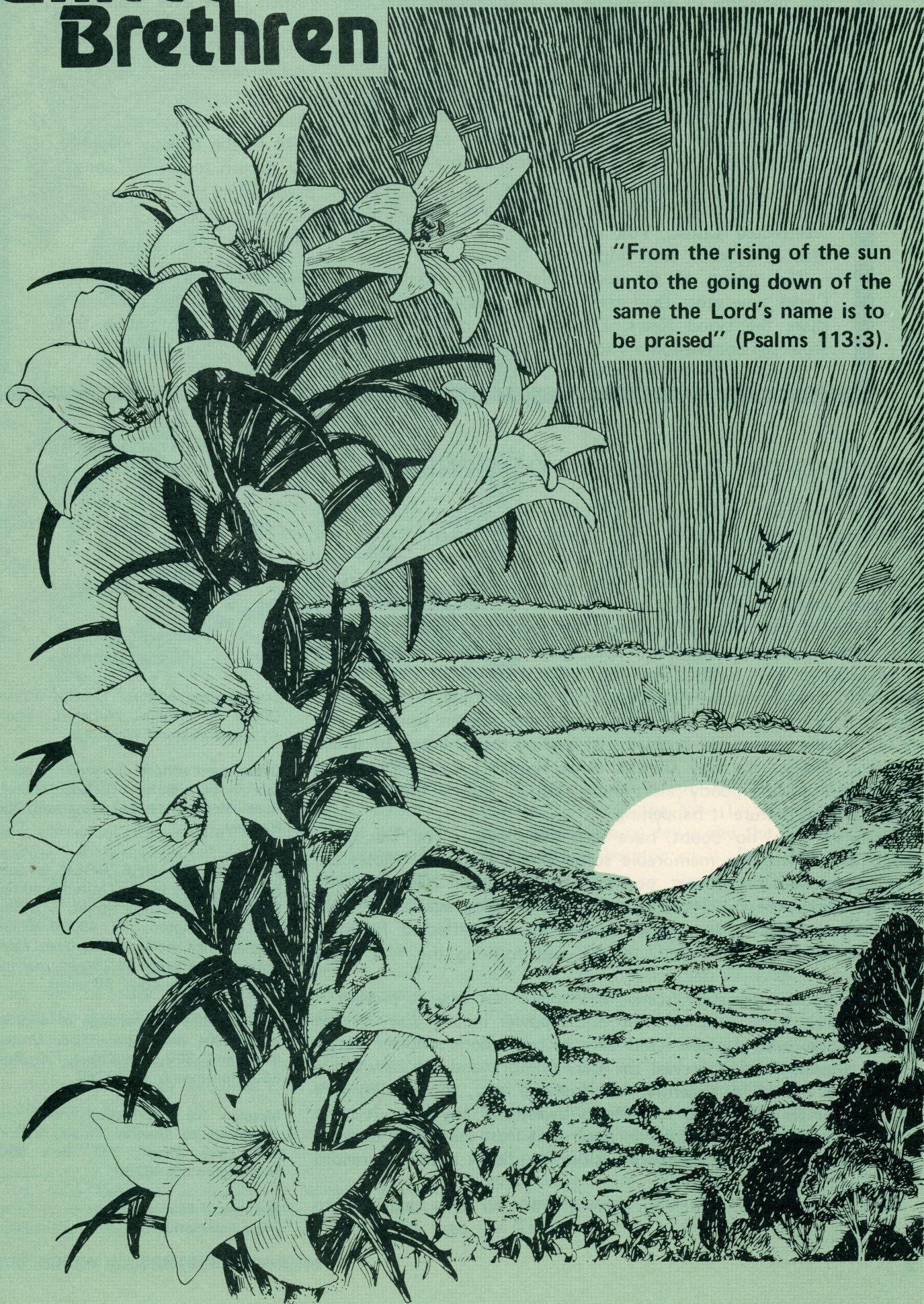


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The United Brethren

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"From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the
same the Lord's name is to
be praised" (Psalms 113:3).

remote villages.

