

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## CHURCH PAGE

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Mrs. Minnie Brown busies herself preparing one of the many meals, looked forward to by the parishioners of St. James Episcopal Church. Mrs. Brown's devoted service to the church was recognized Sunday with the presentation of a silver cross by Bishop Richard S. Emrich.

### St. James Cook Merits Bishop's Silver Cross

By DOROTHY MONTGOMERY  
St. James Publicity Chairman  
A slight, gray-haired lady with shining brown eyes and a lively gait that belies her 70 years, walked to the altar of St. James Episcopal Church Sunday to receive the Bishop's Silver Cross.  
"Minnie Brown, 248 Greenwood, Birmingham, cook at St. James Church, received the award from the Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, for distinguished service. She is the only person in the church's history to receive this honor at the parish level.  
Loved and appreciated for her devotion to her church far beyond the call of duty, Mrs. Brown is known by all parishioners for her unusual ability in connecting tasty meals for the parish.

MRS. BROWN SAYS it was her prayers and faith in God that kept her going.  
The silver cross was presented to this humble, God-fearing lady with the blessing and heartfelt appreciation of the clergy and laity of St. James Church.

### Altar Guild Plans Induction Service

The Junior Altar Guild of St. James Episcopal Church will have a corporate communion service at 8 a. m. Sunday as part of the induction service.  
New members of the guild will be presented their crosses by the Rev. Kenneth H. Gass at the 9:15 a. m. service.  
The new members are Pam Farlow, Kay Griffith, Nancy Hawkins, Sue Lyndall, Martha Mackenzie, Sharon Mooney, Mary Louise Schell, Jane Upward and Susan Welch.

The purpose of the guild is to give training to teenage girls in the care of the altars and the serving of Baptism, Mrs. Eugene Lewis, Mrs. Clyde MacKenzie and Mrs. Melvin Pilon are directors of the program.

### Presbyterian Youth Hold Rummage Sale

The Senior Hi Fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy held a rummage and bake sale over the weekend.  
Proceeds from the sale will be used for summer camp.  
Mrs. and Mrs. James Angus and Mrs. Marge Kingsbury are sponsors of the fellowship.

### Bishop Confirms 21 At Church of Advent

The Right Rev. Archie Henry Crowley, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, visited the Episcopal Church of the Advent Sunday to conduct confirmation services.  
Twenty-one candidates were confirmed. The confirmation was followed by a reception.

### St. Bede's Adds Mass For Summer

The Sunday Mass schedule at St. Bede's Church in Southfield has been changed to include a 9 a. m. Mass for the summer months. The additional Mass will begin May 28 and continue through August.  
Other Sunday Masses are at 8, 9:30, 11 and 12:15 a. m. Weekday masses remain the same at 6:30 and 8 a. m.

### Church News Deadline

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

### Baptists Elect Council, Plan New Building

The first annual business meeting at the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church was held recently with moderator Clarion Cooke presiding.  
A six-man church council was elected consisting of Messrs. Herbert Barshun, Clarion Cooke, Lawrence Flora, John Prestel, John Veneman and Jack White. James Johnson was re-elected treasurer and Mrs. Lawrence Flora was named church clerk.  
New committees were appointed with Barshun in charge of Christian education, Cooke - finance, Prestel - missionary, Flora - youth activities, Veneman - music and worship, and White - public relations and visitation.

THE 1961-62 budget of \$16,600 was approved including a \$500 ordinary allowance.  
John Prestel, building committee chairman, reported that James E. Roth & Sons, architects and Builders, were in process of completing plans for the new church building. Ground breaking ceremony for the building on Telegraph, north along Lakes Road, was scheduled for June 25. The building will be of colonial design, consisting of a main sanctuary and a smaller addition. Completion is expected by Nov. 1, 1961.

THE CONGREGATION is now meeting temporarily in the Hickory Grove School on Laber Road, south of Square Lake Road.  
James Johnson reported on the \$100,000 joint bond issue of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church and the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church as having been subscribed for in its entirety. He commended the Grosse Pointe church for its generous assistance.

### Episcopal Women To Install Officers

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Stephen's will have their annual installation of officers at 12:30 p. m. June 5 at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Hutton, 4855 Beach, Birmingham.  
The Rev. Carl Sayers, vicar, will install the following new officers: Mrs. Don Mills, president; Mrs. William Snyder, recording secretary; Mrs. Lydia Orant, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Knickerbocker, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert Johnson, UTO custodian; and Mrs. John Eldon, historian.

