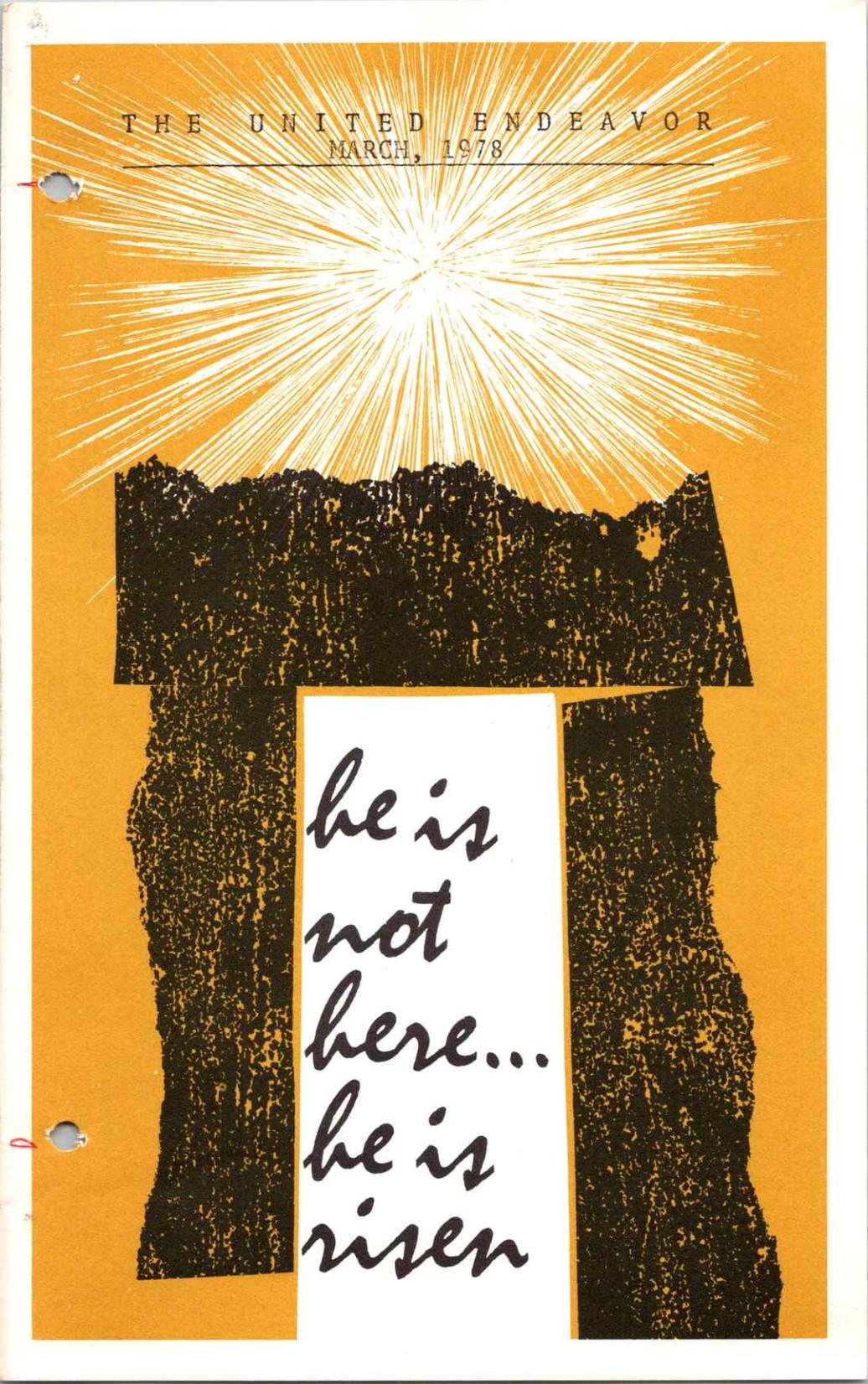


THE UNITED ENDEAVOR
MARCH, 1978



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risen

As you receive this issue of our church newsletter we approach the most important events of the Church Year. And here I would simply list those events for you:

