

Homes, Churches Here Prepare for Season of Advent



Family Rite

Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Gordon of Eugene and their family watch as Chris, 13, lights a candle in a family ceremony observing the beginning of Advent. Mrs. Gordon, a Sunday school teacher at First Methodist Church in Eugene, learned of the Advent custom several years ago. Last year, the members of her Sunday school class

made holders for Advent candles as a project. Now the custom is on its way to becoming a tradition in the Gordon household at 1136 E. 20th Ave. From left, the members of the family are Gordon, holding Jennifer, 3; Sharon, 11; Jeff, 9; Debbie, 15; David, 7; Becky, 2, with Mrs. Gordon, and Chris.

Denominations to Celebrate 'The Coming' Various Ways

By PEPPER BERKELEY
Of the Register-Guard

"O come, o come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, Who lies in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear." This ancient chant of the Christian church echoes the centuries that the Jewish people waited for the Messiah. And now, it typifies the spirit of Advent, the church season beginning Sunday.

From denomination to denomination, the emphasis and theological interpretation of Advent varies.

Some churches observe it as a type of Lenten season. For these, it is a solemn period of spiritual preparation for the "coming" of Jesus Christ on Christmas, much as Lent is a season of spiritual preparation for Easter and Christ's resurrection from the dead.

In these churches the liturgy, lessons, and hymns from the Bible emphasize two themes: repentance and hope. The liturgical color, used on the altar on vestments and in other ways in some churches, is purple, symbolizing penance.

As a church season, Advent is the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. It begins on the Sunday nearest Nov. 30, which is the Feast of St. Andrew. Advent ends on Christmas.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin "adventus," meaning "a coming." Church historians say that the observance is very ancient, dating back to the first centuries A.D.

Throughout the centuries, two types of traditions concerning the observance of Advent have developed. One type is for the home, the other for the church.

Many churches, especially Lutheran, Methodist and Episcopal congregations, hang "Advent wreaths." A candle in the wreath is lit for each Sunday during the Advent season, and the final candle is lit during the Christmas Eve service or on Christmas morning.

There are many customs for observing Advent in the home.

Many families in the Emerald Empire observe the custom of lighting one candle each Sunday in Advent, in connection with family devotional services. In other families, one figure is placed in the family crèche, or nativity scene, each Sunday. On Christmas Eve, the final figure—that of the Christ Child—is put in the manger.

In recent years, Advent calendars have again appeared, many of them imports from Germany. Sometimes with a religious theme, the calendars have a "window" for each day in Advent. This window is opened to show a scene from the Christmas story.

Another family custom, also of European origin, is the filling of the Christ Child's manger with straw. Depending on the size of the manger, one or more pieces of straw are placed in it each day during Advent, to make a soft bed for the Christ Child when he arrives at Christmas.



(Register-Guard photo)

Each Sunday in Advent one of the fat white candles on this wreath at United Lutheran Church, Eugene, will be lighted. The fifth and final candle is lit on Christmas. United Lutheran's wreath was put up this week by the church's pastor, the Rev. W. W. LaMunyon, left, and Marvin Mayfield of Eugene, right. Mayfield built wreath for the church last year.

Getting Ready

FIRST CHURCH of the NAZARENE 8th & Madison
9:45 A.M. & 11 A.M.
ROBERT OVERGAARD, pastor
Station KERG
6:00 P.M. . . . Youth Service
7:00 P.M. . . . Evening Service

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
(Lutheran Brethren)
1492 West 2nd, Eugene
Phone DJ 2-9111 or DJ 4-6479
ROBERT OVERGAARD, pastor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Fellowship
Wed. 7:30 P.M. Bible Study

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.
IN TEMPORARY FACILITIES
38th and Hilyard

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHES
Welcome You
First Missionary Baptist
524 N. "A" St., Springfield
R. J. Daniel, Pastor, DJ 3-8803

Yes
There Is A
Santa Clara
Assembly of God
815 Irving Road
E. Ludon Corrwall, Pastor
DI 5-2985

Grace Missionary Baptist
4020 Marshall St., Eugene
Robert Dotson, Pastor
DI 4-1894
Sunday School . . . 9:45
Morning Sermon . . . 11:00
B. T. C. . . . 6:00
Evening Sermon . . . 7:00

Eugene-Springfield Church Notes

Many Emerald Empire churches will be contacting members next week to borrow unusual Bibles for church exhibits.

The first week in December is observed in many denominations as Christian Literature Week, ending with Universal Bible Sunday, which will be Dec. 9 this year.

Among the churches planning exhibits for the observance are St. Mary's Episcopal Church and First Christian Church.

ST. JOHN'S Episcopal Church, Springfield, has a new look. In the sanctuary, the altar has been moved toward the pews, and a large cross has been suspended above the altar.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 17th Avenue and Hilyard Street, Eugene, has announced that mid-week Advent services will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church. The public is welcome.

BETHESDA Lutheran Church, Eugene, will have a "loyalty dinner" for members one of the Portland students as guest speaker.

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WOMAN'S SOCIETY of Christian Service of Asbury Methodist Church, Eugene, will have a regular meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. in the church parlor.

THIRTY-TWO members of the Eugene Baha'i community plan to attend the annual state Baha'i convention in Portland Sunday. Theme of the convention is "The Completion of the World Crusade."

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Remodeling Near Finish at Jasper

JASPER—George Nordgren, minister of Jasper Christian Church, and his family are expected to move to Jasper from Eugene in the very near future as remodeling work nears completion on the church's parsonage. Nordgren is a graduate student at the University of Oregon.

