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On Sunday, December 1, 1974 Mrs. Ford went to church services for the first time since her operation of September 28th.

She and the President attended services at 11:00 a.m. at St. Johns Church Lafayette Square. They were presented with an album of religious music recorded by the St. John's Church Choir. The presentation was made by the choir director.

(Info from Ric Sardo)

N.Y. Daily News 12/2/74 p. 8

World Follows Ford to Church

Washington, Dec. 1 (AP)—President and Mrs. Ford went to church today and heard the minister lament the slow progress in the world toward peace.

It was the first time Mrs. Ford had been to church since she underwent cancer surgery Sept. 26.

She and the President took communion with about 200 persons in the congregation at St. John's Episcopal Church, near the White House.

The Rev. John W. Turnbull, assistant minister, delivered a sermon based on the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah about beating swords into plowshares.

Doesn't Materialize

He commented that the words "that prophecy and promise sounded more ironic" than they did on this first Sunday

"In our world at this time," the minister added, "a transformation is taking place very slowly, if at all."

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Ford would get a first-hand report tomorrow from Secretary of State Kissinger on his recent talks in Peking, a trip that resulted in an invitation for Ford to visit China in 1976.

Nessen said Ford would spend much of the day in preparation for a nationally televised news conference scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

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Washington Star-News
Monday, January 6, 1975



—Associated Press

CHURCHGOERS

President and Mrs. Ford and their daughter Susan arrive at St. John's Episcopal Church for services yesterday. The church is just across Lafayette Park from the White House.

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Associated Press

FORDS GO TO CHURCH—President and Mrs. Ford and daughter Susan arrive at St. John's Episcopal Church across Lafayette Park from the White House. They heard Rev. David A. Williams urge "dynamic faith and hope."



United Press International

AFTER CHURCH SERVICES: President Ford and his wife, Betty, with the Rev. John C. Harper, rector of St. John's Church in Washington, as they left church yesterday morning. The onetime center for the University of Michigan later watched the Super Bowl on television.

President Ford attended church for the first time since two assassination attempts were made against him. Accompanied by Mrs. Ford and daughter Susan, the President drove two blocks from the White House to St. John's Episcopal Church and sat on the aisle in a seventh-row pew with Secret Service agents sitting behind him. Mr. Ford chose not to shake hands with well-wishers but paused to wave to the crowd before departing. Aides said the President passed up the opportunity to play golf in order to work in the Oval Office and prepare for the week.

Oct 13 L.A. Times

Alexandria Va.

Sunday, February 24, 1975

The Gazette 3-A



George Washington's Church

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day at the church George Washington attended. The Fords sat in the Washington pew. (UPI Telephoto)



Associated Press

RAINY EXIT—The Rev. William Sydnor holds his coat over Betty Ford's head as they leave 200-year-old Christ Church in Alexandria after services. President and Mrs. Ford sat in the pew once occupied by George Washington, a regular worshiper at the Episcopal church.



A little help from above

The Rev. William Sydnor holds his coat over Mrs. Gerald Ford's head to protect her from the rain as she leaves Christ Church in suburban Alexandria, Va., Sunday after attending Episcopal services with the President. (AP Wirephoto)

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FORDS-CHURCH

WASHINGTON (AP) -- PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD ATTENDED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES AND DELIGHTED HUNDREDS OF TOURISTS AND NOONTIME STROLLERS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.

THE FORDS MOTORCADED THE BLOCK FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND WERE GREETED BY A CROWD, MOST OF WHOM HAD BEEN ALERTED BY NEWS REPORTS THAT THEY WOULD ATTEND THE SERVICES.

THE CROWD TOOK CAMERAS, WAVED AND SHOUTED AS THE PRESIDENT AND HIS WIFE ENTERED THE CHURCH.

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD STAYED FOR THE FIRST HALF-HOUR OF A THREE-THREE-HOUR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE.

