

RURAL CHURCHES

Union Chapel Church of the United Brethren in Christ
D. H. & Cella Pellett, Pastors

Sunday school 9:30, Thurman I. Drew, supt.
Morning Worship 10:15, Christmas message by the pastor.
Evening service 7:30, Christmas pageant, "He Came to Bethlehem." This service is sponsored by the Otterbein Guild, and the cast is composed of young people from the church. The public is cordially invited.
Prayer service Wednesday 7:30.

Pleasant Valley Wesleyan Methodist Church
Noel H. Winterholter, Pastor
Sunday school 9:30.
Morning worship, 10:30.
Prayer meeting, Wed. 7:45.
Have Christ in your Christmas this season and worship Him in the Beauty of Holiness on the Lord's Day.

Willshire Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, Pastor
Willshire
9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
10:30 a. m. Preaching service.
7:30 p. m. The Sunday school will give a Christmas program. All are invited.
7:30 p. m. Wed. prayer meeting.
St. Paul
9:15 a. m. Sunday school.
From 11:00 p. m. to midnight December 24th, a service of carols and candles will be given by the young people of the church. All are invited.
7:30 p. m. Tuesday, prayer meeting and Bible study.
Winchester
9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
10:30 a. m. Class meeting.
7:30 p. m. Thursday, prayer meeting.

Rivarre Circuit
Gilbert E. Eddy, Pastor
Mt. Victory
Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Cloyce Crozier, supt. Class meeting 10:30 a. m. Gregg Knittle, leader. Evangelistic services 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. C. W. Van Gundy. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Through the fire and fog of war, His star still leads us on to victory—and peace.
With faith in its divine light, we wish to all, a Christmas day of hope, courage and good will.

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Christmas Greetings

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Pleasant Grove
Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Warren Harden, supt. Worship service 10:30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, Fred Bittner, leader.
Mt. Zion
Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Jim Beabout, supt. Class meeting 10:30 a. m. Louise Bunner, leader. U. B. C. E. services 7:00 p. m. Aldine Beabout, president. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Monroe Friends
Byron Leaser, pastor
9:30-11 a. m.—A unified service.
9:30-10:30 a. m.—Sunday School. Wm. Zurcher, superintendent. Christmas treats will be given.
"God's Gift," the Christmas story, depicted on the "flannelgraph" by the pastor.
7:30 p. m.—A miscellaneous Christmas program and play, "Reuben's Stable." Everyone is invited to attend this service.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer service, followed by the monthly business meeting of the church.
Friday, 8 p. m.—Victory prayer band (Dec. 29) at the Winterregg home.

Calvary Evangelical Church
F. H. Willard, minister
Christmas worship, 9 a. m. Election of Sunday School officers. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Mid-week service Thursday, 7:30.

Asks Firm Hand
Boston (UP)—Alexander M. Sullivan, business manager of Boston public schools, thinks the use of returning servicemen as teachers in grade schools would curb reported lax discipline and delinquency.

Merry Christmas

Our wish is that you and yours have the best of everything. Good Luck, Good Health.

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SUNDAY LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
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Lesson for December 24

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THE GROUND OF UNIVERSAL JOY

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-12; Hebrews 1:14, 1 John 1:14.
GOLDEN TEXT—Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.—Luke 2:10.

What would you like for Christmas? Could anything be better than to find for your heart and mind that spiritual safety, certainty, and joy which transforms life? Well, that is exactly what Jesus came to bring mankind. It was the first Christmas gift, and it is the best gift this year too.

I. Safety (Luke 2:8-12).
Men need deliverance from their sin. They needed it when Christ came. They need it today. They must have a safe refuge, one in which they may rest secure.

All the efforts of this world to meet man's need are vain. As Joseph Parker put it: "The world did not want an adviser. The world had advised itself almost into hell. The world did not ask for a speculator. Everything that man could do had been done, and men sat in the darkness of their own wisdom. The world did not want a reformer. A man who could change his outward and transient relations, an engineer that would continually devote his time to the readjustment of the wheels and the pulleys and the various mechanical forces of society. The world wanted a saviour."

Jesus came as Saviour. The good tidings revealed to the faithful shepherds were to be "of great joy to all people" because they presented the One who could bring them redemption from sin.

That revelation is ready to be made again this Christmas, and as it came to the shepherds at their work in the field, so it may come to you on the battlefield, in camp, in the air, under the sea, in the kitchen, the factory—yes, anywhere. We rightly go to our churches to worship on Christmas Day, but let us remember that Christ is everywhere, seeking each one—yes, knocking at your door. Will you let Him in? Then you will have Christmas indeed!

II. Certainty (Heb. 1:1-4).
God has spoken through the centuries in the messages of many faithful servants. We do well to give heed to God's Word through them. But after all they were only servants. This message of redemption is so vital and fundamental that God sent His Son, Himself the Redeemer, to declare it.

How final, and definite, and blessed is that truth. The heir of all the eternal glories of God the Father, and Himself the effulgence (or the flashing forth) of the glory of God, has spoken God's last word—His certain word—about redemption from sin.

