

At the CHURCH DOOR

You learn more nice things about people in Birmingham churches every day.

By JULIE CANDLER

This item came from the piano teacher who comes to our house.

"Now I'm going over to teach Bob Slusser's son," she said as she left last Saturday.

Then she told us that Bob, who is officially L. Robert Slusser, Mus. M., organist-choirmaster of First Presbyterian Church, was her former pupil. He grew up in Birmingham, and it turns out that our children's piano teacher coached him until he received a scholarship to a music conservatory in Chicago.

SHE TOLD US about a recital her former music student gave when he was still a teenager, skillfully playing many difficult compositions. It was after the recital that the scholarship came.

When we asked her why the organist didn't teach his own child, she explained, "That never works."

Having children of our own, we know what she means!

Mr. Slusser will be directing the 70-voice chancel choir of the church when it sings the Reformation cantata, "God Is A Sun and Shield," by Bach, at 5 p.m. Sunday. The occasion is the annual fall vesper service by the church's music department.

Besides directing the choir, Mr. Slusser will play organ works "chosen for listening pleasure and appeal" at the 5 p.m. vespers, which are open to the public.

Vocal soloists will be Alice Engram, Ruth Killeen and Robert Hund.

Either they are extremely hard workers, or their employers were extra generous. We suspect it was both. The young people in the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational church of Birmingham held one of their "Workdays for Christ" on a recent Saturday.

They hired themselves out for the day as baby sitters, lawn rakers, etc. Their industry raised \$481.50 for the Congregational church's mission program.

Without its fine ministers who devote themselves to the Christian faith, what would happen to the church?

To recruit some of their finest young people for the ministry, Franklin Community church has begun a "determined emphasis."

A framed statement now hangs in the narthex of the church. It reads: "Here you will see the picture of the first members of the church to enter the ministry—1840 to 1957—NONE!—WHEN?"

THE MINISTER of the church, the Rev. Robert J. Searls, says that over the 117 years the church has served Franklin, no persons have entered the ministry. Yet more than 55 ministers have served the church.

Says Mr. Searls, "It is the hope of the ministers of the church that several of the young people now attending youth meetings and choirs will consider the ministry as a live option in their choice of a Christian vocation."

Under consideration is a plan whereby any young person from Franklin desiring to enter the ministry might receive scholarship help through the local church.

"When the first frame is filled with the picture of such a Christian young person," says Mr. Searls, "probably other frames will be added to it, until the narthex might become an art gallery with persons who have entered the ministry of the church."

If you don't have a hobby you can utilize to make things for a Christmas fair, you can always learn one.

That's what the women of the Congregational church of Birmingham did last summer. One group studied ceramics with Gloria Shaeffer, the church secretary who has a way with clay.

Another group spent six weekly sessions with Carol Sherman, who taught them to freehand paint designs on items like boxes and baskets.

A third group learned how to make silk-screen prints from Mrs. Fritz (Alec) Fieselman, at weekly classes at her home.

The groups have been getting together weekly ever since in a veritable production line for the hobby booth at the church's Fellowship Fair, from 10 to 10 next Thursday.

NORTHWESTERN BAPTIST CHURCH

19421 West Ten Mile Road (near Evergreen)

DEDICATION SERVICES SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. — Womans' Dr. Richard Cummings
11:15 a.m. — Sunday School
1:30 p.m. — Organ Dedication, Mr. Ole Forch
7:30 p.m. — Rev. Hale Thornberry, Minister

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1152 Bennaville Birmingham, Michigan

G. Wheeler Utley, Minister LI 2-0855

10:30 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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UNITY SERVICES

Sunday 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.

Reading Room Open 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Tuesdays & Fridays

1128 West Maple, Birmingham

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Christian Science Services
191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan

Sunday Morning Services 9:45 and 11:30
Sunday School 9:45 and 11:30
Infants' Room (in Reading Room) 9:45 and 11:30
Wednesday Evening Meeting 8:15

READING ROOM, 355 East Maple Ave.
Open 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays.
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Here the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.



Cornerstone Is Set

It was a sunny Sunday morning when cornerstone laying services were held recently at the site of the new Beverly Hills Baptist church, 13 Mile and Fairfax, Beverly Hills. Officiating in the service were (from left) the Rev. Roy A. Pitta, pastor of the church; Dr. Albert H. Gage, director of church extension for the Detroit association of the American Baptist church, and L. C. St. Louis, chairman of the church's building committee. The congregation hopes to be in its new building by Easter Sunday, 1958.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Congregational Fellowship Fair Is Family Event

The entire family has been considered in plans for the Fellowship Fair at the Congregational church of Birmingham. The event is slated from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. next Thursday at the church.

Luncheon will be served from 11 to 2 p.m., and dinner (for which reservations must be made), will be served at 5:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

For the children there will be free balloons, an apron lady, ring toss and fish pond, a photo booth, all set up in a special area away from the shoppers.

Features for fair shoppers include a budget fair specializing in dollar gift items and stocking fillers, a candy booth, baked goods, and hobby booth which will offer such items as knitted articles, party favors, pictures and frames, ceramics, and copper enamel jewelry.

Martin Luther Film To Be Shown Here

A showing of the full-length motion picture, "Martin Luther," is being sponsored by the youth club of Ascension Lutheran church. The movie, featured in theatres throughout the country a few years ago, will be shown at 7 p.m. next Sunday at the church.

The young people have made all arrangements for the showing and are providing refreshments following the program. Anyone is welcome. A free-will offering will defray expenses.

Christ Church Sale

Today's the day for the fall rummage sale at Christ Church Cranbrook, held at the parish house from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Co-chairmen of the sale are Mrs. J. Thomas Smith and Mrs. Harold E. Nosch, both assisted by Mrs. Paul R. Bell, president of the Woman's auxiliary which sponsors the sale.

