

Baptist Church Burns Mortgage; Dr. Atkinson Speaks at Banquet

The Victory Celebration at the First Baptist Church was held yesterday evening. After many years of indebtedness, a recent mortgage-free campaign was held, and the church was cleared of its debt. After a victory banquet, those present heard words of greeting and congratulation from prominent local and visiting civic and church leaders. The keynote was struck by Dr. C. Harry Atkinson of New York, principal speaker of the occasion.

"Today we celebrate a gratifying achievement for which the leaders and members of the church deserve high praise," Dr. Atkinson said, continuing "But the new liberty you have must not be used to relax in your interest and activity. Rather, you are now free to do much more for your local community and for the world mission of the Christian cause. May God make you worthy of the larger opportunities for service ahead."

The Rev. Emil Kontz, pastor of the church, seconded this sentiment with his concluding challenge: "Hats off to the past! Coats off to the future!"

High point of the evening was the mortgage-burning ceremony. Frasier E. Pomeroy, chairman of the bond drive, handed the document to David E. Anderson, eldest in terms of years, as a member of the church. One of the youngest members, Nancy Olsof, 10 years old, put a match to the paper as it was held over a platter. While the mortgage burned, the congregation joined in singing the Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." The presiding officer was Walter E. Turner.

Holiday Activities
Next Sunday, Dec. 18, will be

Church Services

St. James Episcopal Church
155 West Maple Avenue
The Rev. Harold E. Turner, Rector
The Rev. Francis Hoedinger, curate
The Rev. Roy Ellis, Organist
Director of Religious Education
8:30 a.m.—Church School ages 9-18
9:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
11:00 a.m.—Little Church ages 2 1/2 through 8
8:30—Evening prayer
Wednesday—Holy Communion at 11:30 a.m., except first Wednesday which will be at 12:15 p.m.
Holy Communion first Sunday of the month.

Franklin Community Church
The Rev. Wm. C. Lovejoy
9:45—Church School
11:00—Morning Worship

Christ Church Cranbrook
The Rev. Robert L. De Wit, Rector
The Rev. George D. Clark, Asst. Minister
The Rev. Lawrence W. Pearson, Asst. Minister
Dr. Maurice Garbarant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Mary T. Patten, Church School Director
Sunday Services
10:00 a.m.—Church School (Children ages 2 through the sixth grade.)
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service and Sermon
(Holy Communion first Sunday of the month.)
4:30 p.m.—Vesper Service
Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Holy Communion
Women's Auxiliaries—Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.; Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; services for children.

First Presbyterian Church
The Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph. D., Minister
Miss Julia E. Harris, Director of Christian Education
Mr. John J. Warner, Church School Superintendent
Church School—Primes 1 through 12, meets 9:30 a.m. Nursery and Beginners meet at 11 a.m. First Church meets at 11 a.m.
Morning worship—11 a.m. "Serena Concerning God", Dr. Harris will preach, 5:30 p.m. Annual White Gift service.

Kirk in the Hills
The Rev. Leslie A. Beckel
1440 West Long Lake Road
10:00 a.m.—Adult Bible Class, Senior-School People's Church
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship, Church School classes for those 2 through 14 years.
4:00 p.m.—Vesper service
6:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship

United Brethren Church
14 Mile Road and Edgewood
The Rev. Harry C. Swartz, pastor
Friendly Church with the Gospel Message
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Chester and Willis
Sunday service—11 a.m. Lesson sermon for Sunday, Dec. 18, "In the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force"
Sunday school—11 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting—8:15 p.m.
Ladies' Room open every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at 55 E. Maple Avenue.
Reading room open daily 10:45 except Sundays and holidays; evenings 7-9 except Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Holy Name Catholic Church
Harrison at Woodcraft
The Rev. David J. Dunson, Pastor
The Rev. Joseph Kruse, Assistant
Sunday masses 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:00 and 12:30.
Christian Doctrine classes each Sunday in the school for primary grade children after 9:30 Mass.
High School discussion groups (The Newman Club) each Monday evening in the school at 7:30.
Baptism Sunday at 2 by appointment.

