

# Methodist Young People's Variety Program Tonight

Junior and senior high school members of the First Methodist church have selected "Here Comes the Show Boat" for their initial dramatic presentation from the stage of the new church, West Maple and Pleasant.

Under the direction of Jim Hildebrand and Tom Frank, the program will be given at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18. Planned to raise money for group activities of the Youth Fellowship, tickets are being sold by the two MYF groups, with Carolyn Shattuck, chairman. Members of the group have been rehearsing during the Christmas vacation as well as preparing scenery, lights and a public address system, the latter being done by Dick Wazzy.

Backstage lighting is in charge of Phil Berger and Mark Frank, Jr., with spotlights being operated by Judy Kroeger, Bob Ibell and Frank Phillips.

Brophy, Skyvia Kramer and Carolyn Shattuck. Glenn Ayers will present his well-known Hill Billy act and Beverly Selters will give an exhibition of baton twirling. "Life Upon the Wicked Stage," will be the presentation of Lelia Barber, Sue Carpenter, Barbara Dadd, Jeanette Manges, Marcia Reynolds, Sharon Gray, Barbara Brophy, Barbara Small, Jane Colister, Shirley Schoenfeld, Bonnie Wasson and Julie Winters.

Joe Kroeger will be "The Man on the Piping Traps," while Bob Allen will do "It's in the Book." "Water Can't Quench," and "By the Sea" will be among the other acts planned.

Adult supervisor for the show is Mrs. Beth Duffy, director of Christian education for the church.



JUDY VANHORN NORMA WEBB BEVERLY SELTERS  
"Two old maids" watch majorette rehearse for "Showboat"

## SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

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Unity Center  
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First Presbyterian  
"When Jesus Follows Men" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. His ser-

mon is based on Matthew 9:19, "And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples." Mr. Harris will tell his listeners that "Jesus follows men that He may perfect their faith; that He may give men a full chance to inherit eternal life, and that He may get true and faithful followers."

### Ascension Church Guild Will Distribute Gifts At Institute for Deaf

The Hanna guild of Ascension Lutheran church has selected Jan. 22 for their visit to the Lutheran institute for the deaf in Detroit. During the Christmas season this group of women sponsored the collection of canned goods and children's toys. These will be taken to the Institute Thursday and the toys distributed to needy children there.

The guild is inviting any interested persons to accompany them on the trip. Full information can be obtained by calling the church office.

Church News Deadline is 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

## Sunday Sermonette Evangelism's True Meaning Must Be Told

by the Rev. Harry O. Martin  
Assistant, First Methodist Church

Our New Testament was written in Greek. There, the word for messenger is "Angel," implying a heavenly being somewhat above the earthly.

The prefix "en" is an emphasis on "Good,"—hence, the word evangelism means, "The news of a heavenly-sent messenger."

In the Latin word used is a little different from angel. It is "Angelus."

Thus we have the angelus bell at sunset which calls the devout to stop and quietly say the angelus prayer which begins, "The Angel of the Lord said unto Mary, 'Hail, for thou art highly favored of God.'"

The fulfillment of this evangelic announcement is in the birth of Christ which occurred in Bethlehem in Judea at our Christmas time.

THE MEANING of evangelism implies a continual preaching, teaching and witnessing of the evangelistic message by all believers.

Why? Because it is God's good news of salvation to all mankind; salvation from personal sin, salvation from tyrannical oppression, salvation into the Christian way

of life on earth and into the eternal life in the world of the blessed, sometimes called "Paradise."

The sound of the word "evangelism" is as beautiful as a pleasant melody. It has a soul-satisfying significance to all who seek freedom from evil and desire to walk in the paths of righteousness.

TRUE EVANGELISM creates an inward joy, unknown to the world. It is our privilege to accept this spiritual offer from heaven. It is our mission to teach it to others and to pray that the truth of Jesus may penetrate the so-called Iron Curtain and be received again by every living soul in our generation.

Every church invites every one in America to join together to promote this good work of evangelism.

### Christ Church Auxiliary Planning New Projects

Robert D. Bohaker, Senior Canon at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, spoke on the "Ministry of Healing in the Church" at a general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church Cranbrook on Jan. 13.

Auxiliary workrooms will open at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday with new projects, which include making various articles for Children's Hospital as well as sewing for cancer and polio patients.

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GUEST SPEAKER at the First Baptist church services Sunday will be Dr. Hartman A. Lichtwardt, medical director at Woman's hospital, Detroit. His topic will be "Whom Will You See?" Dr. Lichtwardt has been a medical missionary for a number of years, as well as having served in the Army Medical Corps. He returned to Detroit in 1942, having spent most of his professional career in Iran. He is a member of numerous medical associations and is serving on many medical and church committees throughout the country.

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### Presbyterian Women Plan Three Meetings

Three of the women's groups of the First Presbyterian church have scheduled afternoon meetings for the coming week.

The Elizabeth Frowbridge group will meet Jan. 20 at the home of Mrs. R. L. Bernhard, 239 Safford. Missionary A will meet Jan. 21 with Mrs. H. E. Trumper, 1713 Withrow lane, while Missionary B has scheduled its meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Allen, 556 West Maple.

### Unitarian Fellowship Services to Be at YMCA

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 18, regular services of worship for the Birmingham Unitarian Fellowship will be conducted in the YMCA building, 400 East Lincoln. All will be scheduled for 11 a.m.

The church school will continue to meet at the Apple Orchard nursery, 400 S. Adams, under the direction of Mrs. Alec Parme. These are called to order at 10:30 a.m.

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