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ADVENT COMMUNION

The Advent Season as we know it does not go back to the beginning of the Christian Era. Christmas, in fact, has not always been celebrated on December 25th. There was a time when Christmas was on January 6th.

Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas. It includes 4 Sundays and a variable number of additional days, depending on the day of the week on which December 25th falls. There is no evidence of our established celebration of Christmas on December 25th until the 4th Century.

The season of Advent as such is not mentioned until the 7th Century. Its observance is supposed to have originated in Gaul. Different customs have obtained in times past and still obtain during Advent now.

Many Advent hymns have endeared themselves to Christians throughout the ages, as this one:

Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

We mark the Advent with the lighting of an Advent wreath and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Bring your family beginning with the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th and make the Advent Season one of deep spiritual significance.

OPEN HOUSE

The Commission on Economic Opportunity will hold Open House on December 11th at 112 N. 2nd Street, Newport, from 2 - 8 P.M.

There are two purposes for this:

1. To inform the citizens of Perry Co. of the work that has been done and what is proposed.
2. To host the low income people of Perry Co.

There will be refreshments and Christmas gifts for the children. Any donations towards the entertainment will be appreciated. For further information, call 567-6883.

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HOSPITALIZED.....

Mrs. Catharine Witmyer has been recently hospitalized in the Polyclinic Hospital. She is home now and feeling fine.

Mr. John Clouser, prominent New Bloomfield business man, has been a patient in the Holy Spirit Hospital, and is expected to be home by the time this paper is published.

We are happy for their recoveries and our interest follows them.

BAPTIZED RECENTLY.....

Melissa Ann Caldwell, daughter of James and Wanda Caldwell;

Suzette Elizabeth Kline, daughter of John and Georgianne Kline; and

Tammy RuthAnn Little, daughter of Ralph and Bonita Little.

Our best wishes to the proud parents and a continuing Presbyterian interest to our newest fellow-laborers.

THANK YOU TO WORKERS

Mrs. Henry Rolston wishes to thank all those contributing to the success of the Bazaar held last week. The returns indicate an income in the neighborhood of \$500.00. We wish to express our thanks to the workers - to Mrs. Rolston and the Service Board.

AMBULANCE SERVICE????

Vital ambulance service to many communities is facing an uncertain future in many places. We here are fortunate to have the dedication of a few who render volunteer services to make a low-cost service available.

"... because of its nature it is difficult to support the operation on

the revenue received in charges"... "In the near future these charges must be raised, unless"... "or the alternate is curtailment of the service"... these are ominous phrases lifted from a recent hospital administrators report in a hospital newspaper.

Our Church facilities are presently being used to conduct training classes in first aid to those desiring to qualify for volunteer service in the Newport Ambulance League.

We are happy to be able to extend our services to them and wish more of our people could find time to become part of this service to Christ and the Community.

NATIONAL CENTER NEEDS

\$765,000 is still needed to meet the Campaign for funds for the National Presbyterian Church and Center in Washington, D.C.

With the completion of the drive two \$500,000 gifts will be given. They are pledged with the provision that the campaign be met. Three million really hang on the success of the drive.

Dr. Lowell R. Ditzen, The National Presbyterian Center, 4125 Nebraska Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 is the address.

U.P.M. INSTALLATION

A Worship and Installation Service will be held in the Newport Church by the United Presbyterian Men of Carlisle Presbytery.

The evening begins at 6:15 P.M. at a fellowship hour, with dinner served by the Service Board.

The Speaker for the evening is William F. Bull, Director of National

Council of Crime and Delinquency. He is well worth hearing.

Incoming Officers are:

Pres. Wilson Roth, Newport Church
Vice. Pres. Larry Brown, Pine St.
Sec. Jim Bates, Trinity
Treas. Homer Brackbill, Pine St.

Dec. 13 R. Arbogast
K. Wright
W. Heck
T. Fitzpatrick

Dec. 20 B. Carl
R. Campbell
H. Rolston
C. Arnold

Special music will be provided by our choirs and we strongly urge a good representation from the Newport Church. The cost is \$1.50 and the date is Dec. 6th. See or call Wilson Roth for information and reservation, 567-6357.

Dec. 24 L. Caldwell
H. Zaring
B. Carl
P. Taylor

Dec. 27 G. Hench
H. Kraft
R. Shields
R. Rolston

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, our Church will worship with the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, at 7:30 P.M.

The accent for the Advent Season will be upon the Church as a Worshipping Community. The Christian home should find this an appropriate time for closeness and concern. Begin now by reading appropriate passages before the evening meal, encouraging the children to offer extempore prayers.

COMMUNION ELDERS...NOV 29

Mrs. Louise Schill
Mrs. Nancy Campbell
Mr. Henry Rolston
Mr. Clarence Rothenberger
Mr. Larry Comp

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Dec. 6 E. Arnold
J. Delancey
B. Fitzpatrick
G. Roth

D. I. S. C.

Stewardship Sunday has become history and in its own way has made history. This year has been marked by a very serious interest on the part of our people.

Over $\frac{1}{4}$ of our families have been involved in one way or another in the work that was done.

One of the most striking developments this year has been the 28% increase in pledging by our people. This increase could move upward when the final 10% of the reports come in. The change marks a change in attitude which is wholesome and encouraging. This year 48 of our family units pledged themselves to a record budget.

Our Session had set a dream goal of 3.7% of the average income for the cause of Christ. From those pledging this year we have received 3% of the average County income. Many of the pledges are first time pledges and the dedication is phenomenal. Our family pledge averages \$263.00 per year.

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