skating. We went on January 16 to the Rosedale Roller Rink. A great time was had by all.

The Youth Group made \$460.00 on the fruit-cake sales. We wish to thank everyone who helped us to sell them.

Around the first week in February, the Youth Group will paint the 4th floor of the Church School Building. This is one of our projects for 1977. Details are pending.

Billy Hoffman

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Did you know that Miss Debra Bauersfeld, daughter of Harry and Norma Bauersfeld, 5203 Hazelwood Avenue has received an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis? Debbie leaves on July 6. We, the Church family, wish Debbie all the luck in this wonderful endeavor.

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Today is the beginning of the rest of your life.

DID YOU KNOW that George Hamer of 1105 S. Robinson Street, a member of our congregation and his brother-in-law, Howard Miller of 6524 Detroit Avenue, have been exchanging the same birthday card through the mail for 41 years? They plan to document their efforts in the Guinness Book of World Records.

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CHURCH RECORDS

Funerals:

Mr. Clifton S. Dale, non-member, age 76 years, on January 13, 1977.

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NEWS FROM THE SEWING GROUP

The Sewing Group made and presented to Baltimore City Hospital, the following:

- 9 - Large bed jackets
- 64 - Baby bibs
- 3 - Pair Footies
- 20 - Baby sacks and gowns
- 17 - Utility Bags
- 1 - Kitted lap robe
- 1 - Quilted lap robe

Mrs. Lillian Buschman

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The Cub Scout Mothers have scheduled "A Luncheon Is Served" in Friendship Hall on Saturday, February 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Arlene Pate

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KEEPING YOU POSTED

The Ladies Aid will have their next meeting on Wednesday, February 2, beginning with luncheon at noon. We will honor our outgoing officers and install new officers. Please make a special effort to attend and bring a friend.

The outgoing officers that will be honored are:

- Mrs. Myrtle DeVaughn - President
- Mrs. Hilda Schwamb - Vice President
- Mrs. Emily Beckwith - Secretary
- Mrs. Anna Laukeman - Treasurer

The new officers to be installed are:

- Mrs. Claire Hengen - President
- Mrs. Marie Voelker - Vice President
- Mrs. May Getz - Secretary
- Mrs. Emma Koehler - Treasurer

Our day to have the Lenten Bake Sales is Ash Wednesday, February 23. We will be baking all day at the Church. Please come and help to make this Bake Sale one of our best ever. Also, donations of cakes, pies, rolls, bread, etc. will be appreciated.

Mrs. Claire Hengen

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Did you know that our new Scout Master is Mr. Dale Sanders?

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Prayer is the answer.

This notice appeared in a local church bulletin recently:

To make it possible for everyone to attend Church next Sunday we are going to make it very extra special. We will have:

A COT placed in the sanctuary for those who say: "Sunday is my only day to sleep."

MURINE available for those with tired eyes.. from watching TV too late on Saturday nite.

STEEL HELMETS provided for those who say: "The roof will cave in if I come to Church."

BLANKETS for those who think the Church is too cold; and FANS for those who think it is too hot.

HEARING AIDS for those who say the pastor speaks too soft; and COTTON for those who think he speaks too loud.

SCORE CARDS for listing the hypocrites present.

100 TV DINNERS for those who can't go to Church and cook dinner also.

A SELECTION OF TREES AND GRASS for those who like to see God in nature.

A PUTTING GREEN near the altar for those who say: "Sunday is my golfing day."

FINALLY the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the Church without them.

Bethany Church Visitor

## AFFIRMATION AND INVITATION

Whereas we are heirs of the biblical inheritance of art, of the God who created form out of chaos and who put life and breath into the dust of the earth, of David who danced before the ark and sang songs of the struggle and soothing of faith, of Jesus who drew pictures in parables and raised the common elements of our lives to a symbolic and sacred use, and of John who revealed a new vision of heaven coming to earth;

Whereas the church through the ages has been patron and preserver of the arts and the artists;

Whereas the United Church of Christ firmly believes in the development of the whole person as a cultural, social, spiritual and political being;

Whereas the potential for magnificent creative activity exists within each and among all of us;

Therefore, we affirm the contributions of arts and artists to the quality and the vitality of life in our church and world. The artists in our midst illuminate the symbols by which our historic faith is made known and enable the people of God to experience and express the living and liberating power of God.

