



Methodism's Representative Church

MOUNT VERNON PLACE METHODIST CHURCH

900 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

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"To all who need comfort . . . to all who need friendship . . . to those who are lonely and need companionship . . . to all who want sheltering love . . . to those who sin and need a Saviour . . . and whosoever will . . . this Church opens wide its doors, and in the Name of Our Lord says, 'WELCOME' "

Bishop, Wash. Area
G. BROMLEY OXNAM
District Superintendent
PHILIP C. EDWARDS

Ministers
ALBERT P. SHIRKEY
W. VAUGHAN MOORE

Minister of Music
R. DEANE SHURE
Our Ministry to India
ARTHUR and HELEN SMITH



The Morning Worship

9 and 11:15 O'Clock

- Organ Meditation:** Two Hymn Preludes:
 "Abide with Me"..... Parry
 "Nearer, My God, To Thee"..... Bingham
 Ralph L. Beuthin, Organist
- Processional Hymn:** "O Come, My Soul Be Waking"..... Swiss Folk Song
 "My God And I"..... Latvian Folk Song
- Call to Worship**
Carillons (All the people with bowed heads)
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- Hymn 338:** "Jesus Lover of My Soul" (first tune)..... Wesley
The Apostles' Creed
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- Anthem:** "Turn Thee Again"..... Attwood
 The Cloister Choir
 "All Hail The Power"..... arr. by Goldsworthy
 The Sanctuary Choir
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- Responsive Reading:** FOURTH SUNDAY, First Reading, page 566
Gloria Patri
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- Scripture Reading**
The Pastoral Prayer—followed by The Lord's Prayer
Choral Response
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- Notices and Offering**
Offertory: "For The Blessings of Our Days"..... Old Welsh Hymn
 The Carol Choir
 "The Publican"..... Vandewater
 Eugene Barnwell
- Doxology** (Congregation stand, remain standing for hymn)
Hymn 514: "Lead, Kindly Light" (first tune)..... Newman
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- Silent Prayer**
Sermon: "WASHINGTON, WAKE UP AND LIVE"..... Dr. Albert P. Shirkey
 (Text: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"—John 10:10)
- Prayer**
Hymn 204: "Rock of Ages"..... Toplady
Benediction
Choral Amen
Organ Postlude: Variation on "Rise Up, O Men of God"..... Bingham
 Ralph L. Beuthin, organist
- * * * The ushers will please seat people at times indicated.

The Evening Worship

6:45 O'Clock

- Organ Recital** (6:30-6:45)..... Dr. Shure
Processional Hymn: "Father of Lights"..... Scott-Gatty
- Call to Worship**
Hymn 2: "Come, Thou Almighty King"..... Anonymous
Anthem: "Now The Day Is Over"..... Knight
 The Angelus Acappella Choir
- Prayer**..... Lola Parrish
- Notices and Offering**
Offertory: "Through The Darkness"..... Rossini
 Chapel and Vesper choirs
- Scripture Reading**..... Ann Roof
Altar Time
Message: "MY PERSONAL AND SCHOLARLY ENCOUNTER WITH THE FAITH"
 Dr. Eugene F. Gonda
 Palmer
- Hymn 213:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"..... Palmer
Benediction
Choral Amen
Organ Postlude: "Prayer"..... Guilment
 Edith Gottwals, Organist

Attend Church Each Sunday

OUR PULPIT GUEST

We are happy to welcome as our guest-speaker in the evening service, Dr. Eugene F. Gonda, who will bring an interesting message of his own life experiences in his encounter with the Christian faith. Following the evening service, he will meet with the Young Adult Study Group for discussion and answering of questions. Dr. Gonda is a noted historian and lecturer and is serving as Assistant Editor of East European Accessions List of the Library of Congress. He served as International News Service Staff Correspondent in Geneva, Switzerland, specializing in Iron Curtain coverages and travelled extensively under the auspices of the National Committee for a Free Europe and his message will be of interest to all.

PUBLIC RELATIONS WORKSHOP

On next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at 8 P.M. Mount Vernon Place Church will have its first Publicity and Public Relations Workshop, meeting in Room 136. Sponsored by the Department of Public Relations and Methodist Information of the Washington Area, and the Committee on Public Relations of our own church, the workshop will be open to reporters from church school classes, all organizations of the church, and all those interested in learning the fundamentals of religious news writing and public relations. During the three-night session there will be lectures by newspapermen and practical projects for those attending. Miss Mary Elizabeth Fox, Director of Public Relations for the Methodist Church, Washington Area, will be directing the workshop in cooperation with Tom Wilson, chairman and other members of the publicity committee of our church.

MUSICAL COMEDY

The 24-30 class of the church school will present "The Blarney Stone", a musical comedy at the National Training School for Boys on next Friday, Jan. 29th, and again at the evening fellowship program on Sunday, Feb. 7th. It features the well loved Irish songs.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The altar flowers are presented today by Misses Elsie and Arlene Boelter in memory of mother and father.

