THE YEAR 1938

That the year is dying we are all aware, that a new year like a new suit of clothes is forthcoming we also know. What has happened during the past year has been recorded and like an inscription on a tombstone the record will be read by the swarm of humanity that comes to succeed the army that has gone.

1938 was a productive year, corn, oats and wheat were given to us in America in super-abundance. The production of food stuffs in other lands was above normal. Weather conditions, sunshine and rain, with a normal temperature conducive to life and happiness of man and beast were well-nigh universal. God's part as a sovereign and dispenser of rich and precious gifts of the earth's bounty cannot be denied.

However, 1938, as weighed among the years of the nineteenth century, was not a good year. Unrest, wars, rumors of wars, labor troubles of the deepest dye, dissatisfaction among the children of men were the toll of 1938.

As I write this night, December 14th, there is one major war in Europe, another in the Orient and all of South America with delegates from the United States are assembled to formulate plans for defense of the American continent. Christmas is a few days ahead and yet the human race is a long way from the achievement of peace and good-will.

1938 marks an epoch of persecution, religious persecution, persecution of Jews, persecution of home loving folk in many lands. Pity the poor farmer in China and pity the unfortunate in America who have lost all.

1938 has perpetuated the unabated slaughter of innocent folk on our great arteries of travel.

1938 has witnessed a world mad after pleasure and sparse in spiritual values.

1938 testifies to scientific advancement on land and sea, in the air, in the laboratory, in medicine, science, in overland travel, in life preserving agencies, and life destroying facilities. Great is the advancement of the human race in the year 1938. Behold, we make alive and behold, we kill by the wholesale.

1938 sees us lagging in the finer arts, in understanding among nations, in solicitude for each other, in peace and good-will, in justice to all men, in love for God, in faith in immortality, in

Sunday A. M. Sermon “The Year Unfolds”
Evening - A Candle Light Service
reverence, in respect, in church attendance.

But 1938 is passing and 1939 bids us hope. May kind providence vouchsafe to all the earth happy times in this New Year.

GEO. M. HULME

CHURCH PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 1939


P. M.—Candle Lite service. Special music and a ten minute sermon by the minister.

Sunday, January 8th A. M.—Sermon: “Our Church Home.”

Afternoon: An Every Member Canvass. Evening: Mr. and Mrs. Dodd, inspirational singers and entertainers.

Sunday, January 15th A. M.—Sermon: “The Vacant Chair.”

P. M.—A Young Peoples Rally. A brief message by the minister.

Sunday, January 22nd A. M.—Sermon: “The Wonders of the Snow.”

P. M.—Family night. Prizes will be given for the largest and next largest family present as a group. Sermon by the
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CHURCH CALENDAR

Bible School, Sunday . 9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship, Sun. 11 A. M.
C. E., Sunday ......... 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship Sunday 7:30 p.m

Teachers Training Class and
Prayer Meet, Wed. 7:30 P. M.
Orchestra Practice, Wed.
Evening ............. 7:30 P. M.
Church Business Meeting, First
Friday Evening of Month
Choir Practice — Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

minister.
Sunday, January 29th A. M.—
Sermon: "The Word 'Come'."
P. M.—A community sing. Ten
minute sermon by the minister.

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

New members accepted in
Community Church last Sunday
morning on confession of faith
were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Peter-
man of 233 Unidondale Avenue,
Stow and Mrs. John Chipps, Stow.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class Christ-
mas party held last week on
Tuesday at the church was a
grand success. More than sixty
attended. Election of officers oc-
curred. Mrs. Ralph Nichols is
the new president, Mrs. O. L.
Zirkle, vice president; Mrs. Ed-
ward Sanner, secretary-treasurer.
Mrs. Ermal Dunn is the teacher.

GUILD

At the Guild Christmas party
held on Wednesday of last week
at the home of Mrs. Ferris, the
following officers were elected.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—OPEN HOUSE

Twenty-five years ago New
Years Day Mr. and Mrs. Harry
Osman of 111 Sanford Av-
nue, were married in Akron by Rev.
Hagelskamps, pastor of the First
Reformed Church. They will be
at home to their friends on Mon-
day, January 2nd, two to four.
Mr. and Mrs. Osman have res-
ided in Stow for the past twelve
years. They have four children,
Richard, Mildred, Howard and
Harry Jr.