Even though I am not well acquainted with the program, it sounds most helpful. Our conference leaders are promoting this program with all speed. Our present membership is 2,450 and one can see that number expanding in the future with the blessing of the Lord.

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AN UNUSUAL THANKSGIVING

Such a family it was! The age ranged from 89 years, accomplished by Dr. Fleming who was on a return visit to Sierra Leone, to one year attained by Samuel Morlai, one of the nurses' favorite in-patients. Skin hues ranged from rosy pink to glowing tan to dark chocolate. Occupations included a doctor, housewives, secretaries, teachers, nurses, retiree, missionary interns, preschooler, students, midwife, peace corps technician, maintenance men, and Christian education secretaries. Four countries and three continents were represented.

What could bring together such a variety of people? The thirty people gathered for the occasion joined together in singing "Let's just praise the Lord." It wasn't the usual weather, it wasn't the usual menu, it wasn't the usual clan, it wasn't home for most of us, but it was definitely Thanksgiving for the missionary family gathered on the Mattru Hospital compound in Sierra Leone, West Africa. No snow could be found but palm trees and hibiscus studded the background. No turkey was to be eaten but the menu centered around pork roasted over an open fire provided by Phil and Carol Fiedler. Pumpkin pie was there, and a birthday cake for Beverly Glover. Judy Hoath organized the feast.

Cathy Jordan led the prayer meeting that night featuring plenty of praise songs interspersed with testimonies. Shirley Fretz and Beverly Glover expressed thankfulness to the Lord for His being with them through the trial in the lower court. Rev. Jerry Datema gave thanks for God's help in his accident case. Sharon Frank was thankful for God helping with a patient at the hospital that day.

Following the praise time, Dr. Fleming spoke. We spent the rest of the evening reminiscing and learning secrets about such missionaries as Bernadine Hoffman whom Dr. Fleming has known from birth. It was not the usual evening, but it was definitely Thanksgiving.

—Jill Van Deusen

Meet Your Board Director



Mrs. Evelyn Dice was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles M. Funk who were engaged in farming most of their lives. Evelyn was married to Garnet Dice in 1938 and they have two sons. Mr. Dice farmed for 37 years and is now employed in the parts department of Stouffer Brothers, Inc., the local Case, Hesston, Gehl dealer.

Mrs. Dice graduated from Chambersburg High School. Shippensburg State College granted her a B.S. in Education with majors in History and Library Science; M.Ed in History and M.S.L.S. She was employed for six years at Penn Hall Junior College and Prep School as the Librarian. Penn Hall closed the spring of 1973 and she then worked in the library at Wilson College for one year. Now that she is unemployed, she does volunteer work in the Staff Library at the South Mountain Restoration Center on Tuesdays.

Mrs. Dice is a member of Criders U.B. Church where she has taught Sunday school for many years, has served as class leader for a number of years, and was WMA president there for 34 years. She is currently serving as WMA secretary. She has served a total of 8 years as second vice-president and 14 years as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Branch.

In February of 1977, Evelyn was elected to serve an unexpired term on the WMA Board of Directors. Traveling to Huntington for the Board meetings fulfills one of her hobbies—travel. She and her husband appreciated their trip to Israel last March. Another hobby of hers is camping and, as is usually the case, the campers are also interested in fishing. She and her husband have an extensive Indian artefact collection. She does quite a lot of reading of historical fiction and church history in addition to Bible study. She is currently compiling a genealogy of the Funk family and hopes to write a history of Criders U.B. Church during the next few years.

Hull Family," "The Ruckers," and "The Greater Love." The dedication service was held at 4:30 that afternoon.

Faith Church is only seven years old, having begun services on March 12, 1972 with Rev. Virgil E. Hull as the founding pastor. That first service, attended by eleven people, took place in the Daytona Beach City Hall, where they were to continue meeting until August, 1974. By May the attendance had reached 38, and in June they purchased a piano for \$725.

