

Christmas Operetta Set For Church

Heralding the week of Christmas, the chancel choir of the Community Methodist church in Waleria will present their annual Christmas program, Sunday, December 18, at 8 p.m. Mrs. William Mitchell is the director. Accompanied by Mrs. Polly Morehead, the choir will present an unusual arrangement of familiar Christmas carols.

Continuing the Yuletide activities at the church, on Wednesday, December 21, family night will be held. Beginning at 7:30, Reverend Gene Gehres will read the story of Jesus' birth.

The youth choir will present an operetta, "Old Crosspatch," a Dutch Christmas tale. Featured roles are played by: Carla Cramer, Carol Hertzog, Dean Hancock, Arlene Daily, Marian Daniels, Carolyn Cummings, Doug Scott, Virginia Deuel, and Dick Whitmer. Bob Cramer, will play Myneer Van Hals, the title role. Direction is by Mrs. Jean Cramer.

Climaxing the week, the church will be open on Christmas eve, from 6 to 11 p.m. for all who wish to take silent communion.

Everyone is invited to attend the Xmas week observances at the Community Methodist Church located at 3646 Newton, Waleria, said Reverend Gehres.

Church News

Famed 'Madonna Row' On Display Now At EC

El Camino college's famed Madonna Row is on display this week featuring its newest reproduction, Lotto's "Rest on the Flight to Egypt."

During the Christmas season each year the Row, featuring seven reproductions of madonna masterpieces, is exhibited in front of the college's Administration building, located on Crenshaw between Manhattan and Redondo Beach boulevards. The reproductions are equipped with flood lights for night viewing. Under the direction of Art instructor Mildred K. Walker, art students work on a new six by eight foot mural each year to add to the growing art exhibit.

"This year's replica," Miss Walker said before leaving on Sabbath, "is an oil painting masterpiece of an Italian mannerist of the 16th century, Lorenzo Lotto, who is considered as one of the finest mannerists of his time." Miss Walker is touring Europe and will return to the college faculty in February.

Layout work and enlargement of the paintings is done by Miss Walker, while the art

students lay in the large areas of flat colors, and Miss Walker then does all figure painting and the final touching up.

Commenting upon the art project, Miss Walker said, "In painting the picture, we try to capture the technical differences of the various artists as well as simply repeating the subject."

Art students assisting Miss Walker in the preparation of this year's copy were Betty Ingram, William Lane, Gina Greayer, Isabelle Phillips and Sue Vaughn.

Miss Walker, who initiated the college's Madonna Row in 1958, said that Madonna Row was started as an attempt to establish a tradition of emphasizing the true Christmas spirit by use of famous classical paintings.

Church Will Present the Nativity Scene

The South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon ave., Torrance, will present two showings of the Nativity scene nightly at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., beginning Monday, December 19 and running through Saturday, December 24.

The church choir and pastor will present background music and scriptures over a loudspeaking system. The Biblical characters will be portrayed by members of the congregation.

The lawn of the church will be arranged with several scenes, including: the manger where the Christ Child lay, the shepherds in the field, the shepherds visiting the Christ Child, the Wise Men visiting King Herod, and the same Wise Men journeying to Bethlehem to visit the Baby Jesus.

The purpose in presenting this pantomime of the Nativity scene is to make all people everywhere aware of the true significance of Christmas, that it is the birthday of the Saviour of the world, said Reverend C. L. Tierney, pastor.



THE MIRACLE OF NAZARETH . . . Taking part in the second annual Christmas pageant presented by the First Methodist church are: (l-r) Gerald Roberts, J. Gene Walker, Sally

Bridgeman, Larry Drury, and Ed Hutchison. The pageant will be given Sunday, December 18, in the Civic auditorium, El Prado and Cravens, at 4 p.m.—Whitmer Photo.

Reality of Christmas Giving Shown in Annual Pageant

"Tis more blessed to give than to receive," is the spiritual theme that lights the Christmas season. All children in the community will have the opportunity to participate in what "The Miracle of Nazareth" is presented Sunday, December 18, in the Torrance civic auditorium.

