

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 1st, 1995

HOLY COMMUNION

- A. It has long been the custom....to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday.....and we like to announce for the benefit of visiting friends....The Table of Our Lord is OPEN TO ALL...
- B. His Table is open to all, and we invite all of you to receive....on this the FIRST SUNDAY OF A NEW YEAR....trusting that this may be an occasion of.....renewal, reaffirmation and rededication of Your life... to the will of God as it has come to us....
- C. Procedure...elements will be served to you in the pews...upon receiving them, please hold them until all....

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. We greet the visitors...delighted you're here....join us downstairs for coffee. Be free in the sharing of your name. Fill out a visitor card. Sign one of the Guest Books. Come, worship with us....come, work with us...
- B. Minister here in the name of Christ...been doing so since 1837. Busy corner of God's Kingdom.....We wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR.... a year filled with many blessings to count...good health and much happiness.
- C. Members: be sure to wear your name tags....go out of your way to make some new friends.....

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns are in the bulletin. Review them on your own, noting that the HOUNDS will be meeting. Be sure to PICK UP A COPY of the monthly news sheet...on the table in the narthex. Note, too, the paragraph about the POT LUCK SUPPER two weeks from tonight... January 15th....to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr....program presented by Eleanor Minus on the possibility of an after school program she is developing for children in Harlem community.
- B. How nice to welcome Kenneth Halcott back to our pulpit. A long time friend of our church....as is his wife, Andrea....make their home in Santorini, Greece - nine months of the year....for ten years Ken has brought us a message on the first Sunday of the new year. Grateful to him for this...and for his continuing interest and support of our church. Ordained minister of the UM Church...Duke Divinity School Graduate...native of Connecticut....welcome back, Kenneth.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS, ETC.

- A. It was a good Christmas for our church. I would THANK all who took on extra responsibilities to make it so...as well as those who responded with a special Christmas gift. Christmas gifts still coming in....
- B. Financial canvass is not yet complete...continues. The Good News is that to date we have received 202 pledges toward our goal of 250 pledges...dollarwise we're up to \$ 160,000 plus...and still need another \$ 12,000 to meet the goal. The not so good news is that it's not too late to respond with a pledge of financial support. We still have quite a few members we haven't heard from yet...some 50 "renewals" out there....so respond today and let's complete the task. Pledge cards are still in the pews.
- C. Boxes of 1995 offering envelopes are on the table in the rear of the church. Pick up the box that has your name on it....over 250 boxes are there...alphabetically arranged. If you need help locating your box....bring it to our attention. Thank you.

OFFERING

- A. And now let us worship God with our gifts and offerings, remembering the words of Jesus that:

"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive".

# 'Souper Bowl



Collecting  
SOUP and stew  
for the PANTRY  
SHELVES...

ANTHEM: "Rise Up Shepherd, and Follow"

"There's a star in the East on Christmas morn. It'll lead to the place where the Saviour' born. Leave yo' sheep and leave yo' lambs, leave yo' ewes and leave yo' rams. Foller the star of Bethlehem, if you take good-heed to the angel's words, you'll forget yo' herd. Rise up, shepherd and foller!"

ANTHEM: "How Far Is It to Bethlehem?"

"How far is it to Bethlehem, not very far? Shall we find the stable room lit by a star? Can we see the little child, Is He within? If we lift the wooden latch, little child, Is He within? May we go in? May we stroke the creatures there, ox, ass or sheep? If we touch His tiny hand, will He awake? Will He know we've come so far just for His sake? God in His Mother's arms, sleep as they sleep who find their heart's desire."

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The organ postlude - a final offering of our praise to God - is played after the Benediction. Time permitting, we invite you to share in the beauty of it.

FOR THOSE WHO SING

New members are always welcome to audition to sing in the Choir. Rehearsals are held Sunday mornings at 9:30.

PICK UP YOUR COPY

Be sure to pick up your copy of the January issue of our monthly news sheet.

WELCOME

We welcome the Reverend Kenneth Halcott to our pulpit this morning. A native of Connecticut and a graduate of Duke Divinity School, Ken is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church. A part of our fellowship here for close to fifteen years, Ken and his wife, Andrea, recently returned from Santorini, Greece where they now make their home a good part of the year. Welcome back!