MARRIED

Miss Virginia May Lowe,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C.
Lowe, Englewood Drive, and Mr.
Marion Roland Dewitt, son of Mr.
and Mrs. G. P. DeWitt, Marcella
Avenue were united in marriage
at 2:30 P. M. Christmas Day. The
ceremony took place at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stein, Hud-
son Road, Stow. Rev. Hulme of-
ficiated. Other than Mr. and
Mrs. Stein and one or two others
only immediate relatives were
present. The young folks, both
of whom are members of Com-
munity Church, expect to make
their home in Stow. We wish
for them a happy married life.

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Nite business meeting is scheduled to be held at the church this next Friday evening, January 6th, 1939, 7:30 P. M.

**MEN’S BIBLE CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS**

New officers of the Men’s Bible Class are Traxler, president; Phelps, vice president; Olson, first secretary-treasurer; assistant secretary Davis and Lodge. Teacher, Rev. Hulme.

**CHRISTIAN ACTION**

Last Friday evening with an attendance of only seven persons one of the best Bible Study and Prayer meetings of the year was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shaffer.

This Friday evening the meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin T. Troutt, 221 Berger Avenue. All those who can and care to are invited to attend. The meeting the second Friday evening in January will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Mantle, Gorge Park Blvd.

**LOOKING BACK**

In last week’s paper we spoke of the coming Christmas program at Community Church. Those who took part in any way whatsoever are to be commended for their efforts.

The last part of the program was in the form of a pageant, “The First Christmas,” presented by the C. E. under the direction of Mrs. Ralph Nichols.

The curtain raised on the first scene showing Joseph and Mary, tired and weary, at the door of the inn. The inn-keeper stood at the door of the inn with outstretched hands signifying no room. From behind the scene the song, “No Room At The Inn,” was heard.

In the second scene we saw the manger. Beside the manger sat Mary looking like the proud mother and close by stood Joseph acting the part of a proud father.

Next we saw the shepherds

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watching their flocks. The angels have appeared to them proclaiming the birth of the babe Jesus in nearby Bethlehem. From behind the curtains came the strains of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
The fourth scene portrayed the shepherds wending their way to Bethlehem. In the East the wondrous star was shining to which the chief of the shepherds was pointing.

In the last scene we saw all of the characters gathered around the manger. On one side knelt the Three Wise Men offering their gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense. Near by stood the shepherds and at the head of the manger sat Mary, while Joseph stood behind her.

The pageant as a whole is to be complimented being the first of its kind attempted in our church, within the last three or four years.

PERSONAL S
Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Littell is at home for the Christmas holidays.
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spent Christmas night at the home of Mrs. Ida Hardy, Maple road.
Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Boston spent Christmas at the home of their son, Harry Boston of Akron.
Stow Honor Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on January 4th at the home of Mary Semon.
George and Otto Cobb are home from Columbus where they are attending Ohio State University.
Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas and family ate Christmas dinner in Hudson with George Yost and family.
Kent Glass Company has opened a shop in Kent to service Stow, Kent and Ravenna district and they handle all kinds of glass. Auto Glass and Window Glazing. Call Kent 791W. Kent Glass Co., 109 Columbus St., Kent, O.
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mineard of River Road spent Christmas in Akron with their daughter and her husband.
Mrs. M. B. Jones of New Castle, Pa., spent the day with Mrs. Ida Hardy and girls Monday, December 26th.
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Mary Calco of 287 Kent Road, recently spent a few days at the
home of her cousin in Jamestown, N. Y.

Mrs. Grace Shea of Toledo
spent the Christmas holiday with
her sister, Mrs. H. V. Putt of
Franklin Road, Stow.

Donald Moore, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Archie Moore of Munroe
Falls who is attending Carnegie
Tech at Pittsburgh, is at home
for the holidays.

Mr. John Sheka, 764 Hudson
Road, visited over the Christmas
holidays with his parents in Pa-

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Furst of
735 Hudson Road spent Chris-
tmas day with relatives in Ellet,
Ohio.

