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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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Pastor's Column

It is Monday morning, December 3 and I am sitting here with both the living room doors open to the outside writing. It is a beautiful day and my view overlooks the beautiful Lake-of-the-Bays at Key-stone, Florida. It was a week ago yesterday that we left Toledo and I am beginning to feel relaxed and a bit rested. It is our hope to come back rested and refreshed and ready to do more and better work.

The rest I fear was even more needed than even I realized. I shall not forget the graciousness of the official family at Upton and of the congregation as they bid us go and take the time needed for this important phase of anyone's life. We also are grateful for the gracious invitation of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Feigert to spend the time, or as much of it as we desire, with them in their home here. Mrs. Feigert, as many of you know, is the sister of Mrs. Johnson. And so we find ourselves highly blessed as we spend some time in vacation, the first for so doing in three conference years.

Trees are in full leaf and outside the window to my left the cassia are in full yellow bloom and just around the corner and outside the window there are the poinsettia some five or six feet tall are in all the glory of full red blossom, also, petunia, camellia, glorious palms, orange trees loaded with ripened fruit all add to the picture and fascination. I wish that all could be here to share it with us.

Yesterday we were at the First Baptist Church at Stark, Florida. The membership is about the same in size as that of Upton. The attendance about the same, perhaps a bit better. The building is far superior. Plenty of facilities to carry on the type of program that is needed. On the whole, however, I must say that Upton still holds first place in my heart and a high place in my hopes for a continuing great future. With continued prayer and a will to work there are still greater things in store than she has ever known.

January will be just around the corner when this issue of the Challenger reaches you. It will be the beginning of the new year and with it I hope that there will come to you and yours the best ever. We must, however, remember that not one of us knows what even a day will bring forth. Thus, let us each and everyone resolve that this be a year of prayer for one another and an investment in the things that passeth not away.

For January's messages the pastor will use the following and in this order, "What Is Christianity," "Who Is A Christian," and "How To Become A Christian." These

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:25 A. M.

We invite you to come and become a part of our Sunday School.

WORSHIP 10:30 A. M.

You are breaking the Fellowship if you are not attending church.

SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23RD
7 O'CLOCK

Children of Sunday School will present
An Entertainment in Church Basement
Auditorium.

CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

Oh, I will keep my eyes, dear Lord,
Upon the Christmas star;
I will not falter in my faith
That draws me where You are!
I will not stoop to petty things
That fill my life with dread,
But I will live in sympathy,
And work with Love, instead.
Oh, I will use the kindness, Lord,
That You have given me,
To plant a world of beauty blest
That live eternally;
For I will make the simple things
I pass along Life's road,
Enrich my life, that I may lift
Another's weary load.
Through every hour, each act and deed
That must be mine, always,
I plan to keep a sacred spot
Where I may kneel and pray.
I make this pledge to You, dear Lord,
For You alone can blend
A symphony of Love and Peace
Within the hearts of men!

Veronica Joan King,

—"Otterbein Home News," Dec.

Federation Of E. U. B. Church Women

Upton church was host to the E. U. B. Women's Group on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. Luncheon was served at 12:30 with business meeting called at 1:30 by Mrs. Huffman. It was agreed upon motion that support be given the following—\$10.00 for Leper work; \$5.00 to Phillip Yomamura (Japanese student studying at Denison), and \$5.00 to both Bonebrake and Naperville Seminary Auxiliaries.

A program sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Commission was presented by Mr. Carl Biehl, Mrs. Chambers, of Genoa, and Mrs. Moehring. They gave a demonstration of their work with children showing a method of Child Evangelism as is carried on throughout the city with Christian Mothers as teachers.

Some one hundred and ten persons were present, including several ministers.

H. C.

Lovest Thou Me?

It has been many centuries since Jesus went through Palestine, preaching and healing. He led those who responded to his ministry into a new fellowship with God best described as a Father-Son relationship. He gathered them into a group and placed upon them the responsibility of continuing the work. Around this group of men bound together in the fellowship of a new experience the church had its beginning. Through the centuries the church has been the visible fellowship of Christians and the channel through faith in Christ has expressed itself. It has continued to use the source of inspiration and guidance to those who earnestly seek to life after the Spirit.

The word "Church" appears in the Scripture Records for the first time on that eventful day in Christ's ministry when He inquired of the disciples, "Whom Do Men say that I, the Son of Man am?" Simon answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." To this Jesus replied, "Blessed art Thou, Simon Bar-jonas, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say unto thee that thou art Peter and upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The Master referred to Simon as Rock. It appears in our Bible as Peter but in the Greek, as "Petros". We seek it in such words as petrified which means converted into rock. Petrography which means the description and systematic classification of rocks. Petroleum—which means rock oil, that is, oil coming out of rock beneath the surface of the earth.

But Jesus used the work in a larger sense as a ledge of rock or a rocky peak. "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. The thing you have just professed—is not the result of any human powers you possess but is a truth disclosed to you by my Father. I say unto you that you are a rock and upon this rocky ledge of which you are a part, I will build my church."

A rock conveys thoughts of durability, strength, dependability and stability. Builders of our tall buildings dig deeply into the ground as necessary in order to find rock for foundation. It is evident that Christ used the rock in such a sense because he said, "Upon this rock I will build my church."

It is also plain that another kind of strength is indicated because he continues, "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Now what is it that constitutes the basic foundation of the church? Peter is told that this faith is not the outcome of his own thinking, but the result

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

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are intended to lead us in the way coming up to the special services to be held from Feb. 18 to March 2. At that time the Rev. G. E. Vinaroff of national fame will be with us to conduct nightly services. Mr. Vinaroff is well known to Evangelical United Brethren people having been one of the outstanding leaders in the field of evangelism for many years. Fourteen years ago we were privileged to have him with us for one of the best meetings that we have ever had in this church. We ask now that you make these services a matter of prayer and that you set these nights aside so that as far as possible you may be present each night. Your prayers and attendance are of vital importance to the success of this attempt under the direction of the guidance of the Spirit.

We were delighted with the anniversary day response in the Upton Church. The members of the committees did their work without undue fuss and with every efficiency. From the general chairman, Mr. H. E. Knisely down to the last member of each committee I would like to express my appreciation and to say a hearty "Thanks" for every bit of work and help. The financial response was very fine. In spite of the fact that many are paying weekly to the funds for church erection the cash offering for church erection for the days was above the two thousand dollar mark making a total of some \$14,000 in cash paid into this fund during the past eleven months since the campaign started. This brings the total to some \$16,000 in cash plus enough in properties that additional cash can be realized from to make a grand total in this fund of above \$24,000. January 1, one third of the paying period on the three year pledges will be passed. May we urge that wherever possible that every effort be made to have one third of the pledge paid by that time? Such will encourage all to do more to hasten the day when we may proceed with our plans. Delay breeds delay but nothing succeeds like success. Your promptness in this matter helps to assure the success of the entire program. Perhaps there are also those who have not as yet shared in this venture and would like to boost the work along by a cash contribution at this time. Also there are envelopes for those who would like to give regularly. See the church secretary, call La0936.

I must not close without saying that I am looking forward to the spending of the holiday season with you. Through these years both Mrs. Johnson and myself have come to look upon you as a great and good family of which we are a part. It thus will be the family together. Let us say then, "A Merry and Holy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year." Until that time we will be remembering you often in our thoughts and prayers and covet the same on our behalf from you.

O. E. J.

LOVEST THOU ME?

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of accepting truth that has been revealed to him by the Heavenly Father. Divine revelation and confession of faith in Christ as the Son of God must be the essentials of this foundation.

Divine revelation is necessary if man is to know more than he can see with his physical eye or perceive with his own reason. Many things can be discovered in systematic searching. They are many things however which cannot be discovered. They must be revealed. The love of God must be made known to man by God Himself. Christ as the Son of God redeeming man from sin must be revealed and demonstrated.

From the Master's words it is evident that he considers the foundation of the church to be different from that of other organizations. The strength of the church lies in something beyond a man made creed. Its foundation is in the revealed truth of God that makes Christ known as the redeemer of men and the appropriate human response to this truth. The power of the church is more than the combined strength of its members. It is the fellowship of those who live by a conviction born in the acceptance of truth revealed by God. The Strength of such a fellowship is great.

What can happen to a man like this? Peter the Rock, the great man of God, the man in tune with God. When they laid hold on Jesus and let him away to Caiphas the high priest; where the scribes and elders were assembled, Peter followed afar off and denied that he ever knew Jesus. Then came the crucifixion.

