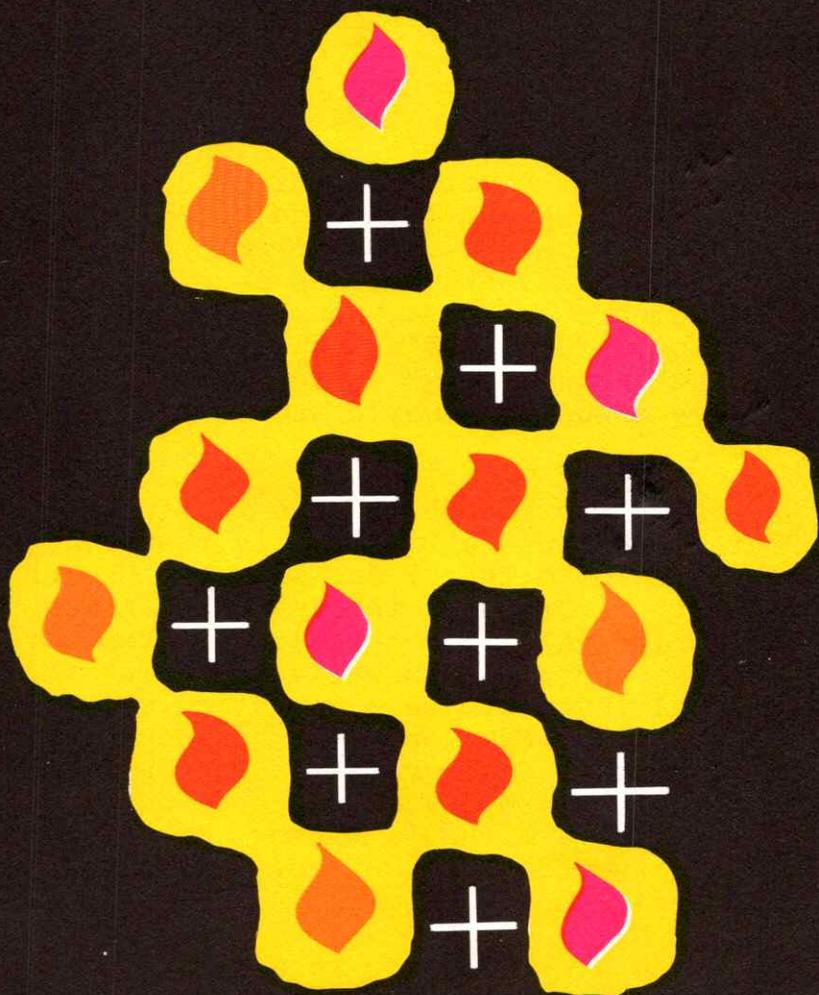


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The Christian Festival of Pentecost (Church's Birthday) and The Festival of the Christian Home (Mother's Day) just happen to occur on the same day (May 14) this year. That coincidence can be both a bane and a blessing. It can bring with it both good news and bad news.

Few would suggest that the scientific technologists are seeking to take over the Church. Rather, they are taking (or have taken) over the world and for the most part have ignored the Church. Scientific technology including the potential development of colonies out in space, often sets its agenda without considering the "greatest good for the greatest number" ethical stance. And even when moral achievements are made, sometimes by accident, high level decisions are made often even without "grass roots" consultation. Christian mothers around the world are usually never asked.

One thing the Church can say reassuringly about itself on its Birthday is that it has its share of mothers. And when the Church becomes the instrument through which human "motherly" values are expressed, then love, concern, and growth usually happen at the personal level. To be a Christian mother takes that process one step further. For then love, concern, and growth are understood in sacrificial terms even for those who have never known a mother's loving care. A person's life changes for the better. That is the good news.

Now the bad news. There is sometimes a confusion between wholesome "motherly" love and the special gift of God's grace in Jesus

Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is important to remember the differences. The New Testament makes clear that Jesus did what He did, not because his mother Mary told Him to, but because He was God in human flesh and blood. The Holy Spirit was given to the world and to the Church, not because the world needed more mothers, but because the world needed better mothers and fathers.

