



Church Happenings in the Community This Week



SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, JULY 18

Congregational

This group will hold a 11 a.m. service at Bloomer State Park, near Rochester, lasting the worship on the theme, "Christian Adventure." Two young people of the McAvan team, guests of the church, will speak. The service will be followed by an all-church picnic with the complete Caravan team of three young women and one young man, leading a program of games for children.

Christian Science

That strength, joy and healing result from a spiritual understanding of God as infinite life will be brought forth in the sermon on "Life." The text is from Romans 6:23. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Kirk in the Hills

The Rev. Allan A. Zaum, Ph.D., moderator of the Detroit Presbytery, will speak this week in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Harold C. DeWitt, D.D.

First Presbyterian

Speaking at the 9:45 a.m. service, the Rev. Robert Graham, assistant pastor, will have as his subject, "Prayer or Anxious Care."

Unity Center

Speaking in the Center's reading room, Birmingham Theater building, Frank Glabach has chosen for his subject, "Heaven and Earth."

First Methodist

Guest speaker at the Sunday morning service will be Dr. Benjamin F. Holmes, whose topic will be "The Summities." Dr. Holmes was formerly pastor at Westlawn Methodist church and is now district superintendent for the Detroit area.

Redeemer Lutheran

Taking his text from II Peter 2:11, "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be?" the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer will preach on "A Steady View of Life." Services are at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Franklin Community

Louis A. Komjathy, leading layman of the Presbyterian church in



CONTINUING their vacation Bible school a little longer than the other churches in Birmingham, youngsters at Ascension Lutheran on 14 Mile, are still busy at projects. These tots divide their attention between the camera eye and their instructor, who is giving them a few pointers in making cut-outs and coloring them. This particular school, which opened June 21 operates a month rather than the customary two weeks. (Eccentric Photo)

St. James Episcopal Starts Final Phase Of Church Expansion

The final step in the expansion program of St. James Episcopal church got underway this week when construction started on a new section fronting on Maple. This

the Detroit area, will be the first of four guest speakers during the operation period. Komjathy, former moderator of the Detroit synod, is making his third summer appearance at this church.

First Baptist

The Rev. Emil Kuntz, basing his sermon on Isaiah 34:4, will have as his sermon topic, "Deliver Us from Our Fears."

\$150,000 project will see the finish of the U-shaped building.

Two buildings on the site are being razed to make room for the new structure which will house additional nursery, primary and kindergarten classrooms, a children's chapel and church staff offices.

Started in 1949, the entire project has a cost in excess of \$560,000. The first section, fronting on Chevrolet, was completed prior to work on the actual church building.

This section was under construction when workmen were delayed by fire a year ago. The entire church was gutted and considerable amounts of church furnishings, including the organ, were destroyed.

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Baptists Buy Site To Expand Church

With the entire community church-expansion conscious, the Rev. Emil Kuntz was recently asked when the Baptists were going to wake up and move out of their present church home.

"We are wide awake and we do not intend to move out!" Mr. Kuntz replied.

"The moving out of some area churches serves to underscore the importance of the Baptist church's central location," he explained. "The church group is convinced that this location is essential, not only for the expansion of its own program but also for the increase of its services to the community."

Mr. Kuntz added that the lay moderator, Frazer E. Powers, has announced the preliminary step program, the purchase of the property immediately west of the church building.

"This purchase was made to provide us with room for the anticipated expansion of our present properties," Mr. Kuntz said. "We will expand without moving the location of our building, which has been the same for more than eighty years."

HE CITED a 29 per cent increase in the church school during the year, saying this indicated the growing need for added space if an adequate church educational program is to be maintained.

Another indication of church growth is the enlargement of the church staff. Mr. Kuntz said he had every hope that within the next two months, arrangements would be completed for the employment of a full-time minister of Christian education and youth work.

"The ample facilities of the debt-free church are being further improved to meet the needs of its varied program," Mr. Kuntz said.

HE SAID the church sanctuary, seating 500, had been completely redecorated. Immediately beneath

this is the social hall where 300 can be entertained and fed, which is also headquarters for the church-sponsored Boy Scout troop. In six months this troop has grown in membership from six to 53.

A contract has just been signed for the complete modernization of the church kitchen. Stainless steel sinks and racks, electric dishwashing, cooking and refrigeration equipment will be included.

The weekday nursery school, meeting in another ground floor area, has just completed its fifth season for younger children in the community, with an enrollment of 75. Play and teaching equipment has been added for use here.

THE CRIBROOM, on an upper floor, has been doubled in size and has new furnishings. Further improvements are also being made in the large gymnasium and showers, headquarters for the city's church basketball league games.

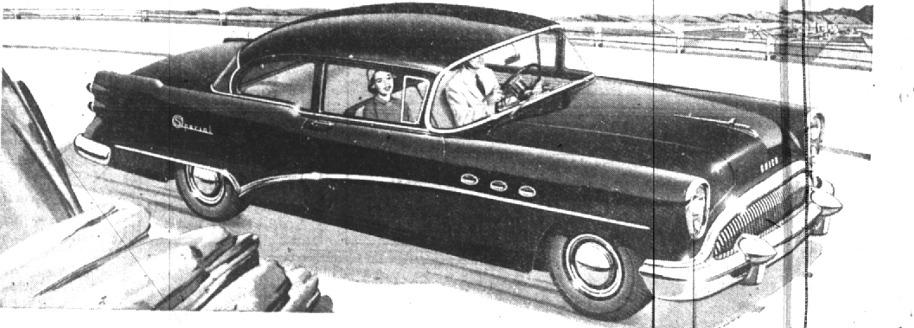
"These, with the regular church life show a concentration of activity in our home," Mr. Kuntz commented. "Along with them we find community groups meeting there regularly, including the MOMS, United Church Women, WCTU and many other groups."

"Right now, our deacons are working on a plan to provide a place and time for daily prayer and meditation for all in the community, with our church doors kept open all day, and every day for those who wish to avail themselves of this help."

Early copy for church activities makes it better for us and better for you. Don't wait until the deadline, please.



A VERY brief ceremony marked the groundbreaking for the new Holy Name Catholic church Sunday morning. The Rev. Eugene Paddeck, who later broke the sod, is shown during his prayer and blessing of the site. The old church has been razed with services being temporarily held in the school auditorium. (Eccentric Photo)



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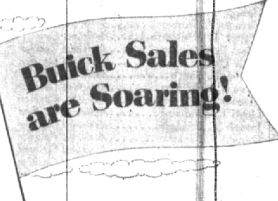
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U. S. Government Bonds	725,000.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	150,000.00
F.H.A. Title I Improvement Loans	25,810.38
First Mortgage Loans	6,811,625.25
Loans on Savings Accounts	47,783.99
Properties Sold on Contract	98,057.22
Real Estate in Judgment	12,666.45
Office Buildings and Equipment (less depreciation)	136,721.60
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	11,786.65
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,719,928.09

LIABILITIES

Savings Accounts	\$8,160,201.33
Loans in Process	51,894.77
Other Liabilities	2,988.22
Specific Reserves	16,172.87
General Reserves	145,962.39
Surplus	12,708.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,719,928.09

I, Walter L. Moreland, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Walter L. Moreland
President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 1954.

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