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SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday	7:30 P. M.

Dear Friends:—The consistory is making every effort to meet all obligations as they come due, and it will require the assistance of every member to do this, and we are depending upon you to do your part.

During last year we made only one effort to raise extra money for current expenses, this being to take care of our insurance, some of the members responded promptly and liberally, others did not, it is not too late, however, to show your good will; we were obliged to use money for this purpose that belonged to other funds, and anyone who feels they did not do their part can help us now by giving what they can to make up the difference, just put what you can in an envelope and place it on the plate or hand to the financial secretary.

As soon after April 1, as possible, the secretary will send a statement to the members whose subscriptions are in arrears, in this way we hope to keep the pledges fully paid up.

Thanking you for what you have done and trusting we may all work together for the spiritual and financial prosperity of Grace church, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. F. CLOSE,
Financial Secretary.

Committees appointed by the pastor for church and Sunday school:

Church Membership—Rev. A. K. Zartman, L. W. Hills, F. E. More, R. F. Dinger.

Finance Committee—Rev. A. K. Zartman, W. F. Close, J. W. Brewer, H. E. Vordermark, E. C. Close.

Music Committee—H. E. Vordermark, Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, W. F. Close, W. A. Hobson.

Janitor and Repairs—H. E. Metzner, Calvin Hosler, F. E. More.

Sunday School Board—Rev. A. K. Zartman, L. W. Hills, W. F. Close, Mrs. Frank More, Miss Anna Doermer.

The church owes a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Certia, first for contributing so liberally to the purchase of the Alexander Gospel song books for the Sunday school; second, for the payment of repairs made on the sliding doors and windows in the lecture rooms. It was very kind of her to do these things and we extend to her the thanks of the consistory and church for her liberality.

EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We will have services during the Easter season, beginning on Tuesday evening, April 4. Rev. Frank Ruf has consented to preach for us on Wednesday evening, April 5. Rev. Earl M. Todd, pastor of the West Jefferson Street Church of Christ, will preach on Friday evening, April 7. There will be services each evening of Passion week.

Communion services, and reception of members on Easter morning.

Baptism of children at the morning service on Palm Sunday, April 4.

There are a large number of aged and sick people in the church. The pastor will be glad to give the communion to as many of these members as may desire it on the afternoons of Easter Sunday and the Monday following. Please advise the pastor of your wishes.

We expect a large number of accessions to the church at the Easter service. Ask your unconverted friends to come with you to our Easter Gospel services. Speak to them personally about accepting Christ and uniting with the church. There are boys and girls in the Sunday school who are not in the church; here is an opportunity for the Sunday school teachers. Parents must not neglect their responsibilities and opportunities.

Do not make any appointments for the evenings of Passion week and week preceding, other than those with the Lord, to be at all of the services at your church. You need the help of these services and the church needs your help and prayers.

Bear in mind the customary Easter offering for benevolence. The Sunday school scholars and members of the church will be furnished with special envelopes for the offering. Let us make the Easter offering a record breaker.

The choir is making extensive pre-

parations for the music on Palm and Easter Sundays.

The floral committee of the Christian Endeavor society ask for a small offering from the members of the church for the Easter decoration. The Easter services would not be complete with a liberal supply of flowers and palms.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

Twelve additional names have recently been placed upon the cradle roll. We are sure there are other babies whose names ought to be on the roll. Look up the babies and report them to any of the cradle roll officers, Mrs. Zartman, Mrs. Leikauf, Mrs. Siebold or Mrs. E. C. Close.

On a recent Sunday morning there were eight new scholars enrolled in the Sunday school.

The Adult Bible class meets for the study of the lesson in the church auditorium every Sabbath morning at 9:45. Come and join the class. You are missing an opportunity of your life if you are not in the class.

