

The United Endeavor

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS

There are three aspects of the Christian thought and life which are of equal importance and necessity. All are based upon a deep faith and represent that faith at work and in expression. Without a faith these expressions are shallow and have little meaning, a mere "going through the motions" as it were. Without these manifestations, a faith is only so much loud profession without any body, a profession without expression.

The first aspect is one we have stressed constantly. It is that a Christian faith, if it is to be something more than mere sentiment, must find expression in a life of activity within the church of one's choice. A faith must be geared into the church of the Lord Christ to be the faith it should be. And, this fitting of oneself into the church is exercised not only in the regular attendance upon the service of divine worship but the fulfillment of the other responsibilities of membership, including the constant attendance at the Sacrament and the participation in the activities of the church through the avenues of family occasions, plus the work of men, women, youth.

The second aspect relates to the concern of our church and members with the community of which we are a part down here in Canton. Such organizations as the Southeastern

Council of Community Services are examples of cooperative effort to strength our community in the many areas of citizenship and living. The large program of Human Renewal in our Baltimore area is just one specific area in which we should be concerned. More needs to be done to expand our horizons in the area of community effort.

The third aspect deals with our life outside the local church but in the frame of reference of church activities. It is at this point wherein many of the folk of United Evangelical Church have been remiss. We have by custom been so engrossed with our own church affairs that we have failed to see opportunities for activity and interest in the larger aspects of Christian life. We have premitted our horizons to remain narrow. Now is the time when we should cast our spiritual eyes further afield, to see the wonderful, thrilling aspects of Christian endeavor of which we also should be a part and for which we ought earnestly pray and devotedly work. Specifically, though this does not exclude the total larger mission of the church in the work of the Homeland and the Overseas Boards of our denomination, there are two facets which are right at our doorstep - the United Church Center at Harundale Mall on Ritchie Highway and the United Church Home at Silver Spring, Md. Please read the articles elsewhere in this issue on these two activities and begin to expand your Christian horizons by participation in every way in the strengthening of these works

SERMONS ON PERTINENT QUESTIONS

As we endeavor to fulfill the

role of Christian living in our daily lives, there are for all of us questions of implication which arise, at points at which our faith ought to have specific interplay in our activities and attitudes. During April, at the 8:00 and 10:15 A. M. services, we shall endeavor to pose some of these questions and give answers based on the teaching of the Gospel (no communion services on first Sunday in April)

- April 5 - "What is Christian Calling?"
Service of Confirmation Reunion at 10:15
- April 12 - "What About Civil Justice?"
How does this affect
- April 19 - "Why These Extra Offerings?"
World Service Offering
- April 26 - "Can I Do As I Please? How Ethical Are We?"



WORLD SERVICE OFFERING APRIL 19

Through our two World Service Offerings each year we participate in the humane work of our denomination and Protestantism in general in attempting to demonstrate Christian love in relation to the needs of suffering folk throughout our world in areas of rehabilitation, refugee centers and in countless other manners. To meet the request our denomination makes of us for this cause, each individual member should remember to be as liberal as is possible. We are asked to raise nearly \$1000 in these two offerings

This offering will be in connection with the service of April 19. Please read the enclosed circular carefully and use the enclosed special envelope.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL MEETS
EACH SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.
AND PROVIDES CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION FOR ALL AGE
GROUPS.

NEWS FOR YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN

The Junior Council of our church is an organization for young men 14 years of age and older, wherein the members of the group assist the Senior Council in numerous manners in the total life of the church. Membership on the Junior Council is secured by application to any of the Church Council members, approval by the Church Council and the promise to fulfill the rules of procedure of the Junior Council. Membership is granted on a yearly basis, after which all memberships are reviewed, reappointments made or denied. We are anxious that all young men know about this Junior Council and have the opportunity of making application. Richard Single is the Council member having responsibility for the Junior Council.

The Girls Guild is an active group for girls of 14 years of age and older. Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, with extra events at planned times, the group promises to be very interesting and helpful for all our young women. Mrs. Fred Long and Mrs. George Hoffman are the adult advisors and will be happy to speak with any young woman about membership.

The Teen Nites for youth of Junior and Senior High Age are conducted each Friday in Friendship Hall, and the Gym at 7:30 p.m. Purely a night of recreation, this Teen Nite provides a center for our own youth and the youth of the community. Membership cards are issued and a 10¢ per week fee is charged. Miss Carolyn Kodetsky and Mr. Gil Felter are the adults in charge.

Our Ministry for Junior Hi and Senior Hi Youth meets at the Church School hour each Sunday at 9 a.m. in Friendship Hall and the Gym respectively. With the teachers of the classes as advisors, together with the Sup'ts, each group is organized and spends some time regularly for business, and in planning special events at time other than the Sunday hour. Time is also given on Sunday for the regular presentation of the Church School lessons. Mrs. Mae Getz is Jr. Hi Sup't. and Mr. Albert Witzke is in charge of the Senior High Ministry to Youth.

PAPER DRIVE SPONSORED BY JR. HI. DEPT
APRIL 25. CALL MRS. GETZ AT 4-6446



THE UNITED CHURCH HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Our United Church of Christ in the Baltimore-Washington area is in the process of erecting the first of two United Church Homes. This first unit is in Silver Springs, Md. (the second to be located later in the Balto area) This home is being constructed with money supplied by the government in the amount of 1½ million dollars, this amount to be repaid out of operation income. The bid for construction has been let and even now work is progressing. The site on which the Home is being erected at 620 Pershing Dr., Silver Springs, is the old Nicholas Longworth estate and consists of the mansion and other buildings on a 3 acre plot. Mr. Theodore Dorman is the Administrator and is living on the property.