The Christ Fellowship Church
Masonic Temple—127 E. Woodward
The Rev. Willis H. Sawyer, Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.
College Prayer Meeting—Wed. 8:00 P.M.

Big Gospel Methodist Church
Rochester Bldg., at Mendover
The Rev. Howard F. Smith, Minister
Divine Service 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 11:15 A.M.
Youth Fellowship 7:30 P.M.

Christian Temple
225 E. Woodward
Dr. Lester A. Martin, Pastor, Director
10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship and Communion
10:30-12:00 a.m.—Children's Church and School
11:30-12:00 a.m.—Adult Bible Classes

English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1820 West Maple Road
The Rev. Theodore Wagnner, M.A., Pastor
James Vaughan Heard, Director of Choirs
Nancy Chasens, Organist
Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
A staff of special teachers for the Nursery and Credit Departments, Kindergarten, Eighth Grade, and Junior and Senior Bible Divisions.
"The pastor will speak on "The King of Kings" on Dec. 18. The pastor will speak on "The Christmas parent by Sunday School children of upper grades at 7:30 a.m."

First Methodist Church
211 W. Maple
Ministers
The Rev. Arthur F. Rankel
The Rev. Robert A. Lawson
9:30 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Rev.

Rankel will preach on "I I Could Be Santa Claus" (for small children) during the worship hour.
6:00 p.m.—Senior High Fellowship.
6:30 p.m.—Junior High Fellowship.

St. Hugo of the Hills
Opple Road
The Rev. Francis T. Stack, Pastor
The Rev. Joseph Cannon, Asst. Pastor
Sunday Services 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday meeting—8 p.m.
Sunday masses at 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 and 12:45.

Southfield U. P. Church
19 Mile near Lakewood
The Rev. Harvey M. Luce
10:30 a.m.—Morning worship
11:45 a.m.—Bible School
1:30 p.m.—Youth Meeting

First Baptist Church
Willis at Bates Street
The Rev. Paul Egan, Pastor
Mrs. Walter E. Turner, Director of Music
Mrs. George Jackson, Church School Supv.
9:45 a.m.—Church School Classes for all ages from nursery to adult department.
11:30 a.m.—Morning worship, "God's Gift to the World"
7:30 p.m.—Evening service, "Man's Best Gift is His Soul"
6:30 p.m.—Baptist Youth Fellowship, Midweek meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Embury Methodist Church
Woodward at Birmingham
The Rev. Reginald Becker, Minister
Office 3775—Baskinville 4212
Lee Weldon, Church School Supv.
Leland Symons, Choir Director
Barbara Bradwood, Pianist
11:30 Morning Worship Service.

First Methodist Church
Square Lake Rd., near Livorno
The Rev. Howard F. Scott, Minister
Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.
Divine worship at 11:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
14 Mile road at Metton
The Rev. H. H. Alward
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 11:30 a.m. The Rev. Alward will preach.

First Methodist Church Notes

The Junior choir rehearses in the church house on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Children of the kindergarten and primary departments will sing Christmas carols at the annual White Gift service this Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

In the adult worship service at 11:30 a.m. the Rev. Arnold F. Rankel will preach from the theme "If I Could Be Santa Claus This Year." This will be a Christmas service with the senior choir singing "Hear the Bells" by Frank and Mrs. Jack Bellamy doing the vocal solo "He Shall Feed His Flock by Handel. A nursery for small children is provided by the group of young mothers during this hour.

Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. the three choirs of the church will give a Christmas Music Festival. The 30 voices Junior choir will sing a group of two numbers, the 35 voices Youth choir will give two groups of numbers and will combine with the Senior choir to render "The Song of Christmas" by Roy Ringwald, and the Senior choir will do a group of two numbers. The public is cordially invited to attend this service of Christmas music.

The Keponeo class will hold its regular social time in the church parlors on Monday, Dec. 19, at 8:00 p.m. This Christmas party and will be directed by Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Gipson.

Christmas Pageant at Lutheran Church

Children of the upper grades of the Sunday school will present a Christmas Pageant at the Lutheran Church Sunday evening at 7:30.

