

More Church News

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

by Stephen Getty

Many people in the Mount Joy area have found that a meaningful way to begin Easter is by attending the Community Easter Sunrise Service. Sponsored by the Mount Joy Interchurch Council, the service will be held on Easter morning, April 18, at 6 a.m., at the Florin Church of the Brethren. The message will be delivered by the Rev. Robert O. Hess, pastor of the Chiques Church of the Brethren in Manheim. The theme of the message will be "One Solitary Life...Resurrection!", and will be based on the poem, "One Solitary Life."

Also sharing in the service will be the Mount Joy Community Chorus singing "God So Loved The World" by Stainer and "King All Glorious" by Vail, a brass choir, a duet by Miss Sandy Heisey and Mr. Steve Smith, and other community members.

You are invited to attend the service and remain for refreshments and a chance to greet your neighbors. The service is scheduled to be held outside. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the church sanctuary.

"SOUNDS OF JOY" ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Mary Ellen Kohler

Sixteen collegians from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA under the direction of Miss Sharon Givler, performing as "Sounds of Joy" will appear in concert in the sanctuary of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Mount Joy, on Saturday evening, April 17th, at 7:30 p.m.

Since their beginning in October 1975, this group has been traveling and ministering in churches throughout the Western PA area. Through song and testimony their program depicts the Christian life and responsibility to the Lord Jesus Christ. Their unique understanding of the problems and frustrations facing young and old alike enables them to empathize and suggest solutions to those problems as they share their faith. Their purpose is to encourage, uplift, and challenge their hearers through contemporary Christian music by such composers as Andre Crouch, Ralph Carmichael, and Kurt Kaiser.

Families from St. Mark's Church will house the members of the ensemble overnight. The concert is open to the public with a special invitation extended to the young people of the area.

GLOSSBRENNER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Service of the Resurrection will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Glossbrenner United Methodist Church, Mount Joy, on Easter Sunday, April 18. "Jesus Our Lord Is Risen Today," an Easter cantata compiled by Mrs. David Nicholas, choir director, will feature anthems by the Senior, Youth, and Junior Choirs, solos by Sandra Heisey and Stephen Smith, and brass accompaniment. The Instrumentalists of the church will accompany one of the hymns.

The Rev. Clair L. Wagner Jr., pastor, will conclude a Lenten series on The Lord's Prayer with a message entitled "Kingdom, Power, and Glory." The message will climax with the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" by the Senior Choir, while Debra Hostetter interprets the prayer through creative movement.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be observed at an 8:45 a.m. service in the chapel. Sunday Church School will follow the Service of the Resurrection at 10:30 a.m.

The Maundy Thursday service, April 15, to be held at Glossbrenner United Methodist Church, Mount Joy, at 7:30 p.m., will include The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper and The Office of Tenebrae. The Sacrament will be served at the altar railing and will commemorate that upper room event on the first Maundy Thursday.

The Office of Tenebrae will trace Jesus' steps from the upper room to Calvary. Through the extinguishing of candles and lowering of lights, the congregation will be reminded how, step by step, the "Light of the World" was slowly extinguishing until there was darkness over all the earth.

The Tenebrae service will utilize the reading of The Passion Story of The Gospel of Luke. This will be read in a choric reading style by the Senior Choir of the church with Pastor Wagner as the narrator and Stephen Smith in the role of Jesus.

Included in the Tenebrae will be vocal solo by Stephen Smith entitled "My Soul Is Exceeding Sorrowful" by Neff. The choir will sing "Ah, Holy Jesus" with flute accompaniment by Anne Nicholas, "Throned Upon the Awful Tree" by Titcomb, and "Beautiful Savior."

Special acolytes for the service will be Penny Hendrix and Hazel Rogers.

The public is invited to share in this most sacred service. Nursery care will be provided.

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

The schedule for the First Church of God Easter week is as follows:

April 14, **Baptismal Service**, 7:30 p.m.

April 15, **Maundy Thursday Service**, 7:30 p.m., Service of Shadows including Ordinances of Communion and Feet Washing.

April 16, **Good Friday Prayer Breakfast**, 6:30 a.m., Rev. Norman Bowers, Speaker.

April 17, **Sacrificial Prayer Breakfast**, 8:00 a.m.

April 18, **Community Sunrise Service**, 6:00 a.m., Salunga Pavilion. **Easter Service**, 10:30 a.m., Junior Choir—"White Easter Lilies" and "Rejoice and Sing". Soloist Jean Spiese singing "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth". Meditation—"The Struggle for Resurrection."



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S

by W. Richard Kohler

Holy Communion will be observed at a Maundy Thursday Evening Worship Service (7:30 p.m.) at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 27-29 East Main Street, Mount Joy. The Chancel Choir will sing "O Come and Mourn with Me" by Gordon Young and "Wondrous Love," a Southern Folk Hymn. Dr. Ezra Ranck will give the meditation, "Of Bread and Wine." Pastors Ranck and Kohler will offer the Sacrament to the congregation.

On Easter Morning, there will be an early service (8:00 a.m.) at which communion will be given to those who could not attend church on Holy Thursday. The main Worship Experience is at 10:15. It will be a Victory Celebration. The Chancel Choir of the church will render two anthems: "Rejoice, Rejoice, This Glad Easter Day" by Leaf and Billings' "Easter Anthem." The message to be delivered by the pastor, W. Richard Kohler, is "Of Rocks and Resurrection."

A unique service of worship, completely in the German language, is planned for St. Mark's Church on the Wednesday evening after Easter, April 21st, at 7:30 p.m. Pastors Walter Siering and Wolfgang Olfermann of Germany will lead the worship experience.

FLORIN CHURCH

The Florin Church of the Brethren, 815 Bruce Avenue Mount Joy, will observe Holy Week with special services tonight, Wednesday, April 14, Thursday, and Easter Sunday.

A unique Preparatory Service will be conducted tonight, 7:30 p.m., with all members involved. Rev. James Eshelman will lead the congregation in worship and the pastor, Rev. Jacob Replogle will have the meditation on "Examine Yourself." The service will climax with an act of repentance and forgiveness.

The Love Feast and Communion will be observed on Maundy Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. The Senior Choir will lead the congregation in a choral preparation. The pastor, who will be retiring soon, will conduct the service for the last time. As a requirement of active membership, all members are expected. Ten new members will be participating in their first communion at the Florin Church.

On Easter morning, the Florin Church will be host to the Community Sunrise Service, at 6 a.m., sponsored by the Mount Joy Interchurch Council. It will be held on the lawn of the church; in case of inclement weather, it will be in the Sanctuary. The Rev. Robert O. Hess will be the speaker, with the Community Chorus and brass choir participating.

In the regular morning worship on Easter, at 10 a.m., all three of the church choirs will be participating; the Senior Choir will present the Easter Carol, "A Lamb of God" by Austin Lovelace. The minister will use the lectionary scripture Mark 16:1-8 as the basis of the Easter message.

The Florin Church will also join with other churches in the Community Good Friday Service, 1 to 3 p.m., in the Mount Joy Mennonite Church.



SENIOR CHOIR OF CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH

The Senior Choir of Congregational Bible Church, Marietta, will present the musical, "Jesus Is Coming" by John W. Peterson, Easter Sunday evening, April 18 at 7 p.m. Sally Garber, violinist and Judy Muser, cellist will present a recital at 6:45. The public is invited to attend.

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