

At the CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER

Something has been missing from the church page lately. Now after talking it over with others, we're wondering if it should be returned. The missing item is the column, "Sunday Sermon Topics," which listed each church, name of the minister who would preach, his subject for the day, and the time.

If the weekly list of sermon topics is of use or interest to readers, we naturally want to continue it. It was dropped to save space and time.

A phone call or card letting us know your point of view would be a great help to us in determining whether or not "Sunday Sermon Topics" should be resumed.

Strangers became good friends in only a few days when Mrs. Donald R. Olson, of 3510 Dogwood court, Bloomfield township, and 24 other Congregational Christian church women visited Europe last month.

Just back from the month's sojourn, Mrs. Olson, who is a member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham, said she learned a great lesson.

"We were strangers when we met at the stations," said Mrs. Olson. "But when we left after a few days' visit we felt we were quite good friends."

Believed to be the first group of American church women to visit church women overseas, the national leaders of women in their denomination observed overseas projects of the World Council of Churches and the Congregational Christian churches.

Mrs. Olson, who is a member of the executive committee of the denomination's national Women's Fellowship, says she is now "booked solid" with invitations to speak to groups about her trip.

Billy Pierce really made a hit with 136 members of the First Methodist Youth Fellowship who turned out to hear him last week. The noted Chicago White Sox pitcher, who lives at 17925 Birchwood, Beverly Hills, visited the group on "the invitation of Jim Rutly, MYF member who lives near him."

"The kids pumped him with questions and kept him talking for about 50 minutes," said the Rev. Allen Wittrup, associate minister at the church.

Along with his comments about such matters as how a pitcher feels when he's out on the mound, Billy told the young people that he doesn't believe in smoking and drinking. "He feels that a man should let his body develop to the best of its ability, and that smoking and drinking will make that impossible," Rev. Wittrup said.

Baptist Youth Schedule Hayride

A hayride at Highland, Mich. is church will follow the hayride for in store for Baptist Youth Fellowship approximately 50 senior and junior ship members, who will meet at high youth group members. Trans-First Baptist church Saturday at 8:00 p.m. members are encouraged to bring a pizza dinner back at the friends.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1152 Bennoville Birmingham, Michigan LI 2-0855

10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
6:00 P.M. Sunday Evening Service
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study
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Northminster Presbyterian Church

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WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL

9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Franklin Community Church

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
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10 a.m.

Robert J. Searls, Minister

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1800 West Maple
Phone Midwest 4-4010

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9:45 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Sunday School

9:45 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Church Open For Prayer and Meditation Daily
8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

THE WORK GOES ON at Northminster Presbyterian church, as the Rev. MacKay Taylor (center) meets here with a group working out plans for last Sunday's churchwide canvass. At left is Bill Modrack, and the pensive church treasurer at right is Philip G. Whelan.

Christian Cooperation Creates A New Church

By JULIE CANDLER

It takes a heap of doing to make a congregation a church. And a lot of good Christians have been "doing" so that Northminster Presbyterian church could heap up its amazing accomplishment in just two years of existence.

Thanks to the new congregation's members themselves, their energetic young minister, the people of First Presbyterian church in Birmingham, and the Presbyterian board of national missions, Northminster church on Big Beaver road near Adams, is now well on its way.

It all started October 31, 1954, when the first service was held. The group began holding services at Poppleton school in Troy.

When the congregation overflowed its basement quarters, the group began holding services at Poppleton school in Troy.

NORTHMINSTER MEMBERS now number 175, and have an average of one child to each adult member in their Sunday school.

Behind this accomplishment lies the Northminster members' generous response to a building fund drive. They were motivated by their earnest desire to see their own church begin to rise.

Presbyterian Life, a national magazine of the denomination, quoted the church treasurer, Philip G. Whelan, in a recent article about Northminster.

At the worship service on campaign Sunday, Whelan said, "we got \$18,000 of our \$22,000 pledge without making a single home call."

MORE HELP CAME from First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, which gave \$11,000 to the building fund campaign and \$50,000 to each of three new congregations in the area, including Northminster.

Another \$5,000 came from the church's Board of National Missions. More furnishings will come from the \$625 raised by hard-working Women's association members through their successful bazaar.

