

Church News

Free Methodists in New Church Sunday

Plans are being made for the first services of the Free Methodist church to be held in their new church Sunday.

The Rev. Rolland Stewart of Grants Pass and the Rev. F. C. Newmann of Ashland will be guests at the Sunday evening worship at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Stewart will be guest speaker. Also guests at the services will be members of the Grants Pass and Ashland congregations.

MUSIC will be presented by the different church during the hour of inspiration following the preaching service.

The Free Methodist church



YOUTH CONVOCATION—Speakers and officers at the Methodist Youth Fellowship convocation held in Medford last week end talk after one of the sessions at the First Methodist church. Left to right are Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, minister of the local church; Miss Marilyn Parsons, member of the local church and Oregon conference MYF officer; the Rev. Craig Harper, director of youth work for the Oregon conference board of education; Charles Foster, president of Oregon conference MYF from Hood River, and Bishop A. Raymond Grant, for the Portland area, Methodist church. More than 200 young people and their leaders attended the meetings here.

Building Committee Approve Church Plans

Architectural plans redesigning the outward appearance of the Eastwood Baptist church were presented to the building committee recently by James Ticer, local architect according to the Rev. R. M. Jones, pastor.

The committee voted to accept the plans and to go ahead as soon as complete drawings can be made. The plans include a full glass vestibule, a tower and spire of different woods and plaster which will change the appearance considerably. Roy McLaughlin will design the landscaping for the church, with this work being done as soon as weather permits.

Work is continuing on the upstairs educational unit. Work is being done with the heating and ventilation, new lighting, plastering, painting and the installation of tiled floors. Tile will soon be laid on the floors in the sanctuary and educational rooms. An outside stairway is now under construction.

Eastwood Baptist church is affiliated with the American Baptist Convention and is located north of the Hedrick Junior high school, at North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway.

Film Scheduled for Sunday at Brethren

The film, "God of Creation," will be shown at the Medford Church of the Brethren at 8 p.m. Sunday evening.

In natural color, the film was prepared by the Moody Institute of Science. It explains in layman language astronomy, natural science, and the microscopic world.

The public is invited. A free will offering will be taken.

Inter-Youth Council To Meet Monday

Medford Inter-Youth Church Council will meet Monday, April 1, at 3:30 p.m. at the First Methodist church.

Plans will be formulated for the Easter Sunrise service to be held Easter morning.

All interested young people of Medford churches are invited to attend the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

"Faithfulness," the third of "The Marks of Jesus," will be the sermon by Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, minister of the First Methodist church, Sunday at both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. Dr. Milton Snow, soloist, will sing "Behold and See if there be any Sorrow" and the choir will present the anthems, "Draw Us to Thee, O Lord" and "God So Loved the World."

BIBLE STUDY LESSON

"What happens when I die?" will be the topic discussed at the seventh class of the Bible Study lesson series held at the First Presbyterian church, Phoenix. The class will be held in the fireless room from 8 until 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2.

Lutheran Church to Elect Officers

Members of Ascension Lutheran church will meet Sunday morning in the Pythian building, Fifth and Grape sts., with Dr. H. L. Foss, president of the Pacific District, to organize auxiliaries and to elect a building committee and officers for the congregation.

According to the Rev. Elvin Tollefson, pastor of Ascension Lutheran, general offices to be filled include those of president, executive secretary, and treasurer.

Plans will be laid for the organization of the auxiliaries including the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation, Women's Missionary Federation, Luther League, and the Lutheran Brotherhood. These organizations carry on Bible study activities, study of Synod missions as well as social and charitable activities in the church.

The building committee, when chosen, will be responsible for the awarding of contracts and general supervision over building progress. A call for bids will be made as soon as plans have been accepted by the building committee, which should be within the next 10 days. The first unit church will be built on Barnett rd. near the new Rogue Valley hospital.

Film Sponsored by Local Church April 5

The color motion picture, "Other Sheep" will be presented in Medford at the Lincoln school gymnasium, 608 North Bartlett st., Friday, April 5, at 8 p.m.

The film, produced by the audio-visual department of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is sponsored by the local church.

