

Sacred Heart and Missions List Mass Schedules

Two high masses will be sung again this year in Medford at midnight, Christmas eve.

One, to be celebrated by the Very Rev. Carl Mai, will take place in Sacred Heart church. Music for this mass will be furnished by the parish adult choir under the direction of Paul Moore with Bruno Pellegrini at the organ.

The second mass is scheduled to be celebrated in the St. Mary school gym by a visiting Benedictine priest. Music for the mass will be sung by the Marion choir of the parochial high school, directed by Sister Miriam Joseph and accompanied by Mary Robinson and Toni Adams. The proper of the mass will be chanted by the Boys' Glee club.

Both choirs will sing traditional Christmas carols preceding the masses.

Jacksonville and Shady Cove

Midnight masses will be held also at St. Joseph's church in Jacksonville by the Rev. William McLeod, and at Our Lady of Fatima church in Shady Cove by the Rev. John A. Iig. A later morning mass will be held at 9 o'clock in the Jacksonville church, but the 10 a.m. mass usually scheduled on Sundays in Shady Cove will be omitted this week only.

Later masses in Medford will follow the regular Sunday schedule, with low masses at 6, 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m., and a second high mass will be sung in the church at 11:30 a.m. with Marion choir again furnishing the music. Student choirs of St. Mary grade school will sing Christmas hymns at other morning masses.

Hours of Confessions

Hours of confessions have been extended, it was announced, for the convenience of parishioners. Confessions will be heard in Sacred Heart church tonight from 7:30 to 9 o'clock, again tomorrow from

1 to 5:30 and from 7:30 to 10 p.m. All parishioners have been urged by their pastors to receive holy communion on Christmas day and to prepare themselves well for the worthy reception of this sacrament.

Those planning to receive communion are reminded that the three-hour fasting rule applies to the midnight mass as well as to the later morning masses.

Chaplain To Talk At First Baptist

Regular Sunday school classes for all ages will be held at First Baptist church, North Central ave., at Fifth st., on Sunday at 9:40 a.m.

The Rev. Roger A. Pryor, chaplain from the Veterans Administration, Domiciliary, White City, will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship hour Sunday. His message will be entitled, "Name of Names." Christmas music will be provided by the chapel choir, directed by Maynard Hadley, minister of music.

Baptist Youth Leagues will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. The high school and college group will see the sound film, "Seventeen," which portrays the effect of a group of Christian teen-agers upon their high school.

Sunday at 7:45 p.m. the chapel choir, directed by Maynard Hadley, will present its annual evening of Christmas music. The story of the nativity will be presented by the choral and various vocal solo and ensemble groups.

A skating party at the Ashland Roller-drome is planned for Monday, Dec. 26, for those in the youth leagues of the church. Those of junior through college age are invited.

Young people from the Medford church will participate in the annual youth rally of the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon to be held in Portland, Dec. 29 and 30. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Don Minear and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Church, will accompany a group of local high schoolers to the event.

Friends Church To Give Play

Children and young people of the Friends church will present their Christmas program Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the new fellowship hall of the church. Beginning with songs and recitation, by the nursery and beginning children, the program will continue with a nativity play by the primary department, songs and group readings by the juniors, and a play, "Christmas Symbols" by junior high and high school young people.

Combining the worship service with the Sunday school hour, Pastor Clayton Crisman will close with a Christmas message, "His Star." The fellowship hall will afford ample seating room for all attendees, and the new platform has been designed with risers so that small children may be seen, as well as a full-size stage for plays.

The only other service of the day will be a vesper caroling from 5 to 8 p.m. Carol singing will be led by Deane Roberts, with Mrs. Dan Nolte at the organ and Mrs. Clem Finley, pianist. The last 15 minutes of the hour will be devoted to the showing of the Billy Graham film, "Mystery of Bethlehem."

Sermon Told For St. Luke's Church

The Christmas sermon to be preached by the Rev. Melvin Dixon at the 11 a.m. worship service at St. Luke's Methodist church Sunday will be on "The Christ Who Came Too Soon."

