

at the
CHURCH DOOR

By JULIE CANDLER



Somebody slipped this one into the St. James Episcopal church bulletin. And we quote:

A clergyman received a phone call from the local income tax man, inquiring about a \$535 contribution listed as having been paid his church by a parishioner.

"Did he make this donation," the tax man asked.

The clergyman hesitated, then replied, "No—but he will, he will!"

Our friend "Smitty" showed us some beautiful color slides of the rhythmic choir at First Methodist church. He shot them from the church balcony during the special program on the Sunday before Christmas.

"Smitty" is the guy who walks around town with a Leica camera always hanging around his neck. And he can rip out a pocket-size color slide viewer faster than you can say, "Hi, Smitty!"

Since he takes lots of pictures, he always has a new bunch of color shots to show you. He processes them himself in his home dark room at 1527 Benvaille.

HIS REAL NAME is Maurice H. Smith, and you might call him the First Methodist church photo laureate. Because when something worthy of a photo happens at the church, "Smitty" is there. (He's a member.)

But getting back to the rhythmic choir. Seven girls, robed in flowing white with long full sleeves, interpreted the Christmas story through symbolic movements.

Miss Virginia Seger directs three groups of the rhythmic choir girls, 23 of them in all. They're the first in the Detroit area, Miss Seger tells us.

AND AFTER SEEING the pictures, we wish we could have been there that Sunday. With the colorfully robed choirs on either side, the girls told the story of Christmas through graceful movements of their arms, striking balanced groupings and poses. Like church music, it must have been inspiring.

The girls were Sharon Stokes, Gretchen Van Sickle, Betty Nichols, Gerry Barber, Marilyn Sanders, Barbara Janke and Kim Spezzano. Maureen Sanders sang while they performed.

Smitty's a good photographer. But the girls' excellent performance helped make his pictures superb.

Looks like we're going to have a lot of Biblical students around these parts.

Several new adult study groups will be added to old-timers like the one Mrs. David Thornberry has given to St. James Episcopal church women for years.

Just this year Birmingham Congregational and Franklin Community churches began weekday evening adult Bible study classes. And they have one at First Presbyterian church. This class, for example, will hear the Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris present "Those Strange People, the Samaritans" Sunday at 5 p.m. Another group meets Sundays at 7 p.m. at First Methodist church.

NOW COMES NEWS of three classes starting at St. James Episcopal church, to be instructed by three of its ministers. The scholars will take an over all look at the Bible—history and content—Wednesday evenings. Rev. Eugene Snokell will be their teacher.

Second new class at St. James covers "Church History," dealing with the Reformation and its implications—then and now. Rev. Thomas Phillips teaches the one Tuesday evening. Rev. Kenneth H. Gass teaches one titled "Understanding the Creed" Thursdays. He'll discuss and elaborate on each phase of the creed.

The classes starting this week and will continue for four more weeks, meeting at 8 p.m.

You can even talk back to the preacher at Franklin Community church. At least, that's what the preacher says.

Rev. Robert J. Searls is currently giving a series of sermons on "The Will of God," and meets members of the congregation immediately after the service to answer questions.

The series is a repeat, by popular request, and continues through Feb. 2. The sermons proved to be discussion-provokers last time. That's why the meetings directly afterwards.

Mr. Searls says if this proves to be successful and helpful, other sessions will be added later.

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Woman Missionary To Address Detroit Churchwomen's Meet

Home on a one-year furlough from her work in Japan, Dr. Esther Hibbard, daughter of Mrs. C. V. Hibbard, 262 W. Brown, Birmingham, will address a large gathering of Detroit area Congregational women tomorrow.

Miss Hibbard will speak at the Detroit Women's Fellowship's annual meeting at Grosse Pointe Congregational church, 240 Chalfonte at Lothrop avenue, following 12:30 p.m. luncheon.

The missionary from Birmingham has been honored for completing 25 years' service as a missionary. She teaches English literature and leads social and religious activities at a Japanese women's college.

Communion Record 'Teen Town' Make Holy Name News

A spiritual report listing 140,000 communions distributed at Holy Name church, plus news of the success of the church's "Teen Town," and a new discussion group come from Holy Name church this week.

The spiritual report said a record number of Holy Name communicants received the 140,000 communions distributed during 1957, twice as many as four years previously.

Other 1957 statistics from Holy Name church included:

- 190 infants baptized
- 11 older children baptized
- 132 children received their first communion
- 14 marriages performed
- 25 adults confirmed
- 22 funeral masses said

AT THE LAST session of "Teen Town," 120 young people joined in the dancing games in the Holy Name town gymnasium.

"Teen Town chairman Robin Baez said that another die jockey will furnish the music for the dancing at this Sunday's gathering from 7 to 9:15 p.m. for parish teenagers and their friends.