THE ALTAR GUILD will meet at 9:30 a. m. June 1 in the parish hall, 1700 Chestnut. The guild will demonstrate altar flower arrangements.  
The first daily vacation church school will be conducted June 19-30. Based on the theme "The Lord's Prayer," the school will offer a four-week experience in worship, study and play.  
Refreshments will be placed through Mrs. William Dewey, 6323 Anslow Lane, Birmingham, program director.

### Meeting Features Panel of Ministers

A panel of Birmingham ministers will highlight the June 2 meeting of United Church Women of Birmingham at St. James Episcopal Church.  
Following a short business meeting at 10 a. m. the ministers will discuss the challenges presented by Dr. James Laird, speaker at May Fellowship Day, on the subject "The Churches: Free and Responsible." It is hoped that the discussion will provide an understanding for the social problem of the area.  
Ministers participating will be Rev. Dr. Homer Armstrong, First Baptist Church; Rev. Dr. Kenneth Gass, St. James Episcopal Church; Rev. Mackey Taylor, Northminster Presbyterian Church; and Rev. Hugh C. White, Franklin Community Church.

MRS. RONALD GREGG, vice president-Christian social relations, will be chairman for the meeting. Mrs. Russell Cowles, hospital chairman, is in charge of luncheon arrangements.  
The movie will be open to all church women.

### Hills Baptists Bid Pastor Farewell

A farewell dinner was given recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Little of Bloomfield Hills in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Arthur Alcorn.  
Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn with a silver tea set as a gift from the congregation in recognition of their past year's service.  
Mr. Alcorn, former pastor of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, who resigned recently, will be remembered by the congregation. Pastor Obid Stuckey, a Detroit Evangelist.

### The Church Pulpit Committee

The Church Pulpit Committee, consisting of Messrs. Herbert Barshun, Lawrence Flora, Robert Francis and Benjamin Hoffing Jr. is in the process of interviewing candidates for the vacant pastorate.

### Pilgrim Holds First Communion Service

Birmingham Pilgrim Congregational Church observed its first communion service Sunday. The service was held in the auditorium of Lathrup Community Congregational Church, conducted by Rev. and Mrs. George Atherton.

### Pine Hill Will Hold Baptismal Service

Pine Hill Congregational Church will hold a baptismal service June 11 (Children's Day) with a special service of baptism for adults.  
The congregation received four new members May 14, Charter Membership Day.



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### Kirk's Ship Comes In

Meredith Plaxton and Lois Saylor study this scaled miniature of the famed ship "Marathon" suspended from the ceiling of the undercroft at Kirk in the Hills Church. Hanging in traditional European manner, the vessel serves as a reminder of the peril of the sea and man's faith in religion. The model was purchased last summer in Southampton, England, while the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Harold C. DeWint were touring the Scandinavian countries. The ship recently arrived at the Kirk after several months at sea for a craftsman to make repairs which involved 100 hours of work.

### B'ham Pastor Shares In Merger Convention

The Rev. John A. Root, Birmingham pastor, participated in the 107th annual convention of the Michigan Synod of the United Lutheran Church last week which voted to merge with three other churches.  
Rev. Root of St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church in Birmingham, a mission congregation of the Michigan Synod of ULCA, assisted in leading the convention worship services.  
Rev. Root is a member of the Michigan Synod committee on Evangelical and former committee chairman. He is also a member of the committee on promotion of worship and benevolence.

THE MERGER, involving the United Lutheran Church in America, American Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Finnish (Suomi) Evangelical Lutheran Church, was approved by vote of 115 to 1. It requires a two-thirds vote of the ULCA's 32 synods. Approval of the "Agreement of Consolidation" by ULCA is expected this month.

The Augustana and Finnish church bodies have already approved the merger while the American congregations of the group plan a vote in August.

THE NEW CHURCH will be known as the Lutheran Church in America. Its organizing convention will be held in Cobo Hall, Detroit, from June 23 to July 1, 1962. The individual conventions of the four merging churches will also meet in Cobo Hall for three days previous to June 23.

Once the merger of the four Lutheran bodies is completed in 1962, Michigan congregations of the new church will total 128.  
The Michigan synod convention also approved the merger of the four seminaries, Augustana Theological Seminary, Suomi Lutheran Theological Seminary, Grand View Seminary, and the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary. The Michigan area is the only one where the four theological seminaries merge into a single theological seminary.

A PROPOSED BUDGET of \$362,500 was adopted by the synod. Of this, \$163,500 is the Michigan synod's share while the remaining \$199,000 will go to support the ULCA church program. This represents a per capita apportionment of \$21.48.  
The convention received four newly organized congregations in the synod. They are: Prince of Glory Lutheran Church of Madison Heights, Transfiguration Lutheran Church of Fernton, All Saints Lutheran Church of Masson, and Reformation Lutheran Church of Coldwater.

