

AN OPEN LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

The following letter was received at this office, addressed to Santa Claus. We are publishing it with the hope that the old Patron Saint of the Yuletide season will discover it in time to reward the senders.

"Dear Santa: "Bellefonte, Pa., R. D. 1, Box 179. "We are now celebrating the days of preparation of our Lord's coming down on earth, where we poor sinners are. He will try to make us all live right, then take us some day with Him in heaven. We'll be happy with Him. Our dear Lord was so poor He had no bed to sleep in, no fire to keep Him warm.

"Our parents and we all try to work hard to keep our dear little home. Our dear mother has worked hard all her life, for little pay. Now our mother has broke down; she can't work any more. All she can do is pray to our Lord to help her to get well. Most of the time she is in tears because she can't work any more. We hope and pray our Lord Jesus will help our mother to get well once more, because we are too young to part with our dear mother.

"Santa, we are so poor. Our debts take all that we make. We work hard all the year round on the farm, for small pay—then besides having bad luck in our family.

"Oh, Dear Santa, we don't have any money to buy clothes. We hope that Santa knows all about it and has the kind heart to send us poor sorry children a little gift to make our hearts happy for Christmas Day. Our father worked hard in the quarry for many years to buy our little home. The Lord shall bless all the people in the world, especially those who need it very badly.

"Your thankful children of unlucky Mrs. Orsola Plozner. "We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Christmas In Our Churches

St. John's Episcopal, Bellefonte

The Christmas festival at St. John's Episcopal church will open with a midnight choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve at 11:30 p. m., preceded by the singing of some Christmas carols by members of the choir at 11:10 p. m. and organ prelude at 11:20 p. m. A second celebration of the Holy Eucharist, without music, will be held on Christmas morning at 9:30 o'clock. A service of Holy Baptism for children with boy choir will be held on Christmas afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. There will be no church school session on Christmas Day, and no church service at 11 o'clock.

The musical program at the midnight service Christmas Eve will be under the direction of Mrs. Paul S. Beaver, and the boys and mixed choir will be assisted by Mrs. Louis Schlad, violin; Messrs. Jack Yeager and Cecil Walker, tenor soloists; Miss Ellen Hassinger and Mr. Earl Hofer. The musical program at the midnight service is as follows: Prelude: Organ Solo, "Berceuse," from Jopeyin.

- Processional Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Carol, Kyrie, Gradual Hymn: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Regent Square, Gloria Tibi, Sermon Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St. Louis, Offertory Anthem: "When the Infant Jesus" (Polish Carol), Sursum Corda, Sanctus and Benedictus qui Venit, Communion Hymn: "Ave Maria" with tenor and violin solo, Gloria in Excelsis, Four-fold Amen, Recessional Hymn: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn, Postlude: "Hallelulah Chorus," from the Messiah, Handel.

St. John's Evangelical and Reformed

A Christmas Eve service will be held in St. John's Reformed Church December 24, from 11 to 12 p. m. The service will consist of poetry, Scripture and carols.

Christmas Day—Dec 25: Church school, 9:30. Morning worship, 10:45. No evening service.

Monday evening at 7 o'clock the Church school will present "The Shepherd's Staff"—a Christmas pageant by Marian Morris. In this pageant the stage is set for a typical Christmas celebration. Candles are gleaming everywhere. David, the shepherd, appears. Addressing his staff, he regrets that the star and the song of Bethlehem alone have survived as symbols of Christmas and prays that the shepherd's staff, as a symbol of practical responsibility in answer to the Christmas challenge, might too, find a place again, truly leading to Bethlehem. In answer to his prayer that, to that end, an angel might touch the eyes and ears of these 20th century people, that angel appears and promises that so it shall be. All kinds of symbolic pilgrim groups then appear, having all kinds of impediments which prevent them from reaching Bethlehem. They are all offered the shepherd's staff but refuse it, as it interferes with their impediments (torches of wrong ambition, bonds of selfishness, bandages of ignorance, etc.) But they finally see the light, discard what has hindered them and accept the staff that leads to Bethlehem.