- March 3 - World Day of Prayer
- March 5 - One Great Hour Of Sharing Special Offering
- March 12 - Confirmation Class Dinner
- March 19 - Palm Sunday and Confirmation
- March 22 - Last Supper Tableau
- March 23 - Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Tenebrae
- March 24 - Good Friday Services
- March 26 - Easter Sunrise and Festival Services

To help prepare ourselves for these events and to identify with the ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are using the Gospel of John for study and spiritual growth purposes. And I hope you are diligently taking the time as a personal Christian discipline of Lent to read and to pray. The writer of the Fourth Gospel helps us fully recognize Jesus as the Messiah and true Son of God, as the true Light of the World, and as the true source of our life - separately and together. The prayer of Jesus, himself, found in Chapter 17 of John's Gospel can be of special importance: "O righteous Father, the world has not known thee; and these know that thou has sent me. I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." In John's Gospel these words appear just before Jesus' betrayal and arrest preceding his trial, conviction, and death on a cross.

My prayer for you during these days is that God's kind of love, expressed in a sacrificial and triumphant way in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, may also be found and expressed in your personal life.

Pastor Hengen

World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Canton Methodist Church, Dillon Street and Ellwood Avenue. All are encouraged to attend.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 22, 8:00 p.m. - "Last Supper Tableau"

Maundy Thursday, March 23, 8:00 p.m. - Holy Communion and Tenebrae

Good Friday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. - Holy Communion

Good Friday Community Service - Seven Last Words - Noon to 3 p.m. - Abbott Memorial Presbyterian Church, Highland Avenue at Bank Street

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. with Holy Communion - late Service at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion.

Rite of Confirmation, Sunday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m.



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

on March 28, 1978, 8:00 till 10:00 p.m.

Where: Auditorium

Donation: \$1.00 for Adults - \$.50 for
children - Payable at the door.

Refreshments: Coffee, Punch and Donuts

Dress: Otional

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

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Curtis Brian Hylock, born December 12, 1977, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Hylock, nee Annemarie Lilley, on January 29, 1978.

Shannon Dale Messina, born September 5, 1977, daughter of Mr. Joseph Philip Messina and Ms. Robin Annice Ebling, on January 29, 1978.

Karen Marie Kolb, born February 2, 1978, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Allen Kolb, nee Judith Ann Cummins, on February 19, 1978.

Weddings

Robert W. Hvoer, Jr. and Laura Williams on January 29, 1978.

Paul E. Bauersfeld, Jr. and Karen Kaiser on February 18, 1978.

Leo Francis Johnson and Rosemarie Ormrod on February 25, 1978.

Funerals

Mr. Charles W. Schorr, age 72, on February 8, 1978.

The Senior Citizens Canton Friendship Circle are planning a bus trip to Brown's in the Catskill Mountains, New York State. The bus will depart from the Church on Sunday April 30 and return Wednesday, May 3. There are still a few seats available. If interested, call Mrs. Jeannette Browning, 732-4136 or the Church Office, 276-0393. Seats are being sold on a first come-first served basis. Get your reservation in now.

LADIES AID

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held on Wednesday, March 1, beginning with luncheon at noon. Our program should be very entertaining as we hope to show slides and hear tapes of the Youth Group Shows.

Our Easter program will be saved until our April meeting so we can see "The Easter Story" as presented by the Church School children who will be drawing colored transparencies to tell it on the new overhead projectors.

April 26 is the date for our bus trip, luncheon and Lingo party at Willow Valley, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For reservations call Emma Koehler. Bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. - cost \$13.50. Stuffed chicken breast and sugar cured ham is on the menu. We will be back before 6:00 p.m.

Claire Hengen - President

GUILD NEWS

Due to weather conditions the Guild Square Dance was postponed. We now have a new date which is March 28th, 8:00 p.m.

President Roberta Jackson held a short meeting after the church service on Wednesday, February 15. Esther Leader was chosen to take names of our Guild members for our birthday party, April 19th. Sadie Zinn to take member names for trip to home on June 4th. Guild members have been invited to Bethel UCC on March 7th. Call Roberta Jackson if you plan to go. Next meeting will be April 19th, 7:00 p.m. which will be a dinner meeting and the
(contd.)