The choir will sing "Gloria," an old French carol, and Mrs. Richard Stratton will sing "There Is Room in My Heart For Thee." During the service, supervised nursery is provided for pre-school children.

The Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and there are

Sams Valley Church Announces Subject

Sams Valley - "Meaning of Christmas" will be the title of the sermon at Sams Valley Community church, Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. John W. Roelofs, pastor of the church.

A featured part of the worship hour will be the singing of old familiar Christmas carols by members of the congregation.

Regular Sunday school classes will be held at 10 a.m.

Music Announced For Medford Presbyterians

"God's Christmas Gift to You" will be the topic of a sermon to be given at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday by Dr. D. Kirkland West at the First Presbyterian church.

At both services the Rev. Robert Jacks will sing "The Silent Stars" by John Jacob Niles. The youth choir will sing "A Joyous Carol" at the 9:30 a.m. service, and the chapel choir will present "The Christmas Symbol" by Christians at the 11 a.m. service.

During the 11 a.m. hour the junior highs will have a Christmas service, dedicating the newly-completed youth chapel on the second floor of the church. Mrs. West will speak, and the junior highs will provide music. Senior highs, during the same hour, will have a Christmas morning fellowship hour, with refreshments, singing, and a reading from Martin Luther's "Christmas Book." There are no fellowship meetings Sunday evening.

The Geneva Fellowship for college-age young people will have a retreat at Katydind ranch on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 30 and 31. Those who plan to attend are asked to call Miss Janet Snodgrass to make reservations.

Westminster

"Born to be a Savior" will be the theme of the sermon preached by the Rev. John O. Reynolds, minister, at Westminster Presbyterian church Sunday.

The adult choir will sing two anthems, "The Shepherd's Story" and "There Were Shepherds." The sacrament of baptism will be administered to children of the members of the church. Nursery care will be available during the worship service but the children's church will be suspended for the next two Sundays. Church school classes will meet as usual at 9:45 a.m. Sunday for every department except the adults.

A Christmas eve vesper service will be held at the church at 9:30 p.m. Sunday. This brief candlelight service of scripture and song will include two solos by Otis Swisher. He will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" and "No Candle Was There."

There will be no youth fellowship meetings this Sunday. The Westminster Presbyterian church is located on Oakwood dr. between Barneburg and Groveland aves.

Saturday Evening Service Scheduled

The Medford Church of the Brethren will begin their observance of Christmas with a 7 p.m. worship on Christmas eve. The worship will feature the junior high school department. Jimmie Evernden will give a trumpet solo, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and Terry Birman, violinist will accompany the youth in "Silent Night."

The adult choir under the direction of Mrs. Ray Pence will give a series of Christmas anthems with narrative given by Sandy Phlester.

The children's department will present a program at 10:30 a.m. Sunday followed by congregational worship with the Rev. Escl Hiser, pastor, giving "The Other Wise Man."

Evening services will be cancelled Christmas day. The Church of the Brethren is located at the corner of Mary and Saling sts.

Classes held for all ages.

The chapel choir will meet for rehearsal Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Inquirer's class meets for study Wednesday at 8 p.m.

St. Luke's is located at 2940 Siskiyou blvd.

Church Merger Proposal Said To Be Good Sign

Today the Rev. Thomas McCamant, Congregational church, and Dr. D. Kirkland West, First Presbyterian church, comment on the proposed merger of four major Protestant denominations made earlier this month by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Last week the ministers of the other two denominations suggested in the merger, expressed their views of it. They were the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, St. Mark's Episcopal church, and Dr. George G. Roseberry, First Methodist church.

THE REV. THOMAS McCAMANT
Congregational

I think it is a sign of something good that the proposal of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake for the union of four or more large denominations has stirred so much interest all over the country and beyond it.

Only this week did I have the opportunity to see and read in full the text of this proposal. Only then did it come to me that this was a sermon. It was preached by Dr. Blake, the stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, in an Episcopal Cathedral in the presence of Bishop James A. Pike of the diocese of Northern California.

