

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

Sunday, Jan. 13

Christian Science
"Sermon" will be the sermon theme Sunday morning. The text will be taken from the 24th Psalm, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart."

United Brethren
The Rev. J. Lee Griffing has accepted for his sermon topic, "Adornment of the Christian Women."

First Presbyterian
The regular 8:30 Sunday service will be omitted this week, to be replaced by a special service at 9:30 a.m., when the Rev. A. B. Ketter, D.D., of New York, will speak to parents of Sunday school children. He will also speak at the 11 o'clock service, having his address on the building fund campaign.

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Sunday Sermonette

A Continuing Series by Local Religious Leaders

So Shall We Live

By Rev. Robert DeWitt
Rector, Christ Church Cranbrook

One of the very central problems of human life is—that things die.

Group loyalties, societies and nations, enthusiasms, dreams—and the people that have them—all die.

A man dreams dreams. But comes life and reality and the corrosive effect of experience, and the man grows more cynical, disillusioned—"Realistic," he calls it. Can a man's dreams live again, once they have faded?

It is very easy to see dead dreams today, for the mortality of human effort and of human hope is very high. Is it any way to see them live again? Is it possible to hope they can live again? For Christians, yes. For Christians.

History is the ongoing life of people. And life is people making decisions under the providence, the governorship of God. And, under God, history is full of endless possibilities. The life of people, the dreams they dream, the things they build, all tend toward death.

BUT "THE love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind, and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind." And the resurrection speaks the power of that love and of that heart.

We who have fires in our hearts that fall into dying embers, we who dream dreams that fade, we who build to see our architecture fall into decay—let us hear the word of the Lord. Let us strive to know and to do not our own will, but the will of God. Then let us live our lives in the triumph and confidence of our eternal life with God—since He can make alive whatsoever He will. So shall we live, and know that He is the Lord.

To Speak on Iran at Baptist Church Services

Dr. Hartman A. Lichtwardt, medical director of Detroit Woman's hospital will speak on "Chien Medicine in Modern Iran," at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m.

Rev. George E. Eddy, associate pastor, will officiate at this worship service.

Dr. Lichtwardt spent more than two decades in the middle east. For 15 years, Dr. and Mrs. Lichtwardt were medical missionaries under the Presbyterian board of Foreign Missions in Mesched, Iran.

There they treated rich and poor, princes and peasants, Turks, Afghans, Russians, Armenians, Assyrians and Iranians. Their hospital, when they first started work there, was the only one in the province of Khorasan, with its 3,000,000 people. The nearest hospital was 600 miles away across the desert.

While in Iran, Dr. Lichtwardt was greatly interested in public health work, and has written numerous health pamphlets in Persian, which were distributed throughout the land.

He is one of the few surgeons who has been ordained to the ministry, and both on the mission field and now in America, he frequently conducts religious services.

HE HAS TRAVELED extensively over the Near and Middle East, through Europe, and the African countries bordering the Mediterranean. In late August of 1939, when war clouds were gathering, he traveled through Russia and Poland and was able to get out of Germany just before her borders closed.

In Paris when the war started, the doctor returned to Iran, through Switzerland, Italy, the Balkans, Turkey and Iran. Recently he and Mrs. Lichtwardt spent a month in England and Scotland.

For two years he was president of the Detroit branch of the Foreign Policy association and has been chairman of the Executive board of the world study council.

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What's Being Planned By BIRMINGHAM CHURCHES

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Presbyterian

Meeting places for the women's groups next week have been announced.

Missionary A is scheduled to meet at the home of Mrs. Stuart Allen, 691 Harmon, Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m.

Missionary B will meet Wednesday, Jan. 16 for a 1 p.m. luncheon at the home of Mrs. R. W. Chisum, 1490 Franklin road.

Members of the Susan Trowbridge Guild will meet with Mrs. Stanley Fulton, 830 Shirley for a 1 p.m. luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 15. A 1 p.m. luncheon is slated

Kirk In The Hills

The church Organizational Council will meet this evening in the recreation house at 8 o'clock.

On Jan. 17, the Women's Association luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m., with a program and business meeting. Mrs. Karl Scott will have charge of the luncheon, assisted by Mrs. Frank Moody, Mrs. T. J. LaFontaine and Mrs. Henry Moore. Mrs. Philin Miner

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Lutheran Redeemer

Ladies of the Missionary Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. today in the church parlors. The meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Robert Arlund, Mrs. Kenneth LaBerge, Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. Harold Helgeson, Mrs. Thomas Riedel, Mrs. Joseph Staphelstein and Mrs. E. Smith.

Circle Day for the Union will be held Thursday, Jan. 17. Mrs. George Goodwin, 22750 Thirteenth Mile road will entertain. The Celia Allen Circle No. 1 in her home.

The Beta Dutton Circle No. 2 will be entertained in the home of Mrs. Donald Goldsmith, 998 Brookwood.

These meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. with sewing.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all approved by the society editor about them.

First Baptist

The Women's Mission Union met Thursday, Jan. 2 at the church. The scheduled speaker was unable to attend and a substitute

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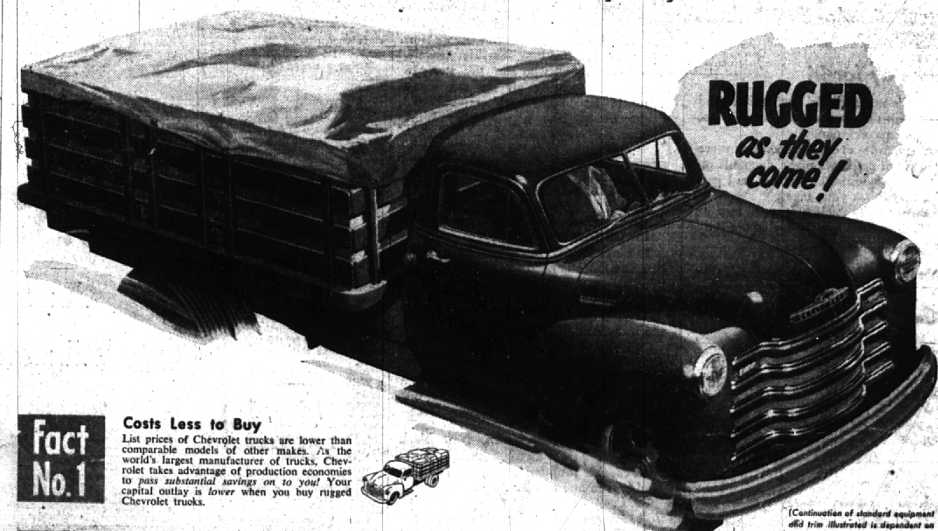
REV. ROBERT DEWITT

Have You Met...

Former Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher D. Street, Jr. and their 11 month old son, Richard Leonard? They arrived at 2790 Pembroke on November 10. Mr. Street is a research engineer with General Motors. He is a Mason and a former member of the Roxborough Male Chorus. Mrs. Street formerly was a member of several civic and educational groups. Mr. and Mrs. Street are theater and photography fans, and are fond of golf and riding.

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