THE PRESIDENT PLANS HIS FIRST GOLF OUTING OF THE YEAR SATURDAY AT BURNING TREE COUNTRY CLUB IN SUBURBAN BETHESDA, MD. IN LATE AFTERNOON HE AND MRS. FORD WILL FLY BY HELICOPTER TO THE PRESIDENTIAL RETREAT AT CAMP DAVID IN MARYLAND'S CATOCCHIN MOUNTAINS.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, THE FORDS WILL ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES IN THURMONT, MD., AND WILL FLY BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE SUNDAY NIGHT.

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Mrs. Ford to shield her
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in Alexandria, Va. The Presi-
dent and Mrs. Ford sat in pew
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vices Sunday. The historic
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Associated Press

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Church in Alexandria after services. President and Mrs.
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Phnom Penh virtually is surround-
ed by Communist forces. Its supplies
have been cut off. At present, it is
in the Persian Gulf, he should explain
them to Congress.
Schlesinger was interviewed on
ABC Issues and Answers.



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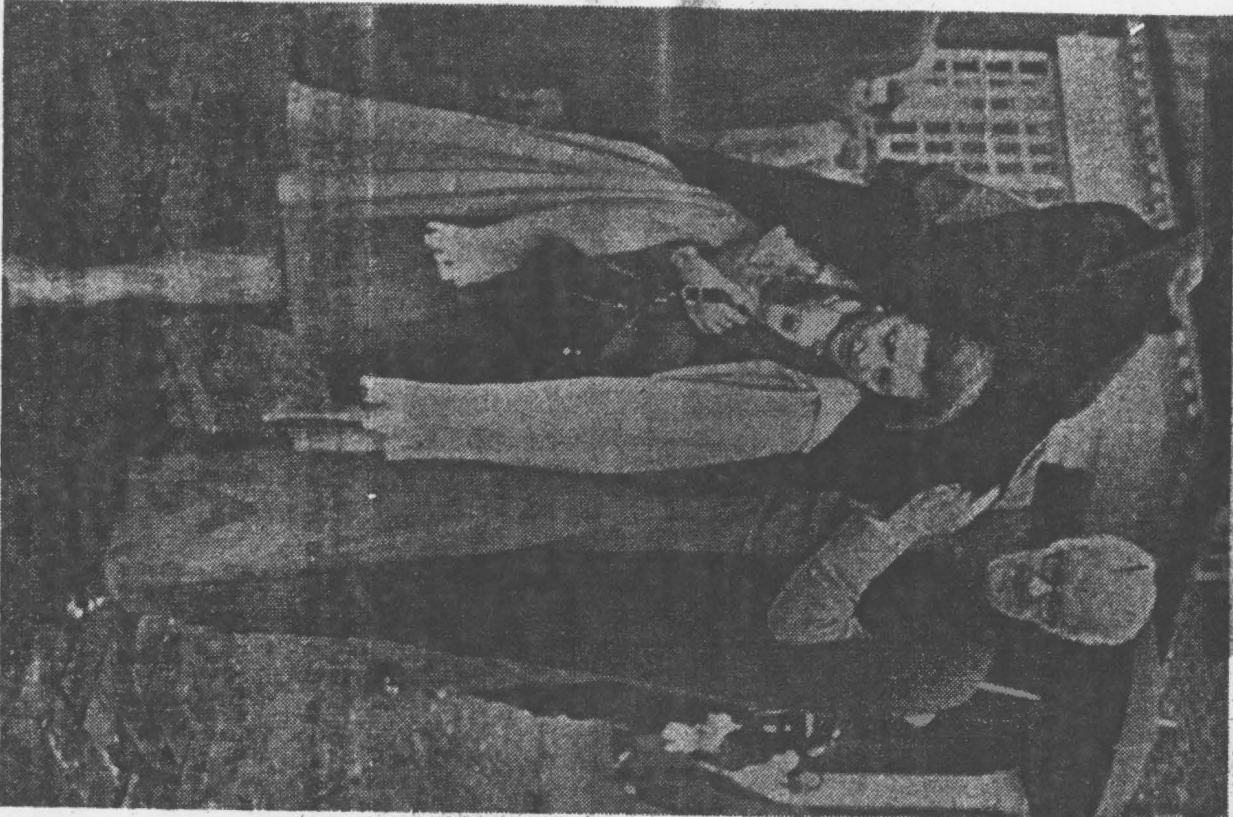
LENDING A HAND: The Rev. William Sydnor holding his coat over Betty Ford to protect her from the rain after services at Christ Church in Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Ford attended an Episcopal service with the President.

