

The United Endeavor

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A NEW PHASE OF AN OLD VENTURE

Hello! I'm the first issue of our new church paper, a newcomer into your home. How do you like the title? It is a good title for a publication of the church, for all of the work of the church is an "endeavor" in the name of the Lord Jesus.

I imagine that the majority of the readers do not even remember seeing this title, but it has been used before. It was the title of the publication of United Evangelical some years ago, but which was discontinued.

We hope that you will appreciate the effort of the church to get the news of the church into your home. We are planning to send an issue of this paper to you every month except July and August.

Even as this church paper is a new phase of an old venture, so also is the coming of the new pastor. The church is now under new leadership, but this leadership purposes to continue on the splendid foundation and excellent personal and pastoral work established and maintained by the Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Titus Lehman. Upon these strong foundations Pastor Rasche will seek to build a strong church in terms of the dedication of individual lives to the Lord Jesus, and the fulfillment in these lives of the elements of basic churchmanship.

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an old venture, it has been in existence for almost 2000 yrs. But it is also as new as tomorrow, for the invitation of Jesus is a way to the individual to become even a better Christian than before, and to the church to become a stronger and more vital church than ever before.

Thus you and I as pastor and people are in a new phase of an old venture, and the Lord desires of us a good accounting of our stewardship.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

A "MUST"

FOR CHRISTIANS

Chief among the elements of churchmanship to which we are giving attention is the practice of church attendance on the part of our members, both those of youthful age as well as those of adult age. We are stressing the spiritual necessity of attendance upon the services on each Lord's Day, at either the 8:00 or the 10:15 a.m. service.

It is easy to grow lax in relation to the disciplines of the Christian life. It is easy to become dilatory in the matter of being in the service each Lord's Day. Our aim is to quicken the conscience of our membership, that all may be fulfilling their obligation to "gather in the courts of the Lord" regularly.

The average attendance at our services needs to be increased in good measure. Of a congregation of some thing under 1000 members, we ought

to strive for an average attendance of from 600-700 on an average winter Sunday. It is possible to achieve this mark, if our members fulfil their obligations to the Lord, chief of which is to be in Church in a most regular manner for these services of praise and worship

The pastor is not joshing when he says, "See you in church Sunday" for being in church is an important matter for all folk. Do something on this matter this coming Sunday.

SUNDAY SERVICES ANNOUNCED

These winter Sundays present unto us weekly opportunities to worship in the House of the Lord. May we use every such opportunity. Regular schedule of services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, February 4

This is Vocations Sunday. Also being the first Sunday of the month it brings our Communion services. On this Sunday the early service is at 7:45 a.m. and the later service at the regular hour. For our meditation we shall think of the matter of Christian vocation, the sermon topic being: "A Call to Adults and Youth."

Sunday, February 11

On this Sunday on which we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus, we shall think together on the subject: "The High Hours of Life."

Sunday, February 18

Septuagesima Sunday, the first of the pre-Lenten Sunday, and the beginning of a sermon series: "Sin and Salvation," with the topic: "What Is Sin?"

Sunday, February 25

Sexagesima Sunday, the second of the pre-Lenten Sundays, the ser-

mon topic being, "What Has Sin Done To Us?"

Sunday, March 4

Quinquagesima Sunday, the Sunday next before the beginning of Lent. Our sermon will be the last of the series on Sin, the topic being: "God's Antidote for Sin."

DID YOU KNOW

...the Pastor has established his study at the church, and maintains definite hours there each morning, Tuesday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon. He can be reached at the office for consultation at these hours, or at any other time by appointment (simply a call before you desire to come, to ascertain if the pastor is free at the time) His office phone is the same as the one in the church office, BR 6-0393. Entrance to the offices is by the Dillon St. entrance.

...the church secretary, Mrs. Grace Fader is at the office from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. She will take appointments for the pastor when he is not in the office

...the Sacrament of Baptism is administered each 3rd Sunday of the month in the 10:15 service. All of the baptisms are confined to this day and service unless there is an emergency, when the Pastor will baptize at home or hospital.

...applicants for membership with the church are received into membership at the 10:15 service each 1st Sunday of the month. Applications are to be made directly to the pastor, or any Council member. If you have been confirmed here or elsewhere or have been a member of another church not practising Confirmation, you may make application to be received through a restatement of faith. If you have never been a church member, or wish to come over from the Roman Catholic or Jewish faith, this can be arranged by attendance at a number of Instruction sessions.

...that the last pew of the sanctuary is to be reserved for the Us-hers. Please do not occupy this pew

...that definite registration is being requested from all believers as they receive the Lord's Supper. The record of your attendance at the Sacrament will be a part of your permanent record at the church.

AN URGENT CALL

Youth and adults are URGENTLY needed for our Choirs. Young people who enjoy singing are requested to attend choir rehearsal on Thursday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This choral group is for Jr. Hi's and also those in lower High School. The older High School students are invited to join the adult or Senior choir. Here too we need additional voices. Men and women are invited to the rehearsal on Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Let us help make our choirs a vital and important experience in our church life.

Mrs. Naomi Binko, Choir Dir.

