

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## CHURCH PAGE

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### Presbyterian Choirs Plan New Season

With resumption of the First Presbyterian Church's regular Sunday morning worship services, the music department's seven choirs including almost 400 singers, plan another season.

The Rev. L. Robert Slicker, minister of music, will direct a 56-voice Calvin High School Choir and a 35-voice Crucifer Boys Choir in addition to the 75-voice adult Chancel Choir.

Mildred G. Ritter, associate organist, will be in charge of the adult choir.

OTHER CHOIR directors will be Phyllis J. Gardner, who will be in charge of the 60-voice Chapel Girls Choir and 65-voice Cecilian Girls Choir, and Mrs. Clark Parke Jr., who will direct the 45-voice Carol Choir and the 60-voice Crucifer Choir.

Soloists include Ruth Killeen—soprano, Alice Ingram—contralto and Amasa Telford—bass.

Norman W. Ballner was recently appointed tenor soloist. Ballner, who has a varied background in religious music and oratory, held a similar position for the past 11 years at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

THE MUSIC department's activities for the coming year include appearance of the children's choirs at the 9:45 a.m. worship service every other Sunday, appearance of the Calvin High School Choir at the 8:30 a.m. service on the first Sunday of each month. This schedule will begin in October.

The adult Chancel Choir plans include the annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" in December and Mendelssohn's "Elijah" in February.

### Organize New Troy Church

A new mission church is in the process of being organized in Troy. It will be known as the Troy Lutheran Church.

The Rev. John R. Monson, who is pastor of the mission church which is affiliated with the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, plans to begin services Oct. 16.

A 10-acre parcel of land has been purchased at McKinley Road and Livernors on which Rev. Monson intends to construct a church building within the next year.

UNTIL THE CHURCH is built, a 10:30 a.m. worship service and 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class will be conducted each Sunday at Troy High School, located on Livernors near Wattlewood Road.

A native of Portage, Wis., Rev. Monson received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., and Bachelor of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. Monson and his wife, Jacqueline, reside at 340 Booth Road in Troy.

Women's Club Elects Officers, Chairmen

The Women's Guild of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church elected new officers at its monthly meeting Monday night.

The officers for this year are Mrs. Earl Steinhart, president; Mrs. George Barner, vice president; Mrs. Clifford Brandt, secretary; and Mrs. William Thiele, treasurer.

Named committee chairmen are Mrs. Charles Garven of the altar guild committee; Mrs. Hilman Fortney of the hospitality committee; and Mrs. William Featherston of the sewing committee.

Pastor Delaney Fastling led the group in a devotional period which included study and discussion of 1st Corinthians from the Bible.

Set Special Series At Incarnate Word

A series of six special services will be held at Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word in Bloomfield Township beginning Sunday.

First of the series will be conducted Sunday morning, another Sunday evening and one each evening through Thursday.

Entitled "An Adventure of Faith," the series is designed to give practical insight and spiritual growth to members of the congregation. It will be held as part of the Lutheran Evangelism Mission in which Detroit area churches are participating.

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### 5 B'ham Churches Sponsor Lutheran League Publication

Five Lutheran churches in the Birmingham area are sponsoring a new project of the Lutheran men's League.

The project, a publication entitled "Preaching The Gospel Through The Press," is expected to reach an estimated 50,000 readers.

Supporting Birmingham churches are: Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Ascension Lutheran Church, Our Shepherd Lutheran, Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King and Cross of Christ Lutheran.

THE LUTHERAN Laymen's League, sponsor of the radio broadcast "The Lutheran Hour," will launch the \$100,000