We believe that the arts are a prophetic and effective channel for the mediation of God's judgment and grace for the redemption of the world. As we are drawn into a work of art, we experience its transforming power. As the arts open us to new ways of understanding

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both personal and public life, they give us insight and energy to act in love and justice for the sake of the holy.

We affirm the arts both inside and outside the church, not to baptise them or to control the artists, but to renew, sustain, and transform people in a new sense of themselves as persons and in relation to each other in community.

We urge local congregations, conferences, the General Synod, instrumentalities, publications and church-related institutions (educational, welfare, health, etc.) of the United Church Of Christ to recognize and support the arts and to develop the creative potential of their members. We encourage churches to support state and local arts agencies, councils, and governments to the end that no one be denied opportunities to create and experience art because of barriers of circumstance, class, race, sex, income, and remoteness.

We urge the churches to encourage the expression of all forms of arts and crafts, including the indigenous art of ethnic minorities and women. We encourage the churches to examine their use of physical resources in order to consider sharing space available with the community's artists. We encourage the church to support and expand the number of artists in residence both in the church and in the community that they may contribute to the life of the church and its neighborhood. We encourage the judicatories of the church to recognize and support certain churches as having special ministries to and with artists.

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As previously announced in The United Endeavor, a Conway Weight Program and Slimnastics Course was introduced at United Evangelical on January 13 at 7:30 p.m. This is a group for weight conscious persons, which is open to the community.

At the opening meeting, 11 persons were present. We had a talk session about our eating habits and we were given a 1,000 calorie diet to follow. Each person had a "weigh-in". The first meeting is \$5.00 registration fee and \$2.50 for each meeting. This course runs from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At 9 p.m., we had the same instructress for a slimnastics program. Many of our young people found this enticing and we had 17 persons each paying \$1.00 to participate. This lasts until 10:00 p.m.

Our second meeting was held on January 20, and we had 20 people present for the Conway Weight Program. All present were pleased at their weight loss and one person proudly shed 8 pounds.

At the slimnastics program, we had 18 present. Tired muscles and sore bodies, it is a lot of fun, particularly when it is done to music and done in a group.

We are still registering new members. Just come in at 7:30 p.m. for the Conway Weight Program or 9:00 p.m. for the Slimnastics Course. You may take one or the other or both. You'll like the change in 1977.

Millie Slechta

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YOUNG ADULTS

The postponed meeting of the Young Adults Group scheduled January 9 will be held on Sunday evening, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (enter by East Avenue door) for ALL Young Adults (18-35) of the congregation. Specific plans for spring and summer of 1977 will be made. Please come and help plan our future together.

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February is Girl Scout Cookie Month. Have you placed your order? Girl Scouts and Brownie meetings are as planned.

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FORT VIEW SOFTBALL

Registration for the Fort View Boys and Girls Softball League is being held at the present time. All Boys and Girls, 7 to 17 years who wish to enroll should contact the Fort View Recreation Center located at Highland and Fait Avenues, Monday through Friday, 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. or call 396-9171 after 4:00 p.m. A Bureau of Recreation identification number and a registration fee of \$1.00 will be required.

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Our Senior Citizens Friendship Circle have scheduled a bus trip to Brown's in New York in April.

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This space reserved next month for news from the Men's Fellowship Group.

## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

A meeting of the Church Council was held on January 4, 1977. The following items are a result of that meeting, and are reported here for your information.

1. Robert Jackson, a member of the Youth Council, was elected to serve as Financial Secretary for the year 1977.
2. The Youth Services Group volunteered to do any painting which needed to be done. On the recommendation of the Council, the group will be doing necessary painting in the Church School Building.
3. A joint meeting of the Church Council and the newly-appointed Christian Education Committee was to be held on Monday, January 10, (which had to be postponed due to inclement weather conditions) to develop long range goals and supporting objectives for the future development and continuation of our Church. The goals and objectives are to be drawn from the broader list of aspirations and wishes submitted by the members of the congregation.