CAMP DATES

The dates for the 1962 sessions of the Church Camp at Michaux have now been received. Youth, begin talking to Mother and Dad now about going to camp. Registrations must be received early. Here are the dates:

Sen. Hi. dates: July 8 - 14
 Aug. 12 - 18
Jr. Hi. dates: July 15 - 21
 July 22 - 28
 July 29 - Aug. 4
 Aug. 5 - 11
Junior dates: July 15 - 21
 July 22 - 28
 July 29 - Aug. 4
 Aug. 5 - 11
 Aug. 12 - 18
Post Hi date: Aug. 31 - Sept. 3
Family date: Aug. 31 - Sept. 3

Registrations are processed through the Sunday School, so, speak to the teacher about your camp period.

ORGANIZATION NEWS

A GIRLS' GUILD for girls of the church and community is being organized at United Evang. for all girls from 14 yrs of age upward. This new group will be meeting the 4th Tues. of each month. Come out to the meetings, for they will provide fellowship, fun and fruitful inspiration.

THE JUNIOR COUNCIL, a sub-group of the Senior Church Council, composed of young men 14 yrs. and older, elected to this group, is now being organized into a study and a fellowship group as well. Still on an elective basis, this group will also meet on the 4th Tuesday.

THE CRADLE-ROLL MOTHERS' CLUB, relatively a new organization at United Evang., has its meeting each 1st Thursday at 1:30 p.m. We urge the mothers of our Cradle Roll department to get active in this group. It will be doing some study of matters of great interest to young mothers.

The Work with the LADIES AID, the WOMENS GUILD, the MENS CLUB is progressing nicely. Special articles on these groups will appear in lat-issues.

Our YOUTH FELLOWSHIP meetings on Friday evening attract from 75-100 youth in Friendship Hall. A full evening of varied recreation plus a devotional service and refreshments makes for an interesting time. More of our Jr. Hi's, and Sr. Hi. youth could be attending. Do come out.

The FORUM for Our United Church of Christ will be held Sun. Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at our St. Luke's Church, the speaker being Rev. Mr. Batzler and the topic: "Russia."

TOUR OF WESTERN ELECTRIC PLANNED
The Mens Club and Womens Guild are arranging for a tour of Western Electric on March 2. This includes a dinner and tour of the plant. See George Hammerbacher or Dorothy Long if you are interested.

RECORDS OF THE CHURCH

since Nov. 26, 1961

BAPTISMS

Kurt Scott, son of Kenneth and Anna Hartman, on Dec. 3

Lawrence William, son of Robert & Barbara Frazier, on Dec. 17

Timothy Michael, son of James and Nola Royer, on Dec. 17

Victoria Jean, daughter of Whitford and Jean Tress, on Dec. 17

Cynthia Ann, daughter of William and Eleanor Byerlay, on Dec. 17

Barbara Ann, daughter of William and Rose Marie Thomas, on Jan 21

Karen Michele, daughter of Harry and Margaret Hall, on Jan 21

Glenn Joseph, son of John and M. Seppet, on Jan. 21

David Mark, son of George and Mildred Sauer, on Jan. 21

MARRIAGES

Norman L. Hauck and Patricia Ann Klock, on Dec. 1

William Stancliff and Winifred Kelley, on Dec. 2

Robert N. Canter and June Cumberland, on Dec. 9

William Anderson and Barbara Scowlen, on Dec. 18

Galvin Briggs and Rose Manuel, on Dec. 19

Robert L. Benner and Patricia Posluszny, on Dec. 21

Ernest Knapp and Lorette Carmean, on Dec. 23

James L. Elliott and Shirley Sagai, on Dec. 23

Paul E. Fifield and Hilda T. Wolf on Dec. 23

James J. Wojcik & Helen Kensicka on Dec. 22

John L. Green and Mary Spicer, on Dec. 28

Henry M. Voelker & Evelyn Robertson, on Dec. 31

John E. Taylor and Rosemary Blimline, on Jan 6

Gilbert Hensley and Dorothy Bauer on Jan. 13

God bless these newly wed couples

FUNERALS

Frederick Avesser, member, age 62 on Dec. 1

Kenneth F. Butler, non-member, 44 on Dec. 15

Mrs. Bertha Myers, non-member, 71 on Dec. 16

Elmer Long, non-member, 53, on Dec. 20

Robert Francis, infant on Dec. 28

William Gorge, former member, 76 on Dec. 28

George Riegel, non-member, 73, on Dec. 30

Charles W. Genner, member, 78, on Jan. 3

Edna M. Langdon, non-member, 64, on Jan. 3

John Streckfus, member, 62, on Jan 6

Margaret Borleis, member, 77, on Jan. 20

NEW MEMBERS

Charles E. Boller, transferred from Graceham Moravian, Graceham, Md.

Nancy Clark, transferred from the First United Evangelical, Balto.

TRANSFERS OUT

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Robinson, to St. John United Church, Balto

Mr. Charles E. Adams, Jr. to Zion United Church of Christ, Balto

Mrs. Marlyn Sansom, to St. Johns' Evang. Luth., Phoenix, Md.

Mrs. Beth Barnes, to Immanuel Lutheran, Balto

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