Finally, Peter the Rock, said "I go fishing." They say unto him, "We also go with you." They went forth and entered the boat and that night caught nothing. But when the morning came Jesus stood on the shore but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then said Jesus unto them, "Children, have ye any meat". They answered, "No" and he said unto them, "Cast your nets on the right side of the ship and ye shall find." They cast therefore and now they were not able to draw in their nets for the multitudes of fishes. John saith to Peter, "It is the Lord" and Peter hearing cast himself into the sea and came to shore. As soon as they had come to shore they saw a fire of coals and fish laid thereon and bread. Jesus saith unto them, "Bring the fish which ye have now caught and come dine and none of the disciples dared ask Him who art thou, knowing that it was the Lord. This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples after he was risen from the dead. So when they had dined Jesus saith to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these." He said unto Him, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus saith unto him, "Feed my lambs." He saith unto him again, the second time, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me." He saith unto Him, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest I love Thee." Jesus saith unto him again, the

third time, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" Peter was grieved because he said unto Him, "Lord Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest I love Thee." Jesus saith "Feed my sheep." Ah, yes, Jesus knew that Peter loved Him but He was secondary. JESUS MUST BE FIRST IN YOUR LIFE AND MINE. How about you? Have you ever been asked to do something in your church and you made excuses. Lovest thou me?

Ah, yes, my friends, Jesus demands our ALL. We cannot play second fiddle to God. Jesus Christ the Son of God gave His life a ransom for you and me. What about you? Lovest thou me- Have you caught the impact of this question?

I think Peter the Rock now has caught something new of the Christ. This is the last time we hear of him going fishing, but in a few days we see Peter the Rock standing at Pentecost and preaching to the multitudes. "Thou hast made known to me the ways of life, thou shalt make me full of joy with thy presence. Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and you shall receive the Holy Spirit."

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the key to Christian experience and fellowship. It is the doorway through which all must enter for there is no other. This faith in Jesus Christ brings one into the Christian Fellowship which is called the Church.

LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE.

The above was the morning message as was brought to us—by Mr. Homer E. Knisely on Sunday morning, December 9.

Sunday School

Our average Sunday School attendance for November was two hundred forty-nine as compared with two hundred fifty-one last November. Our Offering averaged \$32.79 against \$29.47 for last November.

At this time we are in the midst of a Thirteen Week Attendance Campaign which began Dec. 2nd. It is very apparent that much interest has been aroused as indicated by the number of our people who are having their attendance recorded each Sunday. We hope you will continue this through and beyond the thirteen weeks. Should your copy of the Challenger reach you in time—our Boys and Girls of the S. S. wish to invite you to an hour of entertainment presented by them on Sunday evening, December 23rd beginning at 7 o'clock. We are told that Santa will visit us following the entertainment.

And now I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you, who through your attendance and your willingness to help, have made my work with you so pleasant throughout this year.

May each of you have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy a Happy New Year in the work of our church.

E. McShane, Supt.

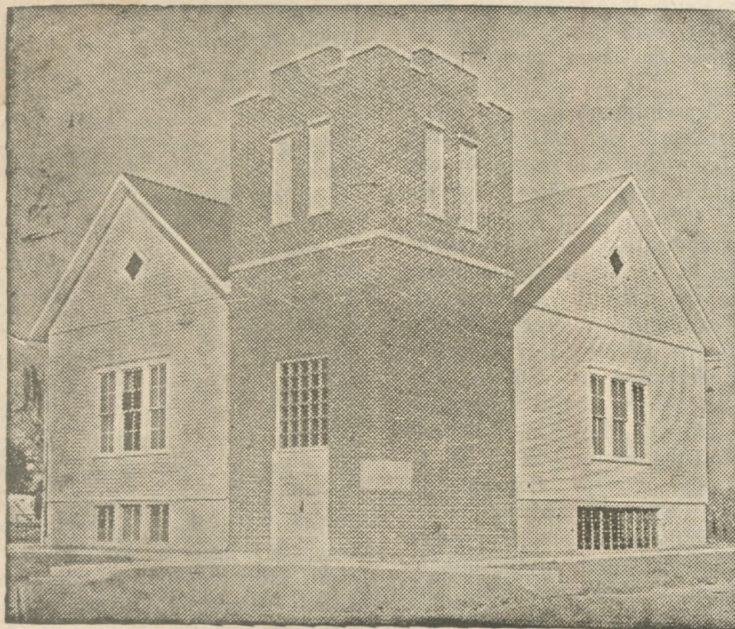
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Marion Salem Dedicates Church



With a deep sense of gratitude to God for His goodness and mercy, the congregation of the Marion Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church together with many friends met on Sunday, November 11, 1951 to formally dedicate the newly remodeled Salem church to the glory of God our Father, to the honor of Jesus Christ, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit.

This was one of the greatest days in the history of Salem Church. The Lord gave us a beautiful day for the occasion and our Homecoming Sunday School attendance was 203.

Rev. C. W. Ruhlman of Columbus, Ohio delivered the morning sermon at the 10:30 worship hour. Morning worship attendance was 235.

In the afternoon service Rev. G. R. Klinefelter of Butler, Ohio presented the dedication of a beautiful luminous painting of Christ by Zabateri. This picture hangs on the wall behind the pulpit and was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ault in loving memory of Pfc. Francis E. Ault, brother of Mr. Ault, and in honor of Mr. Ault's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ault. Pfc. Ault was the only one of our community who gave his life in World War II.

Because of the overflow attendance at the afternoon service many were seated in the basement and heard the service over the public address system which was installed for the day. Bishop Fred L. Dennis D. D., LL.D., of Dayton, Ohio presented the dedicatorial address and challenged this capacity audience with a soul searching, heart warming message.

Many lovely floral offerings from mem-

bers and friends of the church graced the chancel and rostrum.

Rev. Gene Clark, pastor, presided at all of the services of the day. Dr. V. H. Allman of Bluffton, Ohio, conference superintendent, offered our petitions of prayer in the afternoon service. Rev. I.

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Youth Work And Activities

If you are one who has lost faith in our younger generation, you should have been in Columbus over Thanksgiving week-end and cast your eyes upon that grand group of youth meeting in the State Convention. Over three thousand crowded Memorial Hall to share in a very significant gathering under the banner of Christ, using the theme, "God's Power—Our Strength." Over five hundred Evangelical United Brethren young people met in a denominational rally on Saturday afternoon and at a banquet Saturday night to strengthen our denominational ties throughout the state.

As young people were challenged by the "Call to United Youth Action" they certainly went back to their home churches feeling that they are not in this thing alone. Thousands of young people all over our nation are also interested in strengthening the work of the church in the area where it is needed most—in the youth department. Our denomination is one of the strong promoters of the "Call", which is aiming at one million youth and one million dollars for Christ and his cause, to be culminated on the last Sunday of Youth Week, February 3, 1952.

Mid-Winter Convention

The Mid-Winter Convention will be held
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Centenary Church Dedicates New Sanctuary



On November 18, 1951, members and friends of the Centenary E. U. B. Church had the privilege of seeing the new sanctuary dedicated to the worship of God. Services opened at 9:30 A. M. with Irving Andrews, Superintendent, presiding over the Sunday School. The attendance

was 76. The Worship Service followed with the pastor, Rev. Rea Book, presiding. A special number "The Bible Stands" was given by the children. Dr. V. H. Allman gave the morning address to an audience of about 100 people.

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The North District

Rev. F. A. Firestone, Superintendent

"CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS"

and wishes center about Jesus, . . . the bringer of God to men." And, perhaps we should add, the bringer of salvation. A very timely appeal from the Evangelism Department of the National Council of Churches is for all to accept the responsibility of "working for a Christian celebration of Christmas", including Christian greeting cards. Sending cards with a definite and positive Christian symbolism and message can be one form of evangelism. Then let's follow the cards with our prayers. And . . .

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS."

Sick and Convalescing

The Dale Girton family, stricken with polio last August, are improving. Mrs. Girton and little son are at the home of her parents at Mt. Carmel. At this writing Dale is still in the Hospital for Crippled Children, W. Central Avenue, Toledo, but hopes soon to be able to go to the home of relatives.

Mrs. Emerson Iles, wife of our Pastor at Deshler-Oakdale, returned from the Wood County Hospital, Bowling Green, where she underwent surgery.

Rev. D. D. Corl, pastor of Fostoria First Church, is again in Marshalltown, Iowa, for another operation for restoration of vision. To all these and others who may be sick or going through other deep waters we pledge our prayers.

Promotional Groups

One urgent recommendation growing out of the "Central Area Workshop" at Marion, Ohio, November 26 and 27, the section on evangelism, is that all of our Churches make use of the plan for "Promotional Groups" set forth in the Discipline, paragraph 78, page 63. As indicated there, "Such groups may be

especially helpful in evangelistic outreach, by contacting newcomers and unreached persons." They could function equally well in building up attendance at the worship services of the Church and other meetings, in promoting stewardship, conducting the every-member canvass and in Christian education. Distinctive plans suggested in the discussion are, "The Unit Plan" and "The Shepherd Plan." We hope to have more information to pass on later outlining such programs. What suggestions have our own pastors and churches?

