

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

This Week's Activities in Vicinity Churches

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Schedule Speech by NCC President At Local Church

Travels of more than 22,000 miles in 21 days during the Christmas season as spokesman of Protestantism to the troops in the Far East will be the subject of the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, D.D., when he speaks at the First Presbyterian church on March 30.

Dr. Blake speaks as the representative of 30 Protestant denominations with 35,500,000 members on the topic of "The World Church."

The current president of the National Council of Churches, he also is the staffed clerk of the Presbyterian church, USA.

Dr. Blake comes to Birmingham as one of a series of Lenten speakers being heard at the Lenten Church Night meetings. His 7:45 p.m. talk in the sanctuary will be preceded by a family dinner in the church social hall at 6:30 p.m.

Christ Child Group Spring Dance Date Delayed One Week

A date change has been made for the annual spring dance sponsored by the Christ Church society, Mrs. Harry Stark, Jr., reveals.

Previously scheduled for the Saturday before Easter, the event this year will be held one week later, April 16.

Bloomfield Hills country club has been reserved for the dance with the Ralph Bowen orchestra playing.

Mrs. Charles J. Burke heads the committee, assisted by Mrs. Edmund T. Nolan, Mrs. Robert G. Mahler and Mrs. H. Stanley Maxon, Jr.

Reservations are being received by Mrs. Arthur DeRoosier, Mrs. Charles T. Stewart and Mrs. Paul T. Parney. Publicity is in charge of Mrs. Martin F. Gagner.

Ascension Church Guild Announces March Meet

"Personal Faith and Life" will be the subject of the Rev. Raymond Moeller when he speaks at the March 10 meeting of the Hannah guild, church of the Ascension.

Mr. Moeller comes to Birmingham from Marysville, Mich. In anticipation of the proposed April dedication of the new church building, Guild members said they intend to furnish altar parameters as a memorial.

A committee has selected drapes for the social room and office and these, with discussion of the menu for the dedication Sunday, will be among the business meeting topics.

SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

First Baptist

Kirk-in-the-Hills
Continuing his Lenten series on the Passion and Resurrection, the Rev. Harold C. DeWitt, D.D., will speak on "When the Cock Crows." The Cathedral choir with soloists will present "The Passion of the Lord According to St. Matthew" by J. S. Bach at this service.

Christian Science

The fact that health and holiness result from spiritual understanding on God's nature will be brought out in the sermon on "Substance." The Bible text is from Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joint and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

First Presbyterian

"Accepting God's Promise" has been chosen by the Rev. W. Glen Harris for his 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. sermons. "The promises of God are unbelievable, humbly speaking. To the unbeliever, the promises of God are just fantastic. However, to God's people they are believable and acceptable." is the theme of his sermon.

Franklin

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Community Congregational

The Rev. John D. Rose will speak on "The Meaning of the 3rd Psalm" at both services Sunday morning. Following the 11 a.m. service, a brief congregational meeting will be held to vote on the church by-laws.

First Methodist

The Rev. H. O. Martin, D.D., will preach on "The Dumb Man Spoke and the People Marvelled," at the 9:30 a.m. service.

St. Michael Youth Inviting Parents To Special Mass

Two March 20 programs are planned by the St. Michael's parish Youth Club.

The group is extending an invitation to parents to join them in a communion mass at 8:30 a.m. after which adults will be guests at a breakfast served in the church hall.

"A Day of Reflection" is planned for the afternoon under the chairmanship of Joan Kuenzler.

Held in the church hall from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., the exercise will be directed by the Rev. Mikalodoff, S. J., teacher at the University of Detroit high school.

Plan 'Visiting Day'

March 13 will be "visiting day" for the Modern Mariners of Community Church, Congregational.

Members will spend the afternoon visiting new families in the Canterbury Gardens. The new sub-division is just east of Lathrop, south of 12 Mile. Members will meet at the church for a pot luck dinner prior to making their calls.

Ascension Lutheran

At both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. sermons, the Rev. Paul Shiplett will speak on "The Final Word to Judah."

Mid-week services for March 16 will see him speaking on "Returned to Jerusalem" at 8 p.m.

Congregational

The Rev. Robert D. Dewey will speak on "In the Beginning" when services are held here at 11 a.m. Selecting great Christian words for sermon themes, he will concentrate during the next three weeks on "creation."

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MARY JANE WALKER

'German Requiem' Lenten Offering At Christ Church

Several Birmingham residents will be heard when Brahms' unusual "German Requiem" is presented at 4 p.m. March 13, at Christ Church, Cranbrook.

Dr. Maurice Garabrandt, Christ church music director, will direct the choir and instrumental ensemble, harp and organ.

RONALD TREMLIN will appear as tympanist; Abel Magnuson and Paul Holmeyer, violonists; Mary Bertlett, harpist and Mary Jane Walker, soprano soloist.

hailed by music critics as "ranked among the loftiest music ever given to the world," the Requiem has nothing in common with the ordinary Requiem Mass.

Brahms suffered severe theological criticism during early performances of this work as he had dared to make his own interpretations of Biblical passages for the text, disregarding established religious doctrines and beliefs.

"This particular work is an expression of changing moods and imaginative reflections upon the life and spirit of man. Theology and ritual have been replaced by a series of ascending ideas dealing with sorrow, separation and death," Garabrandt remarked.

List Lenten Topic

When the March 16 Lenten session is held at St. James Episcopal church, the Rev. Harold E. Towne will speak on "The Communion of Saints." The 19 a.m. session will be followed by a communion service at 11 a.m. and luncheon. Nursery care for small children will be available.



NORTHMINSTER Presbyterian church officials are starting active plans for the new building they will erect on Big Beaver road in the near future. Here the Rev. Mackay Taylor, Paul VanCleve, building committee member and Linn C. Smith, Birmingham architect, study plans for the site prior to starting the building design. Mr. Taylor said the new church would be contemporary styling, the first unit to be designed to meet immediate needs and adaptable for expansion as the church family grows. Although building is scheduled for this year, no ground breaking date has been set. (Eccentric Photo)

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Woman's Auxiliary Forms Study Groups

Special study groups for the Woman's auxiliary at Christ Church, Cranbrook were inaugurated March 8, to run for six weeks.

One aim is to give a better understanding to members of such "church" words as incarnation, atonement, repentance and salvation.

This class will be under the direction of the Rev. William C. Norvell, the subject being "The Great Words of the Christian Faith."

A class on "The Holy Scriptures" will be conducted by the Rev. Eugene Monck.

At the March 29 luncheon meeting Clarence E. Allen of the Washington Cathedral, Washington, D.C., will speak and show motion pictures of this famed church.

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