Guild's 34th birthday party. Ladies from Zion Harford Road will be our guests.

Sadie Zinn

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group is planning a retreat to Claggett Center on May 5, 6, 7 at Buckeystown, Maryland. The cost is \$15.00 for all active youth members and \$25.00 for all other people. Contact me at 276-4563 for further information.

The Youth Group made \$523.05 in their fruit-cake sales. We would like to thank the people who bought cakes and sold cakes.

Along with Mr. Fred Long, the Youth Group has two new advisors, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin (Cass) Myers. We would like to thank them for taking this job.

The Youth Group went ice skating on February 5, 1978 from 2-5 p.m. at Patterson Park Ice Rink. We left at 3:30 p.m. due to the cold weather and came back to the church until 5:00 p.m. Everyone had a nice time.

Finally, the Youth Group had a constitutional by-law revision meeting on February 5th. We changed some of the articles and added some amendments to help further the growth of the Youth Group.

Billy Hoffman - President

Widows and Widowers Only meet the second Sunday of the month in Friendship Hall for a covered dish luncheon. If interested in joining this group, Call Mrs. Helen Marshner, 327-4394.



B R E A K F A S T I S S E R V E D

Have you had your breakfast? Won't you join us on Easter Sunday morning? We are serving a continental breakfast between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, March 26.

In order that we know how much to prepare we ask that you please sign the "ticket" below and submit to the Church Office before Sunday, March 19, 1978. Thanks.

Mrs. Marty Craig - Chairperson
Fellowship Committee

We will be attending the Easter Sunday Festival Breakfast. Number in our party is _____.

Name _____

Address _____

EASTER BLOSSOMS

Easter blossoms on our altars,
Tell the story of our gain;
God, whose power never falters,
Conquers death to stand and reign.

From His triumph we inherit
All our hope of happy life;
Paschal tidings of His merit
Vow the end of sin and strife.

On this day of Resurrection,
Jesus, our Redeemer King,
Crushes Adam's insurrection
By his Paschal offering.

Through His cross and bitter passion
He has paid our debt alone.
In that love, which knows no ration,
We are meet to share His throne.

Easter blossoms, shout your story
Of the Father's sacrifice;
Tell of Jesus' death and glory
Who for us has paid the price.

To the Spirit, Love eternal,
May your perfume gently rise,
In this Trinity supernal,
Ours the glory, ours the prize.

Joseph Wittkofski

Prayer: Almighty God, we are thankful for
the assurance that if we abide in
Thee and in Thy words, we can ask
whatever we wish, believing, and
it shall be done. In Christ's name,
Amen

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUES

NOTE: All dates are subject to change without notice. Check the Sunday Bulletin for details. For further information, call the Church Office Monday through Friday, 276-0393.

5 Communion Worship Services, 7.45 & 10:30 a.m.
Church School 9 am
New Membership Grp. 9:15
Youth Group 1:30

6 Senior Citizens
Scouts

7 Sewing Scout Cont. W Group 7
Council Council

12 Worship Services, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Church School 9 am
New Membership Grp. 9:15
Youth Group 2-5 pm
5 pm Confirmands Covered
Dish Dinner & Exam
WFO Covered Dish Lunch.

13 Senior Citizens
Scouts

14 Sewing Scout Cont. Group Church Meeting

19 Palm Sunday Worship Service 8:00 a.m. - Rite of Confirmation 10:30 a.m.
Church School 9 am
New Members received

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26 Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m.
Church School 9 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