Appointments

During November it was refreshing and profitable to fellowship and serve in the following churches and services: November 4, at Riley Center, Javan Corl pastor, in a service of dedication and in the evening at Defiance in the Bryan Group rally, sponsored by the Group Brotherhood. November 11, at Toledo Somerset, Melvin Frey pastor, in the morning service marked by the participation of children and young people as well as adults. November 18, Fremont Trinity, the Thankoffering service conducted by the local W. S. W. S. November 20, the "Game Supper" in Fostoria First Church, speaking to a large group of boys and men. November 25, Sandusky Salem Church in the annual Tithing Festival. November 29, the organizational meeting of the Fremont Group Brotherhood, in which Mr. Noel Smith, Conference Brotherhood President, brought some suggestions from the Men's Congress at Harrisburg, Pa., and outlined the Conference program for men's work. The Group Brotherhood Leader, Merle Dustin, conducted the election. Thank God for these stimulating and encouraging privileges in the midst of many administrative duties and attendance at Board and Committee meetings. The monthly Group meetings have also been seasons of good fellowship with the Brethren and their families.

The South District

Dr. V. H. Allman, Superintendent

When the sound of Christmas carols
Echoes through the frosty air,
And the Yuletide decorations
Brighten doorways everywhere,
Then it is time for sending greetings
That are warm, sincere and true—
Just the kind this little message
Is conveying now—TO YOU.

This Yuletide verse is the message on one of more than a hundred cards already received bearing greetings and the best wishes of the season. This message is expressive of the good will, of love for fellowmen and the abiding friendships that still dominate the lives of millions of men and women. Somehow, I feel that this year, perhaps, as never before, each card is accompanied by a prayer that the friendship, love and goodwill, so abundant at this season of the year, may in the new year grow each day until peace and harmony blesses our entire world. The message of this verse is my personal mes-

sage to you.

Sunday, November 11th the Van Wert Circuit dedicated the house, recently purchased in Scott, Ohio, as the parsonage for the charge. Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Lydick have found the house quite comfortable and are quite happy in their new work.

Sunday, November 11th will ever be a historic day for the congregation of our Marion First Church. Bishop Fred L. Dennis dedicated the beautiful new church. On this day the people realized a dream of many years. How this congregation has prayed, worked, and waited for this blessing. It seemed that morning as I entered the church I could hear the voice of Isaiah shouting. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." Eagle wings bearing us up. Certainly that was the feeling of the membership of the church and those of us who worshipped with them that morning. Rev. D. H. Hochstettler and his good companion along with the congregation deserve the highest praise. Congratulations, pastor and people.

This November 11th will also be a red letter day ever in the memory of pastor Clark and the people of the Marion Salem church. Having completed the service of dedication of the First Church with the morning service Bishop Dennis and myself rushed out into the country to find the Salem Church. This beautiful country church completely remodeled beckons from afar to enter and worship. More than two hundred and fifty people were on hand for the service of dedication. The service was well ordered and Bishop Dennis, as always, with high dignity and great honor to his office brought the service to a glorious climax. Congratulations, pastor Clark to you and to those who toiled so faithfully to make the Salem church unusually attractive and serviceable.

November 18, 1951 is another date that will always be remembered by another unusually loyal and faithful congregation known as the Centenary Church on the Oakwood Circuit. After many months of hard toil and years of sacrificial giving this people dedicated a fine modern rural church worth more than fifteen thousand dollars. The debt is considerably less than one third of the cost and will soon be liquidated. So again, to the pastor, the Rev. Rea Book and the people of the Centenary church—Congratulations!

Rev. Gerald Coen, pastor of the Lima First church underwent major surgery at the Memorial hospital the latter part of November. I am happy to announce that he is fully recovered and has again assumed the full load of responsibility carried by the pastor of this great church.

The Rev. R. L. Sutherland of our Greenwood church, Marion, Ohio, on November 27th had the misfortune of falling and breaking an arm. The injury, though very painful did not keep this good man

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News from the Churches

HARVEST HOME AT WREN

The loyal supporters of our Otterbein Home at Wren Church made a real offering on Sunday, November 4. There were 225 cans of fruit and vegetables, four comforters and seven dollars in cash that were brought to the church and arranged very nicely on the platform.

N. D. Bevis, Pastor

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DUNKIRK

The trustees of the Dunkirk Church, each contributed \$25.00 to head the list for much needed repairs to the roof and ceiling of the church. Last winter snow melting leaked through and ruined the ceiling decorations. These trustees leading the way financially, had the roof repaired, and they themselves took charge of the decorating, giving of their time and means, and now the ceiling looks new and beautiful again. There were some window repairs included high up in the tower, and these were repaired, the total cost being \$300.00 plus the donated labor. We congratulate these leaders.

Rev. C. H. Lilly, Pastor

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ROCKFORD CHURCH

We are glad to report Rockford on the upward scale. God blessed in two weeks of revival held by pastor and people. This revival had a two fold purpose. First, that pastor and people might become better acquainted, this being the pastor's first year. Also to revive the hearts who may have become cold toward God, Church, or fellowman. As usual God did more than was asked of Him. We became better acquainted and many hearts were revived. Then God helped five sinners to come to Jesus Christ at an altar of prayer and there witness the forgiveness of their sins. Two others came for a closer walk with Christ. On several nights we all met around the altar for God to cleanse and make us fit for the master's use. One night we will never forget: the Spirit of the Lord was felt in great power. The Holy Spirit convicted one sinner and she came before the preacher had a chance to preach. That was one of the several nights of rejoicing and victory in the camp. Another blessing from God is to see the evening services almost double in attendance.

The Rockford Church people have done quite well the first three months of the conference year. They have put in the parsonage a large water softener and an eighty gallon hot water heater. Back of the church, a parking lot and drive way to the lot has been improved by the Volunteer, Sunshine, and Sunbeam Classes. The Volunteer class stoned the drive way; Sunshine and Sunbeam classes paid for a \$1500 "Hot Mix" job that cost them but \$640. Along with these several improvements they have met their local and conference expenses to date and are anticipat-

ing a good Christmas offering for Otterbein Home.

An active Youth Fellowship has been started. Attendance is very good. They meet weekly and take part in the Sunday Evening Evangelistic services. Our prayer is, may we be willing to let the Holy Spirit keep us busy in the Father's Business.

R. E. Williman, Pastor

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UNION CENTER, VAN WERT

Union Center Evangelical United Brethren Church on the Van Wert Circuit held a Family Night in the church basement on the evening of November 29. Pfc. Glen McClure and his bride were Honor Guests for the occasion and were presented an all wool blanket from the folks of the church.

A bountiful pot-luck supper was served after which colored slides of travels through western states were shown by Mrs. Russel Perry and enjoyed by all.

Guests in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Albrecht of Flint, Michigan, parents of Mrs. McClure.

Mrs. Wayne Rowe, Reporter.

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OLIVE BRANCH SHOWERS PARSONAGE FAMILY

Members and friends of the Olive Branch Church came to the Parsonage Friday evening, November 23 bringing many valuable gifts of food and produce from their farms and the stores, which will go a long way in meeting the needs in living costs for the rest of the year for the Pastor and his wife.

An evening of informal fellowship was enjoyed by all until midnight and delicious repasts brought in by the people was enjoyed as was planned and prepared by the fine women present.

The Pastor and Mrs. A. C. Coldiron are at a loss for words to express their appreciation for the values contained in these fine gifts: it seemed like "Old Days" of Harvest Home presentations.

Mrs. Coldiron and Pastor had already come to a deep appreciation of these fine people and many previous gifts and favors and conclude by adding, we are glad to serve them as Pastor and wife.

A. C. Coldiron, Pastor

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VICTORY AT SALEM, WAPAKONETA

Since 1938 the Salem Evangelical United Brethren church has observed what they choose to call Harvest Home Sunday. It originated in the interest of the indebtedness of the church. In the fall of 1948 the church dedicated a beautiful parsonage. Since that time this festival time has been used in the interest of the indebtedness here. This year's goal was set higher than any previous year, as has been the custom each year. The goal of \$2600 seemed pretty high for a congregation of less than two hundred members. But their comment was we never have failed, we shall not this year. November 25th was the day set. Dr. D. H. Gilliatt was the speaker. After an inspiring and challenging message the offering was received.

When counted and reported there was thirty one hundred dollars in cash, besides pledges. The noon day meal, a fellowship dinner in the basement of the church was a time of rejoicing.

As a new pastor, just coming in September, I can take no credit. However I am happy to report that the Salem people are awake and looking forward to some very fine things in the future.

E. J. Haldeman, Pastor

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EDGERTON CHURCH INSTALLS NEW GAS FURNACE IN PARSONAGE

The friends and members of the Edgerton Trinity church are in process of improving the church parsonage. To date a number of activities have been carried on in this program. The kitchen has been remodeled with the installation of fine cabinets and double sink, and numerous small improvements have been made throughout the house. A new gas burning furnace, a much needed item, is now in process of installation, and the church is rejoicing that this has been realized.