The title of the pageant is "Where Shall I Find Him?" It centers around modern youth looking for Christ and wondering if He can still be found in our world today. The familiar Christmas story is then unfolded in a series of scenes, following which various groups of people from all walks of life and of various nationalities are introduced to modern life as seen through the eyes of Christ, even as did the shepherds and wise men of old.

James Weldon portrays modern youth. Mary will be played by Sally Dutton; Joseph by Dan Hendrickson; the Angel by Barbara Williams; and the shepherds by Ronnie Bejmer, Jim Booth, Eric Booth and John Amstein.

Others in the pageant are: Arlie Latham, Rossly Latham, Rosalie Bus, Judy Sandstrom, Janet Anderson, Suzanne Sanders, Richard Dutton, Sue Benecoster, Ralph Fleish, Jim Somers, John Cassidy, Helen Williams, Donna Orms, Marvin Natke and Ann Chamberlain.

The musical background will be supplied by the children's choir.

Festival of Gifts Service Is Sunday

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at 4:30 p.m., Christ Church Cranbrook will have its traditional Festival of Gifts Service. The congregation will participate in a procession to the manger of the Christ Child, bringing gifts of toys and money to be used for the purpose of bringing happiness to children who might not otherwise have an enjoyable Christmas.

A group from the parish will present a tableau depicting the Nativity while the choir and congregation process with their gifts, singing traditional Christmas carols. The two church school choirs will participate in this service as well as the adult choir.

A total of 78 different designs were submitted for the Navy's 65,000-ton aircraft carrier USS United States before one was accepted.

Unity Reading Room

There will be a candlelight service in the Unity Reading Room, Theatre Building, on Friday, Dec. 23 at 8:00 p.m. This Christmas program is open to the public. Virginia Shipley is leader of the group.

One of the new features in the church's holiday observance is the Christmas Eve Candlelight service. This will be held Saturday, Dec. 24, from 9 to 10 a.m. This service is open to the public and the church nursery will be open to care for little children at this as well as all regular and special services held in the church.

Church Club Notes

Fidelis Class
Members of the Fidelis Class, First Baptist Church, will meet on Dec. 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Edwin Middleton, 2022 West 14 Mile road. Mrs. Charles Thurston and Mrs. Eddie Steele will be co-hostesses; Mrs. Stewart Smith is in charge of the program and Mrs. C. H. Johnson is in charge of devotions.

St. Catherine's Guild of St. James Episcopal Church will hold a social meeting at the home of Mrs. T. L. Gould, 587 Bloomfield court, Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 8:00 p.m.

Embury Women
Members of the Embury Women's Division of the Embury Methodist Church will meet for their Christmas party on Monday, Dec. 19 at 8:00 p.m.

Lathrup Church Holiday Pageant

The Lathrup Townsite Community church school will hold its children's pageant, "The Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds," on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 5:00 p.m. A Christmas party will follow.

The Christmas story is being directed by Mrs. Harry Ackles, superintendent of the church school. Mrs. George Wheeler will be the pianist and the junior choir is under the direction of Barbara Gray, Nancy Hamill and Jeff Westergaard will be soloists.

George Van Norman is in charge of costumes and properties. Mr. Ernest Catorsky is make-up chairman. Clark Stuart is in charge of the ushers and H. Ray Smith is handling the lighting.

Church news deadline is noon each Saturday.

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Bishop Emrich Will Dedicate St. James Annex

Formal dedication services for the new addition to St. James Episcopal Church will be held this Sunday, Dec. 18, at eleven o'clock with the Rev. Richard S. Emrich, S. T. D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, officiating.

The service will also include confirmation rites for a class of 60 persons, the third group so far this year to affiliate themselves with the church.

The new structure, for which ground was broken in April, was built at a cost of approximately \$150,000 and, in addition to making possible increased seating capacity in the church, provides classrooms for the church school, new and enlarged kitchen and dining facilities and a large meeting room for use by the women's Guilds of the parish.

The Rev. Harold E. Towne, rector of St. James, and Rev. Francis Hoedinger, curate, will assist the Bishop in the dedicatory service.

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Presbyterians Plan White Gift Service

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The Cecilia choir will open the program with a selection of Christmas carols and the Boys' choir will also render some timely songs.

Those attending bring gifts to the service and these offerings are distributed to needy people for Christmas.

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