

Thanksgiving Services Told By City and County Churches

Three community Thanksgiving services will be held next week in Medford, Ashland, and Talent. The Medford and Ashland services, sponsored by the Ministerial associations in the respective towns, will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. The Talent service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Many county individual churches have scheduled services for Nov. 27 while others will cooperate with the community services on Thanksgiving day and schedule their own services on Wednesday or Thursday evening.

The Medford service will be held at the First Presbyterian church with the Rev. Richard M. Jones of Eastwood Baptist church bringing the message. He will speak on "Neath the Crust of a Thanksgiving Pie."

The Rev. Melvin Dixon, St. Luke's Methodist church, will read the president's proclamation and the benediction will be given by the Rev. James Neely of First Baptist church. The Thanksgiving prayer will be given by the Rev. Edward Bush of Free Methodist church and Dr. D. Kirkland West of First Presbyterian church, will give the offertory prayer and make the announcements.

Young people representing the Interchurch Youth council and the YMCA youth program will read the Scripture and give the invocation.

The chancel choir of the host church will sing. Arrangements are under the direction of Clynton Crisman, pastor of Medford Friends church.

Ashland Service
The union Thanksgiving service will be held in Ashland at the First Christian church, Second and B sts., at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Herschel Hall of the First Methodist church speaking. His sermon will be "The Cure of Ingratitude."

Edward Harmon, pastor of the Friends church and president of the Ministerial association, will give the call to worship, invocation, and benediction. Scripture will be read by the Rev. Lucile McClaffin of Four Square church, and the prayer will be offered by the Rev. Lawrence May of First Church of God.

Music will be furnished by the high school choir and the Rev. James M. Sinclair, host pastor, will be soloist. Mrs. Charles Forrest will play the organ.

The offering will go to the Ministerial association in support of a cooperative Christian witness in the community, it was reported.

Talent Community
The Talent community service will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Talent Methodist church with the Rev. J. C. Arnett of the Assembly of God speaking. Assisting him in the service will be the Rev. Earnest Bell, host pastor.

Churches participating in the service will be the Friends, Assembly of God, and the Methodist church of Talent. A quartet from the Friends church, including Rollie Hartly, A. Clark Smith, pastor of Friends church; and Mr. and Mrs. Niel Pierson will sing.

The public is invited to attend any of these community services.

Individual Churches
Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving services will be held at the Medford Friends church, corner Merriman rd. and DeBarr ave., and at Zion Lutheran church, Fourth st. and Oakdale ave. The junior and senior choirs will sing at the Lutheran service.

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, Mission rd., will hold services at 8 a.m. at the church, 1020 East Main st., Thursday.

Also on Thursday the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor of Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., will speak at 10 a.m. on "Toward the End of the Year." The senior choir will sing "We Plow the Fields and Scatter."

Holy communion will be served Thanksgiving day at

Adult Bible Class Announced by Church
An adult Bible class will be held at Ascension Lutheran church at 9:45 a.m. Sunday using Dr. Philip Dybvig's course "Opening Our Bibles." The purpose of the course is to acquaint the student in a general way with the Bible.

The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor, will speak at 11 a.m. on "Christian Watching." The boy's chorus from Hoover school under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Blaar will sing "Bless This House."

10 a.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Fifth st. and Oakdale ave., and the services at The Apostolic Faith church, 404 North Central ave., will be held at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Loyce C. Carver, pastor, will speak and a short concert will be presented by the combined orchestra and chorus of the church.

Due to the scheduling of the Thursday service the usual Friday night evangelistic service at the church will not be held.

County Services
Services scheduled in other parts of the county include a 10:30 a.m. program at Grace Lutheran church, Ashland, and services in Prospect. Holy communion will be observed Thursday at 10 a.m. in a combined service for St. Martin's Episcopal church, Shady Cove, and Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal church, Prospect, at the latter church.

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Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of Nazarene To Be Dedicated in Afternoon Event

Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene will be formally dedicated Sunday at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. Dr. W. D. McGraw Jr., Oregon Pacific district superintendent, will be in charge of the service.

The Mt. Pitt church was completed in April, 1947, with first services held in the building April 7. Pastor of the church was the Rev. Dwayne Bachelor who had arrived in the valley the previous year to aid in starting the church. The present two story building is housing the congregation.

1957 Award of Merit Winner

CHURCH NEWS
National Religious Publicity Council

Three Faiths Plan to Stress Thanksgiving's Spirit of Thankfulness

By LOUIS CASSELS
United Press International
Protestants, Catholics and Jews will join next week in an attempt to lift America's Thanksgiving celebration out of its turkey-and-football rut.