March 1975

Los Angeles Times ★

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Inside The Times



SHIELDING A MEMBER OF THE FLOCK — The Rev. William Sydnor holds coat against the rain for Betty Ford after she and the President attended Episcopal services Sunday at Christ Church in Alexandria, Va.

AP Wirephoto



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Attend George Washington's Church

The Rev. William Sydnor, rector of Christ Church in Alexandria, greets President and Mrs. Ford as they arrive for services Sun-

day at the church George Washington attended. The Fords sat in the Washington pew. (UPI Telephoto)

LA Times 2/24/75 p. 2



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AP wirephoto

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AT CHURCH—President Ford and daughter Susan with the Rev. John Harper after services at St. John's Episcopal Church.

United Press International



—Associated Press

President Ford and daughter Susan walk with the Rev. John Harper after attending services at St. John's Episcopal Church.

ECONOMIC PLAN PUSHED

Ford Bids for Hill Support

By FRANCES LEWINE

Associated Press

President Ford, after a recent barnstorming stint around the country, is launching a face-to-face campaign for his energy and economic programs

ing nine holes of golf at a country club in Bethesda both Saturday and yesterday afternoon.

Ford's golfing companions included William Whyte, vice president of U.S. Steel; Rod Markley, vice president of Ford Motor Co., and Leon Parma, an

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BY WESLEY G. PIPPERT

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD HEARD A PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AT CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY BEFORE HEADING FOR AN AFTERNOON ON THE GOLF COURSE AND A WEEK OF ECONOMIC AND ENERGY DECISIONS.

FORD ATTENDED ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ON LAFAYETTE SQUARE ACROSS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. AND MRS. JOHN HEKMAN, OF CWOSSO, MICH., CLOSE FRIENDS. THE FIRST LADY DID NOT ATTEND.

DURING THE MORNING PRAYERS FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYERS, THE MINISTER INSERTED AN INTERCESSORY SENTENCE ON BEHALF OF THE WAR VICTIMS IN INDOCHINA.

THE SERMON WAS DELIVERED BY THE REV. CHARLES P. PRICE OF VIRGINIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN ALEXANDRIA, VA., WHO PREACHED ON "I AM THE WAY, THE TREE OF LIFE," JESUS' WORDS TAKEN FROM JOHN 14.

FORD SPENT THE AFTERNOON OF THE CRISP, SUNNY DAY AT BURNING TREE COUNTRY CLUB IN SUBURBAN BETHESDA, MD., WHERE HE PARTICIPATED IN A MEMBERS' TOURNAMENT THAT WAS TO CONCLUDE SUNDAY.

IN RECENT DAYS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN STRESSING THE THEME THAT THE ECONOMY IS ON AN UPSWING, A THEME FORD HIMSELF EMPHASIZED AT A GOP FUND-RAISER AFFAIR IN ARLINGTON, VA., SATURDAY NIGHT.

HE TOLD HUNDREDS OF CHEERING REPUBLICANS THERE THAT INFLATION "WILL BE HALF AS MUCH IF NOT BETTER" THAN 1974'S 12.4 PER CENT AND THAT "MOVING INTO 1976, THE PICTURE ECONOMICALLY NATIONWIDE WILL BE ON THE UPSWING."

FORD WILL MEET WITH HIS ECONOMIC AND ENERGY ADVISERS MONDAY WHEN FEDERAL ENERGY CHIEF FRANK ZARB IS EXPECTED TO OFFER RECOMMENDATIONS ON OIL IMPORTS.

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NEWS

Carter Must Show More Spark to Get Nomination

On ABC's "Issues and Answers" Sunday, pollster Lou Harris said Jimmy Carter's campaign has been based on the weakness of his opponents rather than a positive appeal to voters, and he will have to "show more spark" in order to get the Democratic presidential nomination.

