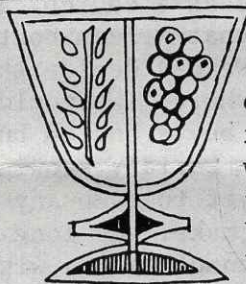




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The Visitor

SERMON TOPICS



Communion

Our usual practice of having communion on the first Sunday of the month will resume, and we hope that you will remember to bring food for the food bank. As we share around Christ's table, we bring food to share with the hungry of our city. Did

you realize that May 4 will be Easter for our Orthodox neighbors who will worship at St. Elias. For others it will be Rural Life Sunday and the beginning of Christian Family Week. Our Jewish friends will have completed Passover the week before. The pastor will take two phrases from John 14 in the New English translation for the sermon topic: "Set Your Troubled Hearts at Rest... Let Us Go Forward." Read John 14:23-29 to get all of the words. Other scriptures are Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 and Rev. 21: 10, 22-27. This on May 4.



Frank Wright, who is now retired and using his time and energy for volunteer purposes, will be with us on May 11 to share his faith outlook and how it finds expression in the work of his church, University United Methodist Church, and Austin Interfaith Sponsoring Committee. He has been the head of the Housing Task Force for the group and has lobbied for affordable housing. We will have a "talk-back" service so you can ask questions or give a differing opinion. Scriptures for the day are: Acts 16: 16-34; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; and John 17: 20-26. Actions which make life more livable for the disadvantaged are a nurturing mode enriching some other's lives.

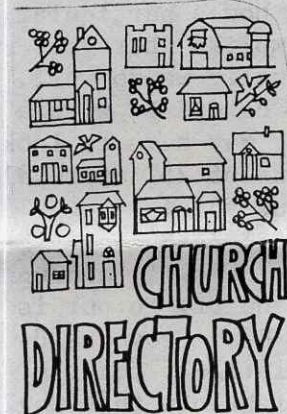


May 18 is Pentecost, and our only Sunday of the year to use our red paraments. (Likely we would not have purchased them if we had only known.) We may have a young

person or so joining the church by confirmation, but we are not certain at this moment. The pastor will use Rom. 8:17: "We Are God's Heirs, and Christ's Fellow Heirs" for the sermon. Read Acts 2:1-21 and John 14:8-17, 25-27 for the other scriptures.

Usually our church school has taken over the service the last Sunday of May, and they may do so again. The Rev. Hudson "Bill" Phillips has volunteered to preach and lead worship while the pastor is away at South Central Conference meeting in (cont p.2)

Our church seems to move with the onrush of a turtle at times, but we do get there. We voted to try a pictorial directory at our Annual Meeting after much discussion. Pat Oakes has arranged for a picture taking session on May 10 from 10am to 4pm. Please check with her and set up an appointment. For those like David Bartholomew



who are unavailable, a picture of your own can be used at a cost of \$10. For those who cannot make this session, we will have one make-up session yet to be named.

The Board of Trustees has been wanting to set a Work Day, and it seems that May 10 would be a good time for those who journey in to have pictures taken and have the energy to bring work clothes along and do some work. We will try to put up a list of tasks, but we know that window washing, cleaning of some areas, and perhaps a bit of touch up painting will do a good job.

We very much would like to see all of you who are in the Austin area on that day. See Pat and make an appointment.

The company, of course, hopes that you will love the pictures so much that you will want to buy some. You are under no obligation to do so.

LAW SUIT WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN--Our lawyer was at a preliminary session on Thurs., April 24. April 28 was the date, we think, for the hearing. The City of Austin had made no statements or asked for continuance. After the time they finally appeared and made a motion that it be transferred to a federal court. Our lawyer, Mr. Les King, will try to combat that move. While federal court would be a place for our contention that our civil rights and our rights of worship have been hindered by the city's action, the federal court would not award any damages beyond possibly paying for the lawyer's fees. We will try to keep you informed. At this time we do not know what the action of the state court will be. It could be that we will have to file two separate suits.

INTERN COMING

At our church business session, the congregation discussed David Bartholomew's arrival in June for an intern year with the possibility that it might go fifteen months, if mutually desirable. The figure of \$700 a month salary, \$250 a month plus the cost of utilities for housing, and 25¢ a mile for travel expenses on church business were voted. (The Trustees, after examining the facts, discovered that Internal Revenue will only allow 21¢ a mile, and David would have to file a report on 4¢ a mile as income. They will recommend 21¢ a mile.) David would use the condo belonging to Jeff Perrigo which is fully furnished and located on Burton Drive.

