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Methodists Set Worship Services

New Year's Day services will be held on next Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church in Torrance, El Prado and Manuel Avenue, beginning with the Sunday School at 9:45. The New Year's Day worship service will begin at 11 a.m. with the organ prelude by the minister of music, Vernon Robinson. Rev. Clarence E. Miller, the pastor, will deliver the sermon on the theme: "Our task for the New Year." The Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:45 p.m. for worship, discussion, and social fellowship. All youth of high school and college age are invited to attend.

VISITING IN EAST
Mrs. Harry Watkins and her two sons are currently spending a three-week Christmas holiday with her parents in Pennsylvania.

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Churches Set Watch Night Services

Watchnight Observance Announced

Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, Marcelina and Arlington Avenues, will observe the close of the old year and will usher in the new year with a Watchnight observance, Saturday, December 31, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Guild Hall of Central Church.

The first part of the evening will be spent in fellowship. Refreshments will be served. At 11 p.m. a Watchnight Service will be conducted. All members and friends of the Church are invited.

NEW PHONE BOOKS
The January, 1950 telephone directory is now being distributed in the Torrance area. It was announced this week.

Theme of Sermon for New Years

Special New Year's services will be held at the Nazarene church, 1501 West Carson, Sunday, January 1. Beginning with the Sunday school at 9:45, the entire program of the day will emphasize progression. Theme for the 11 o'clock worship service will be "The Glory of Going On."

The message for the evening service will be entitled, "I Will Arise and Go." Both sermons will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Penner. Special music will be arranged by the music director, Mrs. Agnes Foster.

'God' Topic for Church

"Who is so great a God as our God?" This thought-provoking question from the Psalms is the Golden Text of the Sunday Bible Lesson on "God" in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

Presbyterian Sermon Told

"Wanted, A Better World" will be the topic of the sermon to be given by Dr. B. Johnson Reemtsma, interim minister, at the 11 a.m. service at the Lomita Presbyterian Church. The topic of the evening service will be "Adventurous Living." During the evening service which begins at 7:30 p.m., Stanley Johnson, well-known dramatic reader, will offer three inspirational readings.

A NEW YEAR'S DAY SERMONETTE

Frank W. Boreham has written, "God begins with a Babe. A century ago men were following with bated breath the march of Napoleon and waiting with feverish impatience the latest news of the wars. And all the time in their own homes babies were being born. But who could think about 'babies'? Every body was thinking about 'bat-tles'."

"In one year midway between Trafalgar and Waterloo there stole into the world a host of heroes! During that one year Gladstone was born in Liverpool, Alfred Tenneyson was born at the Somersby rectory, and Oliver Wendell Holmes made his first appearance in Massachusetts. That selfsame year Charles Darwin made his debut at Shrewsbury, and Abraham Lincoln drew his first breath at Old Kentucky. Music was enriched by the advent of Felix Mendelssohn at Hamburg, and so on... "We fancy that God can only manage his world by big battalions abroad, when all the time he's doing it by little babies at home. When a wrong wants righting, or a truth wants presenting, or a continent wants opening, God sends a baby into the world to do it. That was why, long, long ago, a Babe was born at Bethlehem."

This is New Year's Day. Each day of that new year will be colored by what we pay attention to, hour after hour. Are we going to be charmed by skyscrapers towering against the sky; by the big man with the big bank account who looks like a whole procession when he walks down the street; by the big shiny car and the gleaming house of a neighbor? Or are we going to look at the little, hidden things of life which hold the promise of the future: the lighted smile of the heroic invalid next door; the swift thoughts of the small boy in your Sunday School class, the brimming-over love of a Christ-lighted family, the Babe sheltered in a country barn. "Take ye heed, and watch and pray"; and in these hidden things your eyes will begin to find God. You will find him more and more, and marvel at his Glory. You will want to do his will, as you never wanted to before. Instead of windy resolutions this year, simply determine to pay attention to God in his little hidden treasures all about you. God's way is to begin small, so that we can see him without fear. He CAN make us new, if we pay heed to him. "Take ye heed, and watch, and pray!"

Foursquare Church Reveals Plans
The Torrance Foursquare Church, located at 1207 El Prado will hold its annual watch night service, Saturday, December 31, at 7:30 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Congress Hall, central auditorium of the Salvation Army at 832 West Ninth street will be rededicated in a special ceremony conducted by Lt. Commissioner Claude E. Bates of San Francisco Thursday evening, December 29 at 7:45 o'clock.

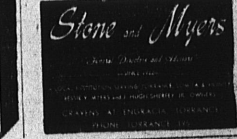
Reflections

Happy New Year

The year 1950 is a wrapped package. We can hear it tick with energy. It is heavy with promise of all we wish to do. It is big enough to keep us busy until the last day has been used.

The sunrise of each of those baby days is a signal to start anew; there is nothing left of the day before. We can use each gleaming, shiny, untried day as suits us best; to advance our self-interests, to make new friends, blot out unpleasant memories, or smooth the path for those who follow us. We can mold each day as we fashion clay to make an image that will endure. May all the days of 1950 be malleable, that can and will be fashioned to bring you peace, to give you good health, to make you happy and to give you prosperity. Happy and prosperous New Year.

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LUTHERAN OLD YEAR WORSHIP ANNOUNCED

An Old Year's Eve worship service has been planned at the First Lutheran Church from 11 p.m. to 12 midnight on December 31. It was announced this week by Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor.

Purpose of the service is to make it possible for all those of the New Year in worshipping the Lord in the House of God.

The sermon theme for this service will be "Dedicating the New Year and Ourselves to God."

For the evening service at 7:30 p.m. the sermon theme will be "A Happy New Year"

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