A penny social will be held in the lecture rooms of the church on Friday evening, March 31. It will be an evening for the children and young people. Everybody is invited and all are assured a good time. The entertainment will be something novel. Come and see for yourself and enjoy it. There will be a candy and ice cream booth. We want a big supply of homemade candy and popcorn. You can also secure a hot lunch for a moderate sum. Buy a string of penny tickets. The tickets will be worth a penny apiece at the candy and ice cream booth or at the lunch counter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hattel are again at their home on Hanna street near Washington boulevard.

The Zwinglian Circle, composed of young ladies from the church, was organized at the parsonage early in January. The object of this circle is to study, not only missionary literature, but current events and history. They have as a basis for their work the "Servants of the King" by Robert E. Speer. In no way can we learn what the revelation of God means, and can effect, better than by studying the lives of great and true men and women, who have lived and are living now. Surely we will serve Him better when we see what a great thing their service is, and what they have been able to accomplish.

In combining the study of history and current events, we find the possibilities of a most delightful and helpful evening every two weeks. The circle has grown to twelve members and we hope that others may find time to join us soon. They will endeavor to do some philanthropic work and will also plan for a few social evenings when they will entertain some of their friends.

The meetings thus far have been held at the parsonage and all agree that they have been both pleasant and profitable.

Section No. 2 will serve supper in the lecture rooms of the church Thursday evening, April 6. The following women constitute this section:

Managers—Mesdames Geo. Hessert, C. H. Gumpfer, S. Wertman, W. G. Page.

Assistants—Mesdames Henry Kessler, Carl Kessler, John Ruck, Wm. Moor, Charles Masel, Laura King, Wilhelmine Habecker, S. Schrack, Viola Canning, James Quinn, Louisa Hilgeman, A. W. Main, W. Botteran, Carrie Eckart, Celia Hostman, Ed Riley, C. C. Gumpfer, Louis Bereot, Daisy Rhoads, William Martin, Edward Hessert, Chas. Robinson, George Gemmer, Misses Dr.

Bertha Goba, Rose Goba, Ruth Gumpfer, Emma Bereot, Carrie Quickley, Esther Martin, Ethel King, Ethel Hilgeman, Luella Hilgeman, Evelyn Wertman, Mildred Wertman, Miss Ruck.

The Laymen's league met in the lecture rooms of the church Tuesday evening, March 14. A number of items of business came before the league. A committee was appointed on publication and program; a committee was also appointed to secure some new gas fixtures and globes for the Sunday school rooms. At the close of the business session, by request of the program committee, Mrs. Zartman read a paper on "Citizens of Tomorrow," which was very highly appreciated by the League. The social committee served luncheon at the close of the meeting, which was very much enjoyed by the men. Altogether the meeting was a very pleasant social affair, as well as educational. Every man in the church should be a member of the League.

The day spent recently at the delightful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rudisil in company with their daughter, Nellie and her family and Mrs. T. J. Bacher, the former pastor's wife, was one that we shall always have to remember. In this home we have spent many delightful days of rest. When weary in mind and body, we turned our faces countryward and for a time, at least, forgot the cares and anxieties of the busy pastor's life. These friends have learned the art of hospitality to such a degree that there is nothing lacking. There is the homeness, the free and easy association, the unstilted conversation and indeed every thing conducive to a day of delightful companionship, and recreation. One always goes home feeling better in mind and body.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Mrs. Moore is still seriously ill. We are hoping, however, that with the return of spring, when the weather conditions will be more favorable, she may improve more rapidly.

Rolland Miller has not improved any in the past few weeks. Mrs. Miller resides at 2114 Nelson street.

Ester Bitner has been having a severe attack of tonsilitis. She has been out of school for a week or more.

Mrs. C. F. Close took very ill on Tuesday, March 14. The attack came on very unexpectedly, and for several days she was in a very critical condition. We are glad to state that she is very much better and the doctor gives the family the assurance that she will recover in a short time.

Mrs. Gumper entertained the women of the church at her home on West Wayne street, Wednesday afternoon, March 2. The women had a very pleasant time and before leaving were served to an elaborate luncheon.

