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# Churches

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## Unitarians Add Second Rite

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The Rev. Sidney A. Peterman, minister, announced this week that a 9:30 a. m. service will be held at the church in addition to the 11 a. m. Sunday rites.

The pastor, who will be in charge of both services, pointed out that the membership has increased almost 28 per cent in the past year, while Sunday School enrollment has jumped 50 per cent.

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## Steady Growth Of First Unitarian Church

The steady growth in attendance at Sunday morning worship service at the First Unitarian Church, 175 W. 11th Ave., has necessitated the inauguration of a second worship service beginning Sunday, Oct. 31.

This was announced today by the Rev. Sidney A. Peterman who said that a 9:30 a. m. service will henceforth be held in addition to the 11:00 a. m. service. The earlier service, he said, is primarily for single persons and married couples without children of Sunday School age, while the 11:00 o'clock service is for parents of children of Sunday School age. All Sunday School classes for all ages will be held at 11:00 a. m. as heretofore, he added.

Actual membership in the church has increased by some 28 per cent in the past year, Mr. Peterman said, while Sunday School enrollment has jumped 50 per cent. During the past two years, he continued, the parish has nearly doubled, now numbering close to 600 persons, of which 169 are legally enrolled members of the church while 150 others are affiliated with the parish, and with children and young adults numbering more than 250 additional.

The First Unitarian Church in Columbus, he said, is actually only some 14 years old, having started in 1940 when a group of 12 persons held a series of conferences to explore the possibility. In that year, the church was formally organized with 18 charter members of whom one was the late Rev. John F. Meyers, for 25 years pastor of the Independent Protestant church known as the Central Community Church on West Mound St. The first minister sent by the American Unitarian Association of Boston on invitation of the group here was the Rev. Lon Ray Call who not only held the pulpit but also helped in organization. A house at 1957 Indianola Ave., was first rented, then purchased, but by November 1947, the increase in membership required larger quarters. The Indianola Ave. property was sold, and the house at 175 W. 11th Ave., was purchased and an adjoining