

Congregational Church School Anticipating Nursery Group Needs

Preparing for the day when they will be able to fully take over their church officials of the Congregational Church of Birmingham are asking for donations of toys and books for the nursery department. The group, recent purchasers of the First Presbyterian church on North Woodward, are currently operating on a limited schedule. "We will move into the church for a full program of activities as soon as the new Presbyterian church is ready for its congregation," an official report says. "At that time our church school activities will increase and there will be a need for us to provide for the little tots in nursery school. We are asking members of our church to set aside any toys or books for small children now, so that they will be immediately available when our regular service schedule is adopted."

Presbyterian Guilds Sponsor Puppet Show

Under the sponsorship of the Sarah Hunter and Jennie Keyes church officials, a puppet show will be presented in the First Presbyterian social hall Saturday, Nov. 21. Duplicate showings of "Dragon John" are scheduled for 10 and 11 a.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Representatives of the two guilds who have had charge of arrangements are Mrs. Al Bates, Huntingwood, and Mrs. Wilford Payne, Keyesville.

Child Study Series Open

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 24, Dr. Harry J. Baker, divisional director of the psychological clinic of the Detroit board of education, will be the resource leader for a Child Study series at Townsite Community Church, Congregational. The purpose of these meetings is to give interested parents a chance to discuss their children and their problems with Dr. Baker. All parents are invited. The group will meet at 8 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays ending on Dec. 15. Luncheon, in charge of Mrs. Carl Meyer, will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A tea will be served for shoppers from 3:5 p.m.

Redeemer Group Plans Luncheons During Bazaar

General chairman of the two-day 1953 bazaar, sponsored by the women of Redeemer Lutheran church is Mrs. Herman Fiebig. She said the sale would be held Dec. 3 and 4 in the church youth building, 1800 West Maple. Booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Luncheon will be served each day from 11:30 to 2:30. A coffee bar, open each afternoon and evening, will feature home made coffee cake. Mrs. Edward Popper, luncheon chairman, said tickets would be available through members of the Ladies' society. The dining room arrangements are in charge of Mrs. Kenneth LaBarge.

COMMITTEES and chairmen are arts and crafts, Mrs. Theodore Wuggazer and Mrs. Craig Miller; aprons, Mrs. Earl Struby; baked goods, Mrs. Roy Lewis; candies and Christmas cookies, Mrs. John Hartman; dolls and toys, Mrs. Donald Hacker.

Other committee heads are Mrs. Harry Hyvonen, linens; Mrs. Karl Otto and Mrs. Alvin Knorr, plants; Mrs. Edward Sampson, fish pond and parcel post; Mrs. Lee Mohr, cards and candies; and Mrs. Don Brawner, knitties. Publicity arrangements for the bazaar have been in charge of Mrs. Harold Storch.

Fellowship Ladies Form Church Activities Group

Another in the series of family pot luck dinners, sponsored by the Birmingham Unitarian Fellowship, will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the YMCA building on Nov. 20. Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. Alec Parrus, Mrs. Merrill O. Bates, Miss Mildred Williams and Mrs. Arthur Hales. At a recent meeting held in the home of Miss Jeanette Guyal, women of the group planned the organization of a Women's Alliance. Monthly meetings will be scheduled.

The Fellowship has also voted to hold a coffee hour following the worship services on the fourth Sunday of each month at the Birmingham YMCA building.

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SARAH COULSON HILARY HACKETT MRS. ROBERT V. HACKETT Small fry try out circus tent at Christ Church bazaar. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Plan Special Items For Holiday Bazaar

Christmas is for children, and the Nov. 20 bazaar at Christ Church Cranbrook is catering to their needs and desires.

Among the most popular items, according to the committee, is the gaily striped circus tent, and in just a few seconds can fit over any standard card table, and the beloved "Big Top" right into the living room—a ideal situation for dreary winter days. The bazaar does not stop with the tents, but offers puppets, complete with stages, hand made puzzles and applique play mats, all designed to please the small fry.

Scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Lone Pine road church house, the bazaar will also feature a selection of framed oil prints, unusual place mats and place mat holders, aprons with new ideas.

There will be new and gay kitchen decorations, felt mitts for handling fireplace fuel. Strings of wooden beads, door stops for the recreation room and a treasure chest for collectors are additional features.

The committee in charge is promising some unusual ideas for the bake shop which will be one of the special features.

Mrs. A. W. BeGole and Mrs. Robert Pease are heading the bazaar with Mrs. W. S. Gilbreath, Jr., as vice chairman.

HEADING THE various committees are Mrs. A. W. Hellstrom, felt articles; Mrs. Max Fruhauf,

doll bassinets; Mrs. Robert Halsted, aprons; Mrs. H. F. Publow and Mrs. Francis McMath, children's articles; Mrs. John Tebben, toys.