At the December Council meeting, the following persons were elected to serve as Council Officers for 1977:

President-----George A. Tuerk, Jr.  
Vice-President-----Louis W. Parker, Jr.  
Treasurer-----Randy Schmitt  
Financial Secretary-----Robert Jackson  
Recording Secretary-----Carole Weidel

Carole Weidel

Toward the end of World War II, a young Japanese youth named Yukio Sato volunteered to give his life for his Emperor as a kamikaze pilot. A kamikaze pilot was a suicide pilot whose job it was to kill himself by crashing his plane into an enemy warship.

Soon Yukio finished his special training as a kamikaze and, in late July of 1945, was ordered by the Japanese military authorities to the Philippines to perform his suicidal mission. But just before he was able to do so, the war ended, leaving Yukio, a thoroughly indoctrinated militarist, confused and disillusioned about the world and about human life and its meaning. Then, when he returned to his home in Tokyo, he found that his parents had been killed in the bombings of Tokyo. And, in addition, nothing was left of his parents' home but the foundation stones.

The thoroughly disconsolate Yukio made his way to his aunt's home in a small city several hours' travel away. There he entered the night courses of the Christian school in the city (a school which we help to make possible through our gifts to OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION), then the day school, and soon he began attending one of the churches of our denomination that was located nearby. Thus, on Christmas Day, 1948, he was baptised a Christian.

After graduate study, he joined the faculty of 1 of Japan's leading Christian universities - a university which is partially made possible through our gifts to OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION.

Today Yukio Sato, the former kamikaze suicide pilot, is an able and respected teacher in systematic theology at the university. Only his oldest friends and colleagues know  
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The Suicide Pilot - Japan (Continued)

know his history: the history of how one Japanese dedicated to the most drastic ideologies of World War II has now become a Christian dedicated to world peace through his teachings at the university.

Will you give generously this Sunday to empower the church's work--work which has made possible the change in Yukio Sato's life?

...MOMENTS OF CONCERN

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SCOUT NEWS

Our Boy Scouts are rechartered for another year. All boys are working on passing ranks and indoor projects.

Dale Sanders passed his religion award "Advaltave Dei" and will be receiving this award at the annual Blue and Gold Dinner which will be held at United Evangelical UCC on February 28.

CUB SCOUTS

The Cubs will have their annual Pinewood Derby. Some new boys will be advancing from Webelows to Scouts.

Robert Jackson

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Many of us don't dare express our deepest thoughts because we are afraid that someone might laugh or think us very strange.

Youth Magazine

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THE YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD INVITES YOU TO A  
S Q U A R E D A N C E

On February 22, 1977, 8:00 p.m. till 10:30  
p.m.

Where: Auditorium

Donation: \$1.00 - Refreshments of Coffee,  
Punch and Donuts will be served

Caller: Jim Ensor - Music by records

This pre-Lenten Square Dance is open to all  
and should be a lot of fun.

Dress: Optional



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Highlandtown Canton area churches will hold a World Day of Prayer service at Bethel United Church of Christ, Baltimore Street and Ellwood Avenue on Friday, March 4, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. with many of the area church members participating.

The World Day of Prayer is the most widely observed ecumenical Celebration sponsored by Church Women United the movement through which Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women express their unity through prayer, fellowship, study and action. The Day's message "Love in Action" will be heard all over the world.

The public is invited to attend also. A fellowship Hour will follow the service.

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Did anyone sit and listen to the Postlude last Sunday? It was exceptional! The Postlude is part of the worship service and not just "pick up your coat and run" music. Try sitting and listening this week. You will be enriched. The Pastor will still be at the door to greet you as you leave.