The public is invited to attend the showing of the film.

Sermon Series Continues at Friends

"The Man Love Didn't Reach" will be the theme of Pastor Clynton Crisman's message at the Friends church Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a.m., the second in a series of pre-Easter messages on "Faces About the Cross." The youth choir will sing at 9:45 and the adult choir at 11 a.m.

During the Sunday school opening assemblies at 9:45 and 11 a.m. guest speaker will be Herbert Hunter of First Baptist church, who will give a medical object lesson.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

A district fellowship meeting service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Pentecostal Church of God, Central Point. Supper will be served by the women of the church at 5:30 p.m. with another service to be held at 7 p.m. The Rev. J. D. Newton is holding evangelistic services at the church Sunday evening and nightly during the week except Monday.

FILM TONIGHT

The film, "The Living Word in Japan," will be shown tonight at 8:30 p.m. during family night at the First Presbyterian church, Phoenix.

CHOIR DIRECTOR—Earle Hulín will direct the Biola Bible college choir during a concert Wednesday, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the Phoenix Community club, Phoenix. The concert is sponsored by the First Baptist church of Phoenix. The public is invited to attend.

Hour of Sharing At Presbyterian Sunday Morning

Sunday at both worship services of the First Presbyterian church a special offering for The One Great Hour of Sharing will be received and dedicated.

The children of the church school have been setting aside their gifts over the last month. These will be gathered and brought to the Sanctuary for the service of dedication. The One Great Hour of Sharing is a relief appeal uniting twenty Protestant denominations in concern for the hungry, homeless and poverty stricken peoples of the world.

Dr. D. K. West, pastor of the church, will speak at both services on "Seeing Christ in Every Man." The Westminster choir will sing the anthem "Open Our Eyes" at the first service and the chancel choir will sing "Lift High The Cross" at the second. The triple trio will sing "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" at both services.

Church Classes

The Session of the church will meet with the combined youth and adult churchmanship classes at 5 p.m. in the church sanctuary for the purpose of admitting these persons into membership. The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to those not yet baptized and Dr. West will bring a concluding message to the classes. These members will be welcomed publicly at next Sunday's worship service.

The evening service will be held at 7 p.m. After a period of hymn singing and a brief message, Dr. West will lead the adults in a study. The Senior High Westminster fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m. and will discuss "How Can We Know God?" led by Carol McKeown Fire-side will be at the home of Judy Bell, 1119 Queen Anne.

Week Events Told By First Baptists

Several special events are planned by the members and pastors of the First Baptist church during the coming week.

On Sunday morning, the choir will sing "The Heavens are Telling" from "The Creation" by Haydn. The choir is directed by the Rev. Kenneth Raymond. A scripture will be read by the assistant pastor, the Rev. Haddon Robinson.

On Monday, the Rev. James Neely and his associate will travel to Portland for a special pastors' retreat. The Mr. Neely will conduct a session on "City-Wide Evangelism."

Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m., the church is host to the 40 voice choir from Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland. This group has traveled throughout the Northwest, giving sacred concerts in churches of various denominations. The choir under the direction of Howard Stevenson, will sing a wide selection of choral music and gospel songs. The public is invited to the concert.

Sunday School Workshop In Ashland Monday

Primary teachers of the First Church of the Nazarene will attend a workshop Monday, April 1, in the Ashland Church of the Nazarene for primary teachers. Leader of the workshop is Verne Speirs of Southern Oregon college and Christian Service Training director for the Ashland church. He will be assisted by Mrs. Dora Mae Shepard, public school teacher in the Medford system, and Christian Service Training director for the Medford church. After the workshop session, a social hour and discussion period will be held to deal with special problems of primary teachers in the Nazarene Sunday school.

Churches Join Campaign To Abolish Death Penalty

BY LOUIS CASSELS
United Press Correspondent
Washington (U.P.)—A church led campaign to abolish the death penalty is gaining momentum in America.

Strong Protestant drives are now underway in New York, California and Massachusetts. In each of these states, Protestant church councils have adopted resolutions declaring that capital punishment is contrary to Christian principles, and have appealed to the legislatures to do away with it.