Trinity is anticipating a period of progress for the Lord and this community. The members are hard at work to increase attendance and interest. The church was privileged to realize their highest attendance on the Sunday of the 25th of November, and the Church School is leading the way with an attendance contest that is proving successful. Church activities such as, the monthly Family Night, Young Adult Fellowship, and Special Services have stimulated interest and encouraged newcomers.

David E. Weinzierl, Pastor

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ANNUAL HOMECOMING SERVICE HELD AT OLD FORT CHURCH

The annual Homecoming Services were held in the Old Fort E. U. B. Church, November 18, 1951. Worship Service held at 9:30 A. M. had as the theme "Grateful Hearts". Sunday school followed at 10:30 A. M., and a potluck dinner was served in the church parlor with members and guests participating.

A brief after-dinner program was presented.

Many former members returned to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Attendance was as follows: Worship Service, 170; Sunday School, 209, and for dinner, 140.

Marion E. Flumerfelt, Reporter

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HOMECOMING AT CRIDERSVILLE

The annual Homecoming and Rally Day at Cridersville E. U. B. church was observed November 11 by special morning and afternoon services. Special music was given in the morning services by Miss Marlene Miller, Miss Sharon Evans, Mrs. Eugene Dubois and Mrs. Donald Geirhart. The morning message on the topic, "The Grace of Christ" was given by the pastor, Rev. Delbert E. Cress, who is again able to fill his pulpit after a three months' illness.

Following a basket dinner and social hour a goodly number gathered for the

afternoon service. A recently organized young orchestra gave special music. The Leo Foltz family sang several gospel selections. Rev. Claude Chivington, a former pastor, brought the afternoon message.

All the services were well attended. Plans are being made for special Thanksgiving and Christmas services.

Delbert E. Cress, Pastor

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VAN WERT CALVARY

On Sunday, November 11th a service of recognition of all who were in the service of their country, present and past wars was held and at eleven o'clock our boy scout troop under the leadership of Scoutmaster, Elmer Woods and his assistant scoutmaster, Robert Hoffman, marched to the east door of the sanctuary with their flag and stood at attention as Miss Roselyn Hattery, Church organist played the National Anthem, the congregation facing the east remained at attention with the scouts until the taps were played.

Our church cooperated with the churches of the city in the Annual Union Thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening in the First Methodist church. This is the first of our Thanksgiving Eve service. Our services in the past held on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 were very poorly attended. The Ministerial Association voted to change and as the result over 500 people attended and heard our new bishop of the central area of our denomination, the Rev. Fred L. Dennis, D. D., LL. D. of Dayton who spoke on the subject, "Things That Abide." The High School Girls' Ensemble and the High School Boys Octette under the leadership of Prof. H. Herbert Jones of our High School, furnished the music.

County Christian Endeavor Fall Banquet was held in our church on Wednesday, Nov. 28th and served by our Men's Brotherhood. Paul Sherman was toastmaster. The speaker for the evening was state field secretary, Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur.

Walter Marks, Pastor

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POINT PLACE BROTHERHOOD AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS SINGSPARATION

The Brotherhood and the Youth Fellowship at the Toledo Point Place Church are sponsoring a Sunday Evening Singspiration Service at 7:30 P. M. every Sunday. These services began the first Sunday in November, and have been well attended. They have consisted of hymn singing, interspersed with prayer and short devotional talks. Since the Sunday School has ordered a new Bell & Howell Filmsound 16 mm projector, plans are being made for the showing of religious films on Sunday evenings in connection with the Singspiration Program.

YOUTH WORK AND ACTIVITIES

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this year at First Church, Marion, Ohio, December 27-29 with the Rev. Don Hochstettler as host pastor. The program is

as follows:

Thursday, December 27, 1951
Registration and Room Assignments10:00 A. M.
Noon Meal12:00 Noon
Afternoon Session 1:30 P. M.

Devotions
Appointing of Committees:
Nominations
Tellers
Introductions
Keynote Address Rev. F. A Firestone
Discussion Group Meetings
Reassembly
Hymn
Adjournment
Directed Recreation, Rev. Kenneth Stover
Evening Session, 7:00 P. M.
Devotions
Singspiration
led by Rev. and Mrs. John Searle, Jr.
Christmas Play Marion Calvary Church
Announcements
Offertory
Benediction

Friday, December 28, 1951
Morning Session 9:00 A. M.
Morning Devotions
Discussion Groups
Reassembly
Music
Address James Jones
President, Toledo Youth Federation
"Conquering for Christ By Answering His Call"
Report of Nomination Committee
Elections
Business Session
Announcements
Adjournment

Afternoon Session 1:30 P. M.
Devotions
Discussion Groups
Reassembly
Music
Address James Jones
"The Call' As I See It"
Report of Election
Announcements
Adjournment
Directed Recreation
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BANQUET 6:30 P. M.—Rev. C. Willard Fetter, Speaker,
First E. U. B. Church, Akron, Ohio
Don Sullivan, Master of Ceremonies
Saturday, December 29, 1951
Morning Session 9:00 A. M.

Morning Devotions
Discussion Groups
Reassembly
Special Music
Address Rev. C. Willard Fetter
Installation of Officers — Youth Director
Consecration Service and Benediction
DISCUSSION GROUPS

Youth and the Missionary Program of the Church
Youth Fellowship—Officers and Program
Your Protestant Faith as Related to Other Faiths
Learning from the Bible—the Book of Amos.
Christian Choices—What is the Christian Thing to Do?
Registration and meals will cost \$4.50.

To assist the host pastor in making arrangements for same, send a card before December 21 to the Rev. Don Hochstettler, 227 S. Prospect, Marion, Ohio, indicating how many young people from your church expect to attend.

It is hoped that churches will send their key young people to this gathering so that they will get needed information concerning the Youth Fellowship program, the Call to United Youth Action, and also receive inspiration and challenge for everyday Christian living. There is an excellent program planned, and it should be just the boost that youth need to get a good start for the new year ahead.

Appreciation Offering

If you have not yet received your Appreciation Offering, you still have time to do so. Gather your Appreciation Offering boxes, or take an offering and send same to the Rev. W. P. Alspach as soon as possible. Remember that this offering is used by our Board of Missions to provide scholarship aid for young people from our mission fields who want to continue their education. During this past year, the following overseas students have been among those who have received help: Flora Ariga from Japan, Gertrud Kuecklich from Germany, Max Bailor from Africa, Herbert Dymale from Germany, Fumio Koike from Japan, Toshio Ota from Japan, and Martin Stetler from Switzerland.

Wendell W. Freshley
Director of Youth Work

Otterbein Home, "A Wonderful Place"

Rev. L. E. Ames, conference secretary, received a letter from Rev. Miss Cora Tester, in which she praises the Otterbein Home. Knowing that Rev. Tester is well known in Ohio Sandusky Conference, the letter has been submitted for partial publication in the conference news.

"I am still at the home and think it is a wonderful place. I am feeling pretty well, but tire easily. My nerves are bad. The Lord is my stay and I am trusting Him. I enjoyed preaching for 35 years, but the retired relation is more slow. After awhile we will all be gathered home. Miss Close is not very good. She has sugar diabetis bad. She was here with me at Samaritan Hall but had to be in the Hospital where she is now. She has the best of care by nurses and doctors. They tell me she is getting along well. We are about one mile apart now. I read lots and pray much, and trust the Lord. I know his promises are true and sure."

Bits Of Wisdom

By Dr. J. H. Patterson, Toledo, Ohio

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"Nothing succeeds better than success."—Sam Jones.

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"I have no time to worry," says the happy man. "In the day time I am too busy; at night I am too sleepy."

MARION-SALEM DEDICATES CHURCH

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H. Amore of Columbus, Ohio led the congregation in the morning prayer. Special music for the various services was furnished by Robert Heimlich of Cardington, Ohio, Howard Tittlebaugh of Mansfield, Ohio, and Lewis Ruhlman of Marion, Ohio. They were accompanied on the piano by Miss Margaret Howser.

The usual Sunday evening evangelistic service was held at 8:00 with Rev. Clark bringing a message on the subject, "Life's Greatest Question." At the close of the sermon the lights were dimmed and the newly dedicated picture of Christ was used as a closing theme. This was very impressively done while the piano played the song, "What Will You Do With Jesus?" and the minister read the verses.

The remodeling began on Labor Day 1950, and it was a year before completion was made. The project included a new basement under the entire church and complete renovation of the interior and exterior of the building. The basement floor is fully cemented and houses class rooms especially adapted to beginners and primary work. The large basement assembly room is used for a youth chapel, social and dining room purposes. The adjoining kitchen is very spacious and nicely arranged and equipped. The building is heated by a forced air fuel oil system. The entrance or foyer of the church is newly constructed of wire cut brick while the rest of the building is of frame construction. The old bell was put back into the belfry and the members still come to worship at its beckon. The interior of the sanctuary was completely remodeled and new hardwood floors were laid. The outside of the building was renovated and painted white. Concrete walks were laid on the newly seeded terrace lawn. The remodeling began with Rev. A. C. Coldiron as pastor and was completed under the ministry of Rev. Clark who was assigned here on September 2 at the annual meeting of the Ohio Sandusky Conference. Too much credit cannot be given to the building committee who worked sacrificially many times, toiling day after day to make our dreams come true. Others in the congregation, as well as people in the community, gave graciously of their time to the task at hand and many times worked late at night.

