

Merry Christmas



Concerts, Pageants, Caroling Set by Churches For Sunday

Annual Christmas concerts, pageants and other programs will be given for the public by the majority of the valley churches Sunday afternoon and evening.

The Apostolic Faith church, North Central at Third sts., will give their Christmas concert at 8 p.m. featuring their 40 piece orchestra and 60 voice choir.

During the afternoon at 2:30 Sunday the group will present the same program for the men at the Camp White dormitory.

The Berean Baptist church, White Oak, will give their Sunday school Christmas program, "The Three Christmas Gifts" Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

A musical tableau, "Where Love is" will be given Sunday evening at the Church of Christ church, Central Point.

The Church of the Brethren will hold a Christmas worship service at 7:30 p.m. with choir and instrumental solos.

The First Methodist church will give their Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. with choir and instrumental solos.

The program will close with a play, "The Dream" given by the high school group.

"Pageant of the Christ Child" will be presented by the Sunday school of the Congregational church Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

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The first part will give the Christmas story in song and colored pictures will be shown to illustrate it.

Baptist Activities Start With Junior High Party Tonight

Activities will occupy the young people of the First Baptist church during the Christmas holidays.

The beginner and primary departments will present a Christmas program during the Sunday School hour on Sunday morning.

The intermediate, high school, and college training unions will be in charge of the Sunday evening service.

Groups in every department of the church are planning Christmas caroling trips to the homes of shut-ins of the congregation.

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The program, which will be the first choir program given by Mr. Mansveld since assuming his duties as minister of music with the Medford church, will be given by the combined sanctuary and youth choirs.

Soloists will include Mel Johnson, tenor; George McUna, baritone; Dean von Stein, tenor; Betty Chase, soprano; and a duet by Janet Bohl and Sylvia Yell.

The eighth annual Feast of Carols will be presented by the combined choirs of the First Methodist church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Directors will be Mrs. C. R. Adamson and Mrs. George Sloniger.

During the service the congregation will join with the chancel choir, the children's choir, and the youth choir, in singing. Carols from many lands will be sung as well as the more familiar ones.

Four area Presbyterian churches will present Christmas programs Sunday.

The First Presbyterian church, Phoenix, will have their annual Christmas program at 7 p.m. while the Jacksonville church will have their pageant at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

The traditional Christmas vesper service will be held at the Presbyterian church in Medford at 5 p.m. The five choirs of the church will each sing several anthems under the direction of Darrelyn Huson, Dr. Darell Huson, and Lynn Nialaie MacDougall and Miss Sjolund.

Infant children of 17 families will be baptized during the service by Dr. D. Kirkland West, pastor.

The young people of the church will be in charge with Terry Sherwood giving the invocation, John Frohnmayer reading the scripture, and Ann Denman leading the prayer.

Following the vesper service the Freshman, Westminster, and the Geneva fellowships, will go caroling for the aged and shut-in people in the community.

The combined choirs of the Friends church will present the cantata, "Even Unto Bethlehem," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. It will be directed by Mrs. Clayton Crisman with Mrs. Harold Sharp, organist, and Miss Avadna Peterson, pianist.

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Stained glass window, First Presbyterian church, Medford.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11.

Christmas Week Programs Also Scheduled by Churches

Some churches will hold services Christmas eve, Christmas day and during other days of the coming week.

Among those churches is the First Methodist church which will hold its third traditional service Christmas eve at 11 p.m. The program will be based on the poem by Dorothy Parker, "The Maiden at the Inn," with the service a combination of scripture, poetry, and music retelling the birth of our Lord.

The choir will be directed by Mrs. C. R. Adamson with the Rev. G. A. Teabough narrator and Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb conducting the service.

The traditional midnight Eucharist will be held Christmas eve at St. Mark's Episcopal at 11 p.m. and conclude with the administration of the holy sacrament to the worshippers during the early hours of Christmas day.

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True Christmas Meaning Forgotten Clergyman Says

By LOU CASSELS United Press Correspondent Washington—(UP)—Churches have a long way to go in their efforts to "put Christ back into Christmas," the dean of Washington Cathedral said today.

Despite a marked increase in attendance at Christmas worship services in the last few years, the Very Rev. Francis Sayre said, there are still "a great many" Americans to whom the birth of Christ is "merely an excuse for wassailing."

