



Why seek ye
the living
among
the
dead?

Luke 24:5

THE UNITED ENDEAVOR, APRIL 1977

Our preparation for Holy Week and Easter this year has been an in-depth study of selected passages from the Gospel According to Luke. Thus far during Lent this has happened both for the Sundays in Lent and for our Midweek Lenten Services on Wednesday evenings. In one sense, we have been walking along with Jesus as part of His group of disciples and followers as He makes His way from Galilee to Jerusalem. We have heard about His temptation in the wilderness, His teaching about prayer, His transfiguration on the mountain, His teaching about discipleship, His call for repentance, His proclamation about God's Kingdom, His parable of the lost son, His teaching about God's love and forgiveness, and His last supper with the disciples.

Now we approach the climax of Luke's story about Jesus. As God's Anointed One and the world's true Lord of all, Jesus goes up the hill and enters the city of Jerusalem to fulfill His God-given mission. Even weeping over that city, He knows that His destiny for all mankind must include His own suffering and death. His denial, betrayal, and arrest by those who should know better results in a trial and crucifixion of God in human flesh and blood. How absurd and foolish from an ordinary human point of view! And yet, how necessary for the God who sent His Only Son to forgive sinners and to establish a new commonwealth of believers for His new and ultimate Kingdom.

The new symbol for us, then, is not only an empty cross but also an empty tomb.

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PASTOR'S PAGE (Continued)

The drama and story for our future together has been told. It is a story of personal sacrifice and ultimate resurrection. All suffering and death itself have been stripped of their ultimate meaning by His victory. Their meaning is now changed for those of us who really take this Jesus seriously. May the true joy of Easter abound in your life forever.

Pastor Hengen

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Mandy Kristen Lang, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Lang (nee Nancy Hammerbacher) born January 12, 1977, baptised February 27, 1977.

Charles Robert Morris, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robert Morris, Sr. (nee Geraldine Mary Brunner) born December 21, 1976, baptised March 20, 1977.

Weddings

Miss Pamela Luckhardt and Mr. Efstratios Georgiadis on February 26, 1977.

Ms. Patricia Laniewski and Mr. Robert L. Wirsing on March 5, 1977.

May all the truly beautiful things this world holds bring you happiness and cheer!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

On Palm Sunday, April 3, 1977, we will receive eleven Confirmands into our Church. Likewise, one adult new member will enter into our fellowship.

Mr. Robert John Bailey
Mr. Frank John Becker
Mr. Paul Comeau
Ms. Cheryl George
Ms. Susan George
Mr. Glenn Allen Merritt
Mr. Willoughby N. Myrick, III
Mr. Kenneth Adam Pate
Mr. Frederick Aaron Sturm
Mr. Edward A. Tomczewski
Mr. Dale Lee Walker

Mrs. Karl (Gloria) Hoffmann

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to join in the common life of this Church.

ANNA AND AL WITZKE RECEPTION

Many thanks to all of you who helped to make this gala 50th anniversary affair a memorable one. The hall was beautiful, the food delicious, and the service superb. Forty-two people from all the organizations of the church co-operated to make this celebration a grand success. To Anna and Al, we offer our congratulations on their 50th wedding anniversary and pray that God's blessings continue to be upon them and their family.

Claire Hengen

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council/Youth Council was held on March 1, 1977. Below is a summary of the actions taken at that meeting.

1. It was decided to eliminate the Easter garden next to the pulpit for this year, due to the extra traffic we will have in the sanctuary during the 3 hour Good Friday Service.
2. Money donated for hymnal memorials will be put aside for the future purchase of a completely new set of hymnals, possibly the U.C.C. hymnal.
3. During the Lenten season, the bells will be rung at 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the mid-week services.
4. In order that the Council not meet during Holy Week, it was decided to postpone the next regular meeting until April 12.
5. A meeting to work on the supporting objectives for the goals accepted at our last congregational meeting will be held on April 18.

Carole P. Weidel - Recording Secretary

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR NEWS NEXT MONTH FROM
THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP.