HE SAID ONLY two more "Teen Town" dates remain before Lent—Sunday and Feb. 2—and that membership cards for admission for the entire year are available.

The new parish adult discussion club will review basic religious concepts, using as the basis for talks the Rev. Edmund Schwager conducts the discussions each Wednesday except the second of the month at 8:30 p.m. in St. Anne's hall.

ALSO PLANNED at Holy Name church this week is a donation tea for the Rev. Joseph Lawless, S. J., director of the American Indian mission. All women in the parish are invited to attend the event today from 2 to 4 p.m. in St. Anne's hall.

Honor Ministers

Sunday its two new ministers will be honored by members of St. James Episcopal church. The parish is planning a reception in the church undercroft from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Rev. Kenneth H. Gass and family and the Rev. Thomas G. Phillips and his family.

Teen Sock Hop

St. Hugo of the Hills young people have invited guests from neighboring parishes to their "Sock Hop" Saturday at the school gymnasium from 8 to 11 p.m. Die jockey Marty McNeely will spin records for dancing.

1st Presbyterian To Receive Class

A class of new adult members will be honored at a reception following the preparatory service tomorrow at 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian church.

The class will be received into church membership Sunday at services of Holy communion.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2, County of Oakland, Michigan, on Monday, January 20, 1958, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of voting on the following propositions:

PROPOSITION I—Old Hickory Grove School Building and site Proposition

Shall the Board of Education of Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2, County of Oakland, Michigan, be authorized to dispose of the Old Hickory Grove School Building and Site which are no longer needed for school purposes?

PROPOSITION II—Eastover School Site Proposition

Shall the Board of Education of Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2, County of Oakland, Michigan, be authorized to dispose of a portion of the Eastover School Site consisting of a parcel of land approximately 400 feet by 150 feet on the westerly edge of the Eastover School Site which is no longer needed for school purposes?

Each person voting on the propositions must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) A resident of the State of Michigan for six months and of the School District for thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election;
- (c) A registered elector of said School District.

The place of voting will be the Vaughan School, 1060 Vaughan Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Bloomfield Hills School District No. 2, County of Oakland, Michigan.

Douglas L. Jocelyn, Secretary
Board of Education

Church Women to Hear Mrs. Woolson Heads Group For Year '58

A minister's daughter who is a minister herself will speak to Birmingham United Church Women tomorrow about her work as counselor of the Protestant Foundation for International Students at the University of Michigan.

Miss Amber Van will speak at the local group's annual meeting, when Mrs. Fraser E. Pomeroy will be installed as president for the second year.

The all-day affair begins at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist church with a regular meeting, to be followed by the annual meet.

Miss Van will speak informally at the 12:30 p.m. luncheon. In the afternoon she will speak in more detail discussing her work of friendship to students from other countries and liaison between overseas students and campus Christian groups.

The service with which Miss Van is associated is one to which United Church Women contribute. Another is the daughter of a Methodist minister and grew up in South Dakota.

Later she received her B.D. from Union Theological seminary, with an Old Testament major, in 1955.

SHE HAS BEEN minister of Christian education in several overseas international churches.

Other officers to be installed at tomorrow's meet include Mrs. Edmund Leaveworth, first vice president; Mrs. George Burnham, second vice president; Mrs. Earl Triplett, third vice president; Mrs. George Jacoby, recording secretary; Mrs. George Jackson, corre-

sponding secretary, and Mrs. Amos Gregory, treasurer.

The installation ceremonies conducted by the Women's association of First Presbyterian church.

Other officers for 1958 are Mrs. John B. Mitchell, first vice president; Mrs. William J. Bird, second vice president; Mrs. Joseph C. Chapp, third vice president; Mrs. Glenn Bird, recording secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Keeley, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. E. E. Puts, treasurer.

Chairmen for the year are Mrs. Clifford Dunn, Mrs. R. M. McKersie, Mrs. A. Helm, Mrs. Stanley J. Collins, Mrs. Harry Cook, Mrs. C. A. Harrison, Mrs. A. L. Wallwork, Mrs. Warren Pratt, Mrs. James Croll, Mrs. James Robinson, Mrs. H. G. Wood and Mrs. G. P. Richards.

Named to a council of church women committee are Mrs. A. C. Childs, Mrs. L. W. Marley and Mrs. G. P. Hooge.

Mrs. C. Adams, Mrs. Rowland Starr, Mrs. Charles S. Kimball and Mrs. R. L. Bernhard have been appointed to the association's nominating committee.

any part of tomorrow's activities. Luncheon arrangements are being made by Mrs. Fred Lindholm and Mrs. George A. Jackson, 543 Watkins, who is taking reservations by phone.