Harris said Carter's attributes apparently are: He seems to "promise less" than other candidates, is a "new face," doesn't come from Washington, and "is reasonably a man of integrity."

Harris added that Hubert Humphrey seems to be everybody's alternative right now. He said today the best way to explain the appeal of Humphrey is nostalgia. "He has become kind of the elder statesman in the Democratic party and the old labels... the flaming liberal, even radical, that seems to be gone." AP, UPI -- (4/18/76)

Presidency: News

First Family Worships in Mountain Village

President and Mrs. Ford worshipped on Easter Sunday in the village chapel of Catoctin Furnace, Maryland, then returned to nearby Camp David to close a quiet holiday weekend by relaxing in the warm weather. AP, UPI, CBS -- (4/18/76)

International: News

China Considering Money Gifts to Egypt

The Vice President of Egypt was in Peking, China Sunday discussing the possibilities of trade agreements and money gifts from China. China has already given Egypt 30 planes since that country cancelled its friendship treaty with Russia. NBC -- (4/18/76)



Associated Press

EASTER SERVICES—President and Mrs. Ford chat with the Rev. Charles Shaffer after services at Catoctin Furnace.

conal Church in Catoctin Furnace, Md. The Fords were at presidential retreat Camp David.

Village Church Host to Fords

Catoctin Furnace, Md., April 18 (AP) — President Ford worshiped on Easter Sunday in a village church near the presidential retreat in the mountains of Maryland. It was a warm day, with the dogwoods blooming and the trees in bud.

Ford and his wife, Betty, drove in a motorcade the 10 miles from Camp David to the church, which is more than 150 years old. The Fords joined 124 other worshipers in the small Episcopal Harriet Chapel for the 75-minute service.

At Camp David last night, the President watched "Saturday Night," the NBC-TV show in which he made a taped appearance and his press secretary, Ron Nessen, was the guest host.

Washington Daily News 4/19/76

N.Y. Times
4/12/76

Ford's Attend Service
WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP) — President and Mrs. Ford attended Palm Sunday services today at St. John's Episcopal Church near the White House. After the service, they were handed palm fronds by women of the congregation before they entered their limousine for the two-block drive back to the White House.

LA. Times 4/18/76



TOURIST ATTRACTION—President Ford poses for snapshot with Cindy Galen, 6, at White House.

AP Wirephoto

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(FORD)

WASHINGTON (UPD) -- PRESIDENT FORD PLANS TO FLY TO CAMP DAVID FOR AN OVERNIGHT EASTER HOLIDAY STAY SATURDAY AFTER PLAYING GOLF AT THE BURNING TREE COUNTRY CLUB, THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY.

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY JOHN CARLSON TOLD REPORTERS THAT FORD WAS CAUGHT UP WITH STAFF MEETINGS AT THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY, BUT ARRANGED TO STROLL OVER TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WITH MRS. FORD FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES AT NOON.

CARLSON SAID THAT FORD WOULD TEE OFF SHORTLY AFTER NOON SATURDAY FOR HIS FIRST GAME OF GOLF IN MONTHS. HE WILL BE PLAYING WITH ALAN GREENSPAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS; WILLIAM WHYTE, A U. S. STEEL VICE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON; AND DEAN BEAMAN, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR FOR THE PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS ASSOCIATION.

AFTER PLAYING 18 HOLES, FORD WILL RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND PICK UP HIS WIFE FOR THE HELICOPTER FLIGHT TO THE MOUNTAINTOP RETREAT IN CENTRAL MARYLAND.

NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WERE EXPECTED TO BE ON HAND TO CELEBRATE THE EASTER HOLIDAY WITH THE FORDS.

CARLSON SAID THEY WOULD ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY AT A CHURCH IN THURMONT, JUST DOWN THE MOUNTAIN FROM CAMP DAVID.

THE FORDS WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON SUNDAY NIGHT AND BOTH OF THEM WILL BE BACK ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL NEXT WEEK.