The sermon began, like all good sermons, with a Biblical text. This is a part worth remembering. It was from Romans 15:5-7, and says in part: "Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Jesus Christ; that ye may with one mind and with one mouth glorify God."

The motive for union is not to have a bigger and stronger church, but to be obedient to Christ who wants all his followers to be one. Too many times I think we judge the church by the standards of the business world instead of the other way around. If continuing division is favored we say that competition is healthy. If unions are advocated we say it will be efficient. Rather, our primary aim must be to do the will of God.

I am not entirely sure that the plan proposed by Dr. Blake for the union of the Presbyterian Church, the Episcopal Church and the United Church of Christ is the best next step. One problem we Congregationalists have is that we have not yet completed the working out of our union with the Evangelical and Reformed church to form the United Church of Christ. But we are pushing it as fast as we can, and our idea all along has been that we would then be ready to join with others.

We must move toward genuine church unity on all levels, especially the local. I think we should form a Jackson County Council of Churches.

Caroling Planned By Gold Hill Youth

Gold Hill - The Christmas message at Gold Hill Christian church will be a sermon entitled "The Greatest Gift" by Miss Jean Cunningham, minister, at 11 a.m.

The Christmas theme will be carried out during Sunday school classes at 9:45 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. Rex Allison, Sunday school superintendent.

First Christian Lists Activities

"The Meaning of Christmas" is the title of the sermon which the Rev. Fredrick Ross Evans will preach at both services at the First Christian church Sunday morning.

At the first service the youth choir will sing "Who Comes to Bethlehem. This Night!" At the 10:55 a.m. service Mrs. Steven Dodge will sing "O Holy Night" and Stephen Parrish will sing "The Holy City."

There will be no Chi Rho or Christian Youth Fellowship meetings Sunday evening. The Christian Youth Fellowship will have a New Year's Eve party at the Fellowship hall Saturday evening.

The building fund drive has been concluded and was reported well over the set goal. The downtown building which has been outgrown will soon be for sale. The church will vote the first of the year on an architect to draw the plans for the new building. Construction on the church property on Crater Lake highway should begin in the summer.

First Presbyterian Church
Eighth & Holly • Phone SP 2-2830
Dr. D. Kirkland West, Pastor

Sermon: "God's Christmas Gift to You"

A cordial welcome awaits you Sunday morning.
Services 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Church School classes for all ages 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Unity Activities Listed For Sunday

"Child Most Holy" will be the Unity devotion subject Sunday at 11 a.m. at the church at Haven and Holly sts. The Rev. Katharine Bosworth, minister, will speak. Sunday school will not be held Christmas Day, it was announced, and all study classes in Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass will not meet again until the week of Jan. 1.

The Unity Center, 995 South Central ave., is open daily Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For private consultation with the minister telephone SP 2-6602.

'The Visitation' To Be Christmas Sermon Title

Gold Hill - "The Visitation" will be the title of the Christmas sermon message by the Rev. Lochlen L. Gregory, pastor of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church on Sunday at 11 a.m.

"I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day" will be sung by the church choir, directed by Mrs. C. Norman Gail, choir director.

During the worship hour Christmas carols will be sung by the congregation. Mrs. John Bruc will be organist.

Prior to the worship hour the church school classes will present the annual Christmas program at 9:45 a.m.

A featured part of the program will be a pantomime entitled "Drummer Boy" portrayed by a cast of high school students.

A film of the Christmas story will be shown during the service.

The program will also consist of recitations by the youngsters, and a vocal selection "Twelve Days of Christmas" sung by members of the church choir. They are Miss Nancy Meister, Miss Patty Boyd, Miss Gail Griggs, Miss Linda Walker and Miss Shirley Kell. Mrs. John Bruce will play the organ. Miss Vickie Lester will be moderator. Mrs. Fred Lester was in charge of arrangements for the Christmas program.

Members of the church congregation and church school classes will take food items that will be used to make up baskets for needy families in this area. Others who wish to participate may do so.