THIS WEEK

The church office will be closed on Monday. The "Hounds of Heaven" will begin meeting once again on Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm. Now's a good time to join the "Hounds" as a new study and a new year get underway.

TWO WEEKS FROM TONIGHT

The Outreach Committee will sponsor a Pot-Luck Supper and an evening program on Sunday evening, January 15th, in celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ms. Eleanor Minus will be the evening speaker and will share plans for after-school centers for grade school children in Harlem. Be sure to sign up downstairs for your contribution to the buffet. All are invited.

PLEDGE CARDS AND OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 1995 Financial Canvass continues as pledge cards are still being received. To date 201 pledges totalling \$160,304 have been received toward our goal of \$172,500. The weekly offering envelopes are on a table at the rear of the sanctuary. Pick up the box that has your name on it.

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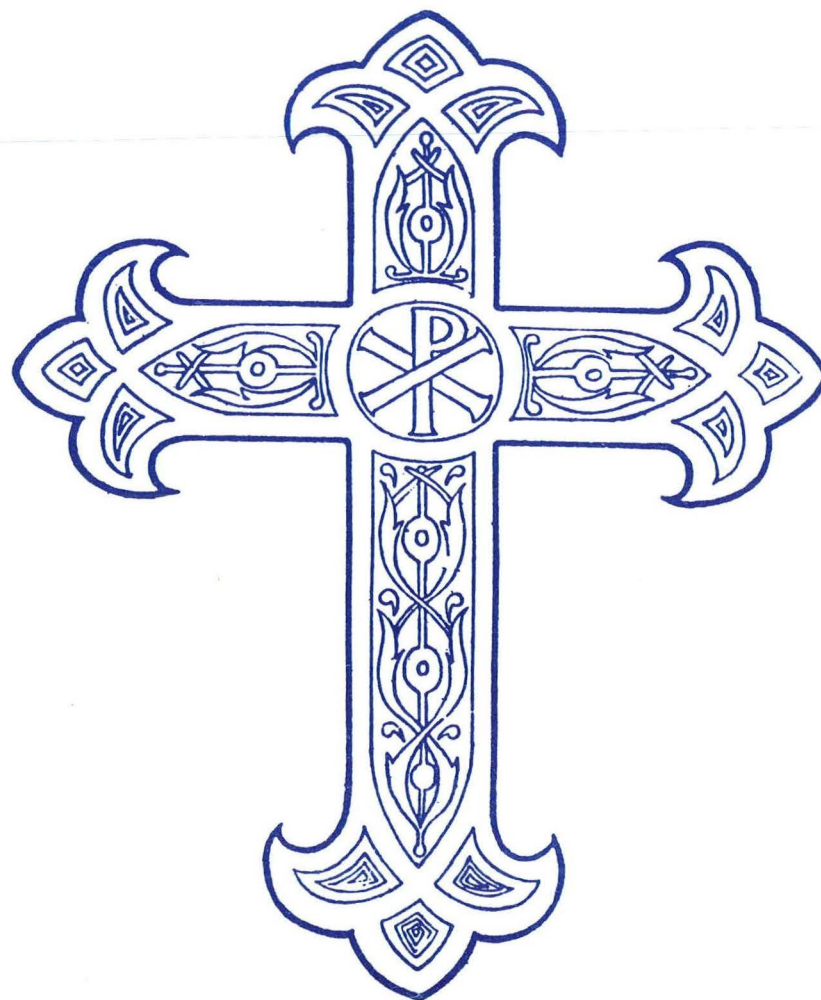
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PARK AVENUE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1, 1995

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11 A. M.