MRS. FORD WILL FLY TO TEXAS MONDAY FOR A FOUR-DAY SWING TO DRUM UP VOTES FOR HER HUSBAND IN THE MAY 1 PRIMARY. THE PRESIDENT LEAVES THURSDAY FOR A TWO-DAY TRIP TO INDIANA AND GEORGIA.

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FORD-PARMA

SAN DIEGO (AP) -- FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A DECADE, PRESIDENT FORD WILL NOT SPEND HIS EASTER HOLIDAY WITH A SAN DIEGO COUPLE IN PALM SPRINGS.

SINCE THE EARLY 1960'S, FORD AND HIS WIFE HAVE SPENT EASTER WITH LEON AND BARBARA PARMA.

PARMA IS A SAN DIEGO BUSINESSMAN AND FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO REP. BOB WILSON, R-CALIF.

A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID FORD WOULD BE UNABLE TO STAY WITH THE PARMAS THIS YEAR DUE TO HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES.

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Fords Attend Good Friday Service, Attract Large Noontime Crowds

By Warren Brown

Washington Post Staff Writer

President and Mrs. Ford, accompanied by a host of Secret Service agents, attended Good Friday services yesterday at St. John's Episcopal Church

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GRACE CHURCH NEWS

VOLUME VIII No. 6 June 1976

FOURTH OF JULY: SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Special Service of Thanksgiv-
ing for Our Country.

Preacher: Mrs. Glenn Gilbert

12:30 p.m. ALL PARISHIONERS are asked
to gather in St. Mark's
parking lot, and go to-
gether to

1:00 p.m. Nationally televised Ser-
vice of Celebration and
Dedication for All Faiths
Calder Plaza.

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BELOW IS AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT BY THE RECTOR
ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SER-
VICES BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER.



In September we expect to live with a
different time schedule:

The 8 o'clock Communion Service will
stay the same.

The Education Hour for children and
adults will begin at 9:30 a.m.

There will be just one service to
follow at 10:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Church School & Adult
Education

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

We expect to give this schedule a year
of trial. We know there will be problems
to be worked out. However, increasingly
people have been saying "we would like
to worship as one family." This format
is intended to meet that expressed need.

God keep us all over the vacation
months. The entire staff joins me in
expressing love and affection for all.

R.O.O.



THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
came home to Grace Church during a campaign
visit in May. The week preceding was filled
with Secret Service Men, White House telephone
installers, fire inspectors, barriers up on
the lawn and reception plans. The church was
suddenly inundated with willing helpers in
all departments. Efforts to maintain a "ser-
vices as usual" atmosphere -- ("after all, he's
just another parishioner") -- quickly came
apart at the seams.

Crowds started to gather outside at 9:30
a.m.. Admitted at 10:15, they filled every
cranny of the church by 10:25. At 11:05 the
President and Mrs. Ford entered to a warm and
spontaneous ovation--fit welcome home to a son
who in 25 years' absence has always belonged
to and supported his home parish.

SCHEDULE OF SUMMER SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship and
Sermon

(Holy Communion 1st Sunday)

GRACE CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

The nursery school, now in its 26th year,
welcomes any 3 to 5 year old child to its
program. Mrs. Sue Allyn, director, says, "We
stress self-image, creative dance, drama and
a happy experience for all the children."

If interested, please call Mrs. Allyn,
245-5461.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND REDEDICATION

"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS! living still, in spite of dungeon, fire and sword": a living faith in the sovereignty of God that has refused to die through the ages in spite of persecution and other efforts of men to extinguish it.

That is what the religious part of each of us celebrates when we celebrate the Bicentennial of our nation. It is the faith, hope and vision that our forebearers had which caused the foundation of our nation to be laid as it was. It is a foundation which still calls for optimism, hope and even ambition to push into the future.

Our ancestors were more willing to attribute their faith and optimism to belief in God than perhaps many of us are. However, those qualities -- faith, hope, optimism, vision -- come from an inner feeling that things beyond our personal control will be all right. However we choose to name it, that is faith in God.

