

# B'ham Area Churches Plan Christmas Services



Choristers of various Birmingham area churches, who will be among hundreds singing out for Christmas and Christmas Eve services at the individual churches, assemble for a church-wide expression of goodwill at Christ Church Cranbrook. (Choristers (front row—from left) are Deborah Kuhn, Sanctus Choir, Northminster Presbyterian; Lee Kochenderfer, Children's Choir, Lutheran Church of The Redeemer; Dale Gowing, Embury

Methodist; David White, Junior Choir, Bloomfield Hills Baptist; Robert Wakeman, Boys Choir, St. James Episcopal; Cindy Gregersen, Pilgrim Church, Congregational Church, John Burger, Crusader Choir, Franklin Community Church; Sue Boynton, St. Stephen's Episcopal, Back row from left are William Trehwella, First Methodist; Thomas Stanford, Blue Choir, Christ Church Cranbrook; Beth Meyer, Chancel Choir, Our Shepherd

Lutheran; Peter Savage, St. Hugo of the Hills; Sally Amos, Ceciliaan Girls Choir, First Presbyterian; Henry Guthard, St. Bede's; Lynn McGuire, Junior Choir, First Baptist; and James Stedman, Boys Choir, Community Congregational M Lathrup Village. (Choristers were contacted and assembled for the photograph by Mrs. Dorothy Montgomery of St. James Episcopal Church.)

## Congregational Of Birmingham

Congregational Church of Birmingham will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Dec. 24 at 11:15 p.m.

The Rev. Raymond A. Fenner will present a meditation service and the choir will sing traditional Christmas hymns and carols.

Singing by the congregation and choir will conclude the service.

## First Methodist Church

First Methodist Church will celebrate Christmas Day with a family worship service at 10:30 a.m.

The service will be a unique departure from the usual worship service in that the message and meaning of Christmas will be brought through the presentation of slides depicting the birth of Christ as seen through the eyes of the great masters of painting.

Singing of Christmas songs and carols will be included in the service.

FOLLOWING a Christmas Eve Communion Service at 9 p.m. Dec. 24, the Senior III and their MYF alumni home from college, will present their second annual "Yule Sing" at 9:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

## First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church of Birmingham Dec. 24 will hold two identical morning services and an evening service.

Dr. Homer J. Armstrong's message at the 9 and 11 a.m. services will be "Swaddling Clothes" and at the 10:40 p.m. service will be "Candle in the Dark."

Baptism of several young people of the church will be conducted at the 9 a.m. service.

The evening service will feature an organ recital by Mrs. Frederick (Marie) LeLacheur, assisted by violinist Miss Marlene Louise Buckner, of Royal Oak. Special Christmas music will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Charles Hollis.

Dr. Armstrong will be assisted in the Christmas Services by the Rev. William W. Sutterlin.

## Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church will observe the Nativity season with services Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. and Christmas at 10 a.m.

The church choir will participate in both services under the direction of E. O. Brodehoft.

Nineteen adults who have completed the pastor's adult information class will be received into the church Christmas Day.

## Lutheran Church Of The Redeemer

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will hold duplicate Candlelight-Carol Services for Christmas Eve at 8 and 10 p.m.

Music will be provided by the choir, soloists, organ and piano.

The Rev. Theodore Wiggaszer, pastor, will give the Christmas message.

## N. Congregational Church

North Congregational Church, Northwestern Highway at Lahar Road, will celebrate the birth of Christ with a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24. Christmas music will be sung by the Chancel Choir.

The young people of the church will participate in the service as candle-bearers, ushers, greeters and flag bearers.

Child care will be provided.

## Franklin Community Church

Franklin Community Church will hold a Candlelight Service at 11 p.m. in addition to its 9:30 and 11 o'clock morning services on Christmas Eve.

Theme of the evening service will be "Christmas from the Beginning" or "Christmas with the Holy Family."

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## Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church

Two services will mark Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church's observance of Christmas Eve.

The first service at 7:30 p.m. will include a sermon directed to the children of the congregation. Special music will be provided by the Junior Choir.

The traditional Midnight Candlelight Service will be held at 11 p.m. A choral Eucharist (chanter service of Holy Communion) will be a part of the service. Several anthems will be offered by the Senior Choir of the church.

