

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, October 11, 1981

LAYMEN'S DAY Today we celebrate Laymen's Day in our Church. As mentioned last Sunday, this second Sunday in October - for many years - has been designated in the Protestant Church as Laymen's Day....reminding us that the Church of Jesus Christ draws great strength from those whose commitment and dedication to Him is as strong and complete as though they had been ordained priest or minister.

This Church is built around the laity. I'd be willing to match this Church with any Church in the land in terms of the strengths and skills and dedication of its laymen. We welcome three of our laymen to the service this morning.

Our Lay Leader, William Proctor, brings the sermon; he's done this a number of times in recent years. His messages are always very thoughtful, helpful, spiritually and Biblically based. In addition to serving as our Lay Leader, Bill is also teacher of the Adult Bible Class. He's a native of Texas, a graduate of Harvard University...served as a Marine in Vietnam, former writer-reporter for the Daily News..author of several books dealing with religious themes. He's leaving on Friday for two weeks in Israel.

The prayer was offered by Joyce Veenstra, our Lay Delegate to the NY Annual Conference. Joyce is also Chairperson of the Council on Ministries of our Church and is also a former chairperson of the Membership Committee. The Scripture was read by George Leopold who - along with Avion Brooks - is an Adult Counselor to our MYF. George - a member of the Membership Committee - shares in our Tuesday morning Bible study and Prayer Group.

We are grateful to William Proctor, Joyce Veenstra and George Leopold for sharing in this service....they represent all of you who together provide this Church with an amazing and strong base of concerned Christian laymen.

CONCERNS Be sure to pick up a copy of the October issue of "A Word In Edgeways"....copies are by the door in the narthex. Also, I would draw your attention to the envelope in the pews and would encourage you to respond with a gift to the Fellowship of Service and Suffering. The response last week was quite good with \$238.00 received. We usually respond with about \$300.

Please note that we have two things happening near the end of the coffee hour this morning. (1) the UMW will be discussing and evaluating the need for "splinter groups" - small prayer and Bible groups that can come together at different hours during the week. For instance, I found this note on my desk last night ,

"Phil...just a note to remind you about the Bible study on Thursday mornings from 8 - 9 am here in our offices at 153 E. 53rd Street, 29th floor... we're studying Ephesians. Anyone interested should contact me at 888 -9100....Beverly"

This is the type of thing that the women are trying to corrodinate and promote today...12:45 in the Choir Room...share in it if you're interested in getting "tied in" to a weekly prayer and Bible study opportunity. And (2) those interested in hearing more about the plans that are developing for a Church Trip in April to the Holy Land are invited to meet with Elody Hoelscher and with and a representative from Faith Tours today around 12:45 in the Russell Room...

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

During the Fall months of September and October we try to list various volunteer opportunities - service opportunities - for all of you....members and visiting friends...hoping you'll respond and lend a hand in some area of need.

Today we have with us Chaplain Tom Willingham from Lenox Hill Hospital to tell you a few things about an area of need where you might be able to help. I'm pleased to present Chaplain Tom Willingham - a Methodist minister serving as part of our Hospital Chaplainy team on the Eastside... resident chaplain at Lenox Hill.

"EACH ONE BRING ONE"

Our thanks to Joe Anna Arnett and Dan Pre-nisz-ni for the flyer in the bulletin highlighting the forthcoming coming "Each One Bring One" emphasis - two weeks from today. Frank High, co-chairperson of the Membership Committee, is going to tell you a bit more about it...Frank.

ONE OTHER ANNOUNCEMENT

Helen Wilkinson, coffee hour coordinator, has asked that we announce that the coffee hour hostess list has been revised....the list is in an envelope downstairs. Please pick up the envelope that has your name on it...coffee hour hostesses.

GREETING

Not preaching today, I did want to get my licks in here today... relax...Bill Proctor's sermons are shorter than mine...we do greet the visitors in the church today, pleased you're here and hope you'll "come again"...sign one of the Guest Books or one of the Visitors cards... if time permits, join us downstairs for coffee... in the name of Jesus Christ, we bid you a warm welcome.

OFFERING

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". In this spirit, let us worship God with our morning offering.