We all know how full of uncertainty the world is, how our own minds are distressed by the very uncertainty of countless things about us. What a precious gift from God to realize anew the absolute certainty we have in Christ. He came to save, to satisfy, and to keep us.

Note that He has all the needed authority and power to carry out His loving purpose (vv. 3, 4). He who "made purification of sins" for us to believe, is divine. He has all power. He is glorious beyond our ability to describe. He is God. We can rest in perfect assurance in His redemption.

III. Enjoyment (1 John 1:1-4).
God knew the need of man for real joy if life was to be pleasant and profitable. Being a Christian was never intended to be a somber, doleful business. No, indeed, "These things we write," says John, "that our joy may be made full."

What did he write? By inspiration of the Holy Spirit he wrote of Christ, "the Word of life." He had seen and known Him, the Redeemer. He had fine and uplifting fellowship with Him, and declares that we too (as believers) share in that fellowship.

One of the bright and gladdest things about the Christmas season is our fellowship with our family and friends. It brightens the whole holiday season. How much more delightful is the fact that we have "fellowship with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

That fact really "makes" Christmas! Many will be separated from family and friends this year, but Christ is there, and they may have this most precious of all friends with them. The empty place around the family table will be filled (if we wish) by the Lord Himself. Let's keep Christmas with Him as the unseen but nonetheless real Guest. In fact, let us do even more than that, let us count Him into the intimate fellowship of our family circle (and two can make such a circle). That is what He wants to be—to you and to me—this Christmas Day, 1944.

May his joy be yours in full measure. That is the wish of the writer of these lines, and it goes from his heart to the very last reader who may be in the uttermost part of the earth. A blessed Christmas to you!

St. Luke's
St. Luke's Evangelical Church, pastor H. H. Meckstroth, will present a Christmas program next Sunday evening, December 24, at 7:30 o'clock. The program is as follows:

Recitation—Herman Dick.
Recitation—Eileen Dick.
Dialogue—Glen Strahm, Norma Jean Fuhr, Robert Dick, Herman Dick, Pauline Seewaguth, Carol McBride.
Recitation—Valma Strahm.
Recitation—Harold Dick.
Playlet, "God's Gift"—Junior Bertsch, Mary Schnepf, Bruce Schnepf.
Recitation—Kay Ratcliff.
Songs—By group.

The young people will also present a play, "The Ten Virgins." The following will take part in this play: Edward Dick, Violet Dick, Mildred Beer, Eleanor Mankey, Ellen Fisher, Doris Dick, Norma Punk, Phyllis Hoffman, Gladys Mankey, Esther Dick, Pauline Seewaguth, Aleta Ratcliff, Grace Fisher, Loren Beer, Beulah Bertsch, Alice Dick, Bruce Schnepf.

MONROE METHODIST CHURCH
E. O. Kegerfels, Minister
Morning Worship 9:30, Christmas Sermon: "The Prince of Peace."
Church School 10:30. Lesson: "The Ground of Universal Joy."
Special Christmas Numbers at closing assembly.
Youth Fellowship 6:30. Roger Amstutz, Leader.
Evening Service dismissed for Christmas Program at the Friends Church.
Tuesday Evening 7 to 10 o'clock. Recreation under the leadership of the Youth Council.
Wednesday Evening 7:30. Mid-week Prayer and Bible Study. Acts Chapters 25 and 26. Choir rehearsal following.

Safetygrams
BY PHILIP W. BRAUN
The Safety Man

Can you, as a citizen of your community, sense dangerous conditions in that community? If you can, then you know that right now you are living in the most dangerous season of the year. In the northern part of our country, we have winter with its snow and sleet, icy sidewalks and slippery streets. Even the southern part of our country sometimes feels the icy touch of winter. Some of our southern states have already experienced this fall, tem-

peratures low enough to cause slippery and icy conditions on the streets.

These conditions call for the utmost care in walking and driving. Motorists pedestrians—Be careful!

Big Turnout for Cat
Columbia, Mo. (UP)—The Columbia fire department, the police department and the city catcher all turned out here today to rescue an alley cat ported hanging by her hind legs from some telephone wires at intersection. Before the rescue party could arrive, however, she one climbed the telephone and carried the crying and frightened animal to safety.

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It's Expected of Us!

Because of the uncertainty which most of us have experienced during the past year, we find it difficult indeed to carry on our normal way of life. Each problem as it presents itself seems more unsolvable than the rest. Each obstacle harder to surmount than the one before.

Let's lay aside those things which are unhappy experiences and look toward the brighter things of life. Let's try to be back to normalcy at least for one day—Christmas. It is expected of us! Those of us who are at will not be present would not have it otherwise. Those of us who are at home will gain strength and confidence from the thoughtfulness resulting from observing a normal Christmas season. It will aid greatly in meeting the morrow.

We have our freedom, our way of life, our manner of living, and the opportunity to do the things that we want to do. It is a blessing to be an American and it is a blessing to observe Christmas in a manner suitable to our thinking.

Let's make it a memorable occasion. We promise to do our part!

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