

# Your Church Schedules Varied Activities



## SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

**SUNDAY, JAN. 2**  
**Christian Science**  
 The fact that no disability or handicap is beyond the healing power of God will be stressed in the sermon on "God." The sermon will include the account given in the seventh chapter of Luke, of the healing of the centurion's servant who was sick, and ready to die, by Christ Jesus. The text is from Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear, O Lord: The Lord our God is one Lord."

**Unity Church**  
 With Frank Ghabach, leader, speaking on "Be Still My Heart," services for this group will be held in the Center's reading room, Birmingham theater building.

**Franklin Community**  
 Because of the deep interest shown in Student Recognition day, Franklin, a second student program will be observed Sunday to accommodate young people unable to take part last week. The Rev. Robert J. Searls will preach a sermon prepared especially for the group.

**St. Michael's Youth Group Considering Charter Revision**  
 At a special meeting held recently, it was voted to continue the Youth club of St. Michael's Catholic parish, Southfield, on its present basis.

Some study will be made of the present constitution and revisions suggested to bring it up to date. The group was formed in 1947 when the membership potential was much smaller than it is today. The by-laws are somewhat outmoded.

The committee to make the study includes: Mrs. Ruth H. Hays, Allan Milley, Brenda Erickson, Joe Liane and John Balwin. All are under the leadership of Ruthann Cavery. Their proposals will be presented at the first 1955 meeting of the group.

**Lutheran Council's Installation Plans**  
 Newly elected members of Redeemer Lutheran church council will be installed following the 10:45 a.m. service, Jan. 2.

Marvin Voss will take over as president, with Clinton Clark, vice president; Claire Hellenberg, secretary; Henry Gasaway, treasurer; Lee Kroeger, trustees; Raymond Long, elder; Harold Meinert, Sunday school superintendent; John Barnes, William Cowgill and Robert Ebbert, finance board.

**St. James Auxiliary To Install Officers**  
 Mrs. E. C. Leavenworth has been named president of the Woman's Auxiliary, St. James Episcopal church.

Others elected are Mrs. W. L. Jones, Mrs. Hollis Halliday, vice presidents; Mrs. Orritt Fallock, recording secretary; Mrs. Thomas Walton, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Charles Kase, treasurer. The slate will be installed at the 12:45 p.m. luncheon following the communion service and luncheon. Annual reports of auxiliary and guild committees will be given.

**Unitarians Change Place of Services**  
 Members of Birmingham's Unitarian church are, this week, moving their services from the Birmingham YMCA building to Upton school, 4400 Mandalay, in Royal Oak.

The Rev. Russell L. Lincoln said services would remain at the same hour. He added that church school would continue to be held at the Apple Orchard Nursery school, Adams road, Birmingham, at 9:45 a.m.

**Detroiters to Speak For Women's Group**  
 The Sara Allen group of the First Methodist church will have charge of the 12:45 p.m. luncheon when the Women's Society for Christian service meets Jan. 5 for a general session at the church.

The theme of the day will be "Jesus' Concern for Cities." Devotions will be in charge of Mrs. Thomas L. Harris.

The Rev. Lewis Redmond, pastor of Cass Methodist church, Detroit, has been engaged to speak.

**Episcopal Women Plan Installation**  
 At the Jan. 2 meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, St. James Episcopal church, officers for the coming year will be installed.

The meeting will open with a session of the board at 10 a.m., followed by a communion service at 12:15 p.m. Reservations for the 1 p.m. luncheon may be made at the church office.

**Eastminster Guild Plans Annual Meet**  
 The annual meeting of Eastminster is scheduled for Jan. 6, when new officers will be installed.

Officers are Mrs. Douglas Winters, president; Mrs. Dan B. Elliott, first vice president; Mrs. Jack Hoffman, secretary, and Mrs. Allen K. Parish, treasurer.

### Community Congregational

The Rev. John D. Rose has selected for his theme, "Three Dimensional Living," when communion services are held during the morning worship. His text is from Ephesians 3:17-18, "That you may have power to comprehend what is the breadth and length and height and depth."

### First Presbyterian

Taking his text from Luke 24:15, "And it came to pass that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them," the Rev. W. Glen Harris, Ph.D., will speak on "Let God Move In," at both morning hours of worship.

### Unitarian

"A Ministry of Disturbance" had been announced by the Rev. Russell L. Lincoln as his sermon topic this week. "The function of the church is to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable," he states.

Services will move this week from the Birmingham YMCA building to Upton school, 4400 Mandalay in Royal Oak. Church school work will continue at the Apple Orchard Nursery school, Adams road.

### First Methodist

The Rev. Arnold F. Kunkel, D.D., will officiate at the 9:30 a.m. service, speaking on "I Have Not Passed This Way Before." At 11 a.m. the Rev. Harry O. Martin, D.D., will preach. His topic is to be "Bitter Waters Made Sweet."

### Congregational

"Go Forward in Faith" has been chosen by the Rev. Robert D. Dewey for his 9:30 a.m. sermon on the New Year. Speaking at the 11 a.m. service, his text will be Genesis 12:4, "So Abraham went as the Lord had told him."

### Embury Methodist

Taking as his text, "Behold I make all things new," the Rev. Reginald Becker will preach the first of his 1955 sermons on "All Things New."