The main focus of David's ministry will be on developing programs for working young (p.2)

CALENDAR

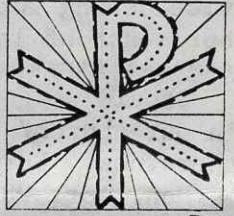
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Last month we meant to inform you of the great opportunity to join the discussion group that meets in the Fellowship Room each Sunday morning about 10 a.m.

They are studying the book of Romans now which is the key book for understanding Paul's ideas about God and salvation. Take the opportunity to really learn about this important part of our Christian heritage!

Our Financial Secretary was absent but provided us with a report on Apr. 20. Income to the general fund during 1986 \$15,845.17, 1986 pledges paid 6,550 for a total of \$22,395.17.



TREASURER'S REPORT

We received \$1,344.50 for OCWM and \$1,534.50 for other purposes. New Church Starts or Witness Shares totaled \$795.50. Our Treasurer's Report shows that our checking account fell from \$7,714.22 on Mar. 15 to \$3,844.79 on Apr. 20. We had \$9,507.80 in our savings account and owed \$887.06. Our Memorial Fund was \$2,371.85 with \$825.06 due from the general fund. We still had \$29,374.09 in our certificate of deposits.

One large tragedy for us was the theft of our Apple III computer the first Wed. of April. We have written, but we do not know whether we had insurance or not. We likely will seek a second hand computer. Fortunately we only have addresses and our constitution as important items on our floppy disks, and we can shift to a different variety or use a less expensive Apple.

We need to install the devices that we have on the street floor on the other floors of our educational wing. We can use some cleaning of our windows, and we need to replace the rotten wood of our ramp for the benefit of anyone who needs to use a wheel chair.

The Board of Trustees awaits the completion of plans to discover bids for air conditioning for worship area and the Fellowship Room. Donald Small has developed some plans for having the air come from the rear of the worship area, and David is working some things out. The Board wishes to thank Cindy Anderson for her work as Treasurer. (We feel fortunate to inform you that David Ashton has agreed to be our Treasurer if elected.)

IRS has changed the way that one has to report company owned vehicles, and the user now has to keep exacting records. One does not have to report mileage given to the treasurer at 21¢ a mile. The trustees authorized the minister to purchase the 1981 Rabbit VW Diesel from the church, but the pastor prefers to have a small truck. The car has almost 67,000 miles. sun roof, AM-FM stereo, and air conditioning. It makes about 48 mph on the highway and 34-38 in town. Wholesale on the car is about \$2,000. If interested call the pastor at 453-1800 or 472-2370. It just passed inspection.

Board of Trustees will meet on May 18th after the fellowship hour.

PERSONALS-We goofed and failed to report that the Pinkards were visited by a robber in March who took their TV and VCR. They also had to replace their front door which was demolished. Doyal was away for a week and had to rush off to a Conference Just Peace meeting.

Fri. May 2, 9:30 a.m.-May Fellowship Day, United Church Women. Bible Study, Liturgical dance movement. Hawaiian native culture theme. at Hyde Park Christian Church, 610 E. 45th St. 7:00 p.m. Evening Celebration with a presentation by Afton Pomerleau, a native of Hawaii plus native food and music. Emmanuel Meth. Ch. Sun. May 4, 9:50 a.m.-Church School & Choir Rehearsal, 11 a.m. Worship. "Set Your Troubled Hearts At Rest" Church business meeting for new members and election of Treasurer. Thur. May 8, 7 p.m.-Metro-Ministries meeting at El Buen Pastor Church, 1200 Willow St. Sat. May 10, 10-4-Picture Taking at the church. Clean-up and Work Day. Make appointments for pictures with Pat Oakes. Sun. May 11, 9:50 a.m.-Church School & Choir Rehearsal, 11 a.m. Worship. Frank Wright "Christian Faith and Austin Interfaith Sponsoring Committee" with talk-back. Board of Deacons meeting afterwards. Sun. May 18, 9:50 a.m.-Church School & Choir Rehearsal. 11 a.m. Worship. Pentecost Sunday. Reception of New Members? "We Are God's Heirs, and Christ's Fellow Heirs"-Board of Trustees meeting. Wed. May 21, noon-Austin Conference of Churches' meeting at Hyde Park United Methodist Church.

Fri. May 23-May 25-South Central Conference Annual Meeting in New Orleans at Dillard University.

Sun. May 25, 9:50 a.m.-Church School & Choir Rehearsal. 11 Worship. Church School or Rev. Hudson Phillips, Jr.

