

## Season's Greetings



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## Special Services At Area Churches

Thousands of Birmingham area residents will be observing Christ's birthday at the church of their choice beginning Sunday.

Many churches will have Christmas services Sunday Christmas Eve and Christmas, while others will have them on only one day.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** church begins the Christmas observance with a Youth Candlelight Communion service Sunday at 6 p.m. College students will participate in the service and the high school choir will sing. Following the service the students will go caroling. "The Road to Bethlehem" will be the title of Dr. Harris' Christmas eve message at the service at 10:30 p.m. A worship service will follow at 11 p.m.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL** church of Birmingham will celebrate Christmas Eve with the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 9 p.m. Dr. Alfred Grey, interim minister, will give scripture readings and a brief message, "Gifts for the King."

The Pilgrim, Chapel and Sanctuary choirs will participate in the service. The congregation will have an opportunity to visit the church school teachers Sunday at the annual church school Christmas open house, 4:30 to 6 p.m. A family worship service will also be held Sunday from 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. White gift offerings will be accepted at the close of the service.

**FIRST METHODIST** church will have two Christmas eve services, one at 8 p.m., when communion will be served in the pews, and one at 11 p.m.

A service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Christmas day. The Chancel and Adiphonal choirs will sing at the communion services. The primary boy and girl, junior and boy choirs will assist in telling the story of Christmas at the Christmas day service.

**CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK** will hold its Festival of Gifts service Sunday at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Christmas eve services will include: open house, 4 p.m.; Baptism service, 5 p.m.; family communion 9 and 11:30 p.m. A Festival Holy Communion will also be held Christmas day at 10 a.m.

**EMERY METHODIST** church plans to hold its annual church school reception Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. A medieval carol service will be held at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve. The three choirs under the direction of Victor Ulrich will participate in the service. Rev. Samuel F. Stout will officiate at the services.

**FIRST BAPTIST** church will have Christmas worship services Sunday at 9:30 and 11 p.m. Dr. Richard Cummings, executive director of the Detroit Baptist Association, will give Christmas messages at both services.

The Junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Crouch and the Sanctuary choir, directed by Charles Holtz, will provide music.

The board of deacons, with Chairman Homer Pratt will conduct the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 8 p.m. The service will consist of the Christmas story told in music, scripture, poetry and meditation.

The Sanctuary choir and soloists will provide the musical background. **ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL** church will hold a service and Christmas pageant Sunday at 9:15 a.m., and the Junior choir will sing. A service for pre-school and primary age children will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. There will be three Christmas

Eve services; Holy Eucharist, 7:30; carol service, 10:30 and Festival Eucharist, 11 p.m. The Junior choir will sing at the 7:30 service and the senior choir will sing at the 11 p.m. service.

**CATHOLIC** churches in the area will hold midnight masses Christmas Eve, and will have regular Sunday schedules for Christmas day masses.

### 25 Young People Attend Conference

The senior high groups of the Church of the Advent and St. Stephen's Episcopal church held a weekend conference at Camp Cavell, near Lexington, Dec. 12-14.

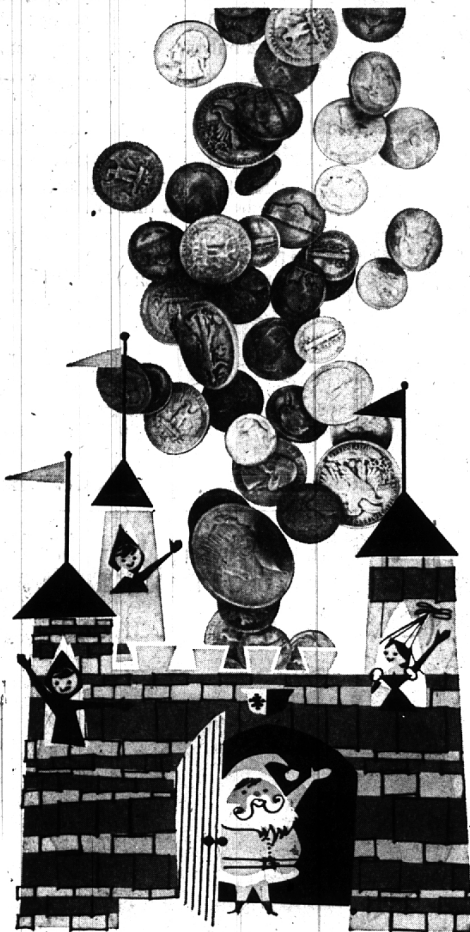
The theme of the conference was "Your Personal Freedom." The Rev. Donald Bodley led the discussions. He was assisted by Rev. Barton Lloyd, Rev. John W. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Matus. About 25 young people attended the three-day conference.

### To Hold Services At New Church

The first regular services will be held at the recently completed Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), Woodward at Chesterfield, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Women's Relief Society and the Mutual Improvement Association of the church will sponsor a dinner and dance at 6 p.m. tomorrow to allow the congregation a chance to acquaint themselves with the building.

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