The Salem Church was organized in 1837 and is now 114 years old. From this church the Marion Calvary Church was organized and from the Calvary Church two other churches were organized; the Marion Greenwood, and the Marion Oakland churches. Until 1851, when the first church was built, the Salem congregation met in homes of the community. The first church caught fire and was completely destroyed after a Sunday night service in 1867. A new church was erected in 1868 and on October 25 of the same year this church was dedicated. In 1903 a prayer room was added. The centennial celebration of the church was held on October 10, 1937. The corn-

er stone of the present structure was laid by Rev. A. C. Coldiron on June 10, 1951. Harold Miller of Galion, Ohio, a member of the church, was the architect and Raymond Gay of Marion, Ohio was the contractor.

At the afternoon service the pastor read greetings from former pastors who were unable to be present for the day. The free-will offering on this day amounted to \$2,700 which will be applied on the indebtedness of \$11,500. The total cost of the project was \$33,000.00. We are all praising the Lord for His blessings and the wonderful day of this dedication service.

In a recent letter from our pastor he states, "now however, we dare not rest on our laurels and conclude that we have arrived at the point of perfection and there is nothing more to be done. We have just begun." The church has adopted the full scope of the general church program and in cooperation with the evangelistic advance is planning a spiritual life crusade to begin December 10 with a community visitation campaign which will lead up to our midwinter revival services beginning on December 31, New Year's Eve. The pastor is planning a catechism and membership instruction class to begin on the first Monday night in February.

Clara Klinefelter, reporter
Gene Clark, Pastor

Rev. Smith Officiates At Daughter's Wedding

Miss Ruth E. Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. V. E. Smith, exchanged wedding vows with Carl A. Miller in a double ring ceremony in the Mt. Zion E. U. B. Church, with Rev. V. E. Smith officiating. The altar of the church was decorated with white mums, gladioli and two seven branched candelabra.

Preceding the ceremony, an interlude of nuptial music was presented by Carl E. Clime, soloist, and Mrs. C. F. Tschanen, organist.

Given in marriage by her brother, Robert E. Smith, the bride wore a white slipper satin gown designed with a V-shaped neckline of net fashioned in an off-the-shoulder style with a ruffle of chantilly lace edging the net. The long, fitted sleeves were also trimmed in lace and the full skirt extended into a cathedral train. Her fingertip veil of illusion was held by a chantilly lace Juliet cap edged with seed pearls. Her only jewelry was a gold cross and chain which was a gift of the bridegroom. She carried the handkerchief of the local chapter of her sorority, Beta Sigma Phi. Her bouquet was a shower cascade of white pompons, centered with an orchid.

Miss Shirley Smith, sister of the bride, served as maid-of-honor while Mrs. Rodney Worden and Mrs. Charles Baehr were bridesmaids. Mary Ellen Harmon was the flower girl. Michael Miller, nephew of the bridegroom was ringbearer.

Warren Miller served his brother as best man and the ushers were his other brothers, Alvin, Wilbur and James Miller.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the church parlors.

The lace covered serving table was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake. At the coffee services were Mrs. Junior Miller of Nevada and Miss Alice Brinkman. Mrs. H. J. Criblez of Lima and Miss Margaret Meyer of Castalia also assisted in the serving with Mrs. T. J. Crissinger, Mrs. Roy Wilson and Mrs. Clifford Hoover.

Out-of-town guests were from Sandusky, Castalia, Toledo, Walbridge, Lima, Midletown, Wellsboro and Pittsburg, Pa.

After a wedding trip through the eastern states, the couple will reside on a farm on the Marion Road. Mrs. Miller is employed as a bookkeeper at the General Electric offices and Mr. Miller farms.

Letter from Rev. D. D. Corl

Evangelical Deaconess Hospital
Marshalltown, Iowa

Dear Brother Heckert:

I want to express my appreciation through the columns of the Ohio Sandusky News, which you so ably edit, to the many persons over the conference who wrote to me when I was here in the hospital.

I was operated the 10th of last month (October) for cataract on my right eye in which I had been blind for over two years. I was dismissed October 27, and am exceedingly thankful to the goodness of our Lord for restoration of clear, bright sight in that eye. It has been indeed a pleasure the past three weeks to be able to again drive my car, read clearly and to sit in the pulpit and recognize the folks on the back seat of the balcony.

I most sincerely am grateful for so many good things God has given me: including faithful Inez Pearl who for over a year has driven the car for me that I might care for the work of my charge and also conference tasks committed to me—also my good folks in the Fostoria Church who have borne with me during these months when the fog surrounding me kept getting more and more dense—also the many folks over the conference who have prayed for me, and wrote to me during my hospital stay. I didn't get time to answer all these kindnesses by personal word before I came back—hence this note. I most certainly do appreciate all of it.

I have been admitted to the hospital again today (November 27). I go into surgery in the morning for removal of the cataract on the left eye, which though not blind, is very very dim, especially when now compared with the clear new "technicolor" vision of the right eye. Hope to be home, God willing, by Christmas. I want to be in good shape so I can undergo the ordeal of becoming a grandfather.

So to everybody, including our two superintendents who preached for me, I say a sincere "thank you."

Daniel D. Corl

Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1951
(Month ending December 6th)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

Monthly Budget	Paid Nov.	Group Ins. By Pastor Paid Nov.	Missions Day Offering Paid Nov.	Sunday Sch. Avg. Att. Nov.	Morning Worship Att. Nov.
NORTHERN DISTRICT					
BOWLING GREEN GROUP					
Belmore	\$70	\$63	\$ 6	\$ 125	90
Center	25	25		35	35
Bethel-Townwood ..	21	21	6	20	*30
Bethel	25	23		40	48
Bowling Green	250	250	12	349	300
Custar	20	20	6	*38	*37
West Hope	42	42		*58	*58
Deshler	60	60		17	88
Oakdale	90	90		26.69	99
Hoytville	100			46.75	107
Luckey	50	50	6	25.50	91
North Baltimore ..	100	100	6	138	100
Portage	35	105			
Mt. Zion	60	60		62.70	
South Liberty	50	25	6	50	45
Mt. Hermon	17	16		30	20
Tontogany	17			31	25
Pleasant View	6				
Webster	30	30	6	14	38
Cloverdale	20	20		32.35	57
BRYAN GROUP					
Bridgewater	45		6	91	81
Bryan	160	160	6	*184	179
Center Circuit:					
Center	20		6	37	31
Logan	10	10		*34	32
Mt. Olive	20	10			22
Defiance, First	160	73			
Defiance Circuit:					
Mt. Calvary	33	33	6	25.80	55
Rural Chapel	17	17		25	26
Edgerton	20	20	12	14.16	*85
Hicksville	165	165	12	*163	178
Montpelier	160	160	6	147	180
West Unity	19	19	6	27	49
Ebenezer	19	19		42	46
Salem	5			*10	10
FOSTORIA GROUP					
Bascom	65	78	6	13.53	*82
Bettsville	36	36	6	11	75
Trinity	45			25	93
Bloomdale	70	70	6	116	87
Fostoria, Bethel	58	116	6	108	90
Fostoria, First	280	280	6	31	*286
Kansas	10	10	12	26	24
Canaan	40	40		34	36
Pleasant View	45	45		51	50
Rising Sun	45	59.76	6	85	56
West Independence ..	75	75	6	*189	*181
FREMONT GROUP					
Burgoon	100	100	6	*132	90
Fremont, Memorial ..	100		6	108	114
Fremont, Trinity ..	192	183.36	6	100	246
Gibsonburg	64		6	137	90
Green Springs	56			96	79
Helena	59	59	30	63	62
Lindsey	130	130	6	117.96	204
Old Fort	100	100	6	48.30	*183

