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**CHURCH DOOR**

By JULIE CANDLER

Did you know that:  
You can secure a hearing aid from the usher if you can't hear the services at North Congregational church in Southfield?

In only four years the membership of First Presbyterian church's Sunday school has increased over 100 per cent?  
When you telephoned that same church, you can sometimes have fun listening to the girls who answer the phone getting tripped up on the syllables of "First Presbyterian church?"

A special committee has worked out fire emergency procedures at the Congregational church of Birmingham, and fire drills will be held to familiarize church members with them?

Hardly a week goes by that we don't learn of a new church being organized somewhere in the Birmingham area. The latest is an Episcopal mission which was no more than an idea only a few weeks ago. And already the group has received permission to hold services in Eastover school out North Adams way, beginning February 1.

Today Mrs. Donald Mills is holding a get-acquainted event at her home for about 30 women, who plan to join the new congregation with their husbands.

Mrs. Mills, who lives at 1301 Romney road in Kentmore subdivision, plans to serve dessert and coffee at the 1 p.m. event.

A member of St. James Episcopal church, Mrs. Mills has been in charge of securing a temporary meeting place for the group (mission accomplished). Her remaining assignment, another large one, is to organize the church school.

ABOUT 25 FAMILIES originally expressed interest in the new mission when surveys conducted by the Episcopal diocese of Michigan determined there was a need for it in the fast-growing area.

The new congregation is sponsored as a mission jointly by St. James Episcopal church of Birmingham, Christ Church Cranbrook, and St. John's church in Rochester.

Families and clergy from the three churches met together early in December at the Carl H. Zuber home on Squirrel road to discuss plans for the new church. Soon after, the families met without the clergy, appointing William L. Dewey, of 6323 Astlow lane, Charnwood, as temporary chairman of the congregation.

The new group's ministerial leadership is expected to be determined shortly.

Judging from the progress in only a few weeks, we expect to hear a lot about this new group.

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Minister: Reverend H. Reed  
11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL  
Pilgrim Fellowship Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.  
Pilgrim Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
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**Northminster Presbyterian Church**  
3633 W. Big Beaver Rd. (East of Adams)  
MACKAY TAYLOR — MINISTER  
WORSHIP SERVICES & CHURCH SCHOOL  
9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

**Women's Groups Start  
Year's Activities**

The start of a new year means installation of recently elected officers and planning of the year's activities for many churchwomen's groups, who this week will hold monthly meetings.

The Women's auxiliary of St. James Episcopal church meets next Wednesday for luncheon and the annual meeting. At a workshop at 10 a.m., outgoing officers and chairmen of the auxiliary will brief new auxiliary officers, guild presidents and their committees on their duties for the following year. The Rev. Harold E. Towne will



**MALCOLM FERGUSON**  
preside at Holy Communion services at 12:15 p.m., and luncheon at the annual meeting will follow at 1 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** church Women's association members have scheduled their annual meeting and installation of officers for Tuesday. Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. will be followed by the annual report and installation at 1:30 p.m., after which Mrs. Homer Johnson, active in Detroit Presbyterian, will speak on how to be a good group member. There will be no sewing in the morning.

Mrs. L. Irving Woodson will be re-elected as the group's president. Other officers are Mrs. C. C. Adams, Mrs. E. J. Barney and Mrs. Robert Pettit, vice presidents; Mrs. E. E. Puls, treasurer; Mrs. Arthur Pries, recording secretary, and Mrs. Vernon C. Boyatt, corresponding secretary.

Heading various committee activities for 1957 are Mrs. E. J. Barney, Mrs. C. C. Adams, Mrs. Clifford Dunn, Mrs. John E. Mitchell, Mrs. A. J. Holm, Mrs. Stanley Collins, Mrs. Harry Cook, Mrs. Crockett A. Harrison, Mrs. James Croll, Mrs. H. C. Robeson, Mrs. Robert Chissus and Mrs. Loren Blatt.

Others are Mrs. Earl Triplett, Mrs. L. W. Morley, and Mrs. Harold VanDragt. Mrs. Raymond Giffels is chairman of the nominating committee, whose members are

**Rev. John Mettler To Be Associate At North Church**

Expected to arrive at North Congregational church in Southfield about January 15 is the Rev. John William Mettler, who will be the church's new associate minister. The 33-year-old minister was for three years minister of education at First Congregational church in Western Springs, Ill. He is at present completing his thesis for the degree of Ed.D. (doctor of education) at Union Theological seminary, New York City, after which he will come to North Church. Mr. Mettler is married and the father of two small children.

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**GAZING AT THE** life-size figures in the nativity scene completed this year at Lutheran Church of the Ascension, is five-year-old Candy Allorani, who lives near the church on Poore street. Members of the church laid the top structure for the scene and sewed the costumes. The new nativity scene should be a Christmas season landmark in future years.

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**COURSES:**  
**BASIC ECONOMICS**—Henry George School of Social Science. No fee—Thursday.  
**CAKE DECORATION**—BEGINNING CLASS for the instruction in the making of flowers, scrolls, etc. Designs for the professional looking cake. Tuesday—\$6.00.  
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