Similar bills are being pressed in at least a dozen other state legislatures this year, with varying degrees of church endorsement.

Six states already have banned capital punishment. They are Michigan, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Maine, Minnesota and North Dakota.

The Massachusetts Council of Churches cites the experience of these states as an answer to the main argument usually advanced for continuing capital punishment: that it serves as a deterrent to murder and other grave crimes. There has been no indication, Massachusetts churchmen said, that the homicide rate has gone up in any of the states that now limit punishment of criminals to life imprisonment.

The religious argument against the death penalty was stated succinctly by the Legislative Committee of the New York State Council of Churches.

"We hold that life is the gift of God and should not be destroyed by an individual or state."

In California, the church campaign has been spearheaded by the Rev. William A. Gilbert, now an Episcopal rector at Ventura, but formerly chaplain of the Washington state penitentiary. Gilbert, who has walked



Proposed Stained Glass Window

Design Approved by Methodists for Window

The design of a new stained glass window depicting "The Nativity" has been approved by the First Methodist church, Medford, according to Dr. R. E. Balcomb, pastor.

The window will be installed in the large center window of the south wall of the church and is in memory of Mrs. Beulah Faber.

The window is being made by Cummings Studios of San Francisco and will be delivered sometime in June.

According to information received from the Studio the window is the product of a group of trained craftsmen. One draws the original sketch, another translates the sketch into what is known as a "cartoon" which is a full sized work drawing. From this the colorist works with his knowledge of color symbolism and in turn the cutter expresses this color in the selection of glasses designated by the colorist. A painter adds the tracing and matting, and after the firing, the glazier takes the many pieces and by lead comes of varying widths puts the glasses together to form the finished pattern.

When this window is installed it will be the seventh stained glass window in the local First Methodist church.

Sunday Schedule Told By Eastwood Baptists

"Lost and Found" will be the pastor's sermon Sunday morning at the Eastwood Baptist church, North Keene Way dr. at Ridgeway. The Rev. Richard M. Jones is the pastor. The choir will sing the anthem, "The Lord Is My Light." Nursery care is provided and there is a second hour session for pre-schoolers.

At 6 p.m., the new youth program begins with Dine-A-Mite, a light supper with members of the church serving as hosts. Planned recreation and fun singing will follow the meal. A workshop on worship is the theme of the evening, led by the young people. The evening closes by 8:30 with moments of worship.

Knights of Columbus Hold Diamond Jubilee

A Diamond Jubilee degree will be held Sunday, by the Knights of Columbus, Rogue River Council 1594, according to John Hochstatter, grand knight.

Local candidates will attend the 8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Medford and be guests at a breakfast to begin at 9 a.m. at Carpenters Hall, 123½ West Main st.

Initiation of new candidates will be held in St. Mary's gymnasium following the breakfast. Wives and friends of candidates have been invited to attend the breakfast, Hockstatter said.

First Nazarene Dedicates New Church Group Sunday

Sunday morning at the 10:50 a.m. worship service members of the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly, will hold farewell services and dedication of the charter members for the new Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene, which will hold services April 7 at the corner of Mt. Pitt Avenue and Chestnut.

The new church, organized in October 1935, has operated as a church within First Church for more than a year. Eight months ago a building was started at the new church location, and the pastor for the new church, the Rev. Dwayne Bachelor, has been on the field making preparation for the opening.

First Church Helps

First Church has aided the start of the new congregation with cash donations and hours of donated labor. Oregon Pacific District of the Church of the Nazarene has furnished a building supervisor for the construction and money from its Home Mission Club. Although finishing work will continue for another month, the ground floor of the two-story educational unit will be ready for occupancy April 7.

The building, constructed of masonry and cement blocks, will have tile and hardwood floors. There will be room for 13 Sunday school classes, three assembly rooms and a sanctuary that will seat approximately 130 persons. Located in the area near Stewart ave. and with many of the Sunday school and church members of First Church to support it in its beginnings, the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, pastor of First Church, said that the Mt. Pitt avenue project is a most successful adventure in home missionary work.

