

THE PARISH CALENDAR

September 13, 1959

Today we are introducing a new and, we think, picturesque bulletin in our services of Worship in both locations. Our Pastors and Consistory feel that our parish unity is thus dramatized and held before our attention. Furthermore, we believe that the information on the fourth page will be helpful to all our members and friends and will help to acquaint visitors with our parish worship, fellowship, and work. The denominational bulletins which we have used in the past years have served us well but we hope these new bulletins will accomplish even more for the development of our Larger Parish and for our respective locations.

TODAY Enlistment Sunday for Confirmands. The Secretary will be in the office at the close of the service to register those who intend to unite with the church through the rite of Confirmation. Boys & girls 12 years of age or in the 6th school grade or above are eligible. Please register today or next Sunday. The class meets for the first time Saturday, September 26 at 9:30 AM

MONDAY 6:45 PM First-Bethany bowling league goes into action at Jefferson Club Recreation. Several bowlers (men and women are needed to fill the teams)

THURSDAY 5:00 to 7:00 PM Day Guild Smorgasbrod at Detroit location. Tickets available at Detroit from Mrs. Ella Joschke; Shores - Mrs. Robert Bader and Mrs. Elton Nold. Early reservations from everyone will make the planning easier. Adults \$1.50; Children - 5-12, 75¢.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19-20 Laymen's Retreat at Camp Talahi. See Narthex bulletin board for information or Mr. C. Bethmann after church today.

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 AM Family worship and church school. Sermon "The Christ who has Come to Us" second in series on New Statement of Faith for the United Church of Christ. Coffee Fellowship period after worship. Plan to attend and get acquainted with some new folks in our church.

SOME COMING EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 21 Fall Synod meeting at Messiah Church Detroit, August at Dickerson. All organizations are to be represented by President or appointed delegate.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 Monthly teachers meeting. All out please.

Wednesday, Sept. 23 Ushers' Club first fall meeting. All men are always invited.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 Evening Guild Hair Style Show and Card Party. Tickets \$1.25  
Tickets available from Mrs. Polson, Pr. 3-2804; Mrs. Nold, Pr. 8-0758.

BEGINNING IN OCTOBER Adult Study Group on "Our Protestant Heritage" All prospective members are invited to join these meetings in preparation for church membership. New members will be received on Reformation Sunday, Nov. 1, 1959.

PROPOSED  
NEW STATEMENT OF FAITH  
FOR

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(To be presented to the General Synod at Oberlin, July 5-9, 1959)

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and our Father, to whose deeds we gladly testify:

He calls the worlds into being,  
creates man in his own image  
and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save his people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will  
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,  
he has come to us,  
shared our common lot,  
conquered sin and death,  
and reconciled the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit  
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his Church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be his servants in the service of men,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises, to all who trust him,  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
his presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him ! Amen.