

B'ham Council Of Churches Plans 3-Hour Services

Final details of union Good Friday services were worked out by the sponsoring Birmingham Council of Churches at a meeting last week. The group also heard another in the current series of talks on background and beliefs of each denomination represented in the council.

Announcement of the program for three-hour Good Friday devotions at First Baptist church will be made next week.

At the council meeting, Edwin F. Kirbert, secretary of the YMCA, informed the group that the Y now has the film "Martin Luther" in its library. Any organization wishing to show the picture may obtain it through the local YMCA, Kirbert said.

The Rev. Allen E. Wittrop continued the series on the council's denominations, reporting the background and history of the Methodist church.

Fourteen Protestant ministers attended the monthly breakfast meeting, with First Methodist church acting as host last week.

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Methodist Youth Plan Retreat

Enthusiasm is beginning to build as senior high youth of First Methodist church plan their annual retreat.

The retreat, to be held in Port Huron the weekend of April 27, 28 and 29, is under the general chairmanship of Sharon Gray. Her committee consists of Earl Hoppenrath, Delene Domes and Allen Hildebrand.

The theme, "In His Steps," will be carried out through discussion groups led by the young people Saturday.

Dean of the retreat is William Younger, and counselors are Mrs. William Younger, Mrs. Beth Duffy, Mr. and Mrs. King Ruby, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brown, and Rev. Allen Wittrop.

Boarding the bus at 5:30 Friday afternoon, the 50 youth group members will make Port Huron Methodist camp their weekend headquarters.

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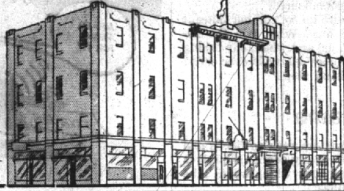
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Bible Group Studies Holy Week's Meaning

The Meaning of Holy Week will be the topic of Rev. John D. Younger's study group at Community Congregational church Monday at eight p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Members are asked to read the 11th and 12th chapters of Mark.

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New Directory Honors the Late Stewart Smith

Honoring the late Stewart Smith for devoted service to his church, Birmingham's First Baptist congregation has dedicated a new church directory to his memory.

Earl R. Bramblitt, lay moderator of the church, said Mr. Smith's outstanding leadership is recognized through inclusion of his photograph and biography in the publication released last week.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Baptist church for over 15 years, and held numerous positions of leadership.

HE SERVED repeated terms as general treasurer and missionary treasurer of the church. He served as a member of the church's board of deacons and board of trustees. For many years he was a teacher

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Community Congregational: Rev. John D. Rose, "And Jesus Went Before Them", 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Embury Methodist: Bishop Marshall R. Reed, "The Christian Youth of Power", 9:30 and 11 a.m.

First Baptist—Rev. Emil Kuntz, "The Mastery of Loyalties", 11 a.m. Color film on "Life of Our Lord", 7:30 p.m.

Church of the Ascension—Rev. Paul Shippert, "The Dimension of Death and the Living God", 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Northminster Presbyterian—Rev. V. Mackay Taylor, "The Prayer for Deliverance", 10:30 a.m. at Poppleton school.

Christian Science—Lesson-sermon, "Reality", 9:45 and 11:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran—Rev. Theo. Wuzgaer, "Follow Me", 9:30, 10:45 and 12 Noon.

Unitarian—Rev. Russell L. Lincoln "On Examining 'One's Self'", 10:30 a.m. at Upton school, Royal Oak.

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Congregational—Rev. Robert D. Dewey, "Prelude to Loneliness", 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Unity Center—Rev. Frank Glabach, "His Own Receive Him Not", 11 a.m. at YMCA building.

First Methodist—Dr. A. F. Runkel, "Religion—Hearty or Experience", 9:30 and 11 a.m.

New Stained Glass Window Installed At Our Lady Parish

A \$5,000 stained glass window, a work authorized by the Rev. Lucian A. Hebert, pastor, in August, 1956, was recently installed in the facade over the main entrance to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs school.

The huge window was the gift of the Misses Helen and Max Simpson, of Royal Oak, given in memory of their brother, the late Mr. Harry Simpson.

Conrad Schmitt studios, of Milwaukee, fabricated the window of fine antique and Norman slab glass mounted in heavy lead.

With blue as the predominant color, it depicts the seven sorrows radiating in nimbus form around the central figure of Mary, the Patroness of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish.

Representatives of Schmitt studios, designers and craftsmen in this field, supervised the window's installation.

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SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Franklin Community—Rev. Robert J. Searls, "Deliver Us From Evil", 9:30 and 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian—Rev. W. Glen Harris, "In Spite of Triumph", 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

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