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Fruit cakes for bazaar bring smiles to cooks' faces. (Eccentric Photo)

# Use Century-Old Recipe For Bazaar Specialties

Fruit cakes from a century-old recipe will be the featured item of the Pantry Shoppe when the ladies of Lathrup Community church—Congregational, hold their annual bazaar on Dec. 4.

Used for countless wedding cakes, these cakes were the project of a group of women from Circle I recently, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Steger. Meeting at the church, the women prepared a number of these delicious cakes.

Their section will also feature other baked goods, home-canned fruits, relishes and vegetables, casseroles of food for the freezer, sauces and other items.

LINENS, Christmas dinner clothes and percale pillow cases have been prepared by the members of Circle II. These women will also have charge of the "This and That" booth, a collection of novelty items for special gifts.

Circle III is specializing in aprons—cobblers and party aprons and the ever popular mother-and-daughter sets.

Junior shoppers and gift receivers are the favored charges of Circles IV and V in their "Heaven to Seven" booth. They will feature items for the younger citizen from the cradle to the "young student".

A TOY BOOTH will display a line of toys exclusive to this bazaar, some educational, some just for fun.

Being an all-church affair, younger members of the congregation are getting into the act, too.

TYPS are planning to sell Christmas greens and table decorations, while the J-Hers will supervise dart games and a fish pond. This group has also taken over the project of pony rides for the children, while another shops inside.

Men of the church are not to be outdone, so they will sponsor a luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mrs. Elmer Shaver and her committee will serve in an advisory capacity.

## Interim Officers Named by Youths

The Junior Hi's of the First Baptist church, Birmingham after a successful 'Pot-luck' supper the previous week, assembled for an organizational meeting Sunday evening, Nov. 14.

They discussed the meaning and purposes of a fellowship group, followed with an election of interim officers.

They are president, Bonnie Bramblett; vice president, Roy Pope; secretary, Irene Middleton; treasurer, Arlene Swaney; social chairman, Robert Kipp.

This cabinet will direct the group activities until January at which time there will be another election of officers.

## Baptist Youth Unit To Attend Conclave

A group of 15 from the Youth Fellowship, First Baptist church, is planning to attend the state-wide convention of BYF in Lansing, Nov. 26-28.

The program will include the election of officers and such speakers as Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, vice president of Virginia Union Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Local delegates will be Kathy Crouch, Mary Lou Fomeroy, Gerry Brisendine, Nancy Olsen, Marilyn Pratt, Carol Brisendine, Johanne McCrumb, Bill Pope, John Burket, Sally Pope, Darlene Pollock, Faith Wells, Roger Jackson, Rick Kontz and Jane Mohler.

## Training Session For Church Group

A "Let's Talk It Over" session will be held at Community Church, Congregational on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28, 5 p.m.

The meeting will be in the nature of a training session for those wanting to know more of the life and purposes of the church. Gordon W. Kingsbury, membership chairman, is in charge.

## Catholic Parish Sets Bazaar Date

"Holiday for Things", the annual bazaar sponsored by the Altar society of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic parish, has been scheduled for Dec. 4. The 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. affair will be held in the church social hall.

Nine booths will be arranged, according to Mrs. Allen T. Frederick, general chairman.

Aprons, baked goods, candles and plastics, clothes and toys for children, novelties and religious articles will be among the items for sale.

A special parcel post booth, along with a white elephant booth and fish pond will give added zest to the bazaar.

And, since shopping is sometimes dull for the little folks, a special section of games in which they can participate will be provided.

## Snack Bar, Dinner For Congregational Sleigh Bell Fair

The Sleigh-Bell Fair opens at 10 a.m. at the Congregational church at 388 N. Woodward, on Thursday, Dec. 2.

From 10:30 a.m. on, a snack bar will be open, and for those who wish to stay on and shop over the supper hour, a spaghetti dinner will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Frank LeGrove, chairman of the Sleigh-Bell Fair, feels that everyone will be pleased with the seasonal array of merchandise.

Booths will include aprons, pantry shop, books and records, boutiques and parcel post, candy, paper goods, children's gift shop, Christmas decorations, flowers and plants, handkerchiefs, knitting, needlework, toys, bedroom slippers and gifts made by "Our World Neighbors."

## Franklin Church Schedules Meet To Plan Building

At a special meeting of the membership of the Church to be held on Friday, Dec. 3 at 8:00 p.m., the building committee of Franklin Community church will report its recommendations concerning the expansion of facilities. Norman Kreider, handling public relations for the group, reveals that the report will be unusual in style but complete.

The vote to be taken will climax several years of work in research and planning. A Planning Committee, including representatives of all organizations of the church, was appointed three years ago to determine the needs of the church and the possibilities open.

