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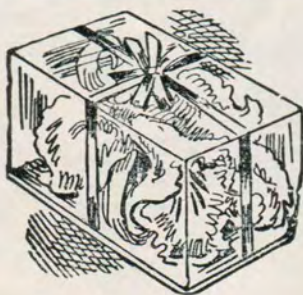
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## THANK YOU

One of my duties as Church Clerk is to send letters of thanks to those people who remembered Fourth Church with gifts of one kind or another. A great many of these letters are to people who do not have direct contact with the church. I have often thought of the many members and friends of Fourth Church who deserve a letter of thanks, and if I were to write to all whom I think are deserving, it would take a great deal of time.

I would like, at this time, to express my thanks to the many who have been so kind and deserving — for instance **Otto Rome**, who has given untiringly to the church, not only of his time, but many ways too numerous to mention. Our **Choir**, and their leader, **Alf Peterson**, who so splendidly sing the anthems enjoyed by all, and of course, our **Choraliers**, bless them. Our **Board of Directors**, who at the monthly meetings discuss the problems of the church. There are many on this board who devote a great deal of time to their particular duty, and do it well. To our **Ladies Aid** — God bless them — ever busy — don't we all appreciate the wonderful meals they prepare at their various dinners, and above all, the inspiration they are to all of us. Our **Board of Deacons**, who participate in the communion service and are ever helpful to those in need. Our Sunday School Superintendent, **Hilma Carlson**, and her staff of teachers who turn out early Sunday mornings, regardless of weather or distance, to teach the youngsters. **Martha Whyland**, our organist, — how wonderful it is to sit in church and listen to her beautiful and relaxing selections, so well performed. **Mildred Gillispie**, our Social Chairman, who sees to it that things run smoothly when we gather socially. **Charlotte Swarbrick**, a truly Christian woman, and may she be with us for many years to come. **Olive Motzer**, who so faithfully calls on the ill and sends numerous cards of courage and cheer. **Roger and Kenneth Dallwig**, who see to it that our sanctuary and various rooms are kept clean. To our **Pilgrim Fellowship** — a group of young folks I am proud of — they are wonderful. The **Arnold Nelsons**, who for so many years have put themselves out to see that I am brought to and from various church activities — and the **Helmut Berendts**, who do the same when the Nelsons are not available. I know that at times I would not have been able to get to church if it were not for their willingness to pick me up.

Above all I am thankful to be a member of Fourth Church, where one can worship and receive inspiration.

Edna T. Eggers

## MUSICAL NOTES

After a hectic but gratifying Easter season, the choir is back to normal. Won't you agree with me that the choir and soloists did a splendid job on the cantata? We are now working on new anthems and one's we have not done for years. As you probably have noticed, the choir has been singing two anthems on Sunday mornings. We are looking forward to presenting more solo and quartet numbers.

As you can see, the choir is dwindling. WE NEED NEW MEMBERS! Come out and help us. Give us your vocal support.

Linell Poethkow



**LADIES AID**

The next meeting will be held on April 9th. A pot luck luncheon will be served. Our rummage sale will be April 8th, from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. and again on April 9th from 9:00 to Noon. All articles of resale value will be appreciated.

The card tournament begins March 31, for six weeks. **Anybody interested?** Contact Mrs. Freida Peterson at HU 6-2299 or Mrs. Robert Nelson at AR 6-8544. A dessert luncheon will be served before 1:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Wm. Poethkow, President

**PERSONALS**

**Mr. Thomson** has been ill, but at home and improving. **Carrie Thory** is at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital. We all hope she has a speedy recovery. **Mrs. John Motzer** is undergoing some tests at the Norwegian American Hospital. We hope the results are good. We are glad to see **Truman Markley** back in church after his stay at the hospital. **Mrs. Nelson** is back from her vacation in Florida. Did you see her tan??

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Rev. Finley has given a short talk each Sunday prior to Easter to the Junior and Intermediate Departments on "Getting Ready for Easter."

The following boys and girls had perfect attendance during February:

Bobby Dobbs	Larry Dobbs
Barry Meinke	Jean Gentner
Billy Schall	Janis Lee Kees
Patty Rasmussen	Angela Kramer
Pam Swarbrick	Roberta Poethkow
Ronny Dobbs	Carol Swarbrick
Janice Rasmussen	Elizabeth Burk
Jerry Swarbrick	Joyce Field
May Jamison	Kathleen Meinke
Nancy Poethkow	Kathryn Schall

Hilma Carlson, Superintendent

**CALENDAR FOR APRIL**

Saturday, April 4th—Couples Club — 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 8th—Rummage Sale — 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 9th—Rummage Sale and Ladies Aid meeting — 9:00 to Noon

Every Tuesday at 1:00 P.M.—Ladies Aid Card Tournament

Saturday, April 25—Square Dance

**PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP**

The P.F. held its annual Easter Breakfast bright and early Easter Sunday morning. The delicious breakfast was followed by an inspirational worship service, highlighted by our guest speaker, Dainne Baumann. On April 25th we plan to hold another square dance. Don't you plan now to come out that evening and have some great fun with us. The P.F. is always looking for new members. 7:00 P.M. on Friday.

Richard S. Mayer

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## OUR CHURCH PAPER

### COUPLES CLUB

The next Couples Club meeting will be on April 4th at 6:30 P.M. at the Church. The Thomas' and Hess' are hosts for the evening. Don't forget to bring your own cups and silverware as usual. We have an awful lot of fun! Be there, won't you?  
Dennis Rudolph

### CONGREGATORS

DON'T FORGET THE CAKES AND PIES FOR THE U.S.O. ON MAY 16TH.

