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ON SUNDAY

The "public sermon" on May 1 will deal with the general resolutions to be presented at the General Assembly of the UUA. A brief discussion will follow the service.

ANNUAL MEETING

If you have not been contacted for a pot luck dish, and are planning to attend the parish supper and meeting May 4, please call Mrs. Dorothy Berry (667-5081) to know what to bring for food. The supper begins at 6:30 pm.

At the meeting following, the nominating committee will present the following slate: for president, Eric Benedum; vice-president, Theresa Garnett; secretary, Dorothy Berry; treasurer, Stanley Richmond; trustees for 3 years, Lester Wass and Joy Mayo.

Also to be nominated are historian, Phyllis Canfield; director of religious education, Deborah Cravey; and newsletter editor, Helen Silver.

The May meeting of the board of trustees will be set by the new president, after the election.

Four more persons were welcomed into the church on April 10: Joy Mayo, John and Deborah Moore as members, and Mrs. Chloe Pignard as an associate member. Our best wishes to all.

The minister is available for appointments, whether at the church office or at your home, if you want him to call. All you have to do is telephone him at 244-7124.

SUNDAY SERVICES

May 1 Dr. Meserve
May 8 Dr. Meserve
May 15 Dr. Foote
May 22 Dr. Meserve
May 29 Dr. Meserve

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

May 4 Parish supper and meeting, chairmen Dorothy Berry and Augusta Bromley
May 11 Alliance annual meeting, hostess, Phyllis Canfield

SEXTON'S DUTIES

May 1 & 8 Leonard & Joy Mayo
May 15 & 22 Jack & Augusta Bromley
May 29, Jun 5 Bill & Julie Bromley

The Discussion Group topic for May 15 will be "The Family." This will include its role as a social institution, the needs it fulfills, its goals, etc. Influences on it will also be pursued: co-habitation, single-parent adoptions, decisions to remain childless, etc. Bring your thoughts, opinions and ideas, and share them after church May 15.

INTEREST COLUMN

As mentioned last month, we will try to describe the special interests of a different member each month. Terry Garnett has done an intensive study of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and even gives talks on this subject. She is also interested in history and archeology, especially relating to ancient Egypt. Call or write her (667-5855 or RFD #1, Ellsworth) if you share either of these interests.

Some Annual Awards

From time to time, as the fit seizes me, I take it upon myself to make some awards to persons or organizations involved in rare achievements which might otherwise go unrecognized. There are no cash prizes, new cars, or trips to distant and romantic places. The award itself is a sufficient honor. In announcing my own awards this year, I cherish the hope that others may be stimulated to make theirs and that thus persons and organizations worthy of recognition will know that they have been observed and appreciated. So here are the 1977 awards:

The General Motors Corporation: The Judas Award, for commissioning and then abandoning a TV drama on the life of Jesus, when Dr. Bob Jones of Bob Jones College declared it irreligious. Courage up to the point of risking profit is better than no courage at all.

King Hussein of Jordan: The Rich Get Richer Award, for receiving an annual income from our CIA for the CIA knows how many years. It makes us all feel good to know our tax money is helping one of the richest men in the world get richer.

The United States Congress: The Don't Tell Your Right Hand Award, for permitting its members to receive a handsome raise in salary without any record of individual voting, so that we shall never know who was for or against. However, we all know or can imagine how tough it must be to get along on \$56,000 a year. Dulce et decorum est ab patria recipere.

International Telephone and Telegraph: The Fanny Farmer Award, for inventing a "bread product," New Horizons, which is 53% wood fiber and water. The FDA and the FTC are already investigating this gustatory miracle. Perhaps the Forest Service and the Army Corps of Engineers should investigate it, too.

And two cheers for:

Judges of a California State Court of Appeals: The Right to Be Crazy Award, for finding that young people over twenty-one have a right to follow their loyalty to the Reverend Sun Myung Moon in spite of their parents' efforts to hold them in legal custody for "deprogramming." If freedom is to be real, it must be equally applied both to those we like and those we do not like. Sometimes it hurts, but in the long run it's better that way.

The Maine Indian Tribes: The Biblical Education Award, for reminding us, if painfully, that "the iniquity of the fathers is visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." See Deuteronomy 5.

By now, if you don't get the idea, you never will. But it is the award season. There are many candidates, worthy and unworthy, and anybody can play.

H.C.M.