AS FRANKLIN continued to grow it became obvious that expansion was essential. In July of this year the planning committee recommended the appointment of a building committee, directed to take immediate steps to build. Grant Sivier became chairman of the new group and it is the report of this committee which will be considered.

"Because the vote of the membership is a legal necessity, it is planned that other evenings will soon be given to explain the report to Organizations within Franklin," Kreider said.

The present sanctuary was built in 1860, with an addition of two rooms made in 1950. The church was organized in 1840. Present membership is 270 (including 20 new members received Nov. 7) and will reach 300 by Jan. 1, 1955.

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

## Work of UNICEF Is Topic of Speaker

"The Prince of Peace—UNICEF" will be the subject on which Mrs. Ohilip Gentile, lecturer of the University of Michigan extension service will speak for the Dec. 1 meeting of the Woman's Society for Christian Service at the First Methodist church.

An instructor in adult education for the Detroit board of education, Mrs. Gentile has received an award in this field from the Ford Foundation.

Having spent three months as an observer at the UN general assembly, she has compiled extensive information on the workings of the United Nations International Child Emergency Fund.

The meeting, scheduled for 12:45 p.m., will open with a luncheon served by the Mary Utter Group.

The afternoon devotions will be given by Mrs. Bryan H. Rich, immediately before Mrs. Gentile's talk.

## Unitarian Service Committee's Work Will Be Discussed

Coming from Detroit, Mrs. Robert Birdsall, a member of the Church of Our Father, will speak at the Birmingham Unitarian Women's Alliance meeting Dec. 1. She will discuss the work of the Unitarian service committee, of which she is a member, speaking on the national and international levels.

Mrs. James Wilson, member of the local service committee, will speak on that work.

Mrs. Lewis K. Marshall, 569 Pierce, will be the hostess at the 1 p.m. dessert meeting.

Mrs. John Bagby, program chairman, Mrs. John W. Gafill and Mrs. Lloyd S. Linton will assist.

SERMONETTE

# A Minister Thinks About Thanksgiving

By the REV. ROBERT D. DEWEY
Congregational Church Minister

How marvelous the way in which, day by day, each of us is upheld, nourished, sustained, maintained in the variety of experience which we call "life".

It is not that we deserve or merit such care. Often we do our best to frustrate health, both mental and physical. Nor is it enough to say that Mother Nature, impersonal though she be, provides her bounty and we, by our own efforts, make them serve our common and uncommon needs.

Each of us knows that there is more mystery and wonder in our birth and growth and life than facts and figures ever can explain. Each of us knows, if only in a moment of naked and solemn silence, that some one should be thanked for all the tenderness and mercy that surrounds his life. And this in spite of this adversity or that, or cheeks" one can't call "gold", or obscure religious words that seem to have no dynamite within them.

THERE IS AN impulse in us toward "thanks giving". We can express it or we can't express it. But it is part of us we cannot do without.

However blunderingly they proceed; however mysterious their language and their forms may seem to be, many churches call us to Thanksgiving.

This is not because they've got to do it—that's their job. It's not a new attempt to win the crowds away from football games or cranberry sauce. They think they've found that God is for us to thank.

They are convinced "they've broken through" to One who wills to give us life, and more than that, to be at it continually with His own love and goodness.

THEY CALL us to Thanksgiving because they know the deep implies that God is a roadsign to reality. Behind it is death—not the death of life, body—and the churches would not have us die, but live.

The Pilgrims gave thanks. Thank God for that. Our national holiday remembers the first feast of faith. It is appropriate for us to take a moment to remember them. But that is surely not enough.

This Holiday is meant for you and me. The thanks we have to give cannot be given by another. If it's true that we are day by day maintained in life—upheld, nourished, sustained, forgiven, made stronger, wiser, more courageous, more obedient—then only can we say, quite simply;

"Thanks be to thee, O God!"

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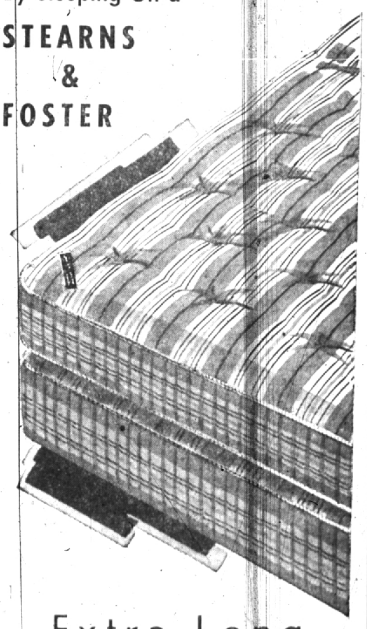


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