St. John's Lutheran, Bellefonte

Christmas Day, December 25: 9:30 a. m., the Sunday school; 10:30 a. m., the Service and Sermon: "God's Wondrous Love." The congregation and the Sunday school will join together in this service, using the full liturgy of the church, so appropriate to Christmas Day. The Junior Choir will lead the music, and will sing three special selections.

On Christmas Eve, from 11 o'clock until midnight, the congregation will have the traditional candlelight vigil service. This is a beautiful and impressive service and all are invited. The order of service is as follows:

- Organ Prelude—"Prayer," from Tannhauser, Wagner, Miss Mary Elizabeth Sloop, organist, Professional Hymn—"Come Hither, Ye Faithful" Portugallo, The Introtit—"Thou Art My Son" The Pastor, The Gloria Patri, Rogers, The Kyrie, The Gloria in Excelsis, Composite, Scripture Reading, "The Fall of Man and a Promise" Genesis 3:1-24, Hymn—"Rejoice All Ye Believers" Smart, Scripture Reading, "Prophecy" Isaiah 7:14; 9:2-7; and Micah 5:2, Anthem—"And There Were Shepherds" The Choir, Scripture Reading, "The Fulfillment" Luke 2:1-20, Anthem—"The Christmas Song" The Choir, Offertory, Violin Solo, "Ave Maria"—Gounod, Robert Cheesman, The Offering, Anthem—"Glory to God" The Choir, The Sermon—"On Earth Peace," Luke 2:14 Rev. C. E. Arnold, Hymn—"Joy To The World" Handel, Prayer, The Pastor, Hymn—"Silent Night, Holy Night" Gruber, The Benediction and the Amen, Gounod, Organ Postlude—"Bethlehem"

Bellefonte Evangelical

The Young People will meet at the church at 4:30 to go carol singing in the vicinity of the church. They will return to the social room where the Ladies' Aid Society will serve refreshments.

A Candle Light Service will be held in the church auditorium from 6 to 7 o'clock. The Junior choir will sing and the pastor will preach the Christmas sermon on the theme: "Good Tidings of Great Joy to All People."

The Sunday school will meet at 9:30. There will not be any service at the usual 10:45 period. The Children's Division will present a program at 7:30, in charge of the Program Committee of the church.

Christmas Program at Houserville U. B. Church

The following Christmas program will be rendered Thursday evening at the Houserville United Brethren church at 7:45. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Marvin Lee, Mrs. James Reese and Mrs. John Boal.

- Prayer, Winding Up the Clock, An Early Greeting, When Words Fail, What I Think, Her Christmas Present, Merry Christmas, Fantomime, Tiny Tots, So Very Good, Christmas Concert, A Helper, Santa's Mistake, A Letter for Santa, Recitation, The Secret, A Present for Dolly, Song by Group—"Welcome Little Stranger," A Present for Mother, Ties, A Puzzler, A Welcome for Christmas, Recitation, Recitation, Solo—"Way Up North in the Land of Snow", Recitation, Measuring Up, Recitation, Exercise—"What the Clock Saw", Recitation—"I Haven't Any Dollar", Offering and Announcement by Pastor, Play—"Christmas in the Cobbler Shop", Martin, the cobbler, Mrs. Blackburn, a customer, Joseph, a good Samaritan, Spirit of Christmas, Spirit of Dreams, The Voice of the Master, A Lost Boy, A Homeless Woman, A Traveler.

United Brethren, Bellefonte

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., John R. Shope, superintendent. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. by the pastor, subject: "Saviour, Christ, Lord." Christmas Eve at 6:30 p. m. At 7:30 the choir will render a Christmas cantata entitled: "Prepare Him Room," by Hadler. The cantata will be followed by a service entitled, "Gifts For The King," by the Junior choir. Prayer and Bible study Wednesday evening at 7:30. The pastor will continue the studies on "Evangelism," or how to do personal work. The public is invited to attend all the services.