One of the prevailing problems in the American Protestant churches is an over-sentimentalizing of the role or function of mother in a family unit, often to the detriment and stifling of those mothers themselves. The Women's Movement in the U.S. has been an important corrective. A woman's ability to conceive and bear a child is not necessarily her greatest "value". What about those women who cannot? Are they of lesser value? All women's rights and privileges need to be affirmed, and not just on "Mother's Day". Passage of ERA for every state of the U.S. would certainly be an important milestone for this country. Important strides toward freedom and justice for all women, and not just mothers, are necessary if all men, and not just fathers, are to become what God intended them to become.

Remember, the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the whole Church in which the Apostle Paul said there was "neither male nor female, slave nor free". That Spirit is promised to be present within the Christian Family, regardless of who does the cooking or the dish washing!

Pastor Hengen

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

The regular meeting of the Church Council was held on Tuesday, April 4. The following actions were taken at that time:

1. The former decision to purchase the Blue Cross Mini-Group Plan was changed to allow the custodian and church secretary to select either the regular Blue Cross plan or a health plan obtained through the Conference.
2. It was decided to call a special meeting of the Council, the 1975 Pastoral Search Committee, and Pastor Hengen on April 24 (included in 1978 Goals and Objectives).
3. Greeters are still needed for each worship service. Interested persons should contact Ed Myers or any other Council member.
4. The Contemporary Worship Group was given permission to rent a film, Martin The Cobbler, for use at the May or June contemporary worship.

Carole P. Weidel
Recording Secretary

U.E.S.P.F. is coming!

Are you ready for U.E.S.P.F.?

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

John Wayne Williams, Jr., born October 13, 1977, son of Mr. John Wayne Williams, Sr., and Ms. Carlina Joan Wolfe, on April 9, 1978.

Randy Lewis Jedlicka, born February 10, 1978, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jedlicka nee Sharon Rayner, on April 23, 1978

Weddings

Dr. Gary Frederick Harne and Miss Barbara C. Jones on April 29, 1978.

The directors of the 28th presentation of the "Last Supper" would sincerely like to thank all of those who gave so generously of their time and talents to make the tableau very meaningful. Sincerely,

Florence Gundlach
Robert Gundlach
Bertha Will

Children love a good story with a moral, but occasionally the lesson they draw from a story isn't the one the teacher had in mind. Asked to name her favorite Bible story, a 5 year old said, "Jesus at the wedding, changing water into wine." "What do we learn from this miracle?" teacher asked. "When you have a wedding", the girl replied, "it's a good idea to have Jesus there too."

The Widows and Widowers only have dispensed with their meetings until September 10.

GUILD NEWS

The Young Women's Guild celebrated their 34th Birthday with a dinner of Imperial Crab. There were 63 persons attending including 12 ladies from Zion Harford Road Church.

Coming Events

- May 10 - Mother and Daughter Banquet - See Emma Koehler for tickets
- May 17 - Regular meeting
- May 20 - Flea Mart and Luncheon - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- May 21 - Trip to Gore, Virginia. Bus leaves at 12 noon. See Sis Becker for tickets
- June 4 - Trip to visit Carlisle Home. Bus leaves at 12 noon. Donation is \$3.00 for Guild members, \$6.00 for non-members. See Sadie Zinn for tickets
- June 21- Limestone Dinner Theatre. Bus leaves 6:00 p.m. See Emma Koehler for tickets
- July 7 - Crab Cake Supper

Sadie Zinn
Publicity Chairman

Do you think that a person who attends service regularly is likely to live by higher moral standards than someone who does not?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you think the moral climate of the country is:

- 1. Excellent _____ 3. Fair _____
- 2. Good _____ 4. Poor _____

Do you believe in a Divine Power you think of as God and Creator?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid will present a special program at their next meeting on May 3. Mr. Harvey Martini, Jr., vice president of the Y.M.C.A. in Dundalk will bring to us several speakers and visual aids to help us understand "All About Wills". This can be a very confusing issue and can have very serious consequences when misunderstood. Members & guests are invited to bring any questions. Please let Lil Buschman know if you are planning to be a guest or inviting a guest so we can plan the luncheon accordingly. The meeting begins at noon.