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Good Friday Communion service, April 8, 9:00 a.m. No Good Friday evening service. Three Hour service here on Good Friday, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. The details are being finalized and more information will soon be available on the Sunday Bulletin.

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## SIX AMERICAN FAMILIES

Six American Families, the UCC Office of Communication initiated documentary television series about family life in America, will premiere throughout the nation Monday, April 4 at 8 p.m. over the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) stations and Group W (Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.) stations in Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and San Francisco. (PBS stations in these cities will broadcast Wednesdays.)

Travelers Insurance Companies will underwrite the series on PBS. The 6 hour-long programs were produced by Group W in co-operation with the Office of Communication and the United Methodist Church. Ten other denominations are co-participants but are not supporting the series financially.

Six American Families was financed in part by \$100,000 from the 1976 UCC Family Thank Offering. Other monies came from the United Methodist Church, Group W and the Lilly Endowment, Inc. "The Church sees these programs as a means to focus our vision on the future and its hopes; not to forget the past, but to illustrate through persons living today the moral fortitude that has been America's greatest strength and most precious asset," says Everett C. Parker, director of the Office of Communication. Churches are urged to organize viewing and discussion groups. A book about the six families has been written by Paul Wilkes. Cost: \$2.00, 10 or more copies to the same address, \$1.85. There is also a Viewers' Guide for \$1.00, 10 or more copies to the same address, 95¢. Both may be ordered post paid from Six American Families, 1525 McGavock St., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

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.

If you have a message you would like to include in the UNITED ENDEAVOR, please be sure it reaches the Church Office by the 10th of each month.

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Church School - 9:00 a.m. \*  
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\* Youth Sunday - Last Sunday in the Month \*  
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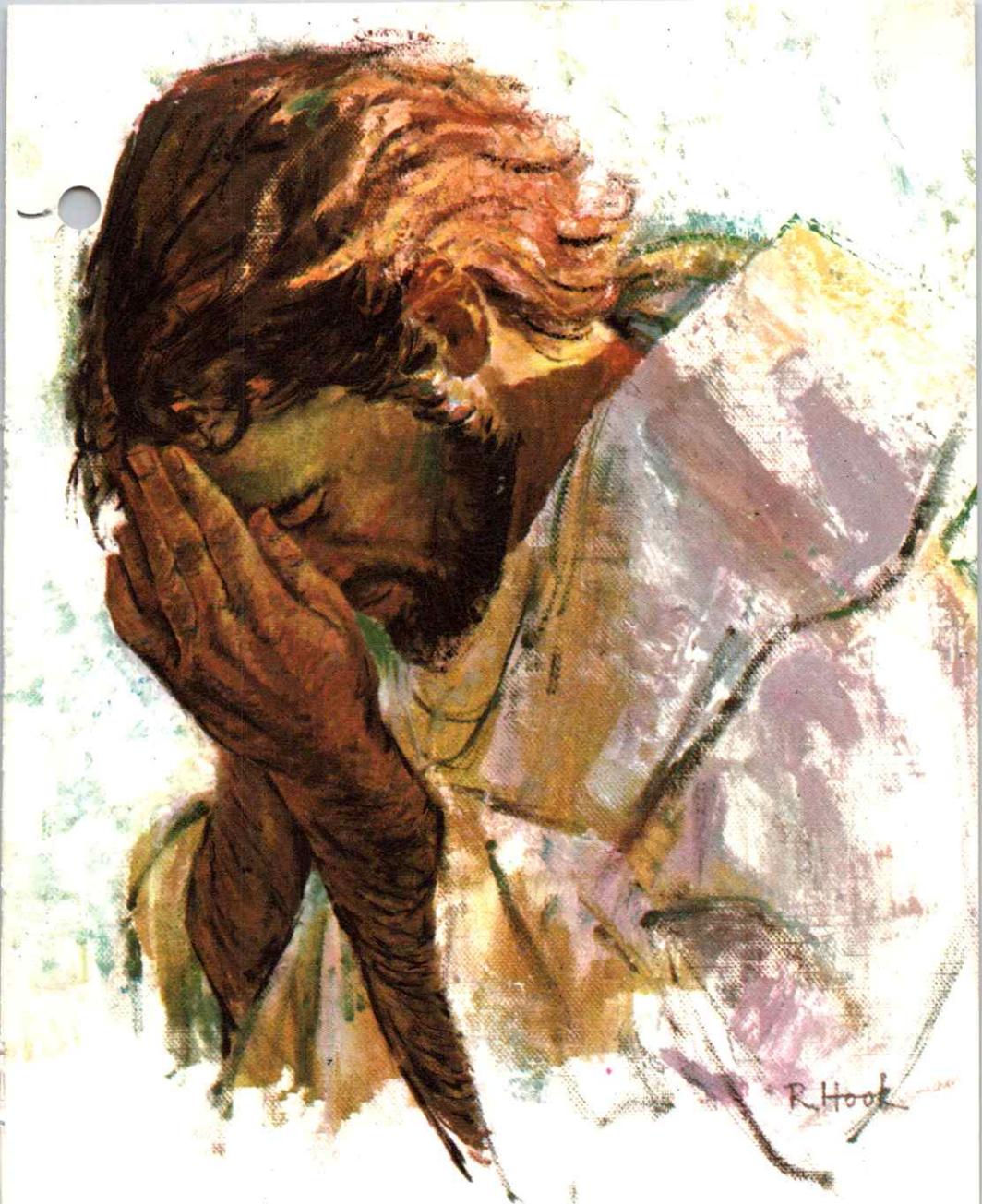
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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this booklet is to help all those who request the Services of the Church and its Pastor(s) to understand at the time of that request, and/or prior to the event requested, the affirmed policies and procedures of the Spiritual Committee, the Church Council, and the Pastor. In the event there is some question or disagreement concerning these policies or procedures, please consult the Pastor in advance of the event.