GOOD NEWS FROM INDIA

Our Missionaries in India, Arthur and Helen Smith, announce the arrival on December 11, 1953, of Peter Alan Smith. Peter joined the Smiths and their two children, Gretchen and King, in time for a Christmas together where the physical surroundings and people more nearly resemble the first Christmas than anything most of us know. They report Christmas is quite different and the only signs of it are in the homes of the "foreigners". This makes for a deeper feeling of the real meaning of Christmas and its spiritual significance.

Arthur, as a missionary architect, has been working on hospitals, churches, additions to schools, new schools, both nursery and high schools, teachers quarters, dispensaries, boys hostels, chapels, and nurses quarters. They are in Deccan, Nagpur, Jabalpur, Baroda, Lucknow and many other places. He reports seeing Dr. and Mrs. K. V. Rajan, former members here, at the Psychiatric Center in Lucknow where they are now on the staff and where Arthur Smith was doing some work.

MISS GOTTWALS

Miss Edith Gottwals, valued member of our church, and organist for 28 years, is resigning this position as of next Sunday, January 31. She will be presented with a scroll at the 11:15 service next Sunday and guest of honor at a Wednesday night dinner in February. Miss Gottwals has not only made a great contribution to our Church as an organist, but also as a member, and we are happy to honor her on this occasion.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into the fellowship of Mt. Vernon Place Church: Miss Jessie B. Raiford, 120 C St., N. W.; Miss Helen I. Henry, 4310 New Hampshire Ave., N. W.; Mrs. Daisy W. Fletcher, 2625 3rd St., N. E.

Nation-wide Attendance Campaign!

Our Church Calendar—January 24-31

TODAY

- 9:00 a.m.**—Church Nursery—open during both morning services so that parents may worship in the sanctuary. Registered nurse on duty each Sunday.
- 9:30 a.m.**—Intermediate Choir Rehearsal.
- 10:00 a.m.**—Church School for all age groups. Forum speaker: Miss Galina Tuniks on "Aid to Refugee Children".
- 9 and 11:15 a.m.**—Morning Worship: Dr. Shirkey's message will be on the topic, "WASHINGTON, WAKE UP AND LIVE!"
- 11:30 a.m.**—Junior Choir Rehearsal.
- 12:30 p.m.**—Coffee Time for all visitors and newcomers. You are invited to the Church Parlor for a period of getting acquainted and a cup of tea or coffee.
- 5:00 p.m.**—Vesper Choir Rehearsal.
- 6:45 p.m.**—Evening Worship: Guest-speaker, Dr. Eugene F. Gonda, discussing: "MY PERSONAL AND SCHOLARLY ENCOUNTER WITH THE FAITH".
Nursery attendant during evening service.
- 7:50 p.m.**—The Study Hour:
Senior MYF—Room 234.
Young People's MYF—Church Parlor—Harry Redd leading, "Ecumenical Roundup".
Young Adults—Dr. Gonda will be available for discussion on his evening topic. Rm. 136.
Adults — Question-Answer period, Chapel—Dr. Shirkey leading.
- 8:30 p.m.**—Fellowship and refreshments in the Social Hall for all groups. Variety program with Don McLane in charge.

MONDAY

- 7:30 p.m.**—Rehearsal of Musical Comedy, "The Blarney Stone"—24-30 Class in Social Hall.
- 8:00 p.m.**—Fellow Workers Class meeting—Church Parlor.

TUESDAY

- 6:10-9:30 p.m.**—"CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL"—third session at Calvary Baptist Church. You are invited to attend one of the interesting classes.

- 7:30 p.m.**—Building Committee Meeting—Room 234.
- 7:30 p.m.**—Young People meeting in the Social Hall to bake cookies and pack boxes for our service men.
- 8:00 p.m.**—Jaynes Class meeting—Church Parlor.

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 a.m.**—Staff meeting and luncheon.
- 5:00-6:00 p.m.**—Prayer "Hour of Power" for all interested in quiet prayer time. Meditation (Tudor) Room.
- 6:00 p.m.**—Church-Night dinner in the Social Hall. You may see Mrs. Cammack on Sundays in Room 213 for tickets and reservations.
- 7:00 p.m.**—Devotional and Mission Study—Dr. Shirkey will bring the fourth in his series of studies on "Heritage And Destiny".
- 8:00 p.m.**—Meetings: Social Welfare—Community House.
Young Adult Council—Room 230-A.
Esthnaoruth Class—Church Parlor.
- 8:00 p.m.**—Prayer-Study-Share group meeting in Tudor Room. Topic, "Abundant Life"—All welcome.

WEDNESDAY THRU FRIDAY

- 8:00 p.m.**—PUBLICITY WORKSHOP—open to all who are interested in learning the fundamentals of religious news writing and public relations. Room 136.

THURSDAY

- 8:00 p.m.**—Angelus Acappella Choir rehearsal.

FRIDAY

- 6:00 p.m.**—Cloiser choir rehearsal.
- 7:15 p.m.**—Young People meet on K St. side of church to go to Swartzell Home to party.
- 7:30 p.m.**—Sanctuary choir rehearsal.
- 8:00 p.m.**—All States Class Party—Social Hall.

SATURDAY

- 7:30 p.m.**—Bowling in Columbia Alleys, 14th and Monroe Sts., N. W.
- 8:30 p.m.**—Open House in the Social Hall—for all young people and young adults.