## Lathrup Village Congregational

Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village will observe Dec. 24 as Christmas Family Sunday with a 9:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. service.

Children will sit with their parents and John Matland will narrate the Christmas Story.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be conducted at 11 p.m. Members of the congregation will participate in the service of songs and symbols.

The Rev. Dr. John Rose will preach the sermon "Christmas Hope."

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## Pine Hill Congregational

Pine Hill Congregational Church will observe Christmas Children's Day at the regular 11 a.m. service Dec. 24.

Children of the nursery through the fourth grade will lead the singing of Christmas carols.

Third and fourth grade boys will welcome the congregation and third and fourth grade girls will lead a prayer.

DR. ALFRED GREY, who will retire the first of the year, will deliver the Christmas message.

A special meeting of the congregation will follow the service to act upon Dr. Grey's resignation.

Church services are being held in the Pine Lake Elementary School.

## St. James Episcopal Church

Christmas Services at St. James Episcopal Church will begin Dec. 24 with an 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service followed by a 10 a.m. preschool primary service (Presentation of Gifts to the Christ Child).

At 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve there will be a Family Choral Eucharist service with presentation by the combined junior choirs. The Festive Choral Eucharist at 11 p.m. will feature the Senior Choir.

On Christmas Day there will be one service at 10 a.m.—a Choral Eucharist with the Chapel Choir.

## Incarnate Word Lutheran Church

Incarnate Word will observe Christmas day with a 9 a.m. Holy Communion service.

The sermon will be "Do This In Remembrance of Me."

A Christmas program entitled "Christmas Around the World" will be presented by the Sunday school class at 9 a.m. Dec. 24. Program includes a breakfast of foods from various countries.

THE REGULAR 11 a.m. church service will be held Dec. 24, followed that night by the traditional Candle Light Service of Lessons and Carols at 8 o'clock.

The Naomi Altar Guild of the church will hold its annual meeting at 10 a.m. Dec. 28 at the home of Mrs. Earl Thorpe, 3166 Margaret, Auburn Heights. The newly organized group will hold its election of officers.

Ladies of the church recently honored the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Basler at a combined Christmas and birthday party in the parsonage.

## Kirk in the Hills

Kirk in the Hills will observe Christmas with two identical festive services at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 24.

In the evening special Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Services will be held at 7 and 11 p.m.

## St. Bede's Church

Singing of traditional Christmas carols by the Junior and Senior Chorus at 11:30 p.m. Dec. 24 will precede the Solemn midnight Christmas Mass at St. Bede's Church in Southfield.

The mass will be sung by Father Keating, assisted by Father Wilk, Father Allen and Father Clemens. The choir will be under the direction of Joseph Gamache.

A Low Mass at 1:15 a.m. will follow the Solemn High Mass.

OTHER MASSES on Christmas Day will be 8:30, and 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. The choir will sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will hold two celebrations of the Choral Eucharist Christmas Eve in addition to regular Sunday services.

The children of the congregation will present their "white gifts" and will furnish the Christmas wreath at 7 p.m. The junior choir will sing the complete service.

Highlight of the church's Christmas worship will be a "midnight" service, beginning at 11:30 p.m. Dec. 24. This Choral Eucharist will be sung by the adult choir.

On Christmas Day there will be a Holy Communion service at 10 a.m.

**HOW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS**

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**Beverly Hills Methodist Church**

meeting at Beverly School Beverly Rd., West of Southfield

Morning Worship and Church School 10:00 A.M.

Robert Boley, Minister

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**

Franklin, Michigan 26109 German Mill Road

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

READING ROOM (In Church Edifice) Mon., Wed., Sat. 1-4 Thurs. Ev. 7-9

**PILGRIM Congregational Church OF BIRMINGHAM**

Community House, 330 S. Barlow Ave. Birmingham Church and Sunday School Services at 11 A.M.

Dec. 24—Dr. George V. Bohman Moderator, Michigan State Association of Congregational and Christian Churches

**BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

MEETING AT 400 E. Lincoln

Sunday School ..... 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship ..... 11:30 A.M. Evening Worship ..... 7:00 P.M. Midweek Prayer Meeting (Thurs.) ..... 7:30 P.M.

