WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH SHOULD OUR CHURCH BE

A Community Church, that and that absolutely. However, there are many types of Community churches. One will savor of a Lutheran constituency, another has absorbed a Presbyterian or Methodist flavor. Community churches differ nearly as much in tenets and doctrines as do denominational churches.

One grave concern of a Community church is the fact that the congregation has cut away all shore lines of a mother or governing body. It has launched on the sea, proud and happy to navigate itself, unhindered by the Bishop or Elder or Session or what not.

In this happy condition a Community church often finds itself sailing under the persuasion of a group of well meaning folk that believe the ship should sail or ply only in the line of their convictions. Herein lies the greatest difficulty of maintaining a strictly non-denominational or non-sectarian church.

This preamble opens the subject, so, what kind of a church should our church be? As minister and leader of the Community Church in Stow, I take pleasure in announcing the following tenets or doctrines, the foundation on which we build.

First, let us have a Bible, brother, read God’s Word. Again I say read the Book. Read it, not to be lop-sided. Read it, not to ride a hobby or to be contentious or to coerce others into any belief of yours. Read it, my friend, that you may be the salt of the earth or a city set on a hill. Read the Old Book because it’s our Father speaking to His children. Read the Bible, its purpose is to guide the human race across the wrecks of time, companionship with our Maker and home in a land called Heaven are the sublime themes of the Book. I endorse any class, any plan by which, in homes or the church, our people shall be committed to systematically read the Bible.

Second, our Community Church must be a House of Prayer. Let no one charge the minister with lack of interest in the prayer life of his people and the folk of Stow. I stand for a church that seeks the quiet place of prayer. I am persuaded that prayer is vital to any victorious christian life. I would to God that the gift of prayer would be vouchsafed to christians everywhere. Prayer affords a communion, a contact, a refuge more desirable than any other christian grace. Avail yourself of this heaven-blessed privilege. Have an altar of prayer by the side of your bed, attend the mid-week prayer
meeting. Your minister begs you to seek and maintain the garden of prayer.

Third, our Community Church must unwind from many things that sap time and strength. They must be a band of active, consecrated christians with a zeal to dare and do exploits in Jesus’ name. Your church, your spiritual life, your Lord’s cause must have first place. Say not unto yourselves that the cards, the dance, the lodge, the club and fifty-seven other appointments have preeminence over the soul life, for here is where you stand or fall, here is where the church rises to her glory or where she withers and dies as a spiritual entity. My church, contact the broken-hearted, the poor, the lonely, the sick, the sin cursed of Stow, administer to them and the map of heaven will be marked on your face.

Next, our young people must find a satisfaction, a joy in experience and church life that will excell the lure of the road house and the beer garden. Our Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Biggs, is doing a commendable work here. Be gone the dry musty ways of the past, let our young folk vibrate with song, laughter and activities worthy the name Christians of the 20th century.

Last, and perhaps not least, I advocate a great community get-together for Sunday nights. If the world is determined to go to the devil that’s their prerogative, however, the Community Church must witness, must warn, must lift up Christ, must meet the challenge of evil forces. It’s the church’s task to hold the fort. We have no place for cowards and compromisers and deserters. We hail a church with a message, a church where Christ is real, where members seek the deeper life, a church that glorifies Christ and honors the Holy Spirit, a church that in these troubled times will give light, hope and a helping hand to the wanderers of the earth.

GEO. M. HULME

BIBLE SCHOOL TOPIC

The topic for this Sunday’s Bible School lesson is “Serving Other Races.” The Golden Text: “God is no respecter of persons.” Acts 10:34. The lesson is taken from Mark 7:24-37. It deals with the practicing of Christian brotherhood toward all races.

We who call ourselves Christians should remember “that there are no fences in the Kingdom of God, no racial boundaries, that we are all the common children of a common father, God, and therefore all entitled to his benefits.”

The true character of a would be Christian is shown when he expresses his attitude toward the members of another race. If he is intolerant just because they came to America through Ellis Island and not from Mayflower ancestors, then, the true spirit of the Lord is not in him.

Remember the parable of the “Good Samaritan” and the com-
PENNY COLLECTION
Rev. Hulme reminds us that this next Sunday is the time for our monthly penny collection, proceeds from which go toward paying off the tabernacle debt. Last month the collection seems to have been forgotten. Therefore double the usual amount which should be collected this coming Sunday.

CHURCH NITE
Community Church members and officers including officers of all affiliated organizations please remember to meet this Friday evening, April 1st, at 7:30 p. m. in the church parlors. Reports from the various divisions of church activity should be made at this time.

The Final Tribute...
cannot be too beautiful. We keep this fact in mind in every instance and occasion. Yet the cost to you is no more.
Mr. Barnard was a resident of Stow from the time he was twenty-one years of age, until twelve years ago. He married Ellen Talcott in 1873, who passed away on March 3rd, 1924.

Since Mr. Barnard's eyesight failed him a few years ago he has been confined to the house and is being cared for by his granddaughter, Miss Mary Marsh in the home of O. E. Marsh.

