

The Birmingham Eccentric

CHURCH PAGE

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Assign Ministers To Area Churches

Eleven ministers were re-assigned to the following Birmingham area Methodist churches last week at the annual conference of the Methodist Church in Detroit. In Birmingham the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel was named minister and Rev. Harry O. Martin, Rev. William Lovejoy and Rev. Robert Falk were appointed associate ministers of First Methodist. Rev. Samuel Stout was selected minister of Embury Methodist.

OTHER MINISTERS appointed were: Beverly Hills Methodist — Rev. Robert Boley; Franklin Community Church — Rev. Hugh White; Southfield Methodist — Rev. Robert Scriver; Troy First Methodist — Rev. Ralph Janka; Troy Big Beaver Methodist — Rev. Albert Hartog; Farmington Methodist — Rev. Richard Markham.

Methodists Begin Summer Schedule

First Methodist Church of Birmingham will begin its summer schedule of services Sunday. A single 10 a.m. service will be held each Sunday until the Sunday following Labor Day (Sept. 10) when the regular service schedule will be resumed. Registrations are being accepted (by mail) for daily vacation church school classes to be held July 10-21.

CLASSES WILL BE open to 4th and 5th year kindergarten children, 1st through 3rd graders, and junior and junior high students. Registration blanks are available at the church office.

Church Council Elects Officers

The Birmingham Council of Churches recently elected new officers for the coming year. The Rev. Raymond A. Fenner, Congregational Church of Birmingham, was named council president. Other officers are Rev. Roy Pitts, Beverly Hills Baptist Church, city president; Rev. Don Pendell, First Presbyterian Church of T. R. O. Y. treasurer; and Rev. John Root, St. Andrews Evangelical Lutheran Church, secretary.

The new officers will assume their duties in September.

Church News Deadline
Deadline for church news is 3 p.m. Thursday the week BEFORE publication.

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Backyard Luau

Members of the Junior High Youth Fellowship of the Congregational Church of Birmingham (United Church of Christ) donned Hawaiian attire last week for a backyard luau to mark their last get-together of the season. Parking are from left (front) Darryl Mazur, Beverly Bishop, Don Bush,

Jeff Doane, (rear) Mrs. Leon Jackman, Mark Morden, Mrs. Gloria Shaffer and Mrs. LeRoy Wheatley. Mrs. Shaffer is youth advisor and Mrs. Wheatley was program chairman. The feast was held at the home of Bill Crandell, 1015 Pleasant, Birmingham.

Future Minister Explores Present Racial Prejudice

Editor's Note: Three months ago youngsters of the Youth Fellowship of the Congregational Church of Birmingham (United Church of Christ) traded their Easter vacations for a week-long work project at a Negro Congregational Church in Detroit. Following is a report on the group's trip by 15-year-old Mike Morden, chairman of the project and June graduate of Seaborn who plans on entering the ministry.

It was sometime last winter that our Detroit Association officers were planning an inter-racial work project at one of the larger churches in the Detroit area. At that time the kids from that church were realistic enough to know that a large number of their parents and members would object strenuously. So, rather than aggravate tensions in our attempt to promote better relationships between groups, we changed our plans.

IT IS NOT that I had any illusions that people in Birmingham were more open-minded than others, it is just that I have found that people tend to be more Christian in the area of race relations when they aren't yet pressed by the "problem."

Indeed, I do know that there is prejudice in Birmingham; it will be a long time before I can forget the hurt which I could hear in the pause and the tone, but never the words of a Negro friend when I had to call him to cancel part of an invitation I had made, because the hosts involved would not accept Negroes.

YOU DO NOT forget things like this. And yet, I did not expect opposition when our youth group planned a trip to a Negro church to help their young people work in the depressed neighborhood in which it was located, and to help improve inter-group relations. But there was opposition. From people who were not particularly involved, and for every reason imaginable.

However, it was not difficult to see that it was the race issue that people were worried about. This is not to imply that most people were opposed; we received widespread support and we could not have gone on without it. But there was enough opposition to bother me.

IN REGARD to the implications of the trip itself, I must admit it taught me little which I did not know, but rather emphasized and re-enforced things which I had known for a long time. It did not surprise me to discover that knowing that someone is Negro does not tell me whether I will like him or not.

I have found over a period of time that there are a few Negroes whom I like very much, many whom I like a little, and a few whom I cannot stand. In fact, among all people I know, I find there are a few which I like very much, many whom I like a little, and a few whom I cannot stand.

It was shocking that this came as a surprise to many of the others on the trip. ONE OF THE MOST frightening things which I heard on the whole trip was on several occasions the comment: "Why, they just like us."

It is not that this is not true. Of course it is. But I consider it a terrible accusation against our community that these things were surprised. What had we conditioned them to find? It was their surprise that made me so happy that I have been able to escape my community. Please don't consider me an ingrate. Birmingham is a beautiful community, and I have just graduated from a great school.

BUT IT HAS been trying to give me such a narrow view of life. I cannot see how our parents expect their children to grow and mature and be prepared for life in our culture when they surround us with others of the same race, social standing, ethnic background, and economic level as themselves.

If I had not taken the initiative many times to go beyond my community, I would know no one but white, gentle, upper middle class kids, mostly with Western European backgrounds. The thought frightens me and I can only hope that my children will not grow up with such handicaps.

Then this is what I consider the main value of our trip. It caused about a dozen people to look beyond city limits, and perhaps learn a truth which I learned early in my relations with others. I wish this merely by just being told it, but I know that was not the case with me, so I can't expect it of others.

