

Church Clubs List Coming Activities

The Supper club of the Birmingham Congregational church is planning a Christmas party for Dec. 10, at 6:45 p.m. at the church. Highlighting the evening's program will be films of Mexico taken by the John Kiseyas on a recent trip. All members and friends of the church are welcome to join the group.

Circles of the Women's Fellowship also are planning Christmas meetings in the near future. Circle 1 will meet on Dec. 14, at 12:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. John Fournier, 685 Kenesaw. Circle 2 will meet at the same hour or Dec. 14 at the home of Mrs. Robert Gerity, 589 W. Frank. Circle 3 will meet Dec. 21, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Angus McLay and Miss Ann McLay, 715 Wambler.

Circle 4 will meet at 8 p.m., Dec. 15, at the home of Mrs. Basil Sturman, 2736 Henderson. Circle 5 will meet at 12:30, Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. Robert Thompson, 275 Glenhurst. Mrs. Robert Trumpfeller will assist.

American Lutheran Women Make Gifts For Underprivileged

Mrs. Roy Lewis was hostess to the women of Peace American Lutheran church for a Dec. 1 Christmas party. Devotions by Mrs. Karl McCulley included appropriate Bible readings and carols. The Rev. Paul Wietzke officiated when 1550 officers were installed. "Christmas Gifts to the Man" included baby clothes and blankets, the basis of layettes. These will be distributed through Lutheran institutions, mainly for children in boarding homes.

The group worked on "sunshine bags", cloth sacks containing small gifts for persons in hospitals and institutions.

The program closed with music by the choir, games and refreshments.

Baptism Seminar At Christ Church

"Children belong not to parents, but to God. This is the central fact behind Baptism." With this in mind, the second of two seminars for parents and godparents of children to be baptized at Christ Church Cranbrook Christmas Eve, will be held Dec. 12. The session will be from 4:30 p.m. Information toward the understanding of baptism will be given by the clergy.

Dance Demonstration

Joseph Cornell of Detroit will attend the Dec. 13 meeting of Holy Name Newman's club, to demonstrate dancing. The affair, a Christmas party, will be held in the Community House Youth room from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

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

Methodist Choirs Arrange Varied Yuletide Program

The combined chancel and boys choir of First Methodist church are planning the fourth annual recital of Christmas carols for 8 p.m., Dec. 12.

The program in the social hall will include familiar carols and songs of Yuletide from many lands and ages.

Two 16th century works, "The Coventry Carol" from an old English pageant, and "O Wondrous Nativity" by Tomas Vittoria, will open the program. English carols, "The Wassail Song," "I Saw Three Ships," and "Good King Wenceslas" will be sung by the boys choir, William Bibbens, accompanist. They also will sing "O Holy Night" and "Gesu Bambino."

THREE AMERICAN carols, "The Appalachean Carol," "I Wander As A Wanderer," and "Go Tell It on the Mountain," with a recent composition by Tom Scott, "Jesus Born in Bethleem" will close the program.

Other members will be from Spanish, Scandinavian and French carols. Soloists are Jane Hengst, Mary Beitel, Virginia Kreuger and Calvin Estes.

Community Church Building Leaders To Present Report

The building committee of Community Church - Congregational will report to the membership on Friday evening, Dec. 10.

The committee, William B. Commons, chairman, has studied the future building needs for several years. The report will show the scope of the present building program and future educational, social and worship units.

Other members of the committee are Mrs. Smith Ferguson, secretary, Mrs. Ralph Stephenson, Fred Johnson, Woodrow Nelson and Gerald Wick.

The committee has been enlarged by appointment of several special study groups.

Youth Group Sets Yule Party Plans

A committee from the Senior Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist church is preparing a Yuletide program for all intermediate and Senior high youth of the church and their friends.

The affair will be held at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 13. Following a holiday supper there will be carol singing. Angelo Angelucci, a speech teacher from the high school, will dramatize a Christmas story. There will be a "surprise" visit from Santa.

Those planning are Tom K'burg, Norma Webb, Ann Tewillager, Dave Masterton, Marilyn Embury, Kay Elliott and Grover Brown.

Girls To Entertain Mothers at Tea

The Girls' World Friendship club of the First Methodist church is planning its annual Christmas Tea Dec. 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. in honor of their mothers.

Gerry Barber is general chairman. Her committee includes Carolyn Peck, preparation; Sharon Gray, refreshments; Mary Ellen Groves, decorations, and Lynn Sutherland, clean-up.

St. James Church Will Present Handel's Messiah

The Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah" will be presented at the 11 a.m. service of St. James Episcopal church by the choir and soloists. This is the fourth annual presentation by the St. James choir, at a service where the entire worship is devoted to this inspired music.

Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster, will conduct the presentation from the organ console. Solo parts will be sung by Nona Sherman, soprano; Alice Puleston, contralto; Neil Sapor, tenor, and George Mullin, baritone.

"THE MESSIAH," Handel's most successful and best known oratorio, was composed in 1741 in the incredibly short time of 24 days. It was first performed in Dublin in April, 1742, at a charity concert.

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YOUNG PEOPLE FROM First Methodist church are going all-out to have the Birmingham business section decorated for Christmas. Charles Shalby and Mel Althouse hang the greens at The Eccentric office, a decoration idea duplicated on all other business places in the area. The Christmas greens project is the "big" business affair of the year with this Young Married Couples group. Club members will continue their business decorations program and on the two Saturdays before Christmas will sell wreaths and greens from a station wagon in the downtown area. Elva Ebersole, 119 S. Adams has charge of commercial sales, Bruce Emmert, 165 Westwood, commercial, Harry Stanback is sales director. (Eccentric Photo)

Young People Plan 1955 Variety Show

Youth of the First Methodist church are striving to make this year's Variety Show better than ever. Under the direction of Tom K'burg, a rehearsal schedule has been set up and nearly all committed are now functioning. The theme, "Broadway Beat", offers many opportunities for a variety of acts. The deadline for all the acts is Dec. 22. There will be rehearsals constantly from then on with the exception of week-end and special "practice" days when acts will get together and work on their own.

The show will be given on Jan. 21 and 22.

Guid Units List Two Meeting Dates

Two units of St. Catherine's guild, St. James Episcopal church are planning meetings for next week. The one group meets at 8 p.m., Dec. 15, with Mrs. M. L. Hagerman, 4055 Butternut Lane drive. The other meets at 1 p.m., Dec. 14, with Mrs. Charles Eddy, 320 Henley.

Unitarian Dinner

Mrs. James Wilson announces Dec. 17 for the next pot luck family dinner of the Unitarian church. Set for 8:45 p.m. at the YMCA, a special Christmas program led by the Rev. Robert L. Lincoln, will include carol singing.

Is Guild Speaker

"Great Women I Have Seen" will be Mrs. Louise Garabrant's topic when she speaks Dec. 9 at the First Presbyterian church. She will address the Westminster guild at its regular 8:15 p.m. meeting in the social hall.

Franklin Community Church

26109 German 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
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