Riley Center	13	13		10	*17	*25
Woodville	160	160	6		*213	*218
NAPOLEON GROUP						
Ai	40				37	28
Lebanon	10	10				
Mt. Pleasant	40	35			37	37
Dutch Ridge					24	22
Delta	56	47	6		91	67
Zion	60	60		72.04	105	92
Liberty Center	35	35			71	70
Malinta	30	25		10	*58	*45
McClure	100	100			*111	*89
Monclova	18					
Wilkins	14					
Napoleon	83	48	6	59.48	145	90
Wauseon, First	40	40	10		67	52
Wauseon, Beulah ..	20	20			52	49
North Dover	50	39.57			66	66
Whitehouse	59	59	6		123	98
SANDUSKY GROUP						
Bellevue	138		6		235	178
Flat Rock	74	222				
Kelley's Island	26				27	18
La Carne	17	17	18		32	34
Locust Point	17	17			31	33
Mt. Carmel	100	75	6		106	111
Port Clinton	80	86	6	6.55	77	77
Sandusky, Col. Ave. ..	22	22	6		*70	*45
Sandusky, Salem ..	68	150	6		74	76
TOLEDO GROUP						
Elliston	73				118	101
Millbury	25	125	6		84	81
Moline	55					
Perrysburg	65	261.68	14	14.85	106	106
Rocky Ridge	13	50			19	22
Toledo, Calvary	145	145	12	58	257	170
Toledo, Colburn	160	160	6		118	100
Toledo, E. Brdway ..	190	160			174	206
Toledo, First	250	250	6		180	155
Toledo, Oakdale	170	170			*310	*256
Toledo, Point Place ..	75	75	18		159	115
Toledo, Salem	60	60	6		88	92
Toledo, Somerset	170	186	6		170	232
Toledo, Upton	250	250	6		250	242
Toledo, Zion	158	160	6		180	*165
Walbridge	12	12	6		53	48
Hayes	10	10			*54	*34
SOUTHERN DISTRICT						
BUCYRUS GROUP						
Bellevue Circuit:						
Pleasant Grove ..	14					
Pleasant Hill	22					
Trinity	29					
Brokensword	21		6		35	31
Lykens	41				92	89
Pleasant Home ..	18	18.42			47	44
Bucyrus Circuit:						
Harmony	30	30	6	12	45	47
Zion	30	50			63	62
Bucyrus, First	125	250	6		*139	*139
Bucyrus, Grace	125	125	6	34.26	186	168
Galion	80	80	6		125	135
Johnsville	97	97	6	28	133	134
Mt. Zion	90					
North Robinson	60	43	6		64	67
Liberty Chapel ..	33	47.50			43	44
Oceola	60	80.46			76	73
Olive Branch	22				30	34
Smithville	50	50	12		56	54
Mt. Zion	21	25.19			47	48
Sycamore	75	50	6		100	102
Upper Sandusky ..	128	127.75	18		259	213

Upper Sandusky Circuit:

Belle Vernon	11			29	20
Salem	30	30	6	53	56
Williamsport	40	40		74	75

FINDLAY GROUP

Bairdstown	21	21		44	36
Benton Ridge	60	60	6	14	100

Benton Ridge Circuit:

Pleasant Hill	35	50			
Trinity	10	17			

Bluffton Circuit:

Bethesda	14	40.50	6	24	26
Liberty Chapel	17	15		28	29
Olive Branch	30			23	19
Bethlehem	50	50	6	69	69
Carey	91	92	6	*183	141

East Findlay Circuit:

Ark	30			38	42
Mt. Zion	45	23		45	45
Findlay, First	312	312	6	311	368
Findlay, St. Paul's	223	223	2	152.70	363
Findlay, W. Park	28	27.50	6	5.93	*55
Salem	13	2		2	20
Leipsic	50	36	6	103	79
Forest Grove	20			44	43
Kieferville	20	9		24	23
Mt. Cory, Zion	40	40	6	30.25	70
Pleasant View	50			15	63
Rawson	100	85	6	*127	90

South Findlay Circuit:

Pleasant Grove	25	10		17	32
Salem	25			38.20	28
Van Buren	100		6	31	105
Vanlue	50	50	6	76	76

Vanlue Circuit:

St. Paul	19	20		67	67
Union	30	30		36	31

West Findlay Circuit:

Powell Memorial	42	40	18	*57	*57
Zion	25			*33	*33

Wharton Circuit:

Beech Grove	25	11	6	37	37
Big Oak	42	42		76	76

LIMA GROUP

Blue Lick	25	25	6	41	42
Columbus Grove	150	125	6	*146	*121
Cridersville	25	39	6	*61	*48
Kemp	25	21		30	30
Delphos	75	75	6	129	118
Dunkirk	65	65	6	55	64
Walnut Grove	100	100		115	107
Elida	100	50	12		
Lakeview	45	22		51	46
Lima, First	231	231	6	260	201
Lima, High St.	205	205	6	220	*213
Marion (Elida)	22			32	32
Santa Fe	45	30		141	132
Vaughnsville	75		6		

MARION GROUP

Cardington, Center	50	30	6	12	74
Fairview	22	22		13	31
Climax	10	40		21	24
Hepburn	15			*10	17
Hopewell	16	32		*16	19
Otterbein	30	30		39	*42
Marion, Calvary	195	195	6	276	237
Marion, First	100				
Marion, Greenwood	92	92	6	188	*125
Marion, Oakland	148	148	6	*247	*180
Marion, Salem	27	32	6	32.41	*132
New Winchester	25	17	12	33	35
Peoria	7	7		34	25
Mt. Zion	4	4		11	11

West Mansfield	12	12	6	15	18
York	50	50		52	54

ST. MARYS GROUP

Bethel	15	15		29	68
Celina, Bethany	153	153	6	151.33	207

Celina Circuit:

Hope	44	44		52	57
Mt. Carmel	22	22		73	64
Ft. Rec'y'ry, Bethel	18	16	6	25	40
Mt. Zion	45	45	6	25	40
Old Town	16	16		18.25	33
Olive Branch	22	22		38	38
Pasco	40	40	6	31	34
Sidney	90	90	6	31	34
St. Marys	90	90	6	111	*98
Wapakoneta	48	48	12	109	107

VAN WERT GROUP

Bethel-Mt. Zion Circuit:

Bethel	15	25		*53	*55
Mt. Zion	15	10		*42	*44
Continental	50		6	9	57
Mt. Zion	40			42	42
Wisterman	25			23	27

Grover Hill Circuit:

Blue Creek	30	30	12	26	33
Middle Creek	35	75		41	40
Mt. Zion	25	25		54	50
Mt. Pleasant &	80	50	6	24	70
Harmony		10		23	23
Oakwood	50	50	12	117	117

Oakwood Circuit:

Centenary	25	25	6	51	51
Prairie Chapel	25	25		*48	*58
Rockford	200	200	6	255	223
Van Wert, Calvary	105	105	6	155	147

Van Wert Circuit:

Grand Victory	44	44	6	77	77
Union Center	25	25		60	60
Van Wert, Trinity	143	143	6	185	195
Wren	65	65	6	82	81
Willshire, Union	35	35	6	73	70
Wood Chapel	25	25	6	53	49
Bethel	25				
St. Peter's	12	12		15	14

WILLARD GROUP

Attica, Federated	20	20	6	33	*59
Attica Circuit:					
Ricmond	50			50	50
Union Pisgah	40	30	15	17	48
Biddle	15	15	6	20	29
Bloomville	45	45	6	20	29
Harmony	40	40		90	80
Leesville	45	45			
Republic	30	30	6	30	51
Pietist				63	100
Shelby	231	231		229	199
South Reed	22	22	18	28	30
Tiffin	75	150	12	195	*130
Tiro	90	90	6	83	109
Willard	285	311	6	350	340

Totals	\$13307.69	\$876	\$1817.99
Late on last year's budget:			
Rising Sun	19		

\$13326.69

Paid this month to the College-Seminary Project:

Oakdale (Deshler Ct.), \$7; Flat Rock, \$24.25; Elliston, \$19.38; North Robinson, \$1.50; Cridersville, \$15.

On Camp St. Marys pledges:

Belmore, \$50; Fostoria, First, \$10; Lima, First, \$5.

CENTENARY CHURCH DEDICATES
NEW SANCTUARY

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At the noon hour a basket dinner was served to 160 guests in the basement of the church. Rev. W. A. Lydick, a former pastor, voiced the noontime prayer.

During the afternoon program, which started at 2:00 o'clock, special numbers were given by the Prairie Chapel, Oakwood and Wisterman Churches; songs, duet and solo by the Centenary Church. Remarks were given by Rev. E. W. Goings of Delta, O., Rev. F. A. Whetstone of Custar, Rev. W. A. Lydick of Scott, Rev. Lawrence White of Oakwood, Rev. H. D. Fricke of Defiance and the Rev. Rea Book, pastor. Dr. V. H. Allman, conference superintendent, gave the address and conducted the dedicatory service.

The new church was started back in 1943 when a building fund was set up under the pastorate of Rev. Kenneth Stover. In the fall of 1949, Dr. V. H. Allman gave an address promoting and encouraging the necessity of the new church. Amid the encouragement and hopes of seeing the new building coming true, men of the congregation started the cutting and sawing of native timber to lay the ground work of the enterprise in April 1950. On July 30, 1950, a groundbreaking service was held with Dr. Allman officiating. Rev. F. A. Whetstone was pastor. In August of the same year (1950), the new church was actually started. The cornerstone was laid in October 1950 by Rev. W. A. Lydick. The new church was finished in July 1951.

The new church is constructed of native timber, donated by numerous neighbors. The interior is beautifully finished in blond birch ply wood with green carpeting on the floor furnished by the Ladies Aid. Rev. Lydick refinished the altar of the old church with blond birch for use in the new structure. A divided chancel composes the rostrum with a choir loft in the background.