27 Church Office closed
Guild Bus Trip to NY for Easter Show

28 Sewing Scout Guild Dance

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DAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Office. or ce,	1 Ladies Aid Noon Luncheon Lenten worship service, 7:45 Choir Bake Sale	2 Conf. II 7 pm senior choir & Conway	3 Youth Group Ex- ecutive Meeting 6:15 pm	4 "Love Is Alive" Rehearsal
ng Grp. ts - orship :00 pm /Youth 8 pm	8 Lenten wor- ship service 7:45 pm Church School Bake Sale	9 Conf. I 6:30 7:30 - Senior Choir & Conway	10 Youth Grp. Show at Moose Lodge	11 "Love Is Alive" Rehearsal
ng Grp. ts Worship 7 pm School 8 pm	15 Lenten wor- ship service 7:45 pm Scouts Bake Sale	16 Conf. II 7 pm - pic- tures taken 7:30 Sen. Choir & Conway Diet	17	18 "Love Is Alive" Rehearsal
	22 8:00 p.m. "Last Supper Tableau"	23 Maundy Thursday Holy Com. & Tennebrae 8 pm	24 Good Friday Worship Service Holy Comm. 9 a.m.	25 "Love Is Alive" Rehearsal
ng Grp. ts Square 8-10 pm	29 Confirma- tion I 6.30 pm	30 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir & Conway Diet	31	

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard at both the sour beef supper we served for the National Commission of Neighborhoods and the Codfish Luncheon and Supper. We were sorry we could not fill all the orders for surplus food, but at the same time we were glad to have good weather and such a large turnout.

Claire Hengen
President, Ladies Aid

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, Monday through Friday.

Let us not forget the Lenten Self-Denial Folders which were sent us prior to the beginning of the Lenten season. The church sends out over a thousand of these folders to family groups. The church expects that your family will use this folder and will return this special offering, that the church may accomplish some matters which ordinary budget funds will not permit. Make yourself a committee of one to make sure that the folder from your family is returned sometime during Holy Week, that it may be dedicated on Easter Sunday, along with the Easter offering.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
United Church Of Christ

The fourth Sunday of Lent, March 5, is the date for One Great Hour of Sharing. FEEL THE NEED...for food and tools, seeds and water, livestock and technical assistance, clothing and shelter, vocational training and emergency schooling, medical care and family planning...and SHARE THE GIFT through One Great Hour Of Sharing...to assist millions afflicted by disaster, dislocation and deprivation. The UCC goal for this year's offering is two million dollars, according to Stewardship Council executive secretary Sheldon E. Mackey.

HOW CHILDREN THINK ABOUT GOD - Quoted from
Dick Van Dyke

A toddler who has just received an Easter basket the week before, said grace like this: "Bless us, oh Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to received from Thy Bunny."

God's destruction of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah is another story that makes a vivid impression. A teacher relating the story to her class was saying, "Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city which was about to be destroyed. Lot got away safely. His wife looked back and was turned to a pillar of salt. Now, children, do you have any questions about this story?"

A boy raised his hand. "Could you please tell us what happened to the flea?"

Today I will seek signs of God's presence in ordinary events.

THE OTHER DIMENSION OF YOUR LIFE
Reprinted from McCall's Magazine

If Christian, are you an evangelical or born again?

Yes _____ No _____

If Jewish, are you:

1. Orthodox _____
2. Conservative _____
3. Reform _____
4. Reconstruction _____
5. No particular affiliation _____

When you were a child, what part did religion play in your life?

1. A central part _____
2. Important, but not central _____
3. Not especially important _____
4. Not important at all _____

What part does religion play in your life today?

1. A central part _____
2. Important but not central _____
3. Not especially important _____
4. Not important at all _____

Today, how often do you go to religious services?

1. More than once a week _____
2. Once a week _____
3. A few times a month _____
4. Major holidays _____
5. Virtually never _____

Do (or did) your children attend Sunday School or the equivalent?

1. Yes _____
2. No _____
3. Not applicable _____

If yes, is this an experience that:

1. They want to have _____
2. You want them to have _____
3. They go because their friends do _____

Continued next month

FINANCE UPDATE

Total budget \$72,082.00: 52 weeks =
\$1,386.19/week to meet budget.
February 19, 1978 is 8th Sunday
8 x \$1,386.19 = \$11,089.52
Total income to date = \$10,609.76 which is
\$479.76 short of budget to date.

Income to date -----	\$ 10,609.76
Actual Expenses to date ---	14,577.31
Expenses over receipts -	<u>\$ 3,967.55</u>
	to date.

Budget expenses to date ---	\$ 11,089.52
Actual expenses to date ---	<u>14,577.31</u>
Actual expenses over Budgeted Expenses to date -----	\$ 3,487.79

To date February 19, 1978, \$566.85 has been received through Improvement Envelopes and Special Gifts to the Interior Renovation Fund.

