



MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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The Christmas Story

Every year the story of Christmas is told and retold in churches throughout the United States. In many congregations the Christmas pageant is a favorite manner of repeating this beautiful story, with young people representing Joseph, Mary, angels, the shepherds and the three Wise Men.

Two Medford churches, First Methodist and Advent Christian, were among those which staged traditional pageants in recent days. Pictured here are the Virgin Mary as portrayed by Maralee Chisholm of First Methodist church; and scenes from the two programs. Children and young people of First Methodist church are shown (below right) in the final scene of the pageant given at their church, and a scene from the pageant at Advent Christian church is pictured (below left).

In the words of the program notes supplied to those who attended the First Methodist church pageant "The tableaux in which we present the story are like great paintings. Their meaning depends not only on what is portrayed here, but upon the spirit in which you come." (See story inside.) (Brainerd photos)