LADIES AID

- March 26 - Saturday, 1:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Trip to Pastor Rasche's Church in Gore, Virginia including an oyster supper sponsored by his Church. For tickets, see Emma Koehler.
- April 13 - Wednesday - Our regular meeting day beginning with luncheon at noon. Note the change in the week because of Holy Week.
- April 20 - Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. All Ladies Aid members are invited as guests to the Guild Birthday Party. Please try to attend. We would like good representation.
- May 4 - Wednesday - Our regular meeting day beginning with luncheon at noon. Our membership is really growing fast. You are welcome to come and join us. Our afternoon meeting time is ideal for those who cannot come out at night.
- June 1 - Wednesday - Our regular meeting day beginning with luncheon at noon and our last meeting until September 7.
- June 8 - Wednesday - 10:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bus trip to the Blue Bell Restaurant, Fallston, Md. Crab Cake lunch followed by a Bingo Party. Please bring a prize. See Emma Koehler for tickets.

Claire Hengen - President

GUILD NEWS

On April 20th the Young Women's Guild will celebrate their 33rd birthday. We have invited the Ladies' Aid from First United Evangelical Church, also the Ladies' Aid from our own Church to be our guests for a dinner meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please call Emma Koehler, 675-0991 or Sadie Zinn, 675-1309 no later than April 13th.

May News - Please get your name in for our May 1st trip to Timber Ridge U.C.C. in Gore, Virginia. The charge is \$8.00 per person. Please bring a covered dish or a cash donation for our dinner. Call Emma Koehler, 675-0991 if you do not have your name in, no later than April 24th. Bus leaves the Church at 12:00 noon.

Future dates to remember -

May 11th - Mother and Daughter Banquet

May 21st - Flea Mart

Mildred Gronberg - President

CHIT-CHAT FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School will continue meeting in Friendship Hall until Easter Sunday, April 10. After that date classes will resume in their regular departments. Families are invited to attend the Church School Easter Program at 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. Thanks to all who donated baked goods or purchased baked goods at our Bake Sale on March 16th.

Carol Rowell

CENTRAL AMERICA PILGRIMAGE PLANNED

The Youth Task Force of Chesapeake Association, UCC, is again this year planning a youth pilgrimage. Remember, last year Gary Pate reported to us the results of his participation with the group of pilgrims that went on a work-study trip to Puerto Rico. This year, based upon last year's success, a new group of youth pilgrims will journey to Central America - to the countries of Guatamala and Belize. From June 20 to July 8 this group will visit and work in mission projects there related to Heifer Project, International - a related agency of Church World Service which we support directly through our One Great Hour of Sharing special offering and Our Christian World Mission regular offering. The young person from United Evangelical who will be going on this trip as our pilgrim this year is Paul Hengen.

This trip will be a direct tying-together into human partnership the Christian mission of the Christian mission of the churches of Chesapeake Association, UCC and the work of the churches in Guatamala and Belize. To support the cost of this trip, each church and each church youth group is asked to develop fund raising projects, receive a special CAP offering on April 24, and support the Youth Task Force Musical Production, "We're All In The Family." The dates set so far for that dinner theatre are:

St. Matthews UCC - April 29 at 6:30 p.m. and
May 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Oakland Mills UCC, Columbia - May 7 at 6:30
p.m. and May 8
at 2:30 p.m.

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CENTRAL AMERICA PILGRIMAGE PLANNED (Contd.)

We may also have it produced here sometime in May as a special project of our Youth Group. Direct personal love gifts for this purpose are also possible through the Church Office.

Pastor Hengen

THE SECRET

"I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long he stayed with me.
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings,
With the presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day!"

John W. Donaldson

See You in Church this Sunday.

A P R I L

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NO BULLETIN OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR FUR OFFICE PHONE, 276-0393, MONDAY THROUGH FRI

3 PALM SUNDAY -
RITE OF CONFIRMATION, 10:30
A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.

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10 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
COMMUNION SERVICE, 6 AND
10 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL EASTER PRO-
GRAM 9:00 A.M.