Features of this rural church are: a basement, numerous class rooms, an oil furnace, sanctuary and a kitchen. The kitchen is equipped with an electric stove, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Howell. The Risley family of Oakwood gave the Piano. A new electric clock was given by Mrs. Doris Adams. A Communion Table was made and given by Mr. Lewis Beemer of Oakwood. The choir chairs were given by various members. The minister's stand was made by Rev. W. A. Lydick. Mats at the entrance were given by the Young Married People's Class. Two classes also gave the Christian and American Flags.

The estimated cost of the church is \$20,000.00. On Dedication Day, the debt stood at \$4,000.00. Since then \$1,000.00 has been paid in.

Trustees of the church are: Irving Andrews, Ansel Grove, Charles Grimes, George Font and Alvin Long. The janitors are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Long.

—Twylah Fitzwater, reporter

THE SOUTH DISTRICT

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in for long. He is out and again busy with his many parish duties.

Christmas time is always a busy time and I shall not lengthen this column except to say:

May the peace and joy of Christmas
Remain with you through all the New Year.

Van Wert Group Rally,
Great Success

The Van Wert Group Rally was held in the Hoaglin-Jackson School with the Reverend Elwood Botkin and his good people as our hosts. Carry-in-supper at 5:30 was one we shall never forget, the response was wonderful. We did not anticipate such a large attendance and the cafeteria was far too small for such an attendance. (We have already planned, that the next time we attend any school, tables will be the full length of the hall, so all will be served immediately.) Group meetings were called at 6:45 under the following leaders,

W. S. W. S.—Mrs. Darrell Huffman
Youth Fellowship—Miss Roselyn Hattery
Brotherhood—Mr. Harold Gribler
Christian Education—Rev. Robert Williman
Evangelism—Rev. Walter Marks

The boys and girls under the 12 year age limit were cared for by Mrs. Robert Williman and her helpers. A fine children's meeting. The evening service at 8:00 P. M. We had Evangelist and Mrs. Elvin Jones who had complete charge of the music. Our Conference Superintendent, Dr. V. H. Allman was the speaker of the evening.

A service of installation for the newly elected officers was conducted by Dr. Allman. Following officers were installed:

Youth Fellowship—Bill Reese, President, Oakwood; Lynn Wortman, Vice Pres., Mt. Pleasant; Dottie Lou Stewart, Sec'y., Van Wert Trinity; Ninallee Burton, Chorister, Mt. Pleasant; Carol Wortman, Pianist, Mt. Pleasant; Rev. Robert Williman, Pastor Advisor.

Brotherhood—Harold Gribler, President, Van Wert Calvary; Menford Yoh, Vice Pres., Harmony; L. A. Ripley, Sec.-Treas., Union; Vernon Weisenborn, Chrm., Devotional Life, Rockford; Rev. W. A. Lydick, Chrm., Christian Training, Van Wert Ct.; Henry Sherer, Chrm., Christian Service, Grover Hill; James Foust, Chrm., Christian Fellowship, Van Wert Ct.

W. S. W. S., Mrs. Darrell Huffman, President, Rockford; Rev. Robert Williman, Group Chairman Christian Education.

Walter Marks, Group Leader

Successful Fall Institute
Held

The Ohio Sandusky Branch Women's Society of World Service and Christian Service Guilds have just completed their first series of Fall Missionary Institutes as a new Branch. The Institutes were most successful, both in point of inspiration

and information.

Miss Gladys Ward was a most capable speaker, challenging all who heard her, as she shared her missionary experiences of the past six years in South China. Our Conference Superintendents, Dr. Allman and Rev. Firestone brought us up to date on our new Conference organization, and inspired us to greater accomplishments in the future. A period called a "panel discussion" was a feature of the institute program. Branch officers constituted the panel, and brought out much information along promotional lines for the benefit of all who attended. Probably the Branch officers made the closest contact with local society members in the "workshops" at institutes. The three major emphases: Spiritual Life, Missionary Education and Christian Social Relations, were stressed in these workshops, and were led by the Branch Secretaries of these departments: Mrs. Parker Young, Mrs. Allen Vickery and Mrs. Torrey Kaatz respectively.

Approximately 1600 women were in attendance during the daytime sessions, and offerings totalling between \$1500-\$1600 were received, exact figures not being available at this writing. We praise God for this wonderful manifestation of cooperative effort on the part of our Branch missionary women.

Our Youth Services in the evening following our daytime sessions, were most successful. A Fellowship supper preceded each evening service and young people had a fine opportunity to become acquainted with each other. Rev. Wendell Freshley and Rev. Kenneth Stover took turns in meeting with the young people and supervising the service, on the various evenings. Miss Ward provided a stimulating message for the young people at each evening session, which should bear fruit in the future of their lives.

Our new Ohio Sandusky Branch President, Mrs. C. D. Wright, and her corps of Branch officers, especially our 14 group leaders, assisted in planning and presided at institutes, and made a fine contribution to the success of our institutes. A real spirit of devotion and consecration to the Cause of Christ was manifested on the part of all, not only in the early days of institute planning, but during the seven days of institutes themselves. With this fine spirit in evidence as we have completed our first project together, our Ohio Sandusky Branch has every right to expect greater accomplishments in the future as a united Branch, than either accomplished as a separate organization. "That ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Phil. 1:27.

—Mrs. Raymond Heter

Bits Of Wisdom

By Dr. J. H. Patterson, Toledo, O.

"There is a time I know not when,
A place I know not where,
That marks the destiny of men,
For glory or despair."

Ladies' Aid

When people are happy and thankful, they feel more like singing than at any other time. The Hebrews sang very often, even back in the time of Moses after they had safely crossed the Red Sea when he and Miriam sang a song of praise to Jehovah for delivering them from the Egyptian army. The singing of sacred songs was the only use of that the Hebrews made of music. When they were allowed to return to their native land, how happy they were and how ready again to sing of God's goodness. They commenced to write hymns of Thanksgiving and the most beautiful of all these hymns written at this time is our 103rd Psalm.

As Thanksgiving Day comes it gives us an opportunity to realize again the significance and the importance of the day. What a great and wonderful faith the pilgrims must have possessed to have had the courage to set out for a strange land and establish their new colony when they fled from the religious persecution in Europe. What a strong grasp they must have had on faith when they wandered for 13 years, plagued by disease and starvation before they landed at Plymouth Rock. What a firm and stalwart faith they must have had when they first encountered the Indians. The Pilgrims believed that they had been tested by Providence and found worthy to reap the harvest of the Promised Land—like Moses and his followers in Biblical times. So strong was this feeling that when Wm. Bradford, the Pilgrim father, declared the first Thanksgiving, he took his inspiration from the Old Testament description of the Harvest Festival that celebrates the liberation of the Ancient Jews. At the close of that first hard busy year they paused to realize that God was the giver of all. Their day of feasting meant that they rejoiced in their physical comforts and spiritual blessings that enabled them to carry on life in their chosen surroundings and to make their homes more worthy another year.

By our words and acts may we help one another to realize that God gives us all the blessings that surround us. This 325 years later Thanksgiving should be a day of rejoicing in His goodness and giving gratitude to Him for all that makes our environment beautiful, comfortable and happy. It was the Pilgrims' faith in God that gave them the courage to push on and fear not. Are we of such faith? Truly—faith is the cornerstone of the Christian Life.

The above is the text of Mrs. Johnson's devotions as she brought them to us in our November Aid meeting held at the Parish House on Tuesday Evening, the 6th with the usual group on hand. Until time for calling the meeting to order the tying of rug fringe was the pastime instead of Tax Stamp counting.

Plans for the December Supper and Bazaar were discussed and agreed upon. Mrs. Ostrander announced sewing for the

following day. It was agreed that the Aid send \$5.00 to Bonebrake Seminary Auxiliary. (Acknowledgment of this together with that of the W. S. W. S. has been received in the church office).

H. C.

The Bazaar chairmen, Mesdames Ostrander and Kanous, and Mrs. Lombard, baked goods chairman expressed their appreciation for donations and help given them. All these things added to the success of their endeavor.

Note—Perhaps it would be of interest to our people to know that at the Turkey Dinner and Bazaar held on December 5th that some \$150 was cleared on the dinner and \$207 on the Bazaar, including that received from the sale of baked goods.

Board Of Trustees

Again another Anniversary Day has past with all of its victories. It was a great day for our people as Rev. Schutz of our Seminary came as our guest speaker and brought us a challenging message in the Worship Service, also at the noon hour when we had finished a good dinner prepared by our people for our enjoyment.

The cash offering for the day was \$2,143.86, giving us a total cash balance of \$16,584.94 in our Church Erection Fund. This shows a slow but steady increase in our Erection Fund which will enable us, in the near future, to make definite plans on our new building.

Upton Church has much to be thankful for—we have been blessed with people who will unselfishly help in carrying the great amount of work that a growing church requires.