Our local churches have been asked by Synod to support this work in the maintenance and administrative costs during this period of beginnings and for this a definite sum is requested of each congregation (see annual budget)

When the building is completed it will provide in excess of 100 apartments for senior citizens at a specific rate per month with meals provided as well as housing. More particulars concerning occupancy will be announced later. Your pastor is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Home and is a member of the Executive Committee.

Plans for showing off the property (the mansion and grounds) to folk of local congregations have been laid and it is worth the while of all our folk to become aware of this interesting endeavor. See announcement elsewhere about a planned bus trip to this Home.

UNITED CHURCH CENTER

The United Church of Christ announces it has leased 1500 sq. ft. of space in the Harundale Mall (Glen

Burnie, Md) The space will be used to house the United Church Center, a venture in churchmanship under the auspices of our churches in this vicinity. Renovations to the space costing \$16,000.00 will provide a reception area, a chapel, a conference room, a meeting room and a kitchenette.

The reception area of the Center will be staffed all week by specially trained lay persons who will seek to face the real issues confronting the individuals who stop in. Among other ministries to be rendered by the Center are: the conducting of public forums on community issues; courses of study in parenthood, family financing, a ministry to young people, referral and information services. The newly organized Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev. Richard Bayard, pastor, will also be meeting at the center.

Construction is proceeding at a fast pace and at least partial occupancy is planned for Holy Week and Easter.

Direct help from local congregations is needed first, in the provision of funds to meet the cost of furnishing this United Church Center. A number of our organizations have made contributions but yet others will be appreciated. Further, help is needed in manning the Center with receptionists and in the provision of personnel in the areas of counselling, recreation and specific professional assistance in a number of areas. Pastor Rasche is on the Sponsoring Committee of the Center and Mr. Albert Fader is our representative on the Lay Council. He would be happy to supply more detailed information.

When at Harundale Mall, be sure to look up the Center. It is right next to the bank in the Mall.



BUS TRIP PLANNED

A trip of inspection of our United Church Home property at Silver Springs is planned for Sunday, April 26th. Departure will be after the morning service. Plans will include a 'light snack' enroute; the inspection of the Home; trip to Harper's Ferry, W.Va.; and finally an "old-style" Chicken dinner at Peter Pan Restaurant, Frederick, Md. Total cost \$7.00. Reservations, Apr. 5th with Fred Long, Ed. Myers or Dorothy Long



TWO GOOD MEALS

Sat. April 4 brings the Spaghetti Dinner by our Girl's Guild, with serving from 2 -5 p.m. Tickets are at \$1.10 which includes dessert.

Tues. and Wed., April 28 and 29 is the time for the Chicken Supper. Sponsored by our Ladies Aid. Tickets are at \$1.50 and serving is from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Get tickets for both events soon.

HELP FILL THE PAINT BUCKET

The poster in the entrance shows a paint bucket which needs \$3,000.00 worth of paint to fill it. The need is our church sanctuary and the job of painting will be begun soon after April 1. Please help fill the paint buckets with your contributions. A special gift in an envelope marked Paint Fund, with your name will help in this endeavor.

CHURCH RECORDS

Baptisms

Robyn Christie, child of Glenn and Doris Voelker, baptized at Chanute AFB, Ill., Jan. 26, 1964

Sarah Ruth, daughter of Hugh and Betty Brannan, Feb. 16

Karen Jean, daughter of George & Betty Fischer, Feb. 16

Jeremiah Francis, Jr., son of Jeremiah and Barbara Sullivan, Feb. 16

Timothy James, son of Fred and Anita Bolick, Feb. 16

Lisa Kay, daughter of John and Barbara Clapp, Feb. 16

Patrick Bryan, son of George and Helen Finnerty, Feb. 16

Kimberly Ann, daughter of Vernon & Vernell Merritt, Feb. 16

Robin Lynne, daughter of Robert and Judy Elliott, March 15

Lisa Ellen, daughter of Henry and Mary Will, March 15

Douglas Bryan, son of John and Gloria Haberkam, March 15

Christine Elizabeth and Edward George, twins of George and Shirley Scheuerman, March 15

Weddings

Robert Fischer and Virginia Newman, Jan. 25

David Houck and Victory Vaughn, Jan. 24.

Gordon Morgret and Maria Dubiel, Feb. 7

Robert Bryant and Phyllis Mag-samen, Feb. 8

Edward Wright and Maryann Gange, Feb. 8

David Pyles and Alice O'Brien, Feb. 8

Clarence Breeden and Martha Wernz, Feb. 20

Thurman Locklear and Mary Walden
March 6

Funerals

Mrs. Mildred Layton, age 42, on Feb. 3

Clarence Stanley, age 66, Feb. 5
Ernest J. Hoerger, member, 63,

Feb. 14

George Karns, 71, Feb. 19
Mrs. Margaret Yeager, 74, Feb. 24

Frederick Kohlepp, member, 71,
March 4

Mrs. Catherine Brady, 75, Mar. 7
O. Vernon Adams, Jr., 44, Mar. 7

Wm. J. Laukeman, 65, Mar. 9
Fred. W. Allgeier, 66, Mar. 12

Martin Haas, Sr., 61, Mar. 14
New Members (Feb. 2)

Mrs. Dorothy Patzwell, by transfer.

Mrs. Lillian Brundick
Miss Dorothy Brantley

Mrs. Ileen Maphis
Mr. Raymond Maphis

Mrs. Milton Schnitzker
Miss Florence Schnitzker

all by confession of faith
Mrs. Teckla Cunningham, restatement of faith.

LATE NOTICE - Balto. Federation of the United Churches of Christ present the Elmhurst College Poly-

hymnia Choir at St. Matthews Ch. on Tues., April 14th at 8 p.m.

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