

What Our Area Churches Are Doing This Week

Christ Church Planning Newcomers' Open House

Newcomers to Christ Church Cranbrook are invited to attend an informal "get-together" Sunday, March 7, at 8:00 p.m. to become acquainted with the church and some of its members.

They will meet in the church library and proceed immediately on a short tour of the building with a "This is Your Church" committee giving a brief history of it.

After the tour, there will be an informal meeting with the clergy and fellow parishioners in the dining hall where refreshments will be served.

Any newcomers who may not have been contacted are invited.

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Missionary Team Will Be Guests Of Area Church

Missionary teachers on furlough from Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Swift, will be guest speakers for the March 9 session of the "Successful Living" series at Townsite Community church, Congregational. Their topic will be "Let's Talk Turkey".

Both are teachers at the American School for Boys in Talas-Kayseri, Turkey.

Mrs. Swift is the third generation of her family in foreign mission work. Her grandfather served in Turkey and her parents spent 45 years in China, where Mrs. Swift was born.

The Swifts began their mission work in China and were held by Communist authorities for some time. Upon their release they went to Turkey where their work receives financial aid from Townsite church, among others.

THEY, WITH their four sons, will be guests of the church March 6-10, where they will speak to various groups about their work and life in Turkey. Following their local appearance they will return to Richmond, Ind., where Swift is doing graduate work at Earlham college. Their return to Turkey is set for late summer.

Reservations for the 7 o'clock dinner, which precedes the formal program, may be made with Mrs. Woodrow Nelson of Southfield. Claude Porter will act as toastmaster for the evening.

Kirk Deacons Elect

Recently elected officers of the Kirk-in-the-Hills church (Presbyterian) include Mrs. John Paines, vice moderator; Mrs. Robert Allison, secretary and Mrs. Harold Cutler, treasurer.

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World Prayer Service Set For Friday

The international message which is the leading part of the World Day of Prayer service, will be read in Birmingham this year by Mrs. Charles Dengler of Jackson.

Mrs. Dengler, state president of the Episcopal Church Women's auxiliary, will deliver the message prepared by Sarah Chakko, first woman to serve as president of the World Council of Churches and official of Isabella Thoburn College for Women in Lucknow, India.

A MESSAGE, received in Birmingham this week, announced the death of the writer, while directing a group of girls on the basketball court.

The service will be read in more than 20,000 church meetings throughout the world on this first Friday in Lent, and will be considered by many as a memorial tribute to Miss Chakko.

The local service will be held in the Congregational Church of Birmingham (former First Presbyterian building) on North Woodward, beginning at 10 a.m.

Mrs. George Coleman, representing the United Church Women of Birmingham, is chairman of the program here.

Women Volunteer Driver Services To Methodist Home

"I've had better response from the ladies of the First Methodist church than any other group I have contacted," was the comment of Mrs. Joseph Shaffer, 5401 Hadron, speaking of volunteer drivers in connection with the Methodist Children's Village.

A month ago Mrs. Shaffer appealed to several church groups, stating drivers were needed to assist in the transportation of babies to and from foster homes to the Village clinic and hospital.

Volunteers from Birmingham include Mesdames C. D. Warnick, Kins Collins, J. D. McCullough, Victor Gullinette, John Kaller and Benjamin H. Schenk, Jr.

THESE LADIES, according to Mrs. Shaffer, are among the group whose services are available Saturdays, the first and second Tuesday mornings of the month and alternate Wednesdays. Some are on call for unscheduled trips to bring babies from a hospital to the boarding home.

"Some of the trips often mean about a hundred miles," Mrs. Shaffer said. "The First Methodist church women, including a number who are not residents of Birmingham, have been of great assistance to the Village and its program."

St. James Guilds List Topics of Lenten Meets

The Lenten series by the Rev. Harold E. Towne, for the Women's auxiliary of St. James Episcopal church will continue March 10, when he speaks on Isaiah.

On March 17 and 24 he will speak on "Our Lord Jesus Christ," and on March 31 will bring the series to a close with a talk on St. Paul.