Mrs. Thomas Foote and Mr. Max Roensch, play tents; Mrs. Robert Hackett, decompage; Mrs. J. Beall, kitchen corner; Mrs. Rawson Valle, place mat holders; Mrs. Carl Barton, painted baskets and boxes; Mrs. Carl Clarke and Mrs. John Anderson, dolls.

Mrs. Howard Robinson, wall baskets and holiday goods; Mrs. Marc Patton, framing prints; Mrs. Aaron Webster, treasure chest; Mrs. William Warner and Mrs. Robert Hall, bake shop.

OTHER COMMITTEE members include Mrs. Kenneth Gibson, Mrs. Roland Demer, Mrs. C. G. Hall, Mrs. Arthur Lyman, Mrs. Richard Stahelin and Mrs. Frederick Wagner.

In charge of hostesses is Mrs. Howard Steggall; Mrs. Carl Underhill, the cloak room; Mrs. Charles Marsh and H. C. Dunville, 3:5 p.m.



MRS. EDWARD RANGE MRS. WILLIAM FEATHAM MRS. HERBERT MARCKS Prepare wreath for coming observances of Advent. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Lutheran Church Plans Observance of Advent

As Ascension Lutheran church preparations were begun last week for the observance of the Advent services. The custom of the Advent Wreath, established in the Birmingham church two years ago by the Rev. Paul Shippert, is being carried out again this holiday season.

The wreath, bearing four red candles and one white one, goes into use as a part of the regular church school each Sunday until Christmas.

According to Mr. Shippert, family studies are planned so that parents and children may join in learning the entire picture of Christ's birth.

"THE CHURCH feels," he said, "that this deeper bond between adults and children does much to add to the beauty of our Christmas service. With joint study and fam-

ily discussion, children are able to learn the deep religious meaning of Christmas, something apt to be lost to them in the gaiety they associate with Christmas gifts and festivity. The Advent Wreath is used the first time on the Sunday nearest Nov. 30, St. Andrew's Day. The 1953 observance will open on Nov. 29. During each service one candle is lighted, depicting another phase in the historical preparations of Bible days for the coming of the Christ Child.

WITH THE lighting of the final candle, the symbol of the "Light of the World" is obtained, as the pure white taper burns with its own bright flame.

The observance and use of the Advent Wreath has now become a part of Christmas in this church.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

First Baptist

The 11 o'clock service will see the Rev. Emil Kozka continuing his sermons of "Basic Christian Beliefs," taken from the Apostles Creed. "The Human Sin and Divine Pardon" is the topic he has selected for the morning worship. During the 7:30 p.m. service on Nov. 22, "Candid Views of Christ," he will speak on "Lord of Life—His Eyes." The Nov. 23 mid-week service will have for its theme, "Making America More Christian."

United Brethren

"Obedience" is the topic on which the Rev. Lee Grifly will speak at the morning service.

Congregational

At the 11 a.m. service in the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. E. W. Wilcox, D. D., will speak on "Zacharias, Come Down." Church school sessions will be held at the same hour.

Ascension Lutheran

"Consummation of the Christian Life," with his text from Rev. John 17:17, will be the topic of the Rev. Paul Shippert.

Unitarian

The second in a series of two sermons on "Science and Religion" will be given Sunday afternoon, Russell L. Lincoln speaks on "Science without Religion." Services are held in the YMCA building.

Unity Center

"Prayer" is the topic on which Frank Glabach will speak at the 11 a.m. service in the reading room, second floor of the theater building. Week-day classes are held alternate Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m., and every Friday at 2 p.m.

First Presbyterian

Speaking at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will speak on "A Thanksgiving Commission." He will outline how the Christian faith imposes certain obligations upon the people who accept it and how Thanksgiving is as essential to Christian living as chords are to music.

Christian Science

How everyone may have a healthful body is shown in the lesson-sermon on "Soul and Body." The text is from Matthew 4:22. "The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."

First Methodist

The Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, D.D., will preach duplicate Thanksgiving sermons at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services. He has selected for his topic, "Just Plain Thankful."

Townsite Congregation To Hear Guest Speaker

On Sunday, Nov. 22, Raleigh E. Sain, director of research and church planning for the Detroit Council of Churches, will be the guest speaker at Townsite Community church, Congregational. Sain came to the council in July from Independence, Ohio, where he had been pastor of the Evangelical Brethren church for 14 years. He has his D.D. degree from Naperville School of Theology in Illinois, and his S.T.M. from the Graduate School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio.

The choir will be singing special Thanksgiving music at this service.

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