Mrs. John Bottger entertained the Woman's Missionary society at her home on West Jefferson street, Thursday afternoon, March 16. There was a very good attendance at the meeting and the women had an interesting meeting. They are at present studying "Out of Darkness Into Dawn." At the close of the meeting Mrs. Bottger assisted by Mrs. Frank Thompson and Miss Stella Bottger, served the women to a very bountiful luncheon.

Mrs. McAfee has been at the Hope hospital since the last issue of the Visitor for an operation. She got along splendidly and has gone to her home on Lake avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert are home from their trip to the west. They are delighted with the country and climate on the Pacific coast. It must surely be a summer land with beautiful scenery, and of fruit and flowers. They are fully decided to repeat their trip at some future time. Their home coming was not the most pleasant experience as their whole party took sick with colds and grip. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert were both quite sick for several weeks after their return. They are feeling quite like themselves again and were able to be at the services on a recent Sabbath. We are glad to have them at home again and see them at our church services.

Mrs. Parvin is at the Lutheran hospital for treatment. They are now living on the southwest corner of Hanna and Jefferson streets.

Mr. H. E. Vordermark was in New York and Philadelphia on business the latter part of February.

Mrs. Bachr is in the city spending several weeks among the members of Grace church. She is enjoying good health and is having a pleasant visit. We are glad to have her with us again and hope she may stay for weeks to come.

Elmer Wertman has been of duty for a month or more on account of a sore hand.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid society will be held Thursday afternoon, April 6.

The monthly meeting of the consistory will be held at the close of the Wednesday evening service, April 5. We hope there will be a full attendance of the consistory at this meeting.

Our Easter Evangelistic services will begin Tuesday evening, April 4, and will continue through Passion week. See fuller announcements of these services in another column in this issue of the Visitor.

Y. P. S. C. E.
TOPICS AND LEADERS

April 2—"Study of His Last Week,"
Matt 21; Mark 11; Luke 20; John 12.
Walter Close.

April 9—"The Agony in the Garden."
Matt 27:11-30. George Scheffer.

April 16—Union meeting at First
Baptist church.

April 23—Mission study. Mrs. Zart-
man.

April 30.—Mission study. Mrs. Zart-
man.

C. E. NOTES.

Activities in the Christian Endeavor
Society continue. Attendance at the
Sunday evening meetings has been very
good during the past month, and a
noticeable feature has been the interest
shown by some of the younger members.

The business meeting and social
evening in the parlors of the church
on Thursday evening, March 16, was
especially enjoyable, and proved to be
an agreeable surprise to those who were
present. Much credit is due the mem-
bers of the social committee, who made
ample arrangements for contests and
games, and the Dutch lunch will be re-
membered for a long time to come.

The reports of the committees at the
business meeting were very gratifying.
Every committee had a report to make,
and gave evidence of pushing its work
with all possible zeal.

The prayer meeting committee has
made announcement of special topics
for the several Sundays preceeding
Easter, culminating with a union meet-
ing of the local C. E. Union at the First
Baptist church on Easter evening at
6:30 o'clock. Mr. Roberts, district or-
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those who will hear him. Church members outside of the Christian Endeavor societies are given a special invitation to attend these meetings.

The social committee would welcome invitations from members of Grace church who care to offer to the young people the use of their homes for holding the monthly business meetings. It is much easier to interest young people outside of the society in meetings at the homes of church members, and in this way they may often be lead to join the society and later the church. Any of the following members of the social committee will greatly appreciate the opportunity of talking it over with you: Raymond Close,, Nora Miner, Arthur Bitner and Estella Bottger.

WEDDINGS AT THE PARSONAGE.

Jan. 24.—Earl Timis and Blanch C. Beaston.

Feb. 8.—Clarence C. Gladiux and Nora Klingenberger.

Feb. 11.—Edwin B. Fox and Ethel Long.

Feb. 23.—Ora S. Miller and Madeline Bell.

March 16.—John W. Schie and Mary L. Roth.

March 18.—Samuel Surfus and Celia G. Parker.

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