Reminding people of the true meaning of Christmas—through religious themes in greeting cards, store window displays and elsewhere—is a "commendable" movement, the Episcopal clergyman said. But it can have only a "limited" effect in rescuing Christmas from "paganization."

The basic problem, he said, is that millions of people, including many nominal Christians, do not really believe the "glad tidings of great joy" which Christmas publishes to the world.

"Christmas represents the coming of Jesus Christ into the world," he said, "and observance of it consciously or unconsciously reflects the importance we attach to that event."

"For those who believe that 'God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, Christ was always bring a sense of profound awe and thanksgiving. 'But to the great many who do not accept Christ as the divine Son of God and the redeeming savior of mankind, Christmas is and will continue to be merely an excuse for wassailing.'"

Dean Sayre, a grandson of President Woodrow Wilson, has been a major contributor to the interdenominational effort to restore the religious meaning of Christmas. Holiday services in his high-vaulted gothic cathedral on Mount St. Albans have been broadcast to the nation by television and radio for the past several years, and will be again this year.

Although he is gratified by public interest in the cathedral's services, Sayre would not have anyone nourish the idea that watching television or listening to the radio are "just as good" as attending church in person.

The place to be on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, he said, is "in your own church, thanking God with your own lips and in your own heart for His great Christmas gift to the world."

Monday night the Zion Lutheran church will also hold 11 p.m. Christmas eve services. During the service of worship the congregation will sing and four anthems will be sung by the choir under the direction of Oscar Bjorlie with Mrs. Lorraine Evensen at the organ.

Christmas day the First Presbyterian church in Phoenix will hold candlelight communion service at 8 p.m. Music for the service will be by the adult and junior choirs.

The schedule for services to be held during Christmas week at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 4020 East Main st. were announced today by the Rev. Kenneth Korby, pastor.

The senior choir will sing a brief concert at 7:45 p.m. Christmas eve. The children of the Sunday school and the Walter League will present the Christmas eve service, "Jesus, Light, Liberator, Lord," at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Christmas day, services with sermon and Holy communion at 10 a.m. will have the Junior and Cherub choirs singing for the first time. The senior choir will also sing.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. the Walter League teenagers will go Christmas caroling. They will then attend services together and afterwards go to the Ernest Maljans home for refreshments. The service for St. Stephen, the first Christian Martyr, will be held at 8 p.m. with sermon and Holy communion.

On Thursday, St. John's day the Apostle's day, and Friday, which is the Holy Innocents' day, services will be held at 8 p.m. with sermon and Holy communion celebrated each night. The public is invited to attend each of these services on Christmas eve, Christmas day, or during the remainder of the week.

Christmas Sunday Morning Programs Scheduled by Many

Christmas Sunday morning programs will be given in the Sunday schools at many of the valley churches by the students. Also on this Christmas Sunday sermon topics will express the meaning of Christmas.

At the Church of Christ, Central Point, at Christmas program will be presented at 9:45 a.m. with the sermon following at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Mr. Jean M. Shelley on "No Room in the Inn."

The Rev. Thomas McCamant, Congregational church, will conclude the series of Advent sermons Sunday with "Our Christmas." The choir will sing at both 9:45 and 11 a.m. services with the lighting of the last Advent candle.

Music, recitations, and other events for children of all ages will be given Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st. Following the Christmas program treats will be given the children. Mrs. Paul Strong, Sunday school superintendent, will be in charge.

On Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour at the First Baptist church the students

Two Christmas programs will be given this evening by two church groups.

The Salvation Army, Fourth and Bartlett sts., will hold their annual Christmas program starting at 7 p.m. Following the Christmas pageant toys will be distributed to the children attending the program.

At 8 p.m. at the First Assembly of God church, 1108 West Main st., the Christ Ambassadors youth group will give "Mine Eyes Have Seen," a 3-act Christmas play at the church. Mrs. Robert E. Cull is director for the production.

The public is invited to attend both of these performances.

St. Peter Lutherans To Decorate Church Sunday at 2 p.m. the members of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st. will meet to decorate the church for the Christmas holidays. This is the time each year when garlands are made to deck the interior of the nave.