Lectures in the church are at 4:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon. Day meetings of guilds have been discontinued during March so members may attend the lectures.

The program has been arranged by Mrs. Colin Campbell, Christian education chairman and her committee of Mrs. Robert Ferguson, Mrs. Thomas F. Neal, Mrs. Richard Fowler and Mrs. E. W. Bardgett.

Westminster Hostess

An 8 p.m. meeting on March 4 has been planned by Westminster guild of the First Presbyterian church, at the home of Mrs. H. C. McQueen. The Rev. Robert Gibson, minister to youth, will speak on "Obe to Christian Education."

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

Presbyterian Women's Groups Planning First Event in New Church

Inaugurating their activities in the new church building on West Maple, ladies of the First Presbyterian church will hold a tea there on March 10, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

At this meeting the association will hear a talk by Mrs. Rachel Benfer, representative of the National Board of Missions.

During the social hour, members of the Nellie Clazie guild will serve refreshments.

Tentative plans have located the meeting in the Youth parlor. Should the ladies' lounge be completed at that date, the group will convene there, a spokesman said.

Peace Lutheran Church Starts Weekly Worship Schedule on March 7

A schedule of services for Peace (American) Lutheran church, starting March 7, were announced this week by Miss Phyllis Frie, parish secretary.

The Rev. E. H. Schalkhauser, director of missions for the Michigan district, will serve the parish in the regular pastor's absence.

Services will be at 10:45 a.m. in the parish house, 17280 West 13 Mile, where church school services are also held.

Miss Frie also announced a series of Lenten mid-week services which began on March 3. These will be continued throughout the Lenten season, meeting each Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Lenten Topics Listed For Ascension Church

Several inanimate objects familiar to all in the story of the Crucifixion will be used as sermon topics during the Lenten services at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension.

The Rev. Paul Shippert opened the series Wednesday evening when he spoke on "The Ewer and Basin". Subsequent services will be on "The Crown of Thorns," "The Hammer and Nail," "The Sponge and Reed" and the initials "NRI".

Each lecture will be held in the church at 8 p.m., Wednesday evenings, and will be illustrated through the use of charts.

Reviews Book for Guild

Dr. Elton Hubbard's book, "Your Other Vocation" will be reviewed by Mrs. Mark Fall, when members of the Eastminster guild, First Presbyterian church, meet March 4. Mrs. J. Payton, 1002 Pilgrim, will be hostess for the 1 p.m. meeting and program.

Several Lenten Programs Planned At Christ Church

In observance of the Lenten season, Christ Church Cranbrook parish members will follow their plan of the past two years with a series of Christian Fellowship meetings.

Neighborhood groups will meet in their homes once a week for six weeks, under trained lay leadership with guidance by the clergy, to inquire, study and discuss the relevance of Christianity in their daily living.

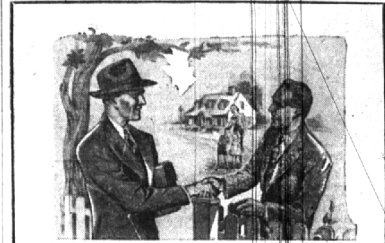
Each one of these groups will study the same basic material, premised by a recommended book which seeks to reveal the role of

a Christian layman in terms of Christian vocations.

CONCURRENTLY, on Wednesday nights during Lent, the traditional Lenten suppers and services will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook. Starting last Wednesday, March 3, and each Wednesday thereafter, the suppers will be at 7:00 p.m. to be followed at 8:00 p.m. with services and talks by the clergy. The general theme will be "The Role of the Church in Our Lives."

Reservations for the Lenten suppers should be made by Monday of each week at the church office.

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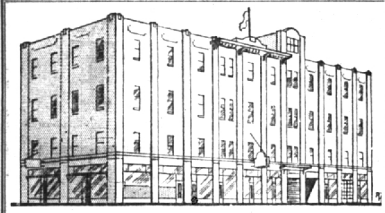
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