The religious community of Grand Rapids is organizing a Bicentennial observance on July 4th. Our church has been asked to join with St. Mark's-- From there we will process to the Calder--joining all other faiths in the community converging there -- to begin a worship service at 1 p.m. NBC is planning to televise the service as part of its nationwide coverage of the Bicentennial. As the President's home city, we look forward to sharing with the entire country our belief in God and the values upon which our country was founded.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US IN THIS DEMONSTRATION OF OUR FAITH.
WE NEED EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

Ray Roberts

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER (September, 1975 - May, 1976)

BAPTISMS:

Suzanne Mariska Gillespie, Derek Alexander Gregory, Troy Anthony Metcalf, Christopher Jay Knerr, Jason Robert Laundre, Daniel James Steketee, Marc Jeffrey Brintnall, Kelly Lea Rodger, Michelle Louise Green, Jason Wallis Green, Jennifer Ann Stevens, Mekel Lisa Sebestyen.

CONFIRMATIONS:

Stuart Christopher Allyn, Jodie Lee Clay, Jon Laurence Clay, Susan Springer Gork, Faith Lucia Gregg, David Arthur Green, Rebecca Howard Hart, Sarah Kenngott Hecker, John Forrester Kelley, Christine Anna Parini, Melinda Catherine Pfrommer, David John Porter, John Powers Steketee.

COMMUNICANTS: (Added by transfer)

George Crane, Mary B. Crane, Sharon Daugherty, Gary Laundre, Susan C. Laundre, Earle VanderPoel, Sumner C. Gregory, Gladys S. Gregory, Linda A. Pfrommer, Irwin Lubbers, Jr., Philip H. McCorkle, Gayle C. McCorkle.

MARRIAGES:

Joseph Donald Camp & Susan Jefford Massingham; Mark Hilliard Gillett & Georgia Lynn Rich; Will William Bart Ciferri & Cathy Ann Bushouse; Robert Mitts Edison & Joan Sweeney Owen; Harry Mahar & Joan Elaine Johnson; Douglas Martin Bailey & Karen Eve Faulkner; Jeffrey Paul Johnson and Dawn Joyce Acey; Thomas George Campau & Valerie Allyson Dillard; Lawrence Jack Maher & Jeanne Frances Aldridge; James Hudson Russ & Ruth Ann Behler.

BURIALS:

Dorothy Hooker, Ora Lee Baker, Thomas Tryon Hart, Robert Terry Baxter, Albert Stevens Parmelee, Herbert O. Goethel, Janet Hadley Remien, Margaret Wurzburg Wilbur, Josephine C. Peterson, Charles Dalvini, Hazel L. Yonkman, Robert F. Crabb, Samuel Carter Capps.

U.T.O. REPORT

Paula Grzymala, U.T.O. Custodian, announced that 75 givers contributed a total of \$300.60 to the Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering. Of those who participated 66 were members of the 11 guilds; 9 were unaffiliated

(Luke 17:17-18)