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## BAPTISMS

### Time for Baptism

All baptisms are conducted as a part of the morning service of worship on any but Communion Sunday, except under special circumstances.

### Application for Baptism

Application for baptism can be made through the church office or to the Pastor. A consultation with the Pastor is to be arranged beforehand by both members and non-members.

### Honoraria

It has been the custom of the church that an honorarium be given to the Pastor. This is not obligatory on the part of members, but may be followed if desired.

From non-member families an honorarium not less than \$25.00 is to be forthcoming. For inactive members, not less than \$15.00.

### Sponsors

All children who receive the Sacrament of Baptism should have sponsors (godparents). This again is a desirable arrangement but not mandatory.

These sponsors are to be chosen by the parents and can be grandparents, relatives or friends, with the following qualifications:

1. The sponsors should be beyond Confirmation age.
2. Preferably, the sponsors should be Protestants and active members of a Protestant Church.

Normally there are two sponsors. They must be active in some church.

Both of the parents and both sponsors are to be present in the sanctuary at the time of the baptism.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation instruction consists of two years preparation. The first year commences when the child enters the 7th grade or later

in Middle School or Junior High School. The class organizes in September of each year.

The second year class is organized also in September and meets with the Pastor. Sessions for each class are held weekly or bi-weekly, as agreed upon between the Pastor, parents and members. The second year class attains the time of Confirmation during the following year.

All must complete the two years of preparation prior to Confirmation.

Attendance at the sessions of the class, Church School and the Sunday morning and special church services is required. Attendance records will be kept of the youth's attendance.

Parents of the members of the classes are also expected to be in attendance at the services of worship regularly with the Confirmand and are invited to attend all class sessions.

At the time of Confirmation, white robes are rented and a Confirmation picture taken. The rental price for the robes and the cost of pictures will be charged each Confirmand.

### WEDDINGS

All weddings are normally solemnized in the Sanctuary.

As early as possible the date and time should be chosen and this information given to the Pastor, that it might be entered upon the church calendar. Also, times for the premarital consultations must be set with the Pastor. No less than 3 hours should be allowed for these consultations.