11 SENIOR CIT.
BUS TRIP TO
BROWN'S, N.Y.

CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED

12 SEW
GROUP
SCOUTS
COUNCIL
CHURCH
MTG.

17 WORSHIP SERVICES, 8
AND 10:30 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
F.W.W.O. LUNCHEON - NOON
YOUNG ADULTS 7:30 PM

SENIOR
18 CITIZENS -
SCOUTS - SPEC
COUNCIL &
CHRIST. ED.
MEETING, 7:30

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24 WORSHIP SERVICES, 8 &
10:30 AM. - YOUTH SERVICE
9:30 A.M.,
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.

25 SENIOR
CITIZENS -
SCOUTS

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A.	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	NOTICE. CHECK THE SUNDAY OTHER INFORMATION. CHURCH DAY, 8:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.		1	2
	6 LAST SUP- PER TABLEAU 8:00 PM	7 MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE 8 PM	8 GOOD FRI- DAY COM- MUNION SER. 9 AM 3 HR. WORSHIP 12:00-3 PM	9
WING - - MTG. CONFIRMATION SCHOOL	13 LADIES AID NOON LUNCHEON MTG. CONFIRMATION I - 7-9 PM	14 SENIOR CHOIR - CONWAY DIET SLIMNASTICS COURSE	15	16
NG P - S	20 GUILD BIRTHDAY PARTY, 7 PM CONFIRMATION I - 7-9 PM	21 SENIOR CHOIR - CONWAY DIET SLIMNASTICS COURSE	22 GIRL SCOUTS PAJAMA	23 PARTY
WING OUP - S	27 CONFIRMATION I - 7-9 PM	28 SENIOR CHOIR - CONWAY DIET SLIMNASTICS COURSE	29	30

KEEP YOUR CALENDAR

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, or call Mrs. Joan Stinchcomb, 732,4668.

Your articles should be received by the 10th of the month for the next month's issue.

Memorials for inclusion in the special Easter booklet must be received in the Church Office by Friday, April 1.

THE JOY OF SPRING

She does not always come on the day the calendar officially proclaims her arrival. Indeed she often exercises a lady's privilege of being late. But she is, we all agree, a beauty worth waiting for, this winsome lass called Spring. This year, let us turn to the poets to help us welcome her. They so appropriately express our joy at the annual awakening of the good earth God has given us.

Now Nature hangs her mantle green
On every blooming tree,
And spreads her sheets o' daisies white
Out ower the grassy lea.

Robert Burns

HEY! GUESS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CHOIR?

We in the choir have taken note of some of the suggestions concerning the types of music the congregation would like to hear. So we are making an attempt to sing a more diversified selection of music. Some will be Classical, some Contemporary, some Spiritual, and maybe some Gospel. Once a month the choir will select a piece of music, hopefully that the congregation will enjoy. Our first selection will be heard after Easter. "His Sweet Voice Soundeth (Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult)". Selected by our lead soprano, Mrs. Dolores Canoles. We have formed a small committee to look into more diversified forms of music. We hope that our efforts will be appreciated by the congregation. We would also like to extend an invitation to all congregational members to join us in the choir, which meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Hope to see you next Thursday.

Mr. Willoughby Myrick, Jr.
Chairperson of music

HE WILL HELP YOU TODAY

Look to the day with a prayer
And a quiet request for His aid
And be glad all day through in whatever you
do,
For this is the day God hath made.

Jon Gilbert

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled - You Are Not
Alone.

OUR YOUTH GROUP KEEPS YOU POSTED

The Youth Group went bowling at Greenway East bowling lanes on Sunday, March 13th. We left the Church at 1:30 and our transportation was provided by members of the group. We bowled duckpins and everyone had a nice time.

Mr. Arthur Block, one of our advisors, has resigned. Mr. Block stated that he would continue to help the youth in any way that he could. We greatly appreciate all that he has done for us and wish he and Mrs. Block the very best.

The Youth Group will paint the walls of the Sunday School. Time and date are still pending.

The members of the Youth Group wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Billy Hoffman

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN

An usher went up to a man with his hat on in church and asked him to remove it. "I thought that would do it," said the man. "I have attended this church for months, and you are the first person who has spoken to me."