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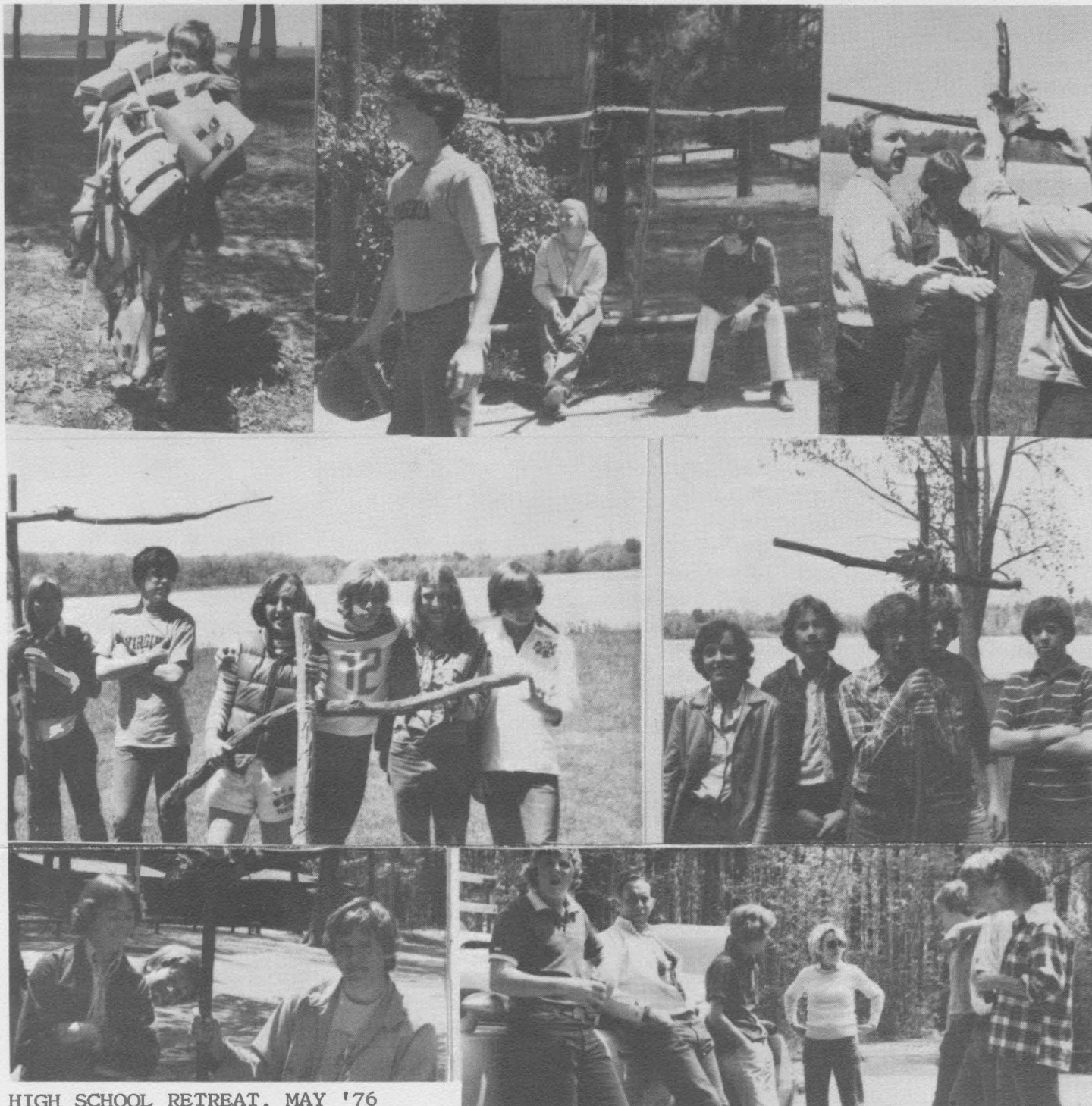
Taken from its box in Mr. Roberts' office was a key chain with a Presidential seal, a gift to Ray from the President after the recent visit.

Will the person who adopted it, please return a treasured memento? No questions asked.



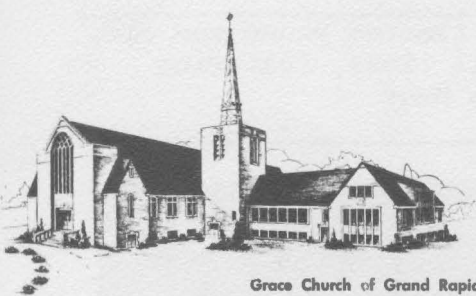
Above, the SECOND ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC at Townsend Park attracted young and old, with good, games and races, as well as the tug-o-war of all times, featuring wet feet and trampled toes. Below: St. Hilary's Easter Egg Hunt





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President's New TV Commercials Portray Him
As Father Figure Who Inspires Quiet Confidence

By JOSEPH LELYVELD

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28—In the first batch of television commercials to be broadcast this fall for President Ford, he is portrayed as a dependable father figure who quietly inspires feelings of serenity in his family, his official circle

Ford joins battle in the imagery war with Jimmy Carter on ground that the Democratic nominee has occupied almost exclusively since the start of the year, when the first Carter commercials, used in the early primary states, showed him chatting amiably, in a vari-

tion he derives from his son's commitment to the ministry.

