

Highland Park Methodist Church

North avenue at Laretta place
Frank Davidson Hopkins, minister

The sudden death of "Jim" Jennings, everyone's friend, and active member of our church, was a shock from which we will be long in recovering. Coming early Sunday morning, Sunday school, church service and Epworth League felt the full force of the unexpected blow and a pall of grief hung over all the services and many homes in our community. His example of fine Christian living and the beauty and strength of his character exerted a great influence for good among our young people and all others. His home and his church were the two centers of his life and he gave to the limit of his ability to the

welfare of each, active in every interest. Columns could be written of his many virtues, but his fellow workers in the church need no such reminder for his life was an open book to all. In his 38 years of life he had spread more positive influence for good than do many in a far longer lifetime. Were our church made up of such members it could not help being a mighty power for good in our community. He will be long remembered in the hearts of those who honored and loved him and his influence and spirit will abide for years. The funeral services in the church were held Tuesday afternoon and were largely attended by our members, young people and throngs of friends from the neighborhood, and the shops

of the North Shore, where he worked. The pastor and Rev. Wm. Doble officiated, the American Legion also being represented and participating.

A "Watch Night" service was held in the league room of the church on Wednesday evening, New Year's eve, for the hour preceding midnight and those present were repaid for their attendance.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of the new year, should witness a large congregation. If you have been negligent during the past year in your religious privileges and not loyal to your church in being present at its services, would this not be a good time to make a start for better things during the coming year? The church needs you but you need the church

and the help it gives to our spiritual natures. Make the one great needful resolution for the new year that you will regularly attend the services of the House of God and join with His people in praise, prayer and service.

Bethany Evangelical Church

Cor. Deerfield ave. and Rosemary ter.
Rev. A. P. Johnson, pastor.

9:45 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., worship and sermon; 7 p.m., Christian Endeavor; 8 p.m. evening service

The Christmas pageant, "The Nativity," given last Tuesday evening, was so much appreciated by the large audience that it was repeated Sunday evening. This pageant was a reproduction of the Christmas story. Those who saw it were so impressed that one said it was the most beautiful pageant that had ever been given in Deerfield. The pageant presented four scenes as given in the book of Luke.

A scene showed the temple with the hangings of purple and a curtain of gold, in the center of which was the altar of incense on which was the brazier containing live coals. On these Zacharias sprinkled the incense as he performed his priestly duties. On either side were the table of shewbread and the candlestick. While Zacharias was in the temple the angel appeared unto him proclaiming the birth of John. The costumes of the characters together with the lighted candles and footlights made this scene most brilliant and effective.

The second scene also took place in the temple with Mary kneeling at the Table of Prayer as the angel announced to her the birth of Jesus.

The third scene pictured the shepherds on the hill with the city of Bethlehem in the distance and the shining stars overhead. The shepherds were dressed in oriental costume and sat by a campfire when the angel appeared announcing the birth of the Saviour. The blue footlights and the Bethlehem scene made a beautiful picture of the *Silent Night*.

The Nativity scene showed Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. The shepherds came and worshipped Him and the wise men in velvet robes came to present their costly gifts. This was a most solemn scene and very beautiful.

Thanks are due the program committee who so faithfully worked and to all characters who so heartily cooperated to make this service such a splendid success.

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Rev. Christoph Keller, pastor
East Laurel Avenue

Sunday, Jan. 4, the second Sunday after Christmas. 7:30 a.m., Holy communion; 9:30 a.m., the church school; 11 a.m., holy communion and sermon.

Tuesday, Jan. 6th, the Epiphany. 9:30 a.m., holy communion.

The Church Service league and the Woman's Auxiliary will meet Monday, Jan. 5th, at 10 o'clock in the parish house. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock. The women of the parish are most cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Members of the Rector's Guild will meet in the parish house on Monday, Jan. 5th. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 o'clock and the regular meeting will follow.

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