

What's Being Planned By BIRMINGHAM CHURCHES

First Methodist

Holy Communion will be administered this evening (Maundy Thursday) at 7:30. The public is invited to attend.

The Good Friday service for the community will be held in the First Methodist Church on April 7 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. The Reverend Arnold Runkel, Glen Harris and Emil Kottz will speak. Music will be furnished by the choir of the local churches.

The official board will hold its regular business session Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Wylie Groves, president, will preside.

First Presbyterian

The Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church have scheduled their annual Ladies Night for Tuesday, April 11. The evening will begin with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

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Easter Traditions Bespeak Christ's Tragic Death and the Resurrection; Our Hope of a Life Everlasting

By Alice E. Morgan

Easter, like Thanksgiving and Christmas, has its share of legends, but somehow they seem less widely known. Most of them surround the hours of the crucifixion, and while well established, it is not really known how some of them originated, since they deal with flowers, birds and trees, not mentioned in Bible verses.

Most common to Easter is, of course, the lily which bears its name.

Legend has it that this flower burst into bloom at the Easter dawn, put forth by the rod of Joseph and borne by the angel of the annunciation. The odor of the lily is supposed to have come from a simple touch placed upon its pure white bloom by the Virgin as she walked through the garden. Prior to this, it had had no odor whatsoever.

The Easter lily in its dazzling whiteness is a sign of joy and light, and symbolizes purity. The bird, today, is a crimson red, with white eggs spotted with the color.

Even lions have entered into the legends surrounding Easter, although they are concerned only with the resurrection. It was believed that lion cubs were born dead and were brought to life after three days by the loud roaring of the father.

No one who has read the crucifixion story has forgotten that the crowing of a cock was the beginning of the series of tragic events which ended in the crucifixion of our Lord. Today there are many persons in the world who listen in horror to the crowing of the barnyard rooster at any untimely hour.

IT IS EASY to see how many of our modern observances of Easter have been carried to this country by ancestors from foreign lands. The blooming of spring flowers, the coloring of eggs, the custom of new clothing—all symbolize the period of reawakening, of entering into new life.

Hundreds of others exist, weaving a background of fact and fantasy about one of the world's greatest events, the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, which all peoples of the Christian world are celebrating and commemorating this week.

Christian Science Lecture April 7

"Christian Science and the Business of Living" will be the subject of a free lecture on Christian Science to be given at the Royal Oak Theater April 7 from 1:50 to 2:40 p.m.

The lecture will be given by Herschel P. Mann, C.S.B., of Portland, Ore., a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

Open to the public, the lecture is under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Birmingham.

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Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

St. George of the Hills
The Rev. Joseph E. Smith, Pastor
Sunday School—11 a.m.
Sunday masses at 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 and 12:45.

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

First Baptist Church
Willis at Bates Street
The Rev. H. H. Smith, Pastor
9:45 a.m.—Church School. Classes for all ages from nursery to adult department.
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Rev. Kuntz will preach.
10:30 p.m.—Bible Study Fellowship. Meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Communion on First Sunday of the month.

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

The Christ Fellowship Church
Muscle Temple—117 E. Woodward
The Rev. W. H. Sawyer—Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship—10:00 a.m.
Sunday School—11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Service—8:00 p.m.
Cottage Prayer Meeting—Wed. 8:00 p.m.

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
14 Mile road at Melton
The Rev. E. Q. Albright
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Service 11:15 a.m.—The Rev. Albright will preach.

Christ Church Community
Lone Pine Road
The Rev. Robert L. De Witt, Pastor
The Rev. George D. Clark, Asst. Minister
The Rev. Lawrence W. Powers, Asst. Minister
Dr. Maurice Garabrant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Mary T. Patton, Church School Director
Sunday Services
9:30 a.m.—Holy Communion (Children aged 5 through the right grade)
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Service.
(Holy Communion First Sunday of the month)
10:30 a.m.—Vesper Service.
Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Holy Communion.
10:30 a.m.—Bible Study.
Women's Auxiliary—Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m., nursery for children.

Southfield U. P. Church
10 Mile near Lathrop Road
The Rev. Harry M. Luce
10:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
11:45 a.m.—Bible Study.
7:00 p.m.—Youth Meeting.

First Church of Christ Scientist
Charles and Willis
Sunday service—11 a.m. Lesson sermon for Sunday, April 7, "Ave Sin Disease, and Death Be!"
Sunday school—11 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting—8:15 a.m.
Infants' Room open every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at 215 E. Maple Avenue.
Bible Study Room open daily 1:00 except Sundays and holidays; evenings 7:00 except Wednesdays and Saturdays.

callers the church by Wednesday, April 10, 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service. There will be classes in the Church School at both services, for those 2 through 12 years.

English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
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The Rev. Theodore Wagner, M.A., Pastor
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Sunday School—9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—The Message of the Easter Story.
Worship will proceed.

St. James Episcopal Church
121 West Maple Avenue
The Rev. Harold E. Barker, Rector
The Rev. Francis Heald, curate
8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
9:30 a.m.—Church School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
11:30 a.m.—Little Church, ages 2½ through 5.
8:30—Evening prayer.
Wednesday—Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m., except first Wednesday which will be at 12:15 p.m.
No Communion first Sunday of the month.

Embury Methodist Church
Woodward at Bates
The Rev. Reginald Becker, Minister
Office—1215-1217
Lee-Weiss, Church School Supt.
Barbara Bradwood, Pianist
9:45—Church School
11:00 Morning Worship Service.

Big Beaver Methodist Church
Hickory Hill, at Meadowbrook
The Rev. Howard Schaefer, Minister
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School, 11:15 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m.

Unitarian Service

The Birmingham Unitarian Fellowship unit will conduct its first worship service on Easter Sunday evening at eight o'clock at the Community House, The Rev. Tracy Pullman of the Church of Our Father in Detroit will officiate. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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