The pageant will present six tableaux depicting the Conception of the Christ Child, the Journey to Bethlehem, and the Nativity, with Reverend Donald Shelby telling the story, accompanied by a choral background.

The children attending the performance of the pageant will file to the stage and offer gifts at the feet of the Infant Jesus just as the Wise Men and Shepherds do in the tableau. These gifts will be presented later to deserving families in the area. This will be the climax to an inspiring family occasion through which children of the community will be able to see and understand why we give gifts at Christmas.

Mrs. Allen L. Pyeatt is coordinator of this second annual Christmas pageant presented by the First Methodist church. Mrs. Richard Brundin will direct the Junior Choir of the church, and Michael Mullen will play the piano accompaniment for the choir, which will be

augmented for this occasion by the junior department of the church school.

According to Mrs. Pyeatt, the cast will include Sally Bridgeman as Mary, J. Gene Walker as Joseph, and Diane Wayt taking the part of the Angel.

Others in the cast are: Lloyd Daniels, Ken Helphand, Gregg Radford, and Peter Anderson as shepherds; Gerald Roberts as the innkeeper, and Lorna Hall, Barbara Hiebert, Kathy Kirks, Sharon Kirks, Sally Mason, and Evelyn Shanklin as Wise Men. Townspeople will be played by: Sandra Lessing, Diana Erdmann, Kay Wyeman, Robert Parke, and Richard Brunhill.

Committee chairmen working with Mrs. Pyeatt and Reverend Shelby, minister of education of the First Methodist church, are: Robert Mason, sound and props; Robert Parke, lighting; James Cahow, sets; Mrs. Mabel Schroeder, costumes; and Carol Malloy, make-up.

Robert Reid will be in charge of the ushers, and J. Gene Walker will lead the Wesley Fellowship in the preparing of the programs. Art Whitmer is the photographer for the pageant.

The script for the narration was coordinated by John Hudson. Mrs. Pyeatt announced that

CHURCH DIRECTORY

THE CHURCH OF GOD—2230 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance. Pastor, Rev. W. E. Combs. Bible Study, Tuesday 7:30 P.M.; Y.P.E. Meeting, Friday 7:30 P.M.; Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Preaching, 11:00 A.M.; Evangelistic, 7:30 P.M. Everybody invited.

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH—1447 Engracia Avenue. Rev. Patrick McGinness, Pastor. Telephone FA 8-2778. Schedule of Masses and Services: Sunday Masses—6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 and 12:15. One Mass at 9:30 A.M. in St. Joseph's Church, 2314 W. Del Amo Blvd. (Fuebio). Torrance. Holy Communion every Thursday night at 8:00 P.M. in the Rectory, 1447 Engracia Avenue. Confessions Three Times on Saturdays—10:00 to 11:00 A.M., 4:00 to 6:00 P.M., 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Baptisms Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00 P.M. First Communion Class and Infant Care at Nativity Annex, 1415 Engracia Ave., on Sundays from 9:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—El Prado at Manuel Avenue. Rev. John L. Taylor, Minister. Church School for all ages, 9:00 Early Worship Youth Choir church school fourth grade and below 10:00 Church School, all ages, extended sessions fourth grade and below, 11:00 Morning Worship—Adult Choir, infant care from 9:00 to 12 A.M. 6:30 High School Youth Fellowship.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH—Located on Carson Street and Flower Avenue in Torrance. Rev. Paul Wenske, Pastor. Residence 2550 El Dorado. Phone FA. 8-3249. Church Office: 1725 Flower Avenue, FA. 8-5884. First Church Worship, 8:45 A.M.; Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; second Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST—218th Street at Manuel Avenue. Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; Sunday Service, 11:00 A.M.; Wednesday Evening Meeting, 8:00 P.M.; Reading Room, 1617 Cabrillo Avenue. Open 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. daily except Sundays and holidays. Monday and Friday evenings, 7 to 9 P.M.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE—1501 West Carson Street. Rev. Freeman A. Brumby, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Youth Groups, 6:30 P.M.; Evening Service, 7:30 P.M.; People's Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Carson at Manuel. Rev. C. Miles Northrup, Pastor. Nathan H. Bond, Assistant Minister. Church phone: FA. 8-5000; Northrup, FA. 8-3405, 9:00 and 11 A.M. duplicate church services, 9:00 A.M. Jr. and Primary classes, 10:00 A.M. Jr. Church Youth & Adult Classes, Training Unions, 6:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P.M.; Mid-Week Service, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. Nursery for every service.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD REVIVAL TABERNACLE—Normandie at 256th Street, Harbor City, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Martin, Services: Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; Evangelistic, 7:30 P.M.; Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.; Thursday, Young People, 7:30 P.M.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH—1207 El Prado; telephone, FA. 8-5736. Rev. and Mrs. James F. Lowen, Pastors. Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 A.M.; Morning Worship, 10:45 A.M.; Group Services, 6:30 P.M. (Y. P. Cadets, Defenders); Evangelistic, 7:30 P.M. mid-week; Wednesday, Bible Study at 7:30 P.M. Public invited.