Bible Study—8:00 P.M. Gordon E. Donaldson Pastor

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

(Missouri Synod) 16935 W. 14 Mile at Pierce

Rev. E. W. Nuelken, Pastor MI 4-8390

Sunday Worship 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

17029 W. 13 Mile Road (between Greenfield and Southfield)

Sunday Worship 8:00 and 11:00 A.M. Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 and 10:00 A.M. Candlelight Service 11 P.M. Dec. 24th

Worship Monday Dec. 25th 10 A.M. Christmas Program 3:30 P.M. Dec. 24th

Edward E. Brown, Pastor Phone: MI 6-4168

**NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

21220 West 14 Mile Road (Between Cranbrook & Lahar Roads)

9:30 and 11:15 A.M. Morning Worship and Church School

8 A.M. Sunday Communion Service

Minister: Rev. Louis C. Gillette Residence Office MI 6-2233 MI 6-7627

**BIRMINGHAM CHURCH OF CHRIST**

1152 Bennaville at Woodward

Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 a.m. Sunday a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday p.m. Worship 8 p.m. Mid-Week Classes (Wednesday) 7:30 p.m. Ladies Meeting (Thursday) 10:30 a.m.

HERALD OF TRUTH, Each Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Pray Meeting (Wed.) 7:30 P.M. Interim Pastor O. W. Stucky FE 4-7755

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**Kirk in the Hills**

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. Harold C. DeWalt, Minister

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY December 24

Festive Christmas Services 9:30 and 11:30 A.M. Candlelight Carol Services 8:00 and 11:00 P.M.

**Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church**

Temporary meeting! Hickory Grove School 2800 Lahar Road

Sunday School ..... 10 A.M. Morning Worship ..... 11 A.M. Evening Worship ..... 8 P.M. Pray Meeting (Wed.) ..... 7:30 P.M. Interim Pastor O. W. Stucky FE 4-7755

**BIRMINGHAM CHURCH OF CHRIST**

191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 A.M. Sunday School ..... 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Evening ..... 8:15 P.M. Infants' Room (865 E. Maple) ..... 10:00 A.M.

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Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Except Wednesdays and Saturdays

**The Congregational Church Of Birmingham**

(in Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)

388 N. Woodward Ave. MI 6-4511

9:30 and 11 a.m.—Service of Worship and Church School — Nursery through Junior High

7 p.m.—Confirmation Class and Youth Groups

MINISTERS: Rev. Raymond A. Fenner, Rev. Mead M. Bailey

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Bates and Willets Birmingham, Mich.

Ministers: Dr. Homer J. Armstrong Rev. William W. Sutterlin

Morning Worship Services—9 A.M. and 11 A.M. Dr. Armstrong's Message—"SWADDLING CLOTHES"

Christmas Eve Service—10:40 P.M. Dr. Armstrong's Message—"CANDLE IN THE DARK"

**Christmas Services at First Methodist**

1589 W. Maple at Pleasant

Christmas Eve Family Communion—8:00 P.M. Closed TV circuit to the Chapel

Christmas Day Worship service at 10:30 A.M.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**

Christian Science Services

191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 A.M. Sunday School ..... 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Evening ..... 8:15 P.M. Infants' Room (865 E. Maple) ..... 10:00 A.M.

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Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Except Wednesdays and Saturdays

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

United Lutheran Church of America

6255 Telegraph, 1/10th of a Mile North of Maple

Church School 9:30 A.M. Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00

Parsonage: 182 Pleasant St. Rev. John A. Root Pastor Phone: MI 4-1319

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**ST. PAUL METHODIST**

145 E. Square Lake Rd. FE 4-8213-FE 2-3755

Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. (Nursery Provided) Church School 10 A.M.

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**Franklin Community Church**

On Franklin's Village Green

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

MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. 9:30 A.M. Nursery—2 year olds through grade 3 11:00 A.M. Nursery—2 year olds—4 to 12

Hugh Clifford White, Minister A. P. RICKARD, Minister of Visitation Harold Dillow, Director of Youth Activities