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BOOKS FOR NEUENSTADT

The students who attended the Seminar Abroad and are interested in buying or donating books for the people in Neuenstadt as Christmas gifts, should make themselves known now. Many of the people in this part of Germany need nooks in English to read and since many of us found our second home with these lovely people - it would be nice to do something for them. These books will become a permanent part of the library in the Gemeinde Haus. Some books have been suggested and others are being considered, if you have any books in mind, please let us know about them. If you have any books that you would like to donate and or money please contact Nancy Lilly or Dana Schlogel by October 31.

***** Nancy and Dana *****

COMMUNION

The chapel service on Monday will be conducted by Dr. Ringer and Doug Turner. Chapel begins at 9:00 A.M. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Spiritual Life Committee

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lee and Mary Jo Jessup on the announcement of a new arrival to their family, sometime this spring.

Also best wishes to Denny Moritz on his engagement to Katie Windle.

Gather around all ye ghosts and goblins - there is going to be a party.

The S.C.C. invites the seminary community- faculty, administration, students and their families- to an evening of "frightening fun" in the basement of the Hub, Friday Oct. 31, at 8:00 p.m. Get out your costumes, and if need be wear a mask, and we'll see you there.

L.T.S. RESOURCE CENTER

Creative minds and eager hands are beginning to give life to the LTS Resource Center. Students with "gifts" in the areas of youth ministry, drama, photography, sacred dance, liturgical arts, curriculum development, spiritual growth, crafts, and music have joined with the vision of providing a service to the seminary community and to the larger community in which people with needs get together with people with gifts. Hopefully, everyone in the seminary community who want to become involved will be able to plug into the center in some way.

Presently, there are two "centers" which are beginning to take shape: Nancy Lilly's curriculum development center in the Hub, and Alice Zimmerman's crafts center.

If you are interested in plugging in anywhere, if you have a craft you would like to share, if you have practical or spiritual gifts you would like to cultivate, or any ideas or suggestions contact Doug Turner or Dr. Doug Whiting.

HERETIC IN THE HUB

Too long have we Christians worshipped a quantitative God. A Deity adored because he is mighty and powerful, with his goodness and love an adjunct to his awesome cosmic energy, holds little claim over the hearts of a generation weaned on atomic power and space flight. God must be worshipped because he is good, if he is to be worshipped at all by modern man, for we possess the destructive power attributed to the old gods (such as nuclear energy) and some of the healing powers assigned to the Divine as well (such as sustaining life artificially).

A quantitative God does not impress us; we hunger for Another. In the words of William Ellery Channing, "It is not because he is our Creator merely, but because he created us for good and holy purposes; it is not because his will is irresistible, but because his will is the perfection of virtue, that we pay him allegiance. We cannot bow before a being, however great and powerful, who governs tyrannically. We respect nothing but excellence, whether on earth or in heaven. We venerate not the loftiness of God's throne, but the equity and goodness in which it is established."

Channing delivered that passage as part of his sermon in Baltimore entitled "Unitarian Christianity." The year was 1819. Only today are we beginning to understand how prophetic his words were. Dr. Channing called for the death of the quantitative God, and the resurrection of the qualitative God--the God of heavenly goodness, not devilish power.

A qualitative God need not be quantitatively powerful. Power is a value-neutral force: we can heat our homes with atomic energy, or we can scorch the earth free of all life with that same power. Indeed, the crux of the God is dead argument centers in the lack of power manifested by the so-called omnipotent God. If God is all-powerful, Unitarian-Universalist author Jack Mendelson says, he must not be the loving 'Abba' Father of Jesus, for he chose not to exercise his sovereign might when Hitler put his millions into the gas.

A quantitative God--a God of power who can and does intervene in the natural order--cannot be a qualitative God who loves his children. But a strictly qualitative God--powerless to act in the physical world, showering us constantly with inspiration and loving support (which we can accept or utterly reject), calling us forth from nonliving to living to spiritual life, alternatively crying and rejoicing with us-- this God truly

STAFF OPENING

The North Hills Youth Ministry of Pittsburgh is looking for someone to fill a staff position on Nov. 1st. The job terminates on May 31, 1976 with the possibility of being rehired at that time for a yearly contract. The salary is \$600.00 per month. The position would involve plugging into the current programs of this center. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Tom Brown immediately.

BICENTENNIAL SERVICE

Since this is the Bicentennial year of America, Dubb's Memorial U.C.C. (Fifth and Allen Streets, Allentown) will be having five worship services centered around this event. The first of these services will be at the two Sunday morning worship services 9:15 and 10:45, this coming Sunday Oct. 26. This service is a repeat of their July 4, 1975 service, and is being taped by WLIV- TV 39 to be aired at a later date. The Northampton Town Militia will be participating as well as the Dubb's church choir. For further information concerning this service and the following services contact Dale Serfass.

Dale Serfass

POTTERY CLASSES

Alice Zimmerman will be conducting beginner's pottery classes on Tuesday from 4-5 in the Hub. The classes are being offered in connection with the Resource Center. The first class will be this Tuesday October 23, 1975. Everyone is welcome to come and create.

***** Alice Zimmerman *****

CUTHBERTSON'S

The representative for Cuthbertson's on Campus - Nov. 5, 1975

HERETIC...

is a being worthy of worship and praise, for he/she/it sounds a lot like the 'Abba' Father of Jesus, who could not rescue even his own beloved "son" when we crucified him.

-----Tom Schreck

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*Open to Seminary Community

**Open to General Public

Numbers in parentheses refer to announcements which follow.

CALENDAR

Monday, October 27

*9:00 - 9:45 a.m. - Service of Worship Chapel

Tuesday, October 28

*9:30 - 9:50 a.m. - Morning Prayers Chapel
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Parish Training Program L216
*9:00 p.m. - Bowling Leisure Lanes

Wednesday, October 29

*9:30 - 9:50 a.m. - Morning Prayers Chapel
*3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Seminary Choir Rehearsal Chapel
*4:00 p.m. - Campus Life Committee Meeting in the
basement of Academic Building

Thursday, October 30

*9:30 - 9:50 a.m. - Morning Prayers Chapel
10:30 a.m. - Executive Cabinet

Friday, October 31

*9:30 - 9:50 a.m. - Morning Prayers Chapel

DATES AHEAD

November 16 - 20 - United Church Board for
World Ministries meeting in Lancaster

WARNING - DON'T PARK YOUR CAR ON CAMPUS FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS!!!!!!

BEGINNING THIS FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24, AND UNTIL THE JOB IS COMPLETE THERE IS A DANGER POSED TO CARS PARKED ON CAMPUS BY THE CHEMICALS BEING USED TO WATER BLAST OUR TOWER. ALL PERSONS WHO PARK THEIR CARS ON THE CAMPUS ARE URGED NOT TO DO SO DURING THE DAY WHILE THE WATER BLASTING IS GOING ON. A NOTICE WILL BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS TO INFORM YOU WHEN THE WATER BLASTING IS FINISHED.

Dr. James D. Glasse