)) PASTOR at meetings: May 2 & 3-South Central Conference Futuring Committee in Austin. May 9 & 10-Eden Home Fund Raising Steering Committee. May 16 & 17-Austin Interfaith Sponsoring Committee Retreat at Faith Presbyterian Church. May 18-20-Texas United Campus Christian Life Committee meeting at Slumber Falls Camp. May 23-25 South Central Conference Board and Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

BOARD OF DEACONS met on Apr. 13th following the worship service. Doyal Pinkard moved that the church purchase a large Miller blueprint map with backing that members can pin their names and be located. Stella Morrison seconded the motion, and it passed. Vic Appel agreed to implement the plan and has done so. Some members have "put themselves on the map." Evan Harris and Mardi Oakes were approved as members if they wish to join, and James Lee's sister was given tentative approval. Doyal Pinkard moved that a special note of thanks be sent to Jean Cassel for all she has done for the church through the years. It will be send and a copy of the new church directory when completed.

Stella Morrison moved that summer worship hours of 9:30 a.m. commence the first Sunday in June. Seconded by Doyal Pinkard and passed.

The next meeting of the Board will be after the worship service on May 11 on the second floor of the educational wing.

-Cathy Hubbs, Secretary.

Dan Masters deserves plaudits for being one of four out of ten who passed a pipe welding test for certification in April. Wo;w!

MEMORIALS



Mazie Beatrice Mayes Bickler was found dead at her home, located at 4607 Depew Ave., by friends on Thurs., April 17. Services were conducted by the Rev. Bruno Schmidt at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Mrs

Bickler had been a member of our choir and very active in the church at one time. She joined after she married Ralph in 1946. He preceded her in death by several years. We had a brief memorial service during worship on April 20 and have sent our sense of loss and sympathy to her relatives.

Should we go to England to gather a quorum in our church? The Pauls and the Easons are there now. Dorothy and Chester Lay will depart on Mon. Apr. 28th. Garry Cole will leave on May 10 to be joined by Judy and their daughters in June. Anyone else? The pastor's brother and wife will be there en route to Switzerland, but the Texas Towerys will not be along on that jaunt.

We will miss Hildegard and Rizer Everett for May and June as they tour the West with Hildegard's pen pal from Germany. They have corresponded since 1928. We do need some of you to furnish flowers for the worship services while they are away. You can sign up on the bulletin board at the church. Thus far Pat Oakes has signed up for May 11. We must have some others who grow flowers and are willing to share them at worship time.

Jean Cassel was honored for her many hours of volunteer work on TV. The choir hosted coffee hour for her on April 20, and she departed for Crete, Neb. later that weeks. She will live in an apartment until her house is ready for occupancy.

Nancy Brown and Marie Clark had a lovely cake baked for Eleanor Towery on May 13 to celebrate her birthday on April 16. Unfortunately Eleanor had gone to Garland with visiting friends from Green River, Wyo. to see the Dallas area.

Nancy Brown reports a fine trip to Chicago to visit friends in the church where her late husband, James Wiley, was pastor.

We missed seeing Mel Oakes this past Sunday and discovered that he had taken a trip to see daughter Beth.

We received a card informing us that Herman & Selma Johnson's address is not 217 Muse #101, Newton, KS 67114-3849, but we received no explanation about it.

We had a good turn-out for our last potluck of the season and discovered that we had Lithuanian descendents in the church. Rick Vensas' grandfather came over from that country, and Beth Shockett William's mother.

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April had the pastor conducting two wedding services in the church

Margaret Perkins married Joseph Chesley Towery in the church on April 5 at 2:30pm. A reception was held at the parsonage following the ceremony. Margaret is a registered nurse now living in Corpus Christi but from a small town in New York state near the Adirondack Mountains.

The following Saturday Midori Hiraizumi married Oliver Campbell at 12:40pm. They had the reception at the Caswell House after the ceremony. His father is a professor at Cornell University in New York state, and her father is a professor at UT. The couple will live at 6000 Nasco, 78757, with a phone number of 467-8425.

David Pinkard will be graduating from UT in May with honors. He is giving strong consideration to attending Yale for graduate work.



Carole Marie Harris will be graduating from Yale with a Master of Musical Arts degree. (equal to a doctorate without the final recital in two to three years.) She has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Austria next year either in Salzburg or Vienna for further violin studies. She will be in Texas at the end of May as a semi-finalist in the Houston Symphony Concerto competition.

Sister Marilyn Harris will graduate from Mennes College of Music in May. She recently won the New York Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon's scholarship competition. She also won the Mennes Concerto Competition as a cello soloist with the Mennes Orchestra for a concert on Apr. 24 in NYC. Bee Harris Polomé went to NYC for the program.

Lana Harris recently enjoying playing the viola with the Austin Symphony in a special concert at LBJ High School her alma mater.

Evan Harris recently won the Best of Class trophy for Bass Solo in Class II. Winners will be announced after we have gone to press, and we could have another winner or two.

Ches and Maggie Towery are in Amarillo at the present as he is working there. She goes back to Corpus Christi for examination May 3 but likely cannot return to work until the end of June.



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