#### Facilities and Appointments For The Ceremony

The Church provides the kneeling bench for the ceremony and the candles on the altar. If a white aisle runner is desired, the church can provide it. The use is free, but there is a charge for the laundering of same. If extra candles are desired, the candleabras and can-

les can be arranged for through the florist.  
Music at the Wedding

All music at the church is under the direction of the Pastor and the Director of Music. The Director is the logical person to serve at the wedding. However, if one prefers to have a guest organist, arrangements must be made at the discretion of the Director of Music before such a person is permitted to use the organ.

Since the wedding ceremony is essentially a religious service and not a secular gathering, it is therefore permissible only to use 'religious music' fitting for the sanctuary rather than the use of 'popular type' songs on the organ and by voice. The vocal music used is to be approved by the Pastor and the Director of Music. A soloist, if desired, can be provided by the Director of Music.

Fees and Honararia at the Wedding

When neither the bride nor the groom is a member of the church, a fee for the use of the church is required - - - - - 25.00

For all weddings the following fees are in order:

For Director of Music	20.00
For Soloist (when used)	15.00
For Caretaker	15.00
For Aisle Carpet (when used)	10.00
For Pastor	30.00
Total	<u>115.00</u>

When either the bride or groom is an active member, the honorarium for the Pastor is not a fixed amount. Fees are to be paid prior to the ceremony. Fees are to be placed in separate envelopes, each envelope designating the purpose, and these given to the Pastor at the time of the wedding rehearsal. Also at this time the marriage license is to be presented to the Pastor.

### Pictures at the Wedding

No picture taking will be permitted by a photographer or any other individual once the wedding processional has begun. The photographer and friends should be informed of this rule.

Pictures may be taken before the wedding service in the Narthex as the bridal party prepares to enter the sanctuary. Pictures may be taken at the altar and elsewhere after the ceremony is concluded. The Pastor will be available for these pictures, if requested.

### Floral Arrangements at the Wedding

The primary rule as regards floral arrangements is that no floral piece nor basket is to be placed on or directly in front of the altar. When flowers are desired, arrangements of flowers in paper-mache baskets can be secured for the credensa on either side of the altar. Additional baskets of flowers may be placed on either side of the Altar and of the Chancel, at the Lectern and Pulpit.

### Use of Rice At Weddings

No rice is to be thrown. With hunger rampant in the world, it is better to throw confetti or bird-seed outside the church building. Nothing is to be thrown inside the church building.

Note: If the couple desires the Pastor and his wife to attend the wedding reception, notice of this should be expressed through an invitation in advance.

Use of the church's Friendship social hall and kitchen facilities for a wedding reception must be cleared well in advance and permission granted by the Church Council. The current rate for non-members is \$50.00 per hour plus \$50.00 for custodial services. Present Church policy excludes the use of alcoholic beverages on the premises.

## FUNERALS

The Pastor is to be notified at the time of death, by a family member, if possible. The Pastor will then come to see the family either at their home or at the Funeral Home, for it is the Pastor's desire to visit such a family in their time of need and bereavement.

The arrangements for the funeral service will be decided upon between the family, the Pastor and the funeral director.

Members of the church have the privilege of using the church sanctuary. If a Church Funeral is desired, there is a charge of \$15.00 for the special services of a Custodian. Normally music is not used, but if desired, the fee for the Director of Music is \$20.00 and for a soloist is \$15.00.

The honorarium to the Pastor from non-member families is \$35.00. From member families the honorarium is not a fixed amount. Gifts to the Church in memory of the deceased can be made through the Church Office. No specific amount has been set for such memorial gifts. If flowers from the funeral are brought to the church, it is requested that no more than two baskets be donated.

Since it is not a Protestant practice to pray for the deceased, the Funeral Service is essentially a Memorial Worship Service for not only the family and friends of the departed Church Member, but also for the entire Church Congregation. At the funeral service the Pastor functions on behalf of the entire congregation. Therefore, the use of the Church Building for this worship service is most appropriate, especially for active church members.

Funeral worship services for the families and friends of deceased non-church members will be conducted at the discretion of the Pastor.