'Good News' Is Title of Play

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the Central Church of Christ will present a Christmas program. Children of the Bible school will give recitations and an original play entitled "Good News" will tell the Christmas story in the form of a television newscast.

The newscast will be played by Ron Rose with an interview by Mike Johnston and Chuck Henney. Scenes from the new play will be presented in tableaux by children of the church. Treats will be given to the children.

Christmas activities will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a program of recitations and songs by the children of the Bible school. Classes following the program will explore the true meaning of Christmas for each age group. The minister, John V. Heberling, will lead the combined adult classes in study of Luke 2:8-20.

The joyous message of Christ's birth will be reflected in the worship at 11 a.m. The women's trio will sing "O Holy Night." Mr. Heberling will speak on the theme "God's Gift To The World That Has Everything."

There will be no youth meetings Sunday evening. At 7:30 p.m. the service will feature a film entitled "That They May Hear."

The week's activities at Central church include Bible study and prayer on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and an all-church watch party on Saturday from 8 to midnight.

LUTHERAN SERVICE

"What Christmas Brings" will be the sermon subject Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd. The Rev. Elvin S. Tollett, pastor, will speak. A recitation of new members and infant baptism will be held during the service. The Sunday school and Bible class will not meet.

Traditional Services To Be Held at St. Mark's

The Holy Nativity will be welcomed with traditional services at St. Mark's Episcopal church.

The midnight Eucharist will be celebrated on Christmas Eve starting at 11 p.m. with the senior choir, directed by John E. Drysdale, with Mrs. Ernest Conrad at the console. Singing. In addition to the Yuletide hymns and carols, the order of service will include Gounod's setting to the holy communion; "March of the Wise Men" by Gaul for the introit; with Mrs. William F. Herman as soloist. The offertory anthem will be "The Glory of the Lord" by Handel.

The Rev. George Bolster, rector of St. Mark's, will be the preacher and celebrant, assisted by the Rev. Theodore J. Ehrlich.

A family choral eucharist will be held at 10 a.m. on Christmas day with St. Mark's Choristers leading the music, featuring Caldwell's anthem, "Sleep, my Savior, Sleep." Mr. Ehrlich will give a Christmas meditation at this service, which is essentially for parish families and their children.

Christmas eve at 6:30 p.m. the clergy of St. Mark's will conduct a half-hour Christmas service in the chapel of the Rogue Valley Hospital for the benefit of such patients and members of the staff as are able to attend. A copy of St. Luke's Christmas Gospel will be on every meal tray at the hospital on Christmas day with the compliments and good wishes of St. Mark's parish.

Talent Youth Vesper Service Set By Nazarenes

"A First Century Christmas" is the theme for Sunday's service at First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st. This will be held at the vesper hour, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., as announced by the Rev. Harold M. Sanner, pastor.

The entire service will be by candlelight. A mixed octet will open the worship hour by singing "Gloria in excelsis Deo." Other carol arrangements will be featured by this group. The only instrumental music which will be used during the service will be the organ.

A full Sunday school hour and worship service will be held at First Nazarene in the morning. Departmental and class sessions for study of the Christmas story will be held at 9:45 a.m. The worship service will take place at 11 a.m. and will be broadcast over radio station KDOV. The pastor's message will be an exposition of the opening verses of the Book of Hebrews and his subject is "God Speaks Again." Music will be provided by the sanctuary choir and the male quartet.

As a prelude to the 11 a.m. service the 36-piece orchestra will play Christmas carols and the 50-voice mixed chorus will sing "There Where Shepherds." The Rev. Loyce C. Carver, pastor, will deliver the Christmas sermon.

At 6:15 p.m. the orchestra and chorus will be at Camp White to play and sing for the men there. Opening the 7:50 p.m. service at the church the orchestra will play "Adeste Fideles," featuring a trumpet duet by Gene Parker and Lloyd Tyson, Jr., and the chorus will sing the cantata "The Birth of Christ," and Handel's "Hallelujah." An evangelistic sermon will be preached on the Christmas theme.

A regular evangelistic service will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. Then on Friday, Dec. 30, the orchestra, chorus and soloists will present the annual mid-winter concert under the direction of William E. Walden.