ORGAN "In Dulci Jubilo" Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 698 "God of the Ages"

APOSTLES' CREED No. 881

GLORIA PATRI No. 71

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SCRIPTURE Psalm 121 Page 536

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PARISH CONCERNS

ANTHEM "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" Parker

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING WITH THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN NO. 358 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

SERMON "Are They Christian There?" Mr. Halcott

PRAYER

ANTHEM "How Far Is It to Bethlehem" Arr. by Shaw

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving (Page 9)

The Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Taking of the Cup

The Prayer of Resolution

HYMN NO. 399 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN "Toccata" Pachelbel

\*\*\* Interval for Ushering

LAY READER

We welcome Jane Chaney to the lectern today. A native of Ithaca, New York, Jane attended Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. Here in the church, Jane is the Chairperson of the Worship Committee.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Shelley C. Roper by Ellen K. Halsted.

GREETERS AND USHERS

The greeters today are Suzanne and Glenn Rose. The ushers are Richmond and Lili Bates, Jennifer Levin, Robert Lewis, Jeff Ramundo and Michael Vann.

AN INVITATION

Coffee and tea will be served in the Russell Room following the service. Members and friends are invited to share in these moments of warmth made possible for us today by Marie Birillo, Jo Garcia, Miriam Kho, Ethel Kipte, Rita Mauer, Gloria Percy and Joyce Williams.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE

Sessions of Church School for children are offered Sunday mornings from ten-thirty to twelve. Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available on the fourth floor.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The Adult Bible Class meets on Sunday morning at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. The class is studying the Book of Exodus. Bill Bonwitt is class leader.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 29, 1995

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. A word of warm welcome to the visitors worshipping with us this morning. Delighted...and we do hope that we shall have opportunity..
- B. Be free in the sharing of your name. Fill out a visitor card or sign one of the Guest Books. COME, worship with us. COME, and work with us.
- C. Roots of this Church are deep...doing the "Lord's work" here since 1837. Fourth building....March 12th...158 years of service. Minister in the name of Christ and it is in His SPIRIT....
- D. Members: wear your name tags....go out of your way to make some one else feel "at home" here today...remembering how some one reached out to you.

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns in the bulletin. Review them on your own noting that today is the occasion of our SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE...as a part of the coffee hour. Support it with a purchase. For a good cause. All Church Picnic of June 17th. Thanks to Doreen Morales...
- B. Also, the Adult Fellowship has a SUPER BOWL PARTY over at the parsonage. Kick-Off is at 6 pm...try to arrive before it starts. Customary snacks...helps to know if you're coming. I have it on good authority...  
"When the game is over and the battle done,  
The final score will be: San Francisco 30 and  
San Diego 21!"
- C. "Hounds" meet on Tuesday evening and will be reading and talking about the chapter on Christianity from Huston Smith's great book, Religions of Mankind. Now's a good time to join this Tuesday night study group. 6:30. Fellowship Hall.
- D. Looking ahead, our leaders will have opportunity next Sunday afternoon for a workshop with our Bishop. Invitations have gone out to all members of the Administrative Council...be in touch if you can go.
- E. We're always grateful for workers for the Saturday Feeding program and also the February Winter Rummage Sale. Names, dates, numbers to call are in your bulletin.
- F. We welcome Mr. William Bonwitt to the pulpit this morning. Bill has been working with us since last July 1st...student assistant...second year at Union Seminary. Grateful for his presence and support.

FINANCIAL CANVASS

- A. Three months ago today - October 30th - we "kicked-off" our 1995 Financial Canvass. Taken us three months to report to you that to date, we have received 220 pledges of financial support for \$ 167,500 toward our goal of 250 pledges and \$ 172,500.
- B. We are 30 pledges short and \$ 5,000 is still needed to cover our anticipated expenditures across the year. We still have 25 pledge renewals that can come in and make a difference...some are non-resident members...some resident. Let us hear from you....
- C. A word of gratitude to Bill Perkins who has led us in this year's canvass...and to all who worked with him - especially Dan Boone, and Mavis Vann and Karl Newlin...
- D. I think that those late pledges will come "in" and lift us to victory. It's not too late to respond. And don't forget to pick up your box of weekly offering envelopes if you requested a box...last Sunday to have them out on the table. Mailing the out is expensive.

OTHER CONCERNS

OFFERING

- A. Jesus said:

"It is more blessed to give than it is to received" In this spirit, let us worship God with our tithes and offerings...