### Redeemer Lutheran

A special New Year's Eve communion service has been planned for 9 p.m., Friday.

On Sunday, the Rev. Theodore Waggner will preach at both the 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. services, his topic being "Forward with Jesus."

### Our Shepherd

A New Year's Eve service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., with the Rev. H. G. Alward speaking on "Pillars and Strangers".

On Sunday he will be speaking on "Looking Ahead in 1955".



THESE FOUR YOUNG people make up the committee guiding the progress of the Variety Show which the Youth Group of the First Methodist church will stage Jan. 21. 22. Committee members are Betty Nichols, scenery; Dave Masterton, lighting; Norma Webb, publicity, and Tom K'Burg (standing), director of the show. It is one of the major undertakings of the group and has had several numbers in rehearsal for some time. Open to the public, the show will be staged in the church social hall.

### Two Church Groups Plan January Meets

Both the Men's and the Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Church of Birmingham will start the New Year with meetings at the church.

On Jan. 4, at 8 p.m. the women will gather for their usual business meeting. This will be followed by a talk given by Mrs. Angus McRay of her last summer's trip through Europe.

Mrs. Ann McRay will show slides to accompany her mother's talk. Mrs. Robert Vibbert, hostess, will be assisted by Mesdames E. W. Brehm, E. Gerity, C. Horton, and J. W. Jones.

Men of the church will gather for a 6:30 p.m. dinner and Fellowship meeting on Jan. 5.

Harold Warner, with the assistance of Robert Sims, will give an explanation and demonstration of his hobby.

The church office is taking reservations for this meeting.

## Closing Year Sees More Church Growth

By ALICE E. MORGAN

Birmingham churches face another year of continued effort to keep up with the growth of the community and fulfill their religious obligations to the entire area.

The past year has seen expansion of established parishes and the creation of new ones.

One newcomer to the field is Peace Lutheran church, where ground was broken three weeks ago for the first of the proposed church group on West 13 Mile, near Pieter.

This group is associated with the American Lutheran group and is the first of this faith to settle in the immediate vicinity.

The Rev. Paul Weitzke has been assigned to serve this parish.

Another newcomer to the Southfield area is St. Bede Catholic parish, the Rev. Cyril Keating, pastor.

THIS CHURCH unit will be on Southfield road, just north of 12 Mile. Currently in the formative stage, no building program plans have been announced.

In Birmingham, the Rev. Mac Taylor and members of the newly formed Pembroke Presbyterian parish are making preliminary plans for their new building.

To the expansion of established parishes, two have made additional purchases; one is continuing extension of its building, and three are erecting new church edifices.

ON 10 MILE, in Southfield, work is progressing on the erection of a new Presbyterian church, for which ground was broken last April.

In Birmingham, the new church home of Holy Name parish is taking shape, with the possibility of seeing service next spring.

A third parish well on its way with a new building is Our Shepherd Lutheran church, West 14 Mile. A cornerstone ceremony was held there several weeks ago.

St. James Episcopal church is continuing its building program with the raising of a small white house immediately east of the recently reconstructed church. When completed the new building will provide a greater class room and office space.

In addition to their expanded building programs, these two churches have increased clerical staffs.

The Rev. Robert Wilkie assumed his duties several months ago as assistant to the Rev. Emil Kontz at the Baptist church.

The Rev. Allan Witterup will begin his services at First Methodist on Jan. 1, working with the Rev. Arnold F. Kunkel, D.D., and the Rev. Harry O. Martin, D.D.

## Parliamentary Law Classes Sponsored By Methodist WSCS

The Women's Society for Christian Service, First Methodist church, announces the start of a Parliamentary Law class on Jan. 4, according to Mrs. Hugh Hemphill.

Sessions will be under the direction of Mrs. Helen Palmer, president of the Detroit Parliamentary Law club. Mrs. Palmer is a registered parliamentarian and a member of the national association.

Mrs. Hemphill said classes would be held at 10 a.m., the first and third Sundays of the month. A small enrollment fee will be required.

"The purpose of the classes," she said, "is to give women in this area an opportunity to become better versed in this field of legal procedure."

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### Church Youth Dance

A dance for young people of Community Church, Congregational, will be held New Year's Eve from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Gift certificates will be presented to all girls, with party favors for all.

## Franklin Community Church

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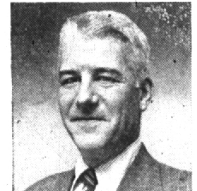
9:30 a.m. Church School, Grades 4-8

10:45 a.m. Church School, Nursery through 3rd Grade

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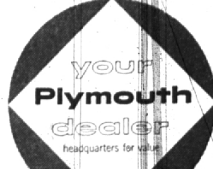
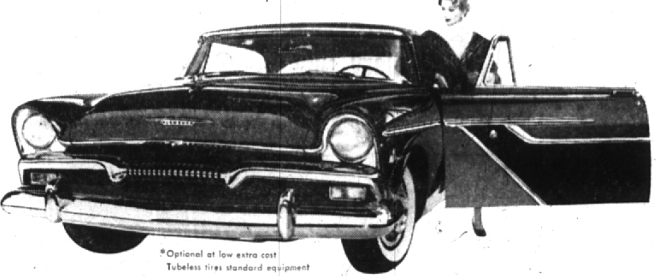
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