Kirk in the Hills

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 O'CLOCK

BLOOMFIELD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Harold C. DeWint, Minister

St. James Episcopal Church

355 W. Maple — Birmingham, Mich.

Sunday Services
8:00 A.M. 9:15 A.M. 11:00 A.M.

Church School and Nursery
9:15 and 11:00

Young Peoples Fellowship 5-7 P.M.
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M.
Clergy—K. H. Glass—W. E. Snoxell—T. G. Phillips
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green

1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AND CHURCH SCHOOL 10 A.M.

Robert J. Searls, Minister
Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Koch

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Lincoln at Edgewood
(2 Blocks West of Woodward)

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Thurs. Bible Study 7:30 P.M.
MI 6-2002 Ch. FE 5-0572 Res.
Charles J. Whitfield, Pastor

Lutheran CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

(Synodical Conference)

Corner 14 Mile and Pierce Avenue

Rev. Paul Shippert, Pastor

Services—8:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Family Service and Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Southfield Church Women Slate Officers

On World Community day tomorrow the Southfield council of United Church Women will present Mrs. Philip Gentile, whose topic is, "You and the Emerging People."

The program will be held at Northwestern Baptist church, Ten Mile and Red River roads, Southfield, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Gentile is an adult educator and lecturer. University of Michigan extension service lecturer, and Detroit board of education instructor.

West Bloomfield Baptist Church Has New Pastor

The arrival here of the new pastor of the West Bloomfield Baptist church, the Rev. J. Richard Muntz of Wheaton, Ill., was announced this week by Clarence W. Shelton, chairman of the board of deacons.

A graduate of Wheaton college and Western Conservative Baptist theological seminary in Portland, Oregon, the 29-year-old minister recently completed residence requirements for the doctor of theology degree at a Chicago Baptist seminary.

This will be Mr. Muntz's second pastorate. He previously served Grace Baptist church, Rochelle, Ill.

New Minister Joins St. James Staff

Coming from a two-year service to mission churches on a Minnesota Indian reservation, the Rev. Thomas G. Phillips last week joined the staff at St. James Episcopal church.

He will be assistant minister and director of Christian education. Mr. Phillips, his wife and 13-month-old son, Stephen, live at 492 Hanna street, Birmingham.

To Mark World Community Day Here

Tomorrow Protestant church women will celebrate "World Community day," an annual observance sponsored by the United Church Women of Birmingham.

The local observance of the worldwide celebration begins at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Robert Bulwood, of Southfield township, who is director of the Detroit association of American Baptist churches, will present a panel discussion on the theme, "Broad, Freedom and Dignity."

HOW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS

Station CKLW 800 KC Sunday 9:45 A.M.

Christian Science Society

Franklin, Michigan
26109 Gorman Mill Road

SUNDAY—11 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—11 A.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING TESTIMONY MEETING—8:15

READING ROOM (In Church Edifice)
Thursday—1-3 P.M.
7:30-9:30 P.M.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Northwest at Lusher

11:00 a.m. MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Ministers: Rev. Ralph H. Read Rev. John W. Metter

11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL (Nursery through Senior High)
6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIPS (Junior and Senior High Young People)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Bede's Catholic Church

12 Mile Road at Southfield Road
Elgin 6-5452

FATHER KEATING, PASTOR

SUNDAY MASSES
8:00—9:30—11:00—12:15

CRANBROOK VILLAGE UNIT

Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church

Northbrook School, 19808 W. Twelve Mile

10:30 A.M.—Church School—Nursery, Children and Youth

10:30 A.M.—Worship Service
"WITNESSES TO HIS LIFE"
The Rev. David King Kerr preaching
Ministers: Herbert Beecher Hudnut David King Kerr

Lathrup Has New Lutheran Congregation

LATHRUP VILLAGE — The United Lutheran church in America has started a new mission congregation, meeting every Sunday in Lathrup school on Southfield.

Named Calvary Evangelical Lutheran church, the mission holds Sunday worship at 11 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

The congregation is welcoming people of Lathrup village and surrounding Southfield township to the new mission.

Kirk in Hills Committee Tells Future Plans

A report issued by the Kirk in the Hills building committee last week states that work on the interior of the new church should be started again by early next summer.

About 4000 cubic feet of ruined stone has been removed from the side walls and parapet, the report said. With arrival late this month of replacements for the damaged stones, work is beginning on their installation.

Once stones are replaced, steel girders and the new roof can be installed, probably next spring.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Formerly North Adams Episcopal Mission

Eastover School
Westview Road and North Adams Road
Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
Church School and Nursery School 9:30 A.M.
Minister—Rev. Barton Lloyd

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3815 Old Indian Trail
Orchard Lake FE 4-5666

SOUTHFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Brooks School
Lusher & 11 Mile Rd.

Sunday Services:
10 a.m. Bible School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY—7:45 P.M.
Bible Study and Prayer Service
A Cordial Welcome
Awaits You
For Information Call EL 4-6658

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21220 West 14 Mile Road
(Half way between Cranbrook & Lusher)

Sunday Worship Service 11:15 A.M.
Minister—Rev. Barton Lloyd
MI 6-3432

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH (U.L.C.A.)

A National Lutheran Council Church

Temporarily Meeting in the Bloomfield Village School
Lusher Road at W. Maple Road

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Parsonage: 2147 W. Lincoln Ave.
Phone: MI 6-1119
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor

BIRMINGHAM UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

341 14 Mile Rd.
(Between Greenfield and Pierce)

Lord's Day
9:45 a.m.—Bible School
11:00 a.m.—Worship
7:45 p.m.—Wednesday—Prayer

Pastor: THOS. M. HALL
238 BIRD
Phone Midwest 4-1272

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