On this occasion of his ninetieth birthday many old neighbors showered him with greetings—a great pleasure to one who easily remembered one and all.

NOTICE
The new Junior Boys and Girls club will meet at the home of Guy Brace, 145 Margaret St., Monday, April 4th at 4:00 P. M. There will be an election of officers and a committee will be appointed to select a name for the club.

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SCOUT TROOP TO BE ORGANIZED
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All boys twelve years of age or over who wish to join the new

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troop please see their Bible School teacher. Those boys who have applications filled out please turn them in to Mr. Moseley or your Bible School teacher along with the registration fee of 50c.

A CREDIT UNION FOR STOW
In the near future a meeting will be held in Stow for the purpose of making application for a charter for either a Federal or State Credit Union, same to be organized in Stow Township.
Sufficient signers to obtain the charter have been pledged.
Men who are national leaders in the development of Credit Unions in this country will be present to tell the Credit Union story and to answer questions.
Further information and announcements about this movement will appear soon.

OPPORTUNITY
Boys and young men in Stow township who are between the ages of seventeen and twenty-three and wish to go to a CCC Camp should make application through any one of the three township trustees, i.e., Brust, Traxler or Gilletley.

CHRISTIAN ACTION
The Christian Action group will meet this Friday evening (April 1st) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark on Thorndale ave. All of those interested in better christian living are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

GARDEN CLUB
The Stow Garden club program for April includes a program next Friday, April 8th by the Talmadge Garden Craft club. Also, a tour to East Hill Nurseries at Chesterland. Date not announced.

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When hope lies dead, and not one ray
Of sunshine lights the world's dark frown;
When sorrow's tear, like ocean's spray,
Will from thy burdened heart find way:
In accents tender hear Him say,
"After the cross the crown."

Poor tossed one, weep no more, but leave
At His dear feet thy burden down;
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The Stow Jr. Temple Company will hold a card party Saturday evening, April 2, at their hall. There will be door prizes and refreshments. The public is invited.

PERSONALS

Attend church Sunday evening. Plant a big garden this spring. Read the Minister's article this week.

The best in Fresh and Home Cured Meats—J. B. Weldon, Kent and Stow Meat Market—Top of the Hill—on Kent Rd., 1-2 Mile East of Fish Creek.—(Adv.)

Mrs. L. C. Stein is visiting this week with relatives in Fresno, Ohio.

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday were those of Mr. Otis Maxwell and Miss Betty Moseley.

Telephone WA-1423 for an appointment at the Stow Beauty Shoppe. Elsie Mae Walton, Mgr.—(Adv.)

Mrs. Richard D. Michael of 291 West Arndale Road was reported ill with the flu this past week.

Mrs. J. W. Marhofer with Mrs. J. F. Marhofer and daughter visited friends in Cleveland last week.


Attendance at Bible School Sunday was two hundred sixty-six Mrs. Dunn's class with fifty-four ladies in attendance won the banner.

Call WA-3281 for the Bailey Ash Garbage Collection Service. Twice weekly at Silver Lake and Stow. Reasonable rates. R. B. Bailey, 3330 Caleb Ave., Cuya-Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Phelps and
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Dime Delivery Service. Call WA-6581. (Adv.)

Mrs. S. A. King is in Youngstown Hospital and reported as recovering nicely from an operation performed ten days ago.

For DRY CLEANING and DYING call WA-9441 or BL-5151, Firestone Cleaners and Dyers. Marion Dewitt, Stow representative. (Adv.)

Stow Council 192 D. of A. will entertain the Western Reserve Council D. of A. of Akron, Monday evening, April 4th. There will be a short business meeting followed by entertainment and lunch.

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FOR SALE—100 pound ice refrigerator, good condition. C. C. Trommer, Munroe Falls, O.—(Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heinzman and children of Girard, Ohio, were visitors recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Littell of Marcella Avenue. Mr. Heinzman is Mrs. Littell’s brother.

Mrs. H. L. Witsaman is recovering from a major operation at the Brooklyn M. E. hospital. Mrs. I. E. Brittan of Fish Creek Road, Stow, is with the Witsamans in New York.

Mrs. Maida Johnson, 191 East Kent Road, has been ill this past week. At the present writing her condition is reported as “improved.” We miss Mrs. Johnson at Community Church. She has been faithful in attendance at Bible School, church and various weekly prayer meetings. Regularly she has helped to prepare this paper for the mail on Thursday evenings. Many are the friends at church who wish Mrs. Johnson well.

Hear ye! Hear ye! It’s going to happen on Easter. From a reliable source it is reported that Miss Miriam Stage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stage of 188 N. Marcella Avenue and E. A. (“Eddie”) Ruggles of Central Cash Market fame will be united in marriage Easter Sunday morning at the United Presbyterian Church on Hudson Drive, Cuyahoga Falls. In celebration of this event free groceries throughout all of the following week at the Central Cash Market should be in order. Free groceries! Free groceries! We want free groceries!

Go To Church on SUNDAY