

This Week's Schedules in Area Churches

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SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, JULY 25

Kirk in the Hills

The fourth in a series of vacation period speakers will occupy the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Harold C. DeWindt, D.D. Guest this week will be the Rev. Kenneth G. Neigh, D.D., executive secretary of the Detroit Presbytery.

First Baptist

The Rev. Emil Kontz is having his sermon on the 42nd Psalm and taking for his topic, "How You Talk to Yourself."

Christian Science

The practical value of the spiritual truths contained in the Bible will be brought out in the sermon entitled "Truth." The text is taken from Isaiah 55: "O Lord, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth."

Unity Center

Speaking at the Center's reading room is the Theater building, Walfred Turunen, minister at the Royal Oak Center will have at his topic, "Stand Fast, Therefore."

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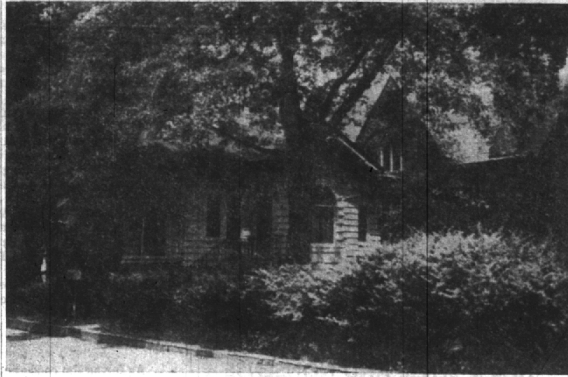
"Harvesting Days" is the sermon topic selected by the Rev. Robert D. Dewey for his 10 a.m. service. He is basing his theme on the 90th Psalm, using "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

United Brethren

A former president of the Cleveland Bible Institute and John Fletcher college, the Rev. C. W. Butler, D.D., will occupy this pulpit Sunday morning. The pastor, the Rev. Willis E. Bishop, will be absent from the parish, attending the summer Bible camp ceremonies at Carson City. No evening service will be held.

Franklin Community

The second guest speaker at Franklin Community church will be James Marsten, ministerial student at Adrian college. He made his decision to enter the ministry during the time the Rev. R. J. Starb, now pastor in Franklin, was serving the church at Azalia, Mich. Marsten, in addition to officiating at the camp.



FIRST MAJOR step in expansion plans for the First Baptist church was the recent purchase of the former Hudson property, immediately west of the church. The steady growth of the church has made additional space necessary for church offices, classrooms and other general church activities. Currently some work is being done in the existing rooms, new equipment installed and additional supplies bought to increase the facilities of the present building. Although no plans have been announced for any immediate construction, it is understood they are already under consideration.

Lutherans Use Unique Plan to Finance Unit

Members of Ascension Lutheran church have been using a unique method for raising the necessary funds to build their new church home on W. 14 Mile.

Principle source of income for the building has been the "Church Extension Fund," operated on the basis of small loans from individuals. Members of the congregation or other interested in church programs, have been invited to loan money to the church as an investment, paying an annual three percent return interest.

The extension fund, controlled by the district mission board, assumes the responsibility for repayment of investments and payment of interest. "As a congregation," the Rev. Paul Shippert, church pastor explained, "we are responsible to the mission board, but the security of the loan rests among the nearly three hundred congregations in the district, not just our own. We feel no one could ask for a better plan."

HE ADDED that an arrangement had been made whereby monies could be invested in the fund in small amounts, building toward an investment of \$100.

The clerical work involved in this system has been assumed by members of the Hannah guild. They will receive amounts as small as one dollar, keeping records of the investor and issuing the note when the \$100 total has been accumulated.

"We have not yet reached the total we need," Mr. Shippert explained, "and we are hoping that others will see their way to join our extension fund group."

"I would like to emphasize that persons wishing to invest with us need not be members of our church. One of our biggest investors, to date, is outside our church and everyone deeply appreciates his interest in our plan."

"ACTUAL work on the new church adjacent to our present building, will be started as soon as an initial loan for construction is approved. This, we should stress, is merely for the construction beginning and will not pay for the completion of the building. We still need and will welcome, the small investors. As a matter of fact, we shall be in a sad financial plight without them."

"We are on our way—what success we have will come through the help of persons who have faith in us and are desirous of seeing God's work furthered in Birmingham."

WE HEARD IT SAID BY:
The Rev. Emil Kontz, First Baptist church pastor: "There is no closed season for the forces of evil. No let-down must be permitted by God's people. Wherever you are, whatever you do, be Christian witnesses for God by your lips and by your life. Nothing is so eloquent as a good example."

Presbyterians Announce Plans Of Day Nursery

Plans have been revealed for the establishment of a week day nursery at the First Presbyterian church, 1609 West Maple.

Scheduled to start about the middle of September, the school for three through five year-olds will utilize the modern facilities of the educational wing of the new church.

According to Frederick Finkemeyer, Jr., chairman of the council on Christian education, Miss Fern Hotten has been added to the church staff as director of the week day nursery school.

Miss Hotten, a graduate of Michigan State Normal college, holds a master's degree from Columbia university in the field of education. She has done additional work at the Merrill-Falmer school in child development, parent education and the nursery school laboratory.

MISS HOTTEN supervised nursery schools in New York and has taught child development and nursery school teacher training at the University of Kansas and the University of Maine. For the past 15 years she has been director of the nursery school at Westminster Presbyterian church in Detroit.

Parents interested in the program are asked to call the church office to give preliminary information regarding their children of preschool age. Further contact will be initiated by a member of the day nursery staff.

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Appointment of the Rev. Willis E. Bishop as pastor of Birmingham's United Brethren in Christ church has been confirmed by Bishop Ezra M. Funk. Announcement was made at the annual church conference held recently in Detroit. Mr. Bishop and his family have already moved into the newly purchased parsonage, 298 Bird.

American Lutheran Unit Buys W. 13 Mi. Site for New Church

Peace American Lutheran church has completed the purchase of a 7 1/2 acre site on West 13 Mile, between Forest and Southfield, for the establishment of their parish.

The group was established last February and in April, the Rev. Paul Wilkins was named to serve the parish.

Speaking for the group, Mrs. Francis Wilkins, recording secretary, said construction would start as soon as building plans had been approved by the Lutheran Mission board and congregation. Until the church building is erected, services are being held in Parker school on West 13 Mile.

At Summer Camp

Several members of the United Brethren in Christ church are planning to attend the summer Bible camp, according to the Rev. Willis E. Bishop. A director of the 1954 camp, Mr. Bishop said the event would be held at the camp grounds in Carson City, Mich., July 19-25.

Franklin Church Elects Officers

Recent organizational meetings of the board of trustees and the board of Franklin Community church saw Wendell Brown and Emil Bates reelected to head the respective groups.

Brown appointed James Crawford to head the trustees' work on the interior of the church. Vernon Fisher and T. H. Brehm will assist him.

Grant Sivier will be chairman of the group handling exterior work on the church and church grounds. His staff will be Harold Roseberry and E. J. Green. Heading the parsonage committee of George Huffman and Brown will be Oliver Garwood.

OTHER members of the official board are Mrs. W. C. Hinman, secretary; Mrs. C. G. Wright, continuing as lay member; Mrs. D. Sifton, reserve lay member; W. C. Hinman, lay-leader; Mrs. F. Acker and Miss M. Wood, communion stewards.

Mrs. R. E. Woodburn is the new treasurer, succeeding Homer Hyde who retires on the official rotation plan adopted two years ago. Clifford Baugh continues as official secretary.

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