In August of 1974, the Southminster Presbyterian church offered an aluminum chapel for sale, and this was bought for \$6500. The building was dismantled and stored for over six months on a nearby farm, with all internal features being kept in a warehouse. Soon thereafter a \$1500 binder was placed on a three-acre piece of property in Port Orange.

Rev. Charles McKeown, the present pastor, was assigned to Faith church on February 7, 1975. Two months and one day later, the congregation was overjoyed to learn that a rezoning request had been granted. Land clearing was begun on April 21 and on July 20 the first service in the new building was held with 85 in attendance. The August 31 dedication, with Bishop George Weaver officiating, was attended by over 200 people from across the state.

Faith church continued to grow. In February of 1977, the church purchased a 15-passenger van to help in their work with senior citizens, and then a 38-passenger bus for the Sunday school. Finally, in the summer of 1977 the church board felt the need to build a larger building for worship.

Construction for the newly-dedicated structure was begun in April of 1978, with the men of the church doing most of the work. Services began in September, 1978, and the dedication, as already mentioned, took place on February 11.

Annual Conference Held. The 11th session of the Florida Annual Conference met February 9-10 at the Faith U.B. Church, Port Orange, Florida. The conference was chaired by Bishop Raymond Waldfogel with Superintendent Chester Hirschy serving as assistant chairman. Rev. R. Charles McKeown was the host pastor. Eighteen ministers and lay delegates answered the roll representing four organized churches and three church extension projects.

Rev. Devon Strine was received into the conference on transfer from North Ohio Conference, and Rev. Calvin Sturdy was tentatively received pending his transfer from the Ontario Conference. The conference dropped the name of Pierre Samaan from the roll of ministers.

Rev. W. W. Bowditch was elected conference

superintendent and Mrs. Ralph Fry was elected treasurer.

In the evening service Bishop Waldfogel brought a stirring message to the conference. Arnold B. Blakely and Vesta Thompson were received into the Annual Conference and George W. Kuntzman was ordained an elder.

The conference continued on Saturday with 21 members present. The Stationing Committee presented the following report:

Bradenton	William Bowditch
Daytona Beach, First	Virgil Hull
	Vesta Thompson, Dir. of
	Christian Education
Orlando, Garden	Chester Hirschy
	Robert Waddell,
	Garden Village Ministries
Port Orange, Faith	R. Charles McKeown
Lakeland, Ch. Ext.	Calvin Sturdy
Lake Brantley, Ch. Ext.	Ralph Fry
South Orlando, Ch. Ext.	George W. Kuntzman

The conference adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Kuntzman
Conference Secretary

OBITUARIES

ORVILLE WAYNE WENGER, 66, a member of the Orrstown United Brethren church in Orrstown, PA, died November 27 in the Chambersburg Hospital. He served the church in many positions and was the building fund treasurer at the time of his death. Funeral services were held November 30, with Rev. Robert E. Hawk and Rev. Simon A. Lehman officiating.

MARIAN LOUISE AVERY, 60, died December 4 following several weeks of illness. She was the wife of Rev. Cleon E. Avery, pastor of the Freeport United Brethren church in Freeport, MI.

A host of friends and ministers attended the funeral services. Rev. Roger Burk, district superintendent and pastor of the Banner Street United Brethren church in Grand Rapids, MI, officiated at the services.

M. ARTHUR DIEHL, 72, of Shippensburg, PA, died January 14 in the Harrisburg General Hospital. He was a member of the Orrstown United Brethren church in Orrstown, PA, where he was active on various committees and the local board. Funeral services were held in the Orrstown church January 17, with the pastor, Rev. Robert E. Hawk, officiating.

EDGAR WILLIAM BESORE, 79, died January 22 in his home after an illness lasting a year. He was a member of the Orrstown United Brethren Church in Orrstown, PA. Funeral services were held January 25 with Rev. Robert E. Hawk officiating.

MR. CLOYD KAST, 84, of Montgomery, MI, died January 31. He was a member of the Montgomery United Brethren church, at which Rev. Frank Strine is the pastor. Services were held at a funeral home in Hudson, MI.