Church and synagogue services throughout the country will stress three facts about the holiday which the Puritans instituted:

1. Its historic purpose is religious - to express gratitude to God for the blessings bestowed upon this nation.

2. A spirit of thankfulness is particularly appropriate now, because America has become an oasis of abundance in a worldwide desert of want.

3. The most fitting way to give thanks is by sharing this abundance with the ragged, hungry and homeless millions of other lands.

Each of the three faiths will suggest a specific way in which the sharing can be done.

To Collect Clothing
Protestant churches will collect special offerings for the "share our surplus" program of Church World Service, the overseas relief agency of the National Council of Churches.

Catholics are asked to contribute 10 million pounds of "good used clothing" through their churches. It will be shipped overseas by Catholic Relief Services, a branch of the National Catholic Welfare conference.

The United Jewish Appeal, sponsored by the Synagogue Council of America, will seek funds for refugees and other impoverished groups abroad.

Religious agencies are the principal channels by which Americans send "person to person" aid abroad. This year they will handle more than 80 per cent of all voluntary U.S. overseas relief.

The Protestant "share our surplus" program is a good example of the charity bargains offered by all of the major religious agencies.

Food Provided Free
One dollar contributed to "SOS" will send 300 pounds of goods abroad. Ten dollars will provide daily bread for 600 undernourished children for more than two weeks.

The reason a dollar goes so far is that the food is provided free by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, out of its bulging warehouses of surplus farm commodities. The government also pays the cost of ocean freight, so that private contributions are needed only for the costs of overseas distribution.

So far, Americans have not gone overboard in taking advantage of this bargain. Last year's "share our surplus" offering totaled only one million dollars, which figures out to about 2 1/2 cents a person for the total membership of the 35 participating denominations.

Church World Service promotional literature stresses the fact that this million dollars will send 300 million pounds of food to the needy in 53 countries. But if you pin down agency officials, they admit that this sounds like more food than it really is in view of the hundreds of millions of people who are chronically hungry.

Open Bible Church Notified of Award

The Medford Open Bible church, 2715 Table Rock rd., placed second in the Pacific Coast division enlargement contest for Open Bible Sunday schools held in October. The awards were based on the percentage increase over the previous October's average.

One year ago the local church was meeting in the church parsonage and had an average attendance of 15 for the month. This year's average was 61 with the highest number present in any one Sunday school session, 102. The church has been in its present location four months.

The church has completed two units of its building and is now making plans to move the parsonage back on the lot so the corner may be landscaped and prepared for parking.

A third and final unit is being planned.

Loyalty Sunday Scheduled Here

This is "Loyalty Sunday" at the Congregational church. Members and friends are reminded to take their pledges to the 10 a.m. service where they will be dedicated at the conclusion of the worship. Those unable to come to the service will be called on by teams of canvassers during the afternoon.

The Thanksgiving theme will be followed in the worship. The sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant will be on the topic, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Visitors are welcome. The church school also meets at 10 a.m.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday and will follow a program of Bible reading as that held by the members a few weeks ago.

Cascade Gorge Church Tells of Scheduled Evangelistic Meets

Prospect - Evangelist Dale J. Benjamin will begin a series of evangelistic services with the Cascade Gorge Christian church Sunday and continue each evening through Thursday through Nov. 30. Thanksgiving day services are to be held at 10 a.m. and a special children's service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday.

Mr. Benjamin has ministered to various congregations throughout the United States and is presently engaged in general evangelistic work in this area.

Convention Planned In Bend Nov. 26-28

Christ Ambassador youth groups from Assembly of God churches throughout Oregon will hold their annual Thanksgiving convention this year at Bend from Nov. 26 to 28, according to the Rev. R. E. Cull, sectional presbyter for the Rogue valley area.

Convention meetings and programs are scheduled in the new high school auditorium. The Rev. Wayne Adams, Salem, state president of Christ Ambassadors, is chairman and the Rev. Murray Meles, Eugene, will be the convention speaker. T. Texas Tyler, television, radio and movie star has accepted an invitation to attend and give his personal testimony regarding his recent "decision for Christ."

From 1,500 to 2,000 young people are expected to register for the convention including approximately 150 from the Rogue valley who will travel via chartered buses and private vehicles.