The parsonage, formerly an annex to the old church building, has needed extensive work to convert it to a residence.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

14th & Pearl Street—Eugene
A Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts
Lesson Sermon:
"Ancient and Modern Necromancy, alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, denounced"
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Wednesday testimonial meeting 8 p.m.
Nursery Facilities During All Services
Reading Room 84 E. 10th Ave.
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ALSO IN EVE. SERVICE
G. O. BAKER, Pastor

In Emerald Empire

Christian Churches Plan 'Woman's Day' Programs

First Christian Church, Eugene, and other Christian churches in the Emerald Empire have planned special programs Sunday to observe "Woman's Day."

Many of the churches will invite women of the church to serve as guest speakers, to conduct the worship service and to aid in other activities during the day.

First Christian's speaker will be Mrs. Elden Buck, daughter-in-law of the minister, the Rev. Carlton Buck.

Mrs. Buck's father, Harold Hanlin, was a professor of Greek at Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., before enlisting in the U.S. Navy as a chaplain during World War II.

He became interested in the missionary needs in the South Pacific and after the war en-

tered missionary work with his family on the island of Kusaie. Mrs. Buck grew up on the island, returning to the United States in 1950 to study at Oklahoma City University. When 20 years old, she returned to Kusaie for a two-year missionary term. After this service, she again returned to the United States where she married Elden Buck.

In 1958, the couple went to Kusaie where they were missionaries and directors of the island school.

At present, her husband is studying church growth of the South Pacific at Northwest Christian College's Institute of Church Growth while the couple is on leave.

Other women from First Christian who will take part in Sunday's worship service in-

clude Mrs. Wesley Haines, president of the Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF); Mrs. Carl Wulf, first vice president of the CWF; and Mrs. Gilbert Cross, worship chairman of the CWF. Rose Marie Lorenzana of the Philippines will be guest soloist, and the women's trio of the church's choir also will sing.

Mrs. Teddy Turner, wife of the minister of First Christian Church in Olympia, Wash., will be guest speaker Sunday for the Woman's Day service at Springfield Christian Church, 418 A St. She is a graduate of Northwest Christian College in Eugene.

Three members of Northwest Christian Church, which meets Sunday mornings at 11 at Page School, 1300 Hayden Bridge Rd., Springfield, will participate in that church's observance of Woman's Day. They are Mrs. Allan Kidd, Mrs. Van Larson and Mrs. J. W. Pifer.

Mrs. George Balding, a house-mother at Harmon House on the Northwest Christian College campus, will be guest speaker at 11 a.m. Sunday at Glenwood Christian Church on Henderson Avenue.

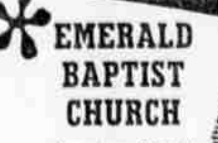
Mrs. Balding's topic will be "God's Power Redeems the World." She is recorder for the Christian Women's Fellowship for Washington and northern Idaho.

Harrisburg Christian Church has invited Sharon Rogers, a junior at Northwest Christian College and the University of Oregon, to be guest speaker Sunday for that church's observance of Woman's Day. At 11 a.m. Miss Rogers, choir director of the Harrisburg church, will speak on "This Is the Way."

THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOU

KORE-1450 kc
Sunday-10:15 a.m.

This week's Christian Science program
"Getting By versus Learning to Give"



EMERALD BAPTIST CHURCH

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19th Ave. & Patterson St.
"A church with a warm heart and a world vision"
Rev. James E. Merlin
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
7:00 P.M. Evening Services

The CHURCHES of CHRIST

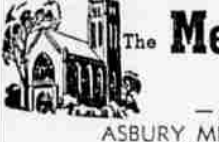
Salute You

VENETA
Territorial Road
(Near Fisher's Mkt.)
WE 5-2482
Bill Owens, Minister

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 A.M. Bible Classes 11:00 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Young People	10:00 A.M. Bible Classes 11:00 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Young People	10:00 A.M. Bible Classes 11:00 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Young People	10:00 A.M. Bible Classes 11:00 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Young People	10:00 A.M. Bible Classes 11:00 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Young People	10:00 A.M. Bible Classes 11:00 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Young People	10:00 A.M. Bible Classes 11:00 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Young People

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1185 WILLAMETTE STREET
SERVICES 9:30 A.M. and 11 A.M.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
440 MAXWELL ROAD
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 and 11:00
NURSERIES PROVIDED

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
OAKWAY at CAL YOUNG ROAD
9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL — 11:00 WORSHIP

— SPRINGFIELD —

EBBERT MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
615 and C Sts.
MORNING WORSHIP 9:45 and 11:00 A.M.—9:45 CHURCH SCHOOL
EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE
910 26th AVE. EAST DI 3-3418



Lutheran Churches

Cordially invite you to attend their Sunday Services

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Wisconsin Synod
30th and University, Eugene
G. Jerome Albrecht, Pastor
10:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
11:00 Worship Service

CENTRAL LUTHERAN
T. A. L. C.
18th and Potter Eugene
OLAF A. ANDERSON, Pastor
11:00 Church Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School

GRACE LUTHERAN
Mo. Synod
17th & Hilyard, Eugene
Rev. Harold J. Gieseke, Pastor
9:30 Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School

EMMAUS LUTHERAN
T. A. L. C.
1250 West 18th, Eugene
EDWARD B. ANDERSEN, Pastor
9:30 Family Church Worship
and Sunday School
11:00 Church Worship Service

HOPE LUTHERAN
Mo. Synod
14th & B Streets, Springfield
R. E. HELLWEGE, Pastor
9:30 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

MESSIAH LUTHERAN
Mo. Synod
3280 River Road, Eugene
LAWRENCE F. HOFFLING, Pastor
8:00 Worship Service
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service

OUR SAVIOUR'S
Lutheran Church in America
2200 Coburg Road, Eugene
BRUCE L. POON, Pastor
Church School 9:30
The Service 10:30
Holy Communion—first Sun.