DARREL THORNTON, 74, passed away on February 10 at the local hospital in Huntington, Indiana. He

moved his family to Huntington from Kansas in 1945 to take the position of printer-foreman of the United Brethren Publishing Establishment. Darrell served in this position faithfully for the next 25 years until his retirement in 1970. After retirement, he returned to work in the print shop either full or part time for several more years, retiring again in 1977. He was a member of the College Park U.B. Church, Huntington.

He is survived by his wife, Rita and four daughters. The funeral service was conducted at the College Park Church with Rev. Ray Seilhamer and Rev. David Stephens officiating.

A memorial was established in his name for the United Brethren Building. Contributions can be made to this fund by sending it to the General Treasurer, P.O. Box 650, Huntington, Indiana 46750 and designating them for this memorial fund.

MISS JANET R. WENTLING, a member of the King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg, PA, died February 14. She had been ill for six weeks. Funeral services were held February 17, with Rev. Paul B. Baker, pastor of the King Street church, and Rev. Kenneth M. Forsythe, officiating.

ERNEST J. WORTHINGTON, formerly of Chambersburg, PA, died February 25 in Martinsburg, WV. He joined the Sunday School of the King Street United Brethren church in 1900, and was a member of the church for 72 years. Funeral services were held February 27 with Rev. Paul B. Baker officiating.

MAN OF CYRENE

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Him. How could they crucify this man?

Directly before Simon, Jesus stumbled and fell. One of the soldiers said, "He will never carry the cross to Golgotha. Let us lay it on this big fellow who stands here!"

The soldiers took hold of Simon and laid the cross on his back. He felt the roughness of the timber through his robe, and it was very heavy. Simon did not mind. Nothing mattered but the wonder in his heart and the sense of oneness he felt with the man Jesus.

The sparsely-grassed, rocky ground sloped upward to the hill called Golgotha. Here, too, were crowds of people. They jeered, "Ho, King of the Jews, where are your subjects?"

As the cross was lifted from Simon's back, Jesus' eyes met his once again, and Simon heard the Healer say, "You have carried my burden; I will carry yours."

He felt someone grasp his arm, and turned to see Nathan beside him. Simon said, wonderingly, "He knew about Deborah, and He has healed her. He told me so!"

Nathan looked at him. Then he muttered, "You are out of your mind, Simon. I heard nothing."

Simon said no more. He could not bear to look at the man on the cross. He turned to begin the walk back to Deborah. He knew she would be waiting for him with a smile of welcome on her lovely face.

APPOINTMENT OF PASTOR

This is to certify that Mr. Trent Bushnell has been appointed as lay pastor of the Conway United Brethren Church, Michigan Conference.

Herbert K. Cherry, conf. supt.

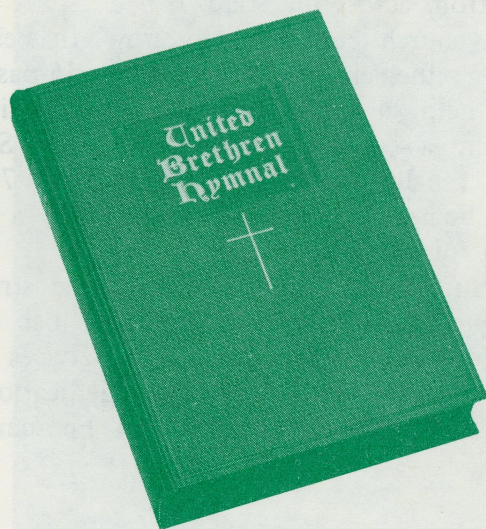
C. Ray Miller, Bishop

Meeting of Commission on Revision of Discipline

The first meeting of the committee on revision of Discipline will be held April 30 and May 1, 1979 in Huntington, Indiana.

Your suggestions for revision of the current discipline are solicited. Send your suggestions and correspondence concerning discipline revision to:

*The Commission on Discipline Revision
P.O. Box 650
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