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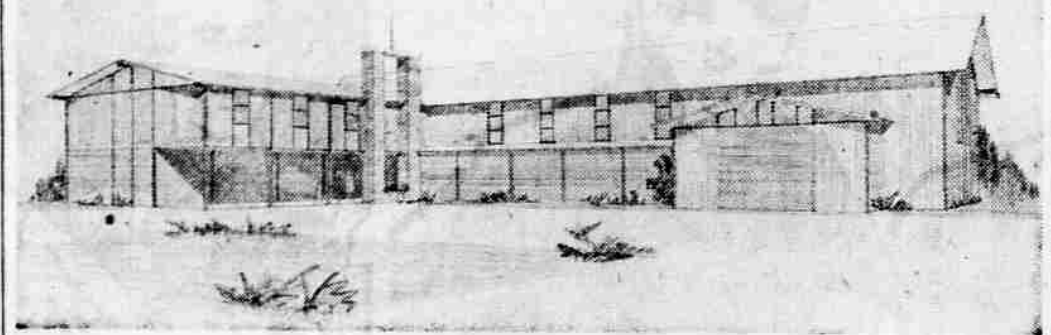
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PROPOSED CHURCH BUILDING IN VALLEY \$100,000 Structure Located on 3 1/2 Acres

Adventists Start Church Construction

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In addition to the main auditorium with a seating capacity of 650, the building will contain a chapel for the church's youth, and classrooms for the various departments of the Sabbath school. Also included will be a mother's room, where mothers with small children may enjoy the worship service without fear of disturbing others.

Provision has also been made for the church mission-ary-welfare department. In addition, a large space has been set aside in the church basement for a shelter and relief center to be available for community use in the event of a local disaster.

Presbyterians Tell Sunday Activities

At both morning worship services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday, Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach "Things I'm Thankful For." At the first service the Westminster choir will sing "Make a Joyful Noise." The anthem sung by the chancel choir at the second service will be "Harvest Anthem." The children's choir, under the direction of Mrs. Darell Huson, will sing "Prayer of Thanksgiving" at both services. John Case will be the soloist.

The fourth church membership class in the present series will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday. The class for adults will be taught by Dr. West and the class for youth by the Rev. John O. Reynolds. The Junior High fellowship will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a program entitled "A Walk in Other Shoes." The young people will do role playing as parents and teen-agers and will characterize teen-agers in current fiction. Mrs. John Brandenburg will guide the program.

Westminster Fellowship for senior high students will host the youth of St. Mark's Episcopal church at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. The meeting will consist of a panel of youth discussing the two church's differences and similarities on doctrine, church government and worship. Fireside will be held afterwards at the church.

Ashland - "The Sacrifices of Thanksgiving" will be the sermon Sunday at both the 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services at Ashland First Presbyterian church. The Rev. Wayne Julier will be guest speaker for the morning.

Central Point - The Rev. Bruce J. Weber, pastor of Central Point First Presbyterian church, will speak on "Citizen J.O.B." Sunday at 11 a.m.

Westminster Fellowship for junior and senior high school young people will meet at 7 p.m.

A training session for members who will participate in the "every member canvass" will be held at the church.

Sermon Subject of Central Point Group Announced by Pastor
Central Point - "Thanksgiving" is the sermon subject by the Rev. Paul O. Kroon at the Community Bible church, Central Point, Sunday. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Kroon will sing "America the Beautiful." "Preparation to Meet God" will be the title of the evening sermon. The evening gospel hour begins at 7:30 with singing and personal testimonies. Music will be by the senior young peoples' choir.

BAR TURK INHABITANTS
Damascus, United Arab Republic - (UPI) - The governor of Aleppo has instructed Syrian guards to keep Turkish border inhabitants out of Syrian border territory, the Middle East news agency said today.

St. Luke's Pastor Announces Sermon
The Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist church, will speak on "Spiritual Amnesia" at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

More than 100 persons attended a covered dish dinner earlier this year at the church following consecration ceremonies of the St. Luke's Methodist church. Included in the service, conducted by Bishop A. Raymond Grant and Dr. Meredith Groves, was a memorial dedication of a bronze plaque in memory of Dr. Ira D. Phipps who gave the land on which the building stands.

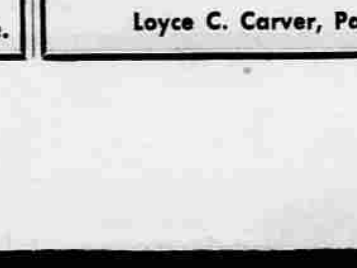
SERMON SUBJECT
"Soul and Body" will be the subject of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, sermon at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church, 100 Windsor ave. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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