LOMITA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—245th Street at Woodward Ave. (Near Lomita Boulevard and Barbours Avenue). Rev. Eldon Durham, Minister. Residence 2307 Oak St. Telephone DA. 6-0139. Sunday School, 9:30 A.M., and Morning Worship, 9:30 and 11 A.M. Westminster Fellowship Youth Groups, 6:30 P.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TORRANCE (Disciples of Christ)—2930 El Dorado Ave. Rev. H. Milton Sippel, minister. Residence phone FA. 8-4593. Two sessions of Church School and Morning Worship 9:30 and 10:50. Nursery provided for both sessions. Chi Rho 5:30. Christian Youth Fellowship 7:00.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA—16414 Dalton Ave. (between Western & Normandie Ave.) Summer schedule: Bible school 9:15; Church, 10:15; Junior church, 10:15; Midweek services at 7:30 on Wednesday. Rev. Maurice Knott, Pastor.

TORRANCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH—Located on Acacia and Sonoma in Seventh-Day Adventist Bldg. R. L. Thurmond, Pastor. Resident Phone, Terminal 4-4987. 9:45 A.M. Sunday School; Morning Worship, 11:00 A.M.; 6:30 P.M. Bible Study; 7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service; Prayer Meeting Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

KEYSTONE ASSEMBLY OF GOD—21916 Moneta Ave., Keystone. Pastor Charlotte Shook. DA. 6-6861. Sunday School 9:45; Preaching 11 A.M. Evenings Evangelistic Service 7:45 P.M. Sundays, Mid-Week, Thursday 7:45 P.M.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TRUTH (Spiritualist)—Masonic Hall at 1006 1/2 Gardens Blvd. Sermon, Healing, Spiritual Messages. Sunday School at 10:15 A.M.; Morning Worship at 11:00 A.M. We extend a cordial invitation to the public.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH—Corner of Avilington and Marcelina. Walter M. Stanton, pastor. Sunday School 9:30 A.M. Morning Worship, Sunday 11:00 A.M. Christian Endeavor and Evening Worship, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Mid-Week Bible Class, Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE (Masonic Temple)—Corner of Ruby and Catalina streets. FR. 4-8231. Redondo Minister, Dr. Earl D. Barstun. Services 9:30 and 11 A.M., Sermon Title: "The Divine Conception." Junior Church and Metafeens, 11 A.M. Inspirational House, 1 P.M. Wednesdays.

TORRANCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST—1610 Acacia Avenue. Elder Glenn L. Goffar. Phone: Rectory, FA. 8-1540; Residence, FA. 8-3258. Sabbath School, 9:15 A.M.; Church Services, 11 A.M. Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

WCTU Meets Tomorrow

The W.C.T.U. will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday, December 16th, at the El Nido Baptist church, 182nd st. and Kingsdale ave. in Redondo Beach.

The county institute will be held, with Mrs. Zola Meek and three other county officers present. The morning session begins at 11 o'clock and the afternoon session is held till 2 p.m.

All the women of this area are eligible to attend. Special music will be provided in keeping with the Christmas season.

Mrs. Vom Steeg is president and may be reached at FA. 8-6169.

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