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International gift festival offers unique craft items for sale

The annual International Gift Festival featuring traditional crafts from third world countries will be held at the Portland Mennonite Church, S.E. 35th and Main, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9.

The International Gift Festival is a unique and intriguing experience. Few events offer quality crafts from around the world at such reasonable prices. For the shopper, the functional and decorative items make excellent gifts. For the artists and craftspeople of developing countries, the event is an opportunity to make a living through their traditional crafts. As further encouragement, the Festival offers ethnic Mennonite baking demonstrations with free coffee and samples of delicious Russian German zwieback to all shoppers.

This is an event to which one will return time and time again. Because the crafts are both useful and artistic, there is something for everyone, including children. The shelves will be full of brilliantly embroidered linens, hand-carved wood products, baskets of many natural materials, jute mats and plant hangers, tooled leather, dolls, toys, handmade greeting cards, Christmas ornaments and nativity scenes, brass ware and lacquer. All items are hand-crafted by artisans from over 20 developing countries around the world, as well as American Appalachia. The items are obtained through SELFHELP Crafts, a program of the Mennonite Central Committee, which is a relief and service

agency of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches in North America.

Because SELFHELP Crafts takes no profits from the sale of these handicrafts through churches, it is possible to give the craftspeople fair prices for their traditional crafts. All proceeds are returned to third world artisans and their families. Last year the Festival raised more than \$21,000 in supplemental income for over 30,000 families.

The wood carvers of Haiti, needlework artists of the Israeli West Bank, and the homespun toymakers of Appalachia, have joined with others of many countries to bring an exciting variety of gifts to Portland this year. The Portland Mennonite and Peace Mennonite Churches have joined together to make these items available to the people of Portland. Join in the pleasure associated with giving and receiving. Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. As expressed by one participant, "This is a joy. I can get simple or elegant gifts for family and friends while helping third world craftspeople... all at the same time."

Service

Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ, 4237 N. Mississippi, at Skidmore, will hold a singing and praising service Friday, Nov. 1, 1985, at 9:00 p.m. For more information, call 288-1400. Roy L. Tate is the pastor.



RELIGION UPDATE

by Dee Armstrong

"Great Hymns of Faith" at Columbia Christian College

Dr. David Davenport, president of Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, will be one of the keynote speakers for Columbia Christian College's 1985 Bible lectures, Nov. 5-8.

Theme for the lectures will be "Great Hymns of Faith." Davenport will bring the final evening keynote message Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., on the hymn "Amazing Grace."

The lectures will open at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, with "The Gift of Song," an introductory lesson by Jerry Rushford of Malibu, California, who has done extensive research about Christian hymns. Doug Parsons, pulpit minister for the Golf Course Road of Christ in Midland, Texas, will speak Wednesday evening on the theme "Worthy Art Thou."

Morning keynote lectures from the Psalms will be delivered Wednesday

and Thursday by Rick Atchley, minister of the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. Stuart Love of Agoura, California, will present the Friday morning keynote address from song texts in the Revelation.

Love also will join a slate of class teachers that includes Russell N. Squire, noted church music historian; Fran Armour, popular women's speaker; Bill Flatt, Harding Graduate School of Religion professor; and John O. York, Columbia Bible professor.

Also on the program are John McKeel, minister in Glendale, CA; Drew Brown, youth minister for the Vancouver, WA, Church of Christ; Dan Rhodes, chairman of Columbia's Bible and religion division; and Neldon Watson, minister for the Metro Church of Christ in Gresham, OR.

Campbell Soup boycott called

A boycott of Campbell Soup Co. products was voted Oct. 5 by the United Methodist Church's chief social action agency.

Sponsors of the move said it was designed to put pressure on Campbell to take a more active role in settling a seven-year dispute between tomato and cucumber growers in parts of Ohio and Michigan, and migrant farm workers. The boycott vote will be reviewed in a year.

In a separate action, directors of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society declined to endorse a boycott of non-union California table grapes. Instead, the agency's directors said they would support efforts by two regional units of the 9.2-million-member denomination to reconcile differences between growers and workers.

The Campbell boycott was approved by about a 2-1 margin among the approximately 60 clergy and lay leaders present when the vote was taken. The table grapes boycott was rejected by a similar margin.

The boycott of the food company was called in 1979 by the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), which seeks to represent the workers in contract negotiations.

"We feel this is the time to bring pressure on Campbell in order that agreements can be reached before the next growing season," said the Rev. Susan P. Davies of Pleasant Dale, Nebraska, who chairs the Board of Church and Society's department of social and economic justice. The department introduced the boycott proposal.

In May of this year an "understanding" worked out by a committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ was initiated by Campbell, the growers and FLOC. Among other

things, the "understanding" provides for a commission to seek a resolution to the issue.

The Rev. Richard Parker of New York City, supporting the boycott call, said that "we need to say to Campbell that we are not going to let the company off the hook; we need to keep the heat on the company."

Bishop Leontine T. C. Kelly of San Francisco said she believed the boycott to be in the "historic tradition of the church."


Speaking against an immediate table grape boycott, Bishop Kelly said the "economic policies of the country have so skewed the economy" that many small farmers and the union "will lose even more" by boycott at this time.

A boycott of the non-union California table grapes was called for by the United Farm Workers. The union claims that the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act has broken down to such a degree that it has become detrimental to labor organization. Growers, the union claims, are engaged in "a determined anti-union campaign."

A variety of religious bodies, including United Methodist units in California, have been working to settle the present dispute. The action here aligns the Board of Church and Society with these efforts.


Irene Irving of Concord, N.H., said, "We must make a strong statement in support of justice when there is a lack of justice. Workers must have freedom from fear that they cannot supply their families with basic necessities that should be theirs."

The Board of Church and Society is expected to review efforts toward settling the dispute at its March 1986 meeting.

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