The effect of this interlude in the commercial is to balance out the attention that has been paid in the campaign to Mr. Carter's religious views. Two different Carter commercials show the candidate in what appears to be the

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*L.A. Times
5/30/76*

merging in Politics

"Oh my! If I didn't believe that I'd be scared to death," Reagan exclaimed.

Reagan recently told a Christian group in Florida that the time had come "to turn back to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America" and to reaffirm a belief in the Judeo-Christian heritage upon which the nation was founded.

President Ford has been publicly reticent about his personal faith.

"Jerry Ford doesn't wear his Christianity on his coat sleeve, and you never hear him talking about it. But he's a Christian, a growing Christian," says Michigan evangelist Billy Zeoli. As the Ford family's closest spiritual adviser and a longtime friend, he sends the President a weekly memo, usually containing a Scripture verse and a prayer.

In a letter to Zeoli, Ford said: "Because I've trusted Christ to be my Savior, my life is His . . ." The President said "man's wisdom and strength are not sufficient," and he quoted Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

A lifelong Episcopalian, Ford frequently attends the "church of the Presidents"—St. John's Episcopal—across the park from the White House.

Ford encouraged his son, Michael, to attend Gordon-Conwell Seminary in Massachusetts, an evangelical theological school that holds to an inerrant (error-free) view of the Bible.

But Ford smokes a pipe, dances and drinks cocktails—practices disturbing to some conservative Christians. And his wife has alarmed others with her frank and generally liberal views on premarital sex, abortion and the women's

*Daily News
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Wave of the Future?



UPI photo
Betty Ford waves to well wishers as she and President walk across Lafayette Square to St. John's Episcopal Church yesterday. After services President worked on campaign commercials and studied up for first debate with Jimmy Carter.

Ford Makes ^{N.Y. Times 10/11} Appeal to ^{pg. 42} Evangelical Groups

By KENNETH A. BRIGGS

Some of President Ford's supporters are fond of saying that "Jimmy Carter wears his religion on his sleeve but Jerry Ford wears it in his heart."

The partisan comparison refers to the widespread concern in the news media with Mr. Carter's public expressions of

two men have given themselves to Christ?" says Audrey Langdon, associate editor of the Religious Broadcaster periodical. "Nothing but good can come out of this."

Mrs. Langdon describes Mr. Ford as "a closet evangelical until now" who has developed close recent ties with the National Religious Broadcasters and the

as I walk into my office I realize that man's wisdom and strength are not sufficient so I try to practice the truth of the Proverbs."

At another point Mr. Ford thanked the evangelist "for taking the time to help me learn more about our Saviour."

The testimony bears strong resemblance to Mr. Carter's expressions of faith in the

made in space biology, genetics, and
embryology which involved bacteria

'Church of Presidents' again lives up to name

CSM 2/11

By Lucia Mouat
Staff correspondent of
The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

The "Church of the Presidents" once again is living up to its name.

St. John's Episcopal Church is a colorful 159-year-old yellow stucco structure with white pillars on Lafayette Square just one park block from the executive mansion.

dria, Va., but a White House spokesman explains that with the office accompaniments of a motorcade and secret service agents, it all became "too complicated." Thus Mr. Ford now chooses the neighborhood "Church of the Presidents," sometimes without the rest of his family and sometimes on foot. If the weather is bad or Mrs. Ford accompanies him, he is more inclined to make the short trip by car, according to a White

Dobrynin Surprise Visitor

Ford Faces First Crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing to his crowded schedule, urging an gress would cooperate if he can

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White House Church Rites At An End?

WASHINGTON (AP) —
President Ford is expected

economic policies that former
President Richard M. Nixon had
announced only a month ago in a
Los Angeles speech face possible
revision or replacement.

Asked if these policies were under
review and liable to change, ter-
Horst said, "That would be a fair

nominated as vice president last
October that he was only interested
in serving out the term and not be-

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