On June 7, Mrs. Rose Shinaberry and Ms. Millie Rossi from the Southeast Crime Coalition will be with us to talk about crime and what you can do to protect yourself against it. This also will be a very informative meeting beginning with luncheon at noon.

The following meeting will be on September 6. Have a good summer!

Claire Hengen
President

The Christian Education Committee will meet on Sunday April 30 at 3:00 p.m. to begin planning for celebration of our 105th anniversary in September. They are also considering the creation of a special file of all our books, equipment, hymnals, etc. so we will know what we have and where things are located.

Canton Happening is from June 26 through July 14. More details in the June United Endeavor.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	1 Senior Citizens, 10:00 a.m. scouts	2 Sewing Group, 10:00 a.m. Scouts Church Council Youth Council, 8:00 p.m.
7 Communion Worship Services, 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. Church School 9 a.m. Annual CAC Mtg. First & St. Stephen's UCC	8 Senior Citizens, 10:00 a.m. Scouts	9 Sewing Group, 10:00 a.m. Scouts Church School Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
14 Pentecost Sunday Worship Services, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Church School 9 a.m. Reception of New Members at 10:30 a.m. Service	15 Senior Citizens 10:00 a.m. Scouts	16 Sewing Group, 10:00 a.m. Scouts
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28 Worship Services, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Church School 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.	29 Church Office closed	30 Sewing Group, 10:00 a.m. Scouts

MAY 1978

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Group m. Council Council .	3 Ladies Aid Noon Lunch. Meeting Confirmation I, 6:30 p.m.	4 7:30 pm Senior Choir Conway Diet	5 Youth Group Retreat Claggett Center, re- turning on Sunday	6
Grp. m. School 8 pm	10 Guild Mother and Daughter Ban- quet, 6:30 pm	11 7:30 pm Senior Choir Conway Diet	12	13
a.m.	17 Women's Guild, 8 pm Confirmation I, 6:30 pm	18 7:30 Senior Choir Conway Diet	19	20 Guild Flea Mart 10:00 a.m. till ?
Grp. a.m.	24 Confirma- tion I, 6:30 p.m.	25 7:30 pm Senior Chr. Conway Diet	26	27
m.	31 Confirma- tion I, 6:30 p.m.	NOTE: ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. CHECK THE SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR ALTER- NATE DATES OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE, 276-0393.		

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group did a show for the ladies of the Moose Lodge on Highland Avenue on Friday, March 10 at 8:00 p.m. The show was quite successful despite the small turnout, but those who did turn out seemed to have a nice evening.

The Youth Group went roller skating on April 9, 1978 at Rollarina in Rosedale. We also went bowling at Greenway East on April 30, 1978. We had a nice time at both outings.

The Youth Group was happy to report that we have a few more new members in our group from the graduating Confirmation Class of 1978. We hope many others will join our group in the upcoming weeks.

If anyone is of Confirmation Age or older and would like to join our group, please feel free to call me at 276-4563 anytime. We encourage all to join.

Billy Hoffman
President

SENIOR NEWS

Our Canton Friendship Circle is having a bus trip to Brown's in the Catskills. The trip is from April 30 to May 3. We will be having our spring dance on Monday,, May 15. About 11 centers are invited. These affairs are an excellent opportunity for community participation.

The Hobby Show will be held on May 18. All kinds of creative handwork will be available for sale. This is the only affair the group holds to gain finances for the year.

Jeannette Browning
Leader

CHURCH SCHOOL FUN FAIR

The Church School Fun Fair will be held on Friday, June 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The theme will be a Hawaiian Luau. Decorations, refreshments, talent, and other activities will all center around this theme. Could you make a ceremonial mask, paint a picture of a surfer or an Hawaiian dancer or could you help us with any other decorations or ideas?

Could you help to carve out a watermelon to make a fruit basket or bake an Hawaiian wedding cake (recipe provided)?