And from the Rev. MacKay Taylor came the leadership and inspiration which helped make the work and giving a pleasure.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

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Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m.

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(Synodical Conference)

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Community Thanksgiving Services Set

Special community Thanksgiving services are being planned by local churches, with a service next Thursday morning sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Churches, and a Wednesday evening service sponsored by the Southfield Ministerial association.

The traditional Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Churches will be held again this year at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, 388 N. Woodward. The service begins at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, to allow those who wish to attend the annual Birmingham Royal Oak football game to get there in plenty of time.

The Rev. MacKay Taylor, minister of Northminster Presbyterian church, will preach, and Dr. Robert A. Mackosky, assistant minister of the First Baptist church, will conduct the service in company with the host pastor, the Rev. Robert D. Dewey.

Youth and adult choirs of the Congregational church will sing a special new anthem, "Now Let Us Give Thanks and Sing," composed by a Detroit church musician. The Thanksgiving proclamation by President Eisenhower will be read.

All are welcome to attend the service, which is sponsored by participating in the Birmingham Council of Churches. The host church will provide ushers for the service.

The annual community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Southfield Ministerial association will be held at the Community Church, Congregational, 27 9/16 Southfield road, Lathrup Village, next Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

The Rev. Ralph H. Read, pastor of North Congregational church, will be the speaker. The choir of the Community church will furnish special music. The Rev. John Rose will preside.

A cordial invitation to all to join in the service of praise and thanksgiving has been extended by the Southfield ministerial association.

Peace American Minister Leaving

Rev. Paul Wietzke, minister of Peace American Lutheran church of Birmingham, at 7280 11 Mile road, Southfield township, has been called to another church.

Rev. and Mrs. Wietzke, with their daughters, 23-year-old Rebecca and eight-month-old Susan, will be moving to Dallas, Oregon. He has been called to Trinity Lutheran church there.

Kirk in the Hills 'Country Store' Open Today

A "country store" will be set up Tuesday at the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian church, 1340 W. Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the country store will feature a book nook, cake box, sweet shop, tinsel table and gift booth.

The country store sponsors, members of the church's Women's association, will hold their regular monthly meeting at the church that same day. Reservations for the 12 p.m. luncheon must be made through Mrs. John C. Palmer, of Middlebelt road, Birmingham. After the luncheon a panel of University of Michigan students will discuss foreign affairs.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and meeting, by reservation.

Mrs. John C. Palmer is chairman of the country store, and Mrs. Walter Ellis is co-chairman. Among those working on arrangements are Mrs. Fred Lindholm, Mrs. Kenneth Peterson, Mrs. Dan Neill and Mrs. Harvey Perry.

1st Presbyterian Guilds to Meet

The Susan and Elizabeth Trowbridge guilds of the First Presbyterian church will hold a joint meeting Tuesday, gathering at 12:30 p.m. for luncheon in the social hall. In the afternoon the Rev. Kenneth Neigh, executive secretary of the Michigan synod, will speak.

On Wednesday, Missionary "B" will meet for potluck luncheon at 12:30 in the social hall. Later in the chapel a program on "Hymns of Many Lands," will feature Mrs. E. J. Kempf, narrator, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Kronmeyer, organist, and Mrs. Dean M. Murdoch, vocalist.



SHOPPING AT A Christmas bazaar is fun, especially when it's the first big one in a new church. Mrs. William H. Dalrymple (left) looks at terry cloth wash mitts at a booth managed by Mrs. James W. Swisher (center) and Mrs. John S. Ellis. The three are members of the North Congregational church Women's association, which set up its "specialty shops" Saturday at the church on Northwestern highway near Lahser.

Congregationalists Await Sponsored Refugee Family

The social action committee of the Congregational Church of Birmingham, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Angus Mclay, have announced that a refugee family, Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Maguire, their daughters, Marjorie and Celestine, six and eight years old, will be arriving in the United States tomorrow, and will come to Birmingham shortly.

The social action committee, acting on the vote of the congregation, has agreed to sponsor the Maguire family, assurance for whom has been given by the Congregational Christian Services committee.

The Maguire family came to Holland from Indonesia. Mr. Maguire was head bookkeeper in a Netherlands bank, and speaks excellent English. They are members of the Dutch Reformed church.

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

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