Methodist Episcopal, Bellefonte

Church school at 9:30 a. m., C. C. Shuey, superintendent. Christmas worship service and Christmas lesson. At 10:30 the Teen Age and elementary departments will give a program planned and directed by Mr. S. M. Roberts. At 7:00 p. m. the Epworth League and evening worship services will be combined, and the program built around the theme, "The Meaning of Christ for Today." Mid-week services at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Church school Board meeting at 8:30.

St. Paul's A. M. E., Bellefonte

Sunday school at 10 a. m., morning worship at 11 o'clock, with sermon theme: "The Christ Child." Allen Christian Endeavor League at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30, with sermon theme: "The Christmas Quest." Christmas Exercises Monday at 7:30 p. m. B. Wheeler meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

Bellefonte Presbyterian

Sunday school at 9:45, Harry C. Taylor, Supk. Morning worship at 10:45. Special Christmas music by Senior Choir. Vesper service at 4 p. m. Special Christmas music by Junior Choir. Friday at 7:30 in the Chapel. The annual Christmas entertainment and treat for the Sunday school.

Hublersburg Evangelical and Reformed

Services Sunday, Dec. 25th: Trinity—8:15 a. m., Sunday Church school; election, 10:30. Morning worship with Christmas sermon; installation of Elder and Deacon. Zion—9:30 a. m., Union Sunday Church school; 7:30 p. m., Christmas Carols and sermon.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30 o'clock, Trinity Church school at Hublersburg will render a Christmas program. In addition to special exercises by the children, the Young People will present a play entitled, "Capturing the Christmas Spirit."

Community Christmas Service at Lemont

All the churches in Lemont are participating in a Community Christmas Service, Christmas morning, at 10:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church of Lemont. A chorus composed of the choirs and young people of the three churches, will lead the singing.

Christian and Missionary Alliance, Rev. Edward G. Murray, Pastor. Friday, children's Christmas program at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45 a. m. Miss Eva Bailey, of Center Hall, will bring a Christmas message. Prayer hour, 7 to 7:30 p. m. Praise and Testimony service at 7:30 p. m. Evangelistic service at 8 p. m. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

Advent Church, Rev. C. C. Shuey, Pastor. Sunday school Sunday morning followed with preaching, and Brother Orvis Sholl will bring the message, who was the messenger last Sunday and was very much enjoyed by all. We will hold our Watch Night services New Year's Eve, and will have with us Rev. Shuey who will bring a message; also Orvis Sholl and some young men from Pleasant View and Milesburg. We will have the services at 10 o'clock and close at Midnight. Come and join with us in this old-time service.

Dix Run Baptist, Rev. C. C. Shuey, Pastor. Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:30, Elmer Hosband, superintendent, followed with Testimony meeting, Christian Endeavor at 7:30 p. m. Come and share in these services.

Presbyterian, Port Matilda, Rev. Howard E. Oakwood, Pastor. Port Matilda—Services Sunday, December 25: The worship service will be combined with the Bible school session in a special program at 10 a. m. Everyone is invited to attend. Unionville—Regular evening worship service at 7:30. The Monday evening class for Bible Study at the home of Miss Eva Rowan is commanding increasing interest. Anyone interested in examining the scriptures is invited to join this group of students.

Coleville Pilgrim Holiness, Rev. J. A. Byrd, Pastor. Revival continuing until December 25th. Sunday school Rally December 25 at 9:30. Everyone present will receive a gift.

Christmas Entertainment at Lemont. The annual Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lemont will be held at the church on Thursday evening, December 22, at 7:30 o'clock.

Samuel Noll, Jr., In Critical Condition

the Bellefonte High School and of the Pennsylvania State College, Noll is widely known and held in high regard throughout this area. (Continued from Page 1) More than two weeks ago the Midshipman underwent an operation for appendicitis. Complications developed, and despite treatment by surgeons at the Academy Hospital as well as by specialists from Baltimore, his condition has steadily grown more serious. A graduate of

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