Foursquare Church Plans Two Programs

The Foursquare church will present its annual Christmas program Sunday.

Classes will assemble at 9:45 a.m. for counting and gift exchanges and will then be dismissed to the main auditorium where children will present the program beginning at 10:30 a.m. The program is entitled, "The Reason for Christmas."

There will be numbers by the junior choir, and recitations by various classes. The choir will be accompanied by Miss Gloria Rasmussen at the piano and Mrs. Ralph Turner at the organ.

Miss Marcia Trimble will sing, "There Must Be a Reason For Christmas," accompanied by Miss Rasmussen.

A duet, entitled, "Oh Holy Child" will be presented by Ronald Wallace and Connie Varner and Miss Cheryl Turner will sing "Jesus Birthday," accompanied by the junior choir. Miss Gloria and Phyllis Rasmussen will sing a duet entitled, "He Is Here."

The Rev. R. H. Mathewson will speak on "The Christ of Christmas." Following the service there will be treats for the children.

The Crusader group will present a pantomime at the 7:30 p.m. Sunday service entitled, "If Christ Had Not Come." An accordion number will be presented by Miss Gloria Rasmussen entitled, "The Holy City."

Films Planned At Grace Lutheran

Ashland - The Christmas season will be observed at Grace Lutheran church, Frances lane, Ashland, with the Sunday school presenting a worship service with slide pictures and songs on Christmas eve at 7:30 p.m.

Although there will be no Sunday school on Christmas day, the festival will be observed with an 11 a.m. service in which the choir will sing an anthem. The Rev. Albert R. Nickodemus, pastor, will preach on the Christmas story according to St. Matthew.

An informal service is scheduled for Monday at 10 a.m. during which there will be singing of Christmas songs.

Gold Hill Church Lists Activities

Gold Hill - "Gifts For The King" will be the title of the Christmas message at Gold Hill Assembly of God church, Sunday, at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Charles Pearson, pastor of the church.

Music will be presented during the worship hour. Mrs. Ruth McCoy is pianist.

Regular Sunday school classes will be held at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Pearson announced that there will be no young people's meeting or evangelistic services Sunday night, to allow members of the congregation to spend Christmas night in their own homes, with their families.

Eastwood Baptists Announce Services

Christmas services at Eastwood Baptist church at 11 a.m. will feature the chancel choir. It will use "Gloria in excelsis Deo" as its processional and will present a Christmas day concert.

At the service the Rev. Clifford Young, pastor, will give the message on "The Birth of a King," using as his scriptural background Matthew 2:1 to 8 and 12.

There will be no Sunday evening service nor Baptist Youth Fellowship meetings.

The pastor will continue his study of Acts as a devotional book at the mid-week service. The chancel choir will rehearse Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

New Year's Day Mr. and Mrs. Young will have open house at the parsonage from 3 to 5 p.m.

Eastwood BAPTIST CHURCH
Clifford J. Young, B.D.
Pastor
Keweenaw at Ridgeway
MEDFORD, OREGON

December 25, 1960

9:45 a.m. Graded Church School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Chancel Choir Concert
Message: "The Birth of a King."
The Pastor.

No Baptist Youth Fellowship or Evening Service on Christmas Day

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We Invite You to Enjoy
Christmas Day at the

APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School hour
Beginners, Primaries and Juniors:
Christmas songs and recitations

11:00 a.m.—36-Piece Orchestra: Carols,
50-voice Mixed Chorus:
"There Were Shepherds"

Christmas message by Rev. Loyce C. Carver

7:50 p.m.—Orchestra: "Adeste Fideles"
Chorus: Cantata "The Birth of Christ"
and Handel's "Hallelujah"

EVANGELISTIC MESSAGE

Radio Broadcasts
KMED, 9:05 a.m.
KRCV, 4:00 p.m.

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Supervised Nursery

CHRISTMAS
at the
Congregational Church
Groveland Ave. and Oakwood Drive
TWO FAMILY SERVICES
9:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
All Are Welcome