

# Churches and Church Groups List Programs

## Franklin Launches Fund Drive Sunday

Feb. 27 will be the "red letter day for Franklin Community church," according to Walter Stadlander, handling publicity for the coming building fund drive.

He explained that this date marks the opening of the drive, with 150 church members and friends visiting throughout the area seeking contributions for the construction of a new church.

A special sermon, "The Lord Hath Chosen Thee" will be preached at a consecration service at 11 a.m. At 3 p.m., under the leadership of D. James Crawford, workers will start on their rounds. It is hoped that the campaign will be completed that day.

"Early gifts have been very gratifying," Stadlander stated.

The construction of a new building will move the church location one block west of the present site, a colonial-type structure being planned for the Village Green.

OVERCROWDED conditions has been the prime factor in seeking a new church home and no available land at the immediate site the reason for the move.

The new building will triple accommodations while 18 classrooms plus other convertible space will provide adequate room for religious education.

A social hall, youth room, bride's room and play school room are also included along with a fire resistant vault for church records, an informal committee room, office, pastor's study and choir room, will provide space for church and community functions.

The church, organized in 1840, has been meeting in the present building since 1863, and is one of the oldest in the area. Present plans call for a groundbreaking ceremony at an Easter Sunrise service.

### Delray House Topic Of Church Society

Recent news of Delray Christian Zionism, Israhay on March 3, Neighborhood House will be given. The meeting will be at 1 p.m., at members of the Facsimile guild, the home of Mrs. J. A. Stephenson, First Presbyterian church, by Mrs. 34797 Lahser.



OBSERVING CATHOLIC book month, members of Holy Name church are selling religious books after Sunday morning masses. Here committee members, Mrs. Matthew H. McDonald, Mrs. Anthony Foley and Mrs. Norman B. Stanton get an early look at some of the volumes on hand. (Eccentric Photo)

### Unitarian Alliance Plans Book Reviews

Book reviews will highlight the March 2 meeting of the Birmingham Unitarian Women's Alliance. The group will meet for a 1 p.m. dessert at the Vanochan and home of Mrs. Morton (Grady).

Mrs. John Barclay, vice president and program chairman, said among the books are "Wit and Wisdom of Whitehead," "Child of the Sun" and "Jesus," "Child of the Carpenter's Son."

Mrs. Peter B. Loomis will give a resume of the current issue of The Christian Register, official Unitarian magazine.

### Detroit Zoo, Topic Of Mariners' Guest

Frank G. Melnick, director of the Detroit Zoological Reserve, will be the speaker at the August Mariner dinner meeting of Community Church, Congregational on Friday evening, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

Melnick has been instrumental over a period of 25 years in building the Detroit Zoo into one of the best in the country, most significant, The Belle Isle children's zoo and aquarium are also under his directorship.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dodd are the chairman in charge of the evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Phil J. Vidler, program chairman.

## Lenten Vespers Begin Sunday At St. James

St. James Episcopal church is sponsoring a series of musical Vesper services on Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock during Lent.

On Feb. 27 the senior choir will sing the "Mass in G Major" by Schubert.

March 6 will feature an all-instrumental program of music from the Baroque and early classical periods for organ, flute and oboe. Kent McDonald, organist, will be joined by two soloists from the Detroit Symphony.

March 20, the senior choir and soloists will present the brilliant "Coronation Mass" by Mozart; March 27, the Sunday afternoon series will be concluded by an organ recital by Kent McDonald.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, at 8 p.m., the senior choir will continue their annual tradition of presenting a major oratorio during Holy Week, and this year will sing the great "Stabat Mater" by Dvorak.

The "Mass in G Major" by Schubert was written in 1815, during his 19th year. This work was written for chorus, soloists, string orchestra and organ and is typical of the Viennese type of church writing of the early 19th century.

THE MUSIC reflects the youthful Schubert, unclouded by any of the somber forebodings that marked the composer's tragic last years.

Rather than being bombastic and heroic in structure, this work proffers a bright, cheerful and sincere declaration of faith, expressed through the medium of beautiful melodies and harmonies, always associated with the music of Schubert.

The soloists in this performance will be Norma Sherman, soprano; Neil Soper, tenor; and George Mullin, baritone. Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster, will conduct.

### YWCA President Church Unit Guest

The general meeting of First Methodist WSES on March 2 opens with luncheon at 12:45 p.m., in charge of the Susannah Wesley unit.

Mrs. Kins Collins, president of Metropolitan Detroit YWCA will speak on "When the Young Girl Comes to the City." Mrs. M. Wenter will lead devotions.

### First Presbyterian Units List Speakers

Mrs. Parry B. Wydman, 4075 Chestnut Hill, will be hostess when the Jennie Keyes guild of the First Presbyterian church meet at 2 p.m. on Feb. 24.

Evelyn Randle will review the book, "Change of Heart."

The Sarah Hunter guild will meet at the home of Mr. William Hays, 282 Pine, at the same time when the Rev. Robert Graham will discuss the "Meaning of the Miracles."

## Ford Executive Is Kirk Speaker



CURRENTLY ON a three-month speaking tour in the United States, Tomo Reid will talk at Luther's Methodist church's Lenten Family Night dinner at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 24.

The former member of Tojo's cabinet is organizing a 10-man team to return to Japan next summer under the joint sponsorship of Methodists and Presbyterians to further Christianity in his homeland.

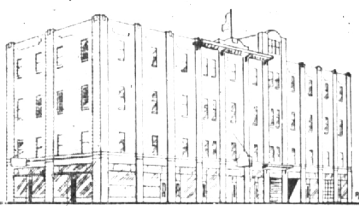
## Lutheran Women Sew

Planning for Lenten missions will be the order of the day when the Ladies Missionary guild of Peace Lutheran church meets Monday. The session will be at the home of Mrs. Frances Leiber, 16240 Madeline, she will be assisted by Mrs. Ed Larson.

## Haitian Minister To Speak Feb. 28 At Baptist Church

The first half of the First Baptist church will feature a talk by the Rev. Robert E. Marx at 8 p.m., Feb. 28. Planned primarily for teenagers and adults, the meeting will be open to members and friends of the church.

Mr. Marx, a native of Haiti, is the son of a French Baptist minister who spent 20 years in missionary work there. He studied there and in the States, returning in Haiti in 1929 to serve at the Baptist church in Port au Prince.



RECENTLY, by order of Haiti's president, Mr. Marx was decorated an "Officer of the National Order of Honour of Merit." He had previously been decorated a Knight of the Order of Labor.

Following his appearance here, the Rev. Jason Cedarholm of El Salvador will speak at the mid-week meeting, 8 p.m., March 2.

He is making a tour of American Baptist churches and has been invited to speak here where it will be one of his recent experiences in the field of religious service.

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