Reproduced from the Sunday Sun

THE WAY OF THE CROSS LEADS TO GOD.

THINKING THIN

Most of us at one time or another has been weight conscious, whether it has been to put on a few pounds or take off a few. Now the ladies from our church and surrounding neighborhood who are fighting the "battle of the bulge" have joined Conway Diet Program under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Lund. We meet each Thursday in Friendship Hall at 7:30 p.m. for diet group therapy. We each have our goal and all are working earnestly for it. When a person attains a weight loss of 20 pounds, they are awarded with a pin. Many are near that mark. After this session, there is an optional slimnastics cours for 1 hour. This is to firm up those flabby muscles.

It is an enjoyable two hours and we invite all, mem and women, to joins on Thursday night (except Maundy Thursday, April 7), use Dillon Street entrance.

Millie Slechta

WANTED

Any articles that can be resold for our Annual Flea Mart. Remember what is old to you is new to someone else. Bring your items to the Church Office. When you are doing your spring house-cleaning, remember us!

There will be no meetings during Holy Week. Check the Sunday Bulletin for alternate dates.

NEWS FROM THE BOY SCOUTS

CUBS - The annual Pinewood Derby was held March 28th. The boys and their parents built wooden race cars and competed against one another for the Pack championship. The winners will be announced in the next Endeavor.

The Cubs are also planning their annual Kite Derby to be held in April.

SCOUTS - The Scouts are planning an outing April 15-17 at Patapsco State Park.

The Scouts took part along with the Girl Scouts in a Memorial Service for Mr. Kenneth Luckhardt on March 13th.

New Scout enrollment will take place in April.

The Scouts would appreciate any monetary donations to be used in future Scout endeavors. Call Mr. Sanders (Scout-Master) at 675-8121. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.

Robert Jackson

FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS ONLY

We had our covered dish dinner on Sunday, March 13 at noon. We invite you to attend with us the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12 noon in Friendship Hall. Call the Church Office or Mrs. Helen Marshner for more information.

Mrs. Helen Marshner

A SENIOR CITIZEN

Are you enjoying your rights as a Senior Citizen? Remember it took you at least 60 years to be one, and over those 60 years you have accumulated a lot of knowledge that may be a help to someone. Why not join the Seniors of Friendship Circle? We are members of our Church and of the community. We meet every Monday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., but you can leave whenever you choose. We make all kinds of arts and crafts. We have a group of men who are very proficient in the art of pinochle. Why not join us on Monday? Remember, you have no cause to say you are lonely or have nothing to do, your Church, working with the seniors in the Community, and the Board of Recreation, make it possible for you to really enjoy life as a Senior Citizen.

The Senior Citizens are going on a bus trip to Brown's in New York, leaving from the Church on April 11th.

Albert Witzke

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Group will meet on the 17th of April at 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (use East Avenue entrance). All those age 18 to 35 are urged to attend.

THE MORE - THE MERRIER!

Colleen Parker

OUR SEWING GROUP

Our Sewing Group made the following articles and presented them to Baltimore City Hospital:

- 29 - Therapy Balls
- 43 - Quilted Lap Robes
- 67 - Pair Footies
- 25 Bed Jackets
- 45 Baby Sacks and Gowns
- 11 - Baby Bibs
- 11 - Utility Bags

If anyone has any excess amounts of wool, our Sewing Group would appreciate receiving it. Therapy balls are made for the hospital. The wool can be left at the Church Office.

We sincerely wish to thank all those who helped served and those who purchased tickets for our "Luncheon Is Served". It was a real "fun" thing for a Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Lillian Buschman - President

CHURCH RECORDS

Funerals

Mr. Samuel W. Thompson, age 84, on March 5, 1977.

Mr. Michael C. Hofmann, age 77, on March 12, 1977.

Mr. Carl Raddatz, member, age 68, on March 17, 1977.

PRAYER IS THE KEY!

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

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* Communion Sunday - First Sunday of 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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* Come and join us! All welcome! * * *

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