The children of the Sunday school and the Junior and Cherub choirs will leave for Camp White at 4 p.m. for caroling.

Sunday evening the Christian fellowship group of the congregation will prepare the gifts and treats for the children of the Sunday school and congregation. These gifts are distributed on Christmas Eve.

The traditional March to the Manger will be observed Sunday at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services at the First Methodist church. At this time Christmas gifts in honor of the Christ Child will be given by placing them in the watering trough, which will be at the chancel rail. This special offering will be for the support of the released-time public school Bible instruction program. This county-wide program has grown to include one full-time teacher and one part-time teacher.

in the beginner and primary departments will depict the Christmas story in a pageant. The primary choir will sing.

The children's department of the First Christian church will give their annual Christmas program at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. All the departments from the nursery to high school will take part in the Christmas story in song, pageantry and sculpture.

Mrs. Howard Gault is general chairman of the program. Following the morning service at the First Christian church a coffee hour will be held for members and friends of the church who are here for the holidays. The sermon topic by the Rev. W. C. Piper will be "Christmas Story." The chancel choir under the direction of Herbert S. Daniels will sing two numbers.

Short Sunday school sessions will be held at the church of God, Haven and Holly sts., then the annual Christmas program will be held by the junior department.

During the worship hour at 11 a.m. a "Cantata of Christmas Carols" and a brief message, "Peace on Earth," by the Rev. Donald A. Jones, pastor, will be given. A Christ's birthday offering for Missions work will be received at the service.

Sunday school classes at the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st., will meet at the usual hour of 9:45 a.m. with all departments assembled in the sanctuary for the children's worship service which will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Three children's choirs will sing with junior department children retelling the story of Christ's birth. At the close of service treats will be given to all present.

A film, "Unto Us a Child is Born," will be shown for the opening assembly of Sunday school at the Friends church, Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a.m.

At the morning worship services Mr. Clayton Crisman, pastor, will speak on "No Room," and the choir will sing the anthem "Star of the East."

Service of Praise Introducing the Christmas season at St. Mark's Episcopal church a special service of praise will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday featuring the birth of Christ in prophecy, scripture, and song. The meditation will be by Rev. John Bright.

A reception of new members into the congregation will be held following the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at the Zion Lutheran church, corner of West Fourth st. and North Oakdale ave. Holy communion will be celebrated during the service.

Other Christmas programs during Christmas Sunday consist of a church directory. The public is invited to attend any of these services.

Young People's fellowship of St. Mark's Episcopal church will combine a hay ride, Sunday, Dec. 23, with their annual custom of caroling. The hay ride will end at the home of Miss Gene Johnson, one of the members of the fellowship. Former members of the group from college are invited to join the group Sunday evening.

Christmas music Sunday at the First Methodist church choirs will include "What Can This Mean," "There Were Shepherds," and "Sing Gloria." Altar roses are in honor of Jerald Scott Nikodye.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SUNDAY, DEC. 23—8:00 P.M.

40 Piece Orchestra — 60 Voice Choir
Soloist—Vocal Groups

Two Meetings Christmas Night — 8:00 p.m.

Enlarged Facilities — New Balcony Added
Supervised Nurseries — No Collections

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North Central at 3rd St.

Loyce C. Carver, Pastor • Martin Girard, Musical Director

First Christian Church

"The Friendly Church"

Welcomes You TO ALL SERVICES

Bible School — 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service — 10:50 a.m.
Youth Meeting — 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service — 7:30 p.m.

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William C. Piper, Minister

UNITY TRUTH CENTER

Special Unity Christmas Candle Lighting Service—and Christmas Story in Verse and Song

Sunday, Dec. 23
11 A.M. — PYTHIAN HALL

Katharine Bosworth, Leader

Public Cordially Invited

Eastwood Baptist Church

Invites You

- To worship on Christmas Sunday. 11:00 a.m.: Worship theme: "Surprised by Joy"
- To attend the Church School Christmas Program. 7:30 p.m.: Pageant theme: "What Can I Give Him?"
- To see the Nativity Mural, life-size, floodlighted, displayed on east side of Church.

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Is Located North of the Hedrick Junior High School
RICHARD M. JONES, Pastor
"The Church on the Hill with the Lighted Cross"