The project amount to be raised is \$10,000.

\$5,000.00 - Church Pews
<u>\$5,000.00 - Church Paint</u>

\$10,000.00

Proposed amount to be raised -	\$10,000.00
Amount received to date -----	<u>566.85</u>

Amount yet to be raised ----- \$ 9,433.15
or 94% to go!

Robert Jackson

SCOUTING NEWS

Thomas Walters received the Eagle Scout Award.

During the recent snow storms the scouts shoveled the pavements of shut-in members of our church.

William Hoffman, Jr. received the God and Country award at United Evangelical Church on Scout Sunday, which was February 12, 1978.

Dean Sanders received the Ad Altare Dei award at St. Casimir's Church, which is the God and Country award of the Catholic Church.

The Blue and Gold Dinner held on February 27 was a big success.

A special "thanks" to Pastor Hengen for the inspiring sermon he presented to the congregation on Scout Sunday.

Rob Jackson

STITCHES FROM THE SEWING GROUP

Lillian Buschman - President

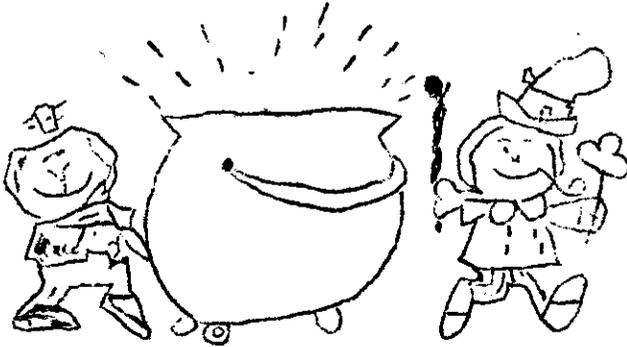
The following articles were made by the Sewing Group from January through November 1977 and presented to City, Rosewood and Fort Howard Hospitals:

- 314 pairs footies or scuffs
- 164 baby sacks and gowns
- 191 baby bibs
- 63 quilted lap robes
- 232 therapy balls
- 59 bed jackets
- 15 baby receiving blankets
- 28 utility bags
- 14 pair knitted footies
- 1 knitted lap robe

LEPRECHAUN MAGIC

March is the month of the leprechauns, these lively little creatures who spread good cheer and merriment, as well as keep tabs on that inimitable pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Right now, we are in need of some "leprechaun magic", and you can help it to happen. How? Our "pot of gold" is the challenge fund established to pay for reupholstering our pews and repainting the sanctuary. The "leprechauns" are all those wonderful and generous people who make a contribution to the fund. The "magic" is that if we all work together and give a little more, we will be able to pay the renovation bills without dipping into our church treasury. Won't you please help us to get over the rainbow?

Top o' the day, "Lads 'n Lassies!"



Carole Weidel
Renovation Fund Chairperson

For this we thank Mrs. Naomi Will
Sunday, February 22, 1970
Read Luke 9:23-27

"The gate is narrow and the way is hard, that
leads to life." Matthew 7:14 (RSV)

The way to the mountaintop is quite narrow and difficult to travel. But to get the wider view and the experience of conquest, one must go this way. Jesus indicates that we enter the gateway to a wider and fuller life by discipline. This is a great principle in life.

In concentration is mastery. There is a largeness in restrictions. Self-denial and sacrifice expand the horizon of life. As a great teacher wrote: "I live in a small house, but my windows look out on a wide world." Great artists must practice and concentrate to acquire skill and freedom in producing anything worthwhile. Such a life of concentration means power. For centuries the waters of Niagara Falls have been rushing and tumbling, but within recent years some of the water has been channeled into narrower passages, driving turbines and producing electric power. Spiritual power, insight, and warmth can come from confining ourselves to deeper aspects of life.

PRAYER: Grant, O Lord, that amid the distractions, the confusions of our day and age, we may find guidance and power in concentrating on Thee. Amen

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Traveling the narrow way with Christ gives my life breadth. - Titus Lehmann. (Pennsylvania) - Reprinted from THE UPPER ROOM January/February, 1970.

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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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