Father, mother and sister, Mr.
and Mrs. Wolfe and daughter
Pearl of West Virginia are visit-
ing at the home of Mrs. Frank
Hillyer, East Arndale Road, Stow.

New Year’s Eve Party spon-
sored by the Stow Citizens Tax-
payers League, Meadowbrook
Club, Sat., 8:00 P. M.

Mrs. Ed. Chipps of King Drive, who has been ill is now recov-
ering.

Dr. L. B. Sebrell and family of
Silver Lake left this last Tuesday
for a short vacation in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lauchiskis
of Margaret St., Stow, spent
Christmas Day in Chicago, visit-
ing their parents.

Mr. Frank Richards has just
returned from Mississippi where
he visited his wife who recently
underwent an operation there.

It seems C. V. Cross had diffi-
culty in keeping his face straight
last Sunday morning. He took
the part of Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Conley
and daughter Phyllis of West
Arndale Road spent Christmas af-
ternoon with Mr. Conley’s sister
and family at Suffield.

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Dear Friends and Relatives:

This is the day after Christmas. Also, the day after Sunday. And when Sunday and Christmas both come on the same day,—well—its just two big days in one, and accordingly, on this, the day after the day before, one does not feel very much like doing anything, much less writing. But, there are few personal items handed in thus far, and we feel more or less as if it were our duty to carry on, furthermore, for Christmas Santa Claus or friend wife, gave us a real good pen with which writing is a pleasure when there is something to write about.

So! We start. And by starting maybe the spirit will move us to say something.

In the first place, as Christmas is now celebrated, we are glad it comes but once a year. Reason: Commercialism. If you are not "broke" before, you are afterwards. Of course yours truly was broke before Christmas, we are always broke, so maybe nothing should be said, but, as we see it, many look with greed on Christmas profits, or they count the number and value of presents received, or they require alcoholic stimuli as a booster for their spirits, and, this morning's paper says "two hundred sixty-three dead, partial toll of holidays." New Year's Eve is yet to come. And what a wild time some people have then.

Rather, we would believe Christ would have us remember that "it
is more blessed to give than to receive.” And don’t forget the widow’s mite. The spirit of the giver is what counts. One of our good friends relates a little incident that happened last week. Three well groomed prosperous appearing men marched up to the “Mile of Dimes” board in Akron. They laid down several bills of unknown size. They received public acclamation and congratulations. Not far away stood a poorly clad mother and little son. The mother was heard to say to “Sonny,” “Don’t you want to do without—so you can give a dime toward the poor children’s Christmas.” So “Sonny” with his chest out marched up and deposited his dime. There was no acclamation. But “Sonny” had made a sacrifice probably much greater in proportion than that of the three men, and, according to Christ’s statement, his gift was the greatest.

So the proper celebration of Christmas consists not in greedy acceptance of profits or artificially stimulated cheer, but rather in the unselfish giving of gifts of love and good will, particularly to those unable to make a return gift. Also, your gift should be in the name of Him whose birthday we celebrate for “inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Matt: 25-40. Such giving can well be not only at Christmas time, but thru out the whole year.
for our start in the way of Christian living. Not every boy is fortunate in possessing such a friend who can take both an interest in his hobbies or games and in his spiritual development.

Now, so that there may be a little local color and so everyone may know that the Lord provides, be it known that the editor has a wife and this year she was a very good Santa Claus. Too good in fact. Then there are our advertisers. They provide too, a call on Mr. Baughman on Saturday morning and he pays cash for his Friday’s ad. And we pay him cash for chicken feed, dog food or what not. Then our current grocery advertiser, Mr. Weldon of the Kent-Stow Market provided our Christmas groceries in a large part. An eight or nine pound capon came from Mrs. Damon and friend Bauder the Silver Lake florist provided wreaths and a plant for the wife. For New Year’s Day we will probably call on some of the other advertisers. (Maybe before New Year’s Day).

Speaking of New Year’s reminds us that our Young People’s Society of Christian Endeavor have been invited down to the Graham Road Baptist Church where they will be expected to present their missionary play this Saturday night. Hope all those who are taking part will be sure to rememorize their parts. It seems a long time since their last performance.

And again speaking of the New Year, we wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

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