Membership Book

Mr. Hurn will present a church membership book containing the names of all of the charter members to Mr. Bachelor in the ceremonies Sunday during the worship service. In addition, he will present a check for \$600 to help the new church group in the paving of the street that fronts their property and for the laying of sidewalks.

A full scale church program is planned from the start by the Mt. Pitt members. They are or-

Adventists to Offer Prayers

Special prayers will be offered by Seventh-day Adventists throughout the world Saturday March 30 for Christians who are being persecuted for their religious convictions in Colombia, South America.

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Easter Sermon Series Starts at Christian

A series of sermons leading up to Easter will start at the First Christian church Sunday. The topic of the sermon to be given by the Rev. William C. Piper Sunday will be "The Betrayal of Jesus."

C. Warren Fairbanks will sing the solo "Out of the Old Life" and the chancel choir will present the anthem "God So Loved the World." A coffee hour will follow the morning service.

At the evening service Mr. Piper will talk on "The Battle of Armageddon." Questions which will be brought out and discussed are "Are we approaching the Battle of Armageddon, and where will it be fought?"

On Friday, April 5, the district convention for the Christian churches in southern Oregon will be held at the Medford church. Study groups for the Women's Fellowship will be held during the day. At the dinner in the evening Mrs. Edna Gish, a missionary recently returned from Thailand, will speak.

Easter Plans Told For Nazarene Church

Youth groups of the First Church of the Nazarene have been working on Easter preparations. Services will be held in the McLaughlin Junior High school and several choirs will lead the congregation in the Easter worship. A speaking choir made up of 90 primary children will recite the resurrection story, a junior choir of 100 voices will sing and combined youth and sanctuary choirs will present special music. The Easter sermon will be preached by the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, pastor of the church.

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Dr. Steiner, Guest Speaker, Sunday

The Rev. Richard M. Steiner, D.D., minister of the Church of Our Father, Portland, and the Willamette university a cappella choir, directed by Don M. Gleckler, will be at the First Methodist church, Medford, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, the third in the series of guest preachers and choral groups.

Dr. Steiner is the minister of one of the downtown churches of Portland. He is author of the book, "A Guide to a Good Marriage," has taught English at Washington State college and at Bradley college, and was acting professor of Applied Christianity, at Grinnell college. He holds degrees from Grinnell college, the University of Michigan, and the Chicago Theological school. Several Medford students will be in the choir.

Membership Classes Held By Methodists

Three series of church membership classes are being held at the First Methodist church for the youth, by the Rev. George A. Trobough. For youth in the sixth and seventh grades, a group meets on Sundays from 8:30 to 9:30, March 31, April 7 and April 14.

For youth on the eighth and ninth grades, a group meets on Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m., and on Thursdays from 8 to 9 p.m., April 4 and April 11.

Youth in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades, a group meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m., March 27, April 3 and April 10.

Special make-up classes for all age groups will be held on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m., March 31, April 7 and April 14.

The membership manuals of the Methodist church will be used, according to the grade grouping, church officials said.

Jacksonville Church Sunday Speakers; Film

L.L. Clark will preach the sermon at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville. He will be assisted by Dr. R. M. Mayer. Both are members of the Presbyterian Men's club of Medford.

At 6 p.m. the film, "Martin Luther" will be shown at the Jacksonville church.

LENTE MONOLOGUES

Lenten Monologue, a series of symphonic monologues, with the Rev. George A. Trobough, narrator, and with John Lusk at the organ, will be presented on KBES-TV at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, March 30, April 6, April 13 and April 20. Slides from the painting of Elsie Anna Woods and from the slide series "Christ and the Fine Arts" will be included in the program. Saturday the monologue will be based on the experiences of Andrew and Peter, "The Touch of His Hand."

UNITY TRUTH CENTER

Sunday Devotional Service and Sunday School for Children 11 a.m. Regular Center Activities: Thursday Midweek Service 7:30 p.m., Friday morning Study Class 11 a.m.

All Classes, Activities and Sunday Services now held at the

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Katherine Bosworth, Leader

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