Can you take polaroid pictures or could you be in charge of a carnival type game? Could you provide some type of talent for a show or would you be willing to come a little early to decorate or would you be willing to be on the clean-up committee?

All your ideas, suggestions and help will be appreciated. See Carol Weidel or Claire Hengen.

"Are you a good neighbor"? From Sadie Zinn

1. Do you avoid being obviously inquisitive about what your neighbors are doing?
2. Do you keep your property as neat as they keep theirs?
3. Do you resist borrowing?
4. Do you keep noise down to a minimum?
5. Do you teach your children to respect the neighbors, their property, and their sensibilities.
6. Do you call on the phone before you drop in for a visit?
7. Do you avoid doing jobs that are noisy such as lawnmowing on early weekend mornings when others may want to sleep late?

How do you qualify?

STAMPS, STAMPS, STAMPS

Do you have some S&H green stamps tucked away in a drawer someplace just taking up space? It doesn't matter how old they are nor if they are glued in a book or loose. Through an agreement with Sperry and Hutchinson these S&H green stamps can be redeemed for blankets for Church World Service. A blanket to a refugee is much more than a blanket. It can be a tent, a partition or a tote for whatever possessions a family can salvage after an earthquake, flood or cyclone. Please give any you might have to the Church Office.

Used postage stamps can also be used. Needed are the large commemorative stamps (pictures on them), large and middle sized foreign stamps and large and middle sized Air-Mail stamps, Christmas stamps, Duck Hunting stamps, air lift stamps, etc. Please do not save current regular stamps of low denominations up to 13¢. Leave about 1/4 inch of paper around the stamp so it can be sent undamaged. Bring them to the Church Office also.

If you are interested in other service projects such as knitting or crocheting, or sewing children's clothes or assembling Health Kits or School Kits or Sewing Kits, please see or call Claire Hengen.

It is a comforting thought to many a child that God is watching over the whole universe, making sure everything goes according to plan. One was watching the sunset with his mother when she said, "Look at that...The moon's coming up and the sun is still shining". "Don't worry, Mom," said the boy, "God knows what He's doing".

Friends for Quick Disposal

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD 6TH ANNUAL FLEA MART

Saturday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 pm

Dear Friends:

That we may have another successful FLEA MART this year we are once again asking you to check your house from basement to attic for items you no longer have use for and donate them to the FLEA MART. Ask your neighbors to do the same for you. We need such items as China, Jewelry, Vases, Clocks, Books, Pictures, Games, Clothing, etc. Remember something old to you is something new to someone else.

Refreshments can be had - hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee, tea , sodas

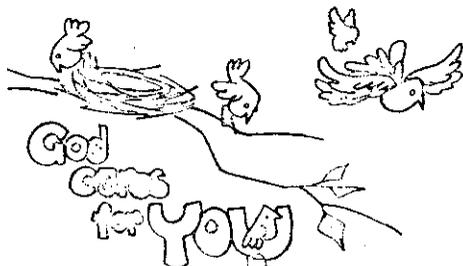
MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

The Choir is now involved in rehearsals for a Choir Festival to be held during the annual meeting of the Chesapeake Association of the United Church Of Christ, at First and St. Stephen's UCC, 6915 York Road on May 7, 1978 beginning at 3:30 until approximately 6:00 p.m. Five anthems will be sung:

1. Behold Now, Praise the Lord - Titcomb
2. Hallelujah (Mt. Of Olives) - Beethoven
3. Gloria (12th Mass) - Mozart
4. Jesus In The Morning - Folksong (with congregation participation)
5. Onward Ye People - Debelius

We hope the Festival is the beginning of bigger and better things for the Choir. The Choir has also donated funds for the upholstering of the Choir Loft as a memorial for the late Albert Witzke, former Choir President. We are coming to the close of the year's Choir functions. If there are any suggestions or comments on music, please do not hesitate to contact me or Pastor Hengen. We hope our music has been and may continue to be an enjoyable part of the service for the congregation.

Willoughby N. Myrick, Jr.
Choir Chairperson of Music
Choir President



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