### ISN'T IT WONDERFUL

Isn't it wonderful  
What Jesus can do  
If you will let him  
Have his way with you.

Isn't it wonderful  
The peace within your heart  
Tho the load is heavy  
And the road is dark.

Isn't it wonderful  
The assurance life can be  
Calm and serene  
As he meant it to be.

Yes, it is wonderful  
And ever more true  
As the miracle of Easter  
Thrills each heart anew.

Isn't it wonderful  
He is no longer in the tomb  
Lo — he is with you always  
As earth breaks forth in bloom.

Isn't it wonderful  
He has risen from the dead  
And lives forever and ever  
In your heart instead.

Yes, it is wonderful  
What Jesus can do  
If you lean on his love  
What peace comes to you.

May the Message of Easter  
With its promise ever new  
Fill your heart with his love  
That is my prayer for you.

—Florence Spone

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# NEWS in THE WORLD of RELIGION

BY W.W. REID

**Record Mission Budget** — The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church has appropriated a record amount — \$21,341,488 — for missionary work in the United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and 44 countries. The appropriations are for the fiscal year 1960, which will begin June 1, 1959. The amount is about \$800,000 greater than the previous record appropriations, \$20,502,562, which were for the fiscal year 1959, ending May 31. The 1960 appropriations represent a totaling of the appropriations of the Board's three administrative divisions — \$3,074,730 for the Division of National Missions, \$9,385,946 for the Division of World Missions, and \$8,880,812 for the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

**American religious and voluntary organizations** contributed \$128,769,000 worth of relief and rehabilitation supplies to persons overseas during the fiscal year of 1958, the U.S. Department of State has announced. Total shipments made under the auspices of the voluntary agencies were 691,973 tons during the fiscal year, which ended June 30, 1958. Church World Service, relief arm of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, distributed \$17,700,00 worth of food, clothing and medical supplies; Catholic Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference distributed \$79,400,000 in supplies, and Lutheran World Relief sent \$8,700,000 worth of goods abroad, the Department estimated.

**The 400th anniversary** of the death of Philip Melancthon, co-worker of Dr. Martin Luther, will be marked in 1960 by an international congress of Reformation scholars in Muenster, West Germany. Melancthon was a German humanist and chief author of both the Augsburg "Confession" and the "Apology" of the Augsburg Confession, classic expositions of Lutheran doctrine. He died April 19, 1560. Plans for the gathering are being made in West Germany by a continuation committee of the First International Congress on Luther Research, which was held in Aarhus, Denmark, in 1956. The Lutheran World Federation Department of Theology, which organized the first congress, will join in calling the second.

**A group of new hymns**, "suitable for use in gatherings related to Christian education," is being sought by the Hymn Society of America, cooperating with the International Journal of Religious Education. The publication of the new hymns later this year will be part of the celebration of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Journal as a media of religious education. "The hymns sought," announces President Deane Edwards of the Hymn Society of America (297 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.), "are those which might be used in church services in which religious education is emphasized, including services during Christian Education Week and services of dedication of Christian education groups; at gatherings such as workers' conferences, leadership schools, workshops, institutes, and conventions; and at chapel services in seminaries, schools of religious education, and colleges. The dominant note should be Christian consecration to the educational responsibilities of the church." Hymn texts only are desired now; they should be "in the well-known meters found in standard church hymnals." The new hymn texts should be sent to the Hymn Society of America not later than May 15, 1959.

**"Giant population shifts** have left many areas of America virtually unchurched," says the Rev. Scott T. Ritenour, director of the Department of Church Building and Architecture, National Council of Churches. "Further, if the population increases as predicted, by 1970 there will be between 202 and 219 million persons living in the United States. The great crop of new parents with young children will put a great strain on the churches to keep up. By 1962, we are told, there will be 34½ million children alone between the ages of five and thirteen." Mr. Ritenour notes that church building in this country in 1957 amounted to \$868 million and in 1958 reached the \$863 million figure, a five million dollar fall-off due to the recession. Now the U.S. Commerce Department predicts that the 1959 figure for church building will touch \$950 million.



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## A QUIET HOUR

By Arthur C. Guild

Some one has suggested that the posture of sitting at another's feet indicates a receptive mind and a devoted spirit. This is certainly descriptive of Mary "who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching." It also suggest discipline.

But where will I find the time? This is the perennial question. It is fine to talk about a quiet hour, in fact most of us see the necessity of Bible reading, meditation, and prayer, but how can they be worked in?

Let's assume that I call at your home. I know that you are a busy person, and I expect to find you intent on your work. Instead, we will imagine, I find you seated in a chair, relaxed, and apparently doing nothing. You invite me to be seated, and in the course of our conversation I discover the secret of your apparent leisure. "Mr. Guild," you remark, "I have a great many things to do each day. So many in fact, that I cannot get them all in." "Long ago," you continue, "I discovered a secret. I learned that if I take a little time each day to plan my work, I not only do a better job, but I actually get more done."

Like planning our work, Bible reading, meditation, and prayer are not extra duties added on to a full day. They are times of refreshment. The moments spent alone with God will enrich our lives, lighten our burdens, fortify us for temptation. They will give grace and strength for every task, bring courage in moments of despair, add a glow to every day. They will put us in touch with God.

Discipline will be needed, of course. No good work is done without effort. Yet if we can see how a quiet hour fits into the day, how, in a sense it makes room for itself, we will begin that much sooner. "Thy words were found, and I did eat them," wrote Jeremiah; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart." (Jeremiah 15:16)



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