JANICE KEMPF, choir president, will serve as Master of ceremonies.  
Presentation of service awards will be made by Francis Corsdill, acting chairman of the Music Council.  
Those receiving awards will be Dorothy Averill, Walker Calderwood, Claire Harter, Janice Kempf, John MacDonald, Walter MacKenzie, Winifred Mackenzie, Raymond Morgan, Lavern Nansarrow, Eunice O'Rourke, Jean Perkins, Lois Ross, Robert Slusser, Charles Sutherland and Amasa Tiffany.

THE PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM Meeting temporarily at The Community House  
380 S. Bates  
Services and Sunday School at 11 A.M.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH  
651 Woodward at Lone Pine  
Duplicate Services 9:30 and 11:15 A.M.  
Church School and Nursery same hours  
Sermon Subject: "WHY BELIEVE ANYTHING?"  
"The religious beliefs, most nothing more than personal whims and do not really matter."  
LESTER MONDLE, Minister  
L-7282

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY  
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. Evs. 7-9

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MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
Nursery through 3rd grade at 9:30 A.M.  
4th Grade through 8th grade at 11:00 A.M.  
Hugh Clifford White, Minister  
A. P. Rickard, Minister of Visitation  
John L. Carlson, Director of Youth Activities

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
17029 W. 12 Mile Road  
(between Greenfield and Southfield)  
Sunday, Worship: 9:30 & 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. (all ages)  
Sunday School: (ages 2 1/2-5) in the parsonage, 10:45 a.m.  
Edward E. Brown, Pastor  
Phone: MI 6-6146

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
United Lutheran Church of America  
6255 Telegraph, 1710th of a Mile North of Maple  
Church School 9:30 A.M.  
Worship Services  
8:30 and 11:00  
Parsonage: 164 Pleasant St.  
Rev. John H. Slusser, Pastor  
Phone: MI 6-6119  
A National Lutheran Council Church

ST. PAUL METHODIST  
165 N. Square Lake Rd.  
FE 8-2533—FE 2-2793  
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. (Nursery Provided)  
Church School 10 A.M.  
Seniors and Intermediate, 6 to 8 P.M. Older Youth, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.  
REV. JAMES A. McCLUNG, Minister

UNITY CENTER—BIRMINGHAM  
affiliated with Unity School  
Lee's Summit, Mo.  
Conference Room  
Birmingham Hotel  
Hunter & Maple  
Summer  
Sunday Service 9:30  
Fri. Class 2 p.m.  
For information—MI 6-1433  
MI 6-2556

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH  
MEETING AT  
Birmingham Y.M.C.A.  
400 E. Lincoln  
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.  
Midweek Prayer Meeting (Thurs.) 7:30 P.M.  
Bible Study 9:00 P.M.  
Gordon E. Donaldson  
Pastor

Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church  
Temporary meeting:  
2000 Lahser Road  
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11 A.M.  
Evening Worship 6 P.M.  
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 7:30 P.M.  
Interior Pastor  
Obid Stuckey

HOW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS  
Station 800V  
9:45 A.M.  
Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Bates and Willis  
Ministers: Rev. Birmingham, Mich.  
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, Rev. William W. Sutterlin  
Church School 9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Dist.-A-Devotion MI 4-2324

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
1609 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2640)  
8:30 and 11:15 A.M.—"God's Command to Remember"  
9:45 A.M.—"The Evidence of Christian Conviction"  
Rev. Mr. Graham  
W. Glen Harris, Robert S. Graham, John H. Scott, W. Kenner A. Berger, John Robert Slusser  
Church School Services — 8:30, 9:45, 11:15  
DIAL-A-PRAYER — MI 6-1717

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
21220 West 14 Mile Road  
(Half way bet. Cranbrook & Lakes)  
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.  
MI 4-8890  
Minister: Rev. Louis C. Gillette  
JA 6-6666

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FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST  
Christian Science Service  
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 (555 E. Maple) 10:00 A.M.  
Reading Room, 355 E. Maple Street  
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays  
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Except Wednesdays and Saturdays

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM  
(The United Church of Christ)  
388 North Woodward Avenue  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.—Identical Service of Worship  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.—Church School and Nursery  
7:00 p.m.—Youth Fellowship  
Ministers: Rev. Raymond A. Fennor  
Rev. Mead M. Bailey  
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