THE FACT is simply this: "People are basically the same, regardless of race, religion, nationality, or whatever." It would seem so obvious as to be redundant to even mention, and yet it is necessary. Otherwise, why is it necessary to have so many exchange programs to show there is no such difference between nationalities? Because people do not believe it until they experience it.

And why must we actually work to plan inter-racial programs? Because the only way people learn the absurdity of prejudice is through experience (in fact I would grant it to go beyond my community, I would not have had experience, a har.) And, indeed, it is very dangerous of a community like ours: some people never do learn.

I CONSIDER our trip a tremendous success. First, because there is now a small group of Negroes who are a little less inclined to feel they must consider a white man an enemy until he proves himself a friend.

Second, because a few of our kids have learned that simple, yet so profound lesson: that "people are the same." And if just by listening to me speak, you have learned it, too, well, that's just a bonus.

Beverly Hills Methodist Church
Meeting at Beverly School
Beverly Rd., West of Southfield
Morning Worship and Church School 9:30 a.m.
Robert Boley, Minister

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH
MEETING AT Birmingham Y.M.C.A.
400 E. Lincoln
Sunday School 8:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 9:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.
Midweek Prayer Meeting (Thurs.) 7:30 P.M.
Bible Study 9 P.M.
Gordon R. Donaldson, Pastor

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
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Edward E. Brown, Pastor
Phone: MI 6-4148

PILGRIM Congregational Church of Birmingham
Meeting temporarily at The Community House
380 S. Bates
Services and Sunday School at 11 A.M.

Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church
Temporary month: Hickory Grove School
2800 Lahser Road
Sunday School 10 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.
Evening Worship 6 P.M.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 7:30 P.M.
Interim Pastor Obad Stuckey
FE 6-7755

Ascension Lutheran Church
(Missouri Synod)
16935 W. 14 Mile at Pierce
Rev. E. W. Nuelken, Pastor
MI 4-8890
Sunday Worship 9:15 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Kirk in the Hills
BLOOMFIELD HILLS PRESBYTERIAN
Dr. Harold C. DeWind, MINISTER
Sunday Services 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
21320 West 14 Mile Road
9:30 and 11:15 A.M.
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:30 and 11:15 A.M. Morning Prayer
Nursery and Church School
9:30 and 11:15 A.M.
Minister: Rev. Louis C. Gillette
MA 6-4666 MI 4-7627

ST. PAUL METHODIST
165 E. Square Lake Rd. PR 8-2515—FE 2-9165
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. (Library Provided)
Church School 10 A.M.
Seniors and Intermediate, 9 to 9 P.M. Older Youth, 4:30 to 4:45 P.M.
REV. JAMES A. McCLUNG, Minister

Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church
North Adams Road at Whitmore
1/2 Mile North of East Long Lake Road
Sunday Worship Services 8 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Donald G. Zill, Pastor MI 6-5041—MI 6-5126

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM
(In Fellowship with The United Church of Christ)
388 N. Woodward Ave.
8:45 to 9:15 a.m.
—Morning Prayer and Meditation Service
10:00 a.m.—Summer Service of Worship
10:00 a.m.—Nursery through Kindergarten Classes
MINISTERS: Rev. Raymond A. Fenner Rev. Mead M. Bailey

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bates and Willis Birmingham, Mich.
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, Minister; Rev. William W. Suterlin
Summer Worship Schedule
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Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
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Rev. Mr. Graham
(One service only during September 3)
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Church School Service—9:45 A.M.
DIAL-A-PRAYER — MI 6-1717

SUMMER SCHEDULE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
1589 West Maple
10:00 A.M. Communion Service
(One worship service only during summer months)
Arnold F. Runkel, Harry O. Martin, William C. Lovejoy
Robert F. Falk, Rodney M. Petersan
Church School Service—10:00 A.M.

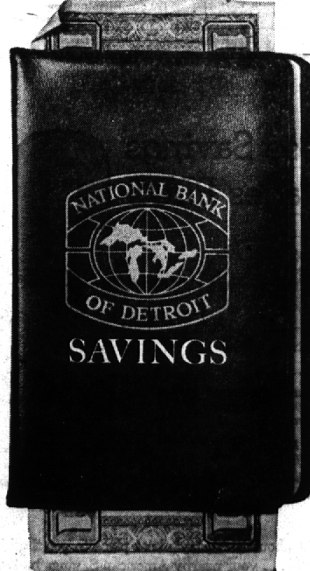
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355 W. Maple — Birmingham, Mich.
Sunday Services
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
10:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon (H.C. 1st Sunday)
Nursery during 10:00 A.M. Service
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 7:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
Clergy—K. H. Gass—W. E. Snelzill—David B. Van Dusen
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Northwestern Highway at Lahser Road
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service of Worship
GUEST MINISTER: DR. HAROLD PAUL SLOAN, JR.
11:00 a.m. Church School (Nursery thru Fourth Grade)
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Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village Green
1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Nursery
(Summer Schedule from June 11th through September 10th)
FAMILY WORSHIP—9:30 A.M.
Nursery through Kindergarten at 9:30 A.M.
Hugh Clifford White, Minister
A. P. Rickard, Minister of Visitation

CHURCH OF CHRIST
1152 Bannville at Woodward
Morning Worship
Sunday 11:00 A.M.
Evening 6:00 P.M.
Sunday School for all Ages 10:00 A.M.
Bible Study Wednesday Eve. 7:30 P.M.
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