Our Pastor and wife and two little ones are away on a well deserved vacation and we hope that they will return to us refreshed in body and spirit.

Will you be with us in the days that lie ahead and with God's help we will reach the goal.

L. V. Fletcher,

Bd. of Trustee, Treas.

Our sincere thanks go to the Chairman of all committees and their helpers who worked so diligently in order that our Anniversary Day might be a success. If you were one of these, again, our thanks.

Homer E. Knisely,

General Chrm. of

Anniversary Day Program

The following is a letter received from Rev. Schutz upon his return to Dayton.

Reverend O. E. Johnson

3619 Upton Avenue

Toledo 12, Ohio

Dear Brother Johnson:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and Mrs. Johnson for the fine weekend and for the many happy experiences that were mine while I was with you. You surely have a fine church and you are doing a great work and I am hoping and praying that you may receive the offering in full and that you may enlarge the church to what you would like

to have it. Kindly thank all for all the things that were done for me while I was there.

I am sure that you will do all in your power to assist the young people to come from your church to the seminary. We need people like that who have had that kind of background and people with that kind of background should go into full time Christian service. There is no doubt in my mind that there will be many come in the years ahead. We are looking forward to that. I want to thank you again and wish for you all the best.

Cordially yours,

Walter Schutz

Otterbein Brotherhood

Men! You missed something when you did not attend the Brotherhood meeting held on Monday evening, November 26th in the social rooms of the church.

We were out twenty strong and had a fine time. Homer Knisely gave us an interesting report of the Brotherhood meeting held at Harrisburg late in October.

The group chose sides and played Dart Ball. Lunch was served concluding the evening.

Plans are to meet the fourth Monday evening of each month.

Ask those who were there what you missed.

C. C. Arnold, Pres.

Otterbein Home

The collection of canned goods for Otterbein Home has been completed. The primary department under the direction of Mrs. Main again gave a good account of themselves bringing in 111 of the 193 total containers sent.

The collection this year was not as large as last year, but a very nice lot of canned goods.

Our thanks to each and every one of you who made this possible.

We also had a very nice lot of used clothing consisting of dresses, coats, blouses, skirts, sweaters for ladies and girls, and suits, coats, trousers, shirts, neckties, socks, pants, shoes and other articles of clothing for boys and men and 33 jig saw puzzles.

Our thanks also to our co-workers Mr. and Mrs. Holliday for helping to pack this, and to Clyde Kolbe for having helped in the transporting same over to First Church where it was picked up by a truck from the Home.

And now a few words about our Christmas offering, an offering taken once each year to provide for the needs of the more than 300 persons at Otterbein Home for the coming year. Due to the rising cost of living, their expenses, like ours, will be greater, so will each of you be as generous as you can.

May each and every one of you have A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Kolbe

Among Our People

Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Robinson in the passing of Mrs. Robinson's father at Montpelier, O., on Dec. 1st. Acknowledgment of the church's expression of sympathy has been received from the family.

Our sympathy also to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chatfield in the loss of Mr. Chatfield's step-mother this past week.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Lampe, nee Ruth Kuehn. They were married in Upton church on Thanksgiving night, and are now residing in Pasadena, Calif.

A welcome telephone call came this morning from Mrs. Butz, asking that we express her thanks to all, the Pastor, Departments and classes, and members and friends, who have remembered and sent flowers and cards—and made calls since her recent eye operation. She is improving and is now able to do a bit of her housework, and spend a couple hours at a time in making paper flowers and dressing dolls.

Mrs. Iris Lugibihl sends a Thank You note for Flowers received while she was in Toledo Hospital. She is now convalescing at her mother's home.

Mr. O. D. Zoll asks that we thank all who have remembered him by flowers, cards and calls, during his recent illness. He is much improved but not out a great deal as yet.

Richard Papenfuss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred is now in Toledo Hospital with Virus Pneumonia. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Daisy Winters planned to leave St. Luke's this past week end. She will go to Luther's home at Dearborn to recuperate and remain for the holidays.

W. S. W. S.

The W. S. W. S. held their Christmas party on Friday evening, Dec. 7th, 1951, at the home of their President, Mrs. B. Kuehn. A group of twenty-four ladies attended and everyone that was there had the feeling of Christmas. An old fashioned Christmas we may say was held with an old foot pumped organ and an audio-harp. Mrs. Rathke led the program as she told us the story of the Christmas so long ago taken from the Holy Book. The ladies filled in with the various familiar carols. We had two very talented visitors with us, who sang the familiar "In The Manger of Bethlehem" and "Star of the East." They were Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Schlegel. Mrs. Kuehn sang a duet with Mrs. Schlegel while Mrs. Rogers accompanied them on the audioharp. We thank these ladies for their delightful music.

We had a short business meeting afterwards with the usual reports of the various secretaries and treasurer. Sunshine sisters were discussed and the ladies are to let Mrs. Stock know by the January meeting if they want a sunshine sister for the coming year. It was decided upon to

return to the former method of gifts and remembrances to the sunshine sisters. It was voted upon to secure a bank for the members to drop birthday, anniversary or special day money into for the Church Erection Fund. No further business the meeting was closed.

The hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Snyder, Mrs. M. Rathke and Mrs. Costin served a very delightful luncheon which every one enjoyed. We then had a gift exchange that closed our little party with the spirit of giving. It was a very delightful evening and it was suggested we may have more meetings in the various private homes in the near future. The ladies wish to thank Mrs. Kuehn for inviting us into her home and to thank the hostesses for the evening lunch.

E. Nelson, Reporter

Youth Attend State Rally

The Ohio Christian Youth Rally held in Columbus, Ohio, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 23, 24 and 25th had good representation from Upton church.

Ecumenical service was held in Memorial Hall at 8 P. M. on Friday Evening. The theme was "God's Power—Our Strength—to meet Our World Problems." Rosa Page Welch, noted colored singer, led in the group singing and sang a solo. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper gave the evening address.

Division meetings were held on Saturday morning. There were five groups—each person had a colored name badge and was assigned to place of meeting by such badge.

Youth Directors spoke in these meetings. Dr. J. Allan Ranck brought the EUB group their message. Rev. Toshio Ota, Japanese Student and Camp Leader was present and spoke on "Youth and the Missionary Challenge."

Our banquet was at Central YMCA. Music was furnished by Otterbein College and Rev. Harvey C. Hahn was special speaker.

Sunday morning we again met in Memorial Hall at 9 for Worship and Dedication Service. The Rally closed with services in the churches of the various denominations. Those attending from Upton were Princess and Gordon Johnson, Nancy Reighard, Jerry Wagner, Larry Frybarger, Jim Coder, Kenneth McGuire, and your reporters.

Delores and Dale Wagner
Counselors of Y. F.

A PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

By Julia W. Wolfe

And I would know when things are best
not heard
Or best forgotten. I would be
Sometimes quite blind and sometimes quick
to see.
The gift of understanding, Lord,
Of Thy sweet charity
Give Thou to me.

Kitchen Kapers

The Anniversary Day menu included "Meat Balls" made from a recipe that always brings many good comments—and is that of Mrs. Chester Brown. Many asked concerning it so we are giving it to you.

2 lbs. ground beef (may include some pork)

2 cups toasted bread crumbs

2 eggs (beaten)

1 pint sweet milk

1 large onion grated fine

2 tbsp. salt

¼ tsp. alspice

½ tsp. cloves

Mix and form into balls. Brown in skillet, using Spry, Crisco or part butter. Remove and place in casserole. Make gravy of drippings in skillet and pour over meat. Simmer in oven one hour.

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Moulded Christmas Star Salad was served at the recent W. S. W. S. meeting and was prepared by Mrs. R. J. Snyder. They were lovely to look at and to eat also. The recipe is

4c or 1 lb. Cranberries cooked with

2c water until tender.

Put through sieve and add 2c sugar and reheat 5 or 6 minutes. Remove from fire and add 2 pkgs. Knox gelatine dissolved in 4 tbsp. cold water.

Let stand until cool and beginning to thicken. Add

2c diced celery

2c grapes (seeded)

1½c chopped walnuts

Put into oiled Star moulds and set into refrigerator to harden. Serve on lettuce leaf topped with whipped cream and salad dressing with colored sugar sprinkled on top.

EVEN THE WORDS

Even the words hold magic for us now:
Names of each city from the parchment sheet;

The clothes His mother wore,
the olive bough;

The Galilean sea which bore His feet;
Capernaum where He healed the blind,
the dumb;

Bethsaida where He fed the multitude;
And Nazareth where first He knew the crumb

Of poverty and learned that toil was good.

Yet no name holds for us the same,
bright thrill,

The wonder and the reverence as where
The Christ Child's hour came and the
the star stood still,

And wise men knelt in veneration there.
For set apart in beauty, like a gem,
Is the Word, the Name, the Hope
of Bethlehem!

—Christie Lund Coles

Every time I pass a Church,

I stop in for a visit,

So when they carry me inside,

The Lord won't ask "Who is it?"