

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, DEC. 19



AN IMPORTANT step in the life of Peace American Lutheran church Sunday morning when ground was broken for the new building on 13 Mile road, between Pettee and Southfield. The Rev. Paul Wietzke conducted a brief service and turned the first earth for the new building. Other church officials followed in the sod breaking, including Mrs. Cleo Dipman, president of the women's activities and Phyllis Frei Peters, parish worker who served here last summer during the formative days of the new congregation. (Eccentric Photo)

Franklin Community Church
 26109 Germen Mill Road
 1 Block East of Franklin Rd.
 9:30 a.m. Church School, Grades 4-8
 10:45 a.m. Church School, Nursery through 3rd Grade
 MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 and 10:45
 Robert J. Searls, Minister

CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 L. C. Utley, Minister
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 11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
 6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service
 7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study
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Third Pastor Due For 1st Methodist

Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit area, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Allen Wittrop as associate minister of Birmingham's First Methodist church. He will assume his new duties on Jan. 1, 1955.

Christian Science
 "Is the Universe, including Man, Excited by Atomic Forces?" will be the sermon subject here. Mar's God-given dominion over materialism, including the so-called laws of chance and misfortune, is brought out in readings from the Bible among which is Paul's restoration of Eutychus, the young man who "fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead" (Acts 19:11).

First Baptist
 The 11 a.m. sermon topic chosen by the Rev. Emil Kottz is "God Has Visited His People." Continuing the Christmas theme, the 7:30 p.m. service will be highlighted by the showing of a Yale video film and an hour of fellowship.

The mid-week service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, will be on the subject of "Clary of Israel—Light of Gentiles."

First Presbyterian
 "In Quest of Christmas" has been chosen by the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., for the 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. sermons. "People who find the blessedness of Christmas have to look for it. It is a quest that must be personally conducted. Nothing about Christmas is so plain as this fact," Dr. Harris says as a basis of his sermon.

Unity Center
 Frank Glabach, director, will speak on "That We Might Know Him That Is True," when services are held in the Unity Reading room, Theater building.

First Methodist
 The Rev. Harry O. Martin, D.D., is preaching the 9:20 a.m. service, his topic being "Take the Road to Bethlehem."
 At 11 a.m. the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, D.D., will occupy the pulpit, preaching on "If I Could Be Santa Claus This Year."

Franklin Community
 Another in the series of Advent sermons will be preached by the Rev. Robert J. Searls on Sunday morning. His topic will be "The Herald Christ."

Congregational
 The final Advent sermon will be given by the Rev. Robert B. Dewey, when he has as his topic "A Sign for You." His text is Luke 2:12. "And this will be a sign for you; you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

United Brethren
 "Great Joy to All" has been selected, by the Rev. Willis Bishop for the morning sermon topic.

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Mr. Wittrop, the son of a Methodist minister, was born in Minnesota and attended elementary and secondary schools there. He was graduated from John Fletcher college in Iowa and did most graduate work at Dakota Wesleyan university. He was graduated from the Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., in 1940.

Mr. Wittrop's career includes teaching history in the high school at Mitchell, S. D., and served pastorates in Colon, Mich., Calvary Methodist church in Minneapolis and comes to Birmingham from Watertown, S. D.

HE HAS BEEN active in athletics and Scouting and was a member on the board of ministerial training of Minnesota for nine years. In addition, he has been active in planning an area program on stewardship and evangelism.

In his six years at his present post, Mr. Wittrop has been active in young people's programs in the church. He likewise has been instrumental in conducting visitation evangelistic crusades in Appleton, Minn., and Highmore, S. D. He conducted such a program in the Minneapolis district last fall.

CURRENTLY he is chairman of the conference relations committee of the South Dakota conference and teaches at the deWitt memorial home of the Methodist church.

A member of the Masonic Lodge, he also is president of the Watertown Ministerial association. For some time he has served as consultant for the Javene court and was instrumental in organizing a new clinic and institute.

Mr. Wittrop, his wife and three children, Larry Allen, 13; Roger Carlton, 10; Barbara Ann, 6, are expected to arrive here shortly. The church congregation is now negotiating for a pastorage for the new family.

The church is now staffed by the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, D.D., and the Rev. Harry O. Martin, D.D.



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Holy Name Boys Become Popular Area Choral Unit

The 19-voice Boy Choir at Holy Name Catholic church will appear on a WVEI channel 4 television program Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

Under the direction of Gilbert Gervais, Holy Name's singing group is one of three choirs in the United States affiliated with "The Little Singers of the Wooden Cross," an international singing group with headquarters in Paris, France.

During the holiday season this choir has appeared in concerts at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, St. Mary's Seminary at Orchard Lake, Detroit Woman's City club and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.

FOR THE special Christmas midnight mass at Holy Name church the choir also has prepared an elaborate program.

Members of the choir include John Rosier, Albert Quant, Roger Buchard, Stephen Potts, Richard Farricker, Brian Foster, John Robertson, Larry Robertson, John Blum, Terry Schoenrich, William Robinson, James Purdy, Jack LaPalme, Leslie Crabb, Arthur Gilson, Thomas Allore, Richard Joss, Edward Schammer and James Mason.

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