'Luncheon Served' Titles Affair Set At Holy Name

"Luncheon is Served" is the intriguing title of the party being given by a group of women from St. Mary's guild at Holy Name church Friday, Jan. 24.

They claim the party is the answer to "after - Christmas doldrums." And it's also the way to help obtain additional playground equipment for Holy Name school.

The luncheon will be in the school gymnasium at 12:30 p.m. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. James E. Boyls, 465 Filbury, Bloomfield township, Birmingham.

Father-Daughter Banquet Is Tonight

The Men's club is holding their father and daughter banquet tonight at First Presbyterian church at 6:30 p.m.

Program Chairman Ogle Scott has announced that teen age talent will be featured, including the Four Notes, a German band, and a monologue, Milky the Clown will be featured there, and there will be community singing.

Mrs. Machin Leaves

After six years as director of Christian education at First Presbyterian church, Mrs. Margaret Machin will be leaving Feb. 1. She is being honored by members of the church at a reception Sunday at 3 p.m.



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New Congregation Moves To Chapel At Maple-Tel Site

Organized only recently, St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran church held services in its own structure for the first time Sunday.

The congregation met in the house chapel nearing final completion on Telegraph road just north of Maple. Services will continue there faithfully across from Foxcroft at Nostrand lanes, with Sunday school at 9:30 and church at 11 a.m.

Services were formerly held in Bloomfield Village school.

Father-Son Banquet

Making Methodist church is embarking plans for a father and son banquet Friday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be obtained through Mrs. Don Albornd, of 1922 Holland, Birmingham, and Mrs. Earl Frenner, 4205 Buckingham, Royal Oak.

Northwestern Baptist Church

1912 West First Mile (Near Evergreen)
Sunday Worship Services . . . 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Church School . . . 11:15 a.m.
Youth Groups . . . 5:30 p.m.
Rev. James H. Miller
EL 6-1717

Unity

Affiliated with The Unity School of Christianity
UNITY SERVICES
Sunday . . . 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School . . . 11:00 A.M.
Reading Room (Open 12:00 Noon to 3:00 P.M., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays)
1128 West Maple, Birmingham

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1152 Bonnaville
Birmingham, Michigan
G. Wheeler Utley, Minister . . . LI 2-0855
10:00 A.M. Sunday Bible Class
11:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Service
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Bible Study
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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) . . . 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Meeting . . . 8:15
READING ROOM, 355 East Maple Ave.
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays.
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Here the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased.

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.

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7th-Week Adventists Elect Locatites

With the new year, Elder Diane Miller, a native of Flint, takes up his duties as minister of Everdale Seventh-day Adventist church, and a number of Birmingham area residents have been elected to offices in the church.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robertson, John Jackson, Winifred McPherson, Mrs. Arthur Ostermand, Darlene Hyster, Mrs. LaVerne Wilson, John Wall, Mrs. Clara Barth, and Mrs. Lewis L. Pray.

Rev. Rose Begins Series, Men's Club To Hear Engineer

Rev. John D. Rose begins a series of sermons this Sunday at Community Congregational church, Lathrop, to answer the question "what may modern people believe about heaven and hell?" He will speak in German, Sundays, beginning at 9:30 and 11 a.m. services this week with the subject, "Do We Dare Have a Hope Beyond Death?"

Col. Peter C. Hyzer, district engineer of the U. S. Army Detroit District Corps of Engineers will speak to the church's Men's club at their meeting next Thursday at 7 p.m.

Col. Hyzer is in charge of the deepening of the Amherstburg channel, and will discuss how the St. Lawrence seaway will affect the Great Lakes area.

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21220 West 11 Mile Road
(Half way between Cranbrook and Laber)
Sunday Worship Service
11:15 A.M.
Minister—Rev. Lester Dolbys
MI 6-3132

Kirk in the Hills

PRESBYTERIAN
SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 O'CLOCK
BLOOMFIELD HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
Dr. Harold C. DeWindt, Minister

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.
M. 6:2002 Ch. PE 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.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Northerners at Laber
11:00 a.m. MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Ministers: Rev. Ralph H. Meier
Rev. John W. Reder
11:00 a.m.—CHURCH SCHOOL
(Nursery through Senior High)
7:00 p.m. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIPS
(Junior and Senior High Young People)
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ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

12 Mile Road at Southfield Road
Elgin 6-5452
Rev. Cyril J. Keating, Pastor
SUNDAY MASSES
8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:15 P.M.
Daily Mass—7:00 A.M.
Holy Day of Obligation Masses
7:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 7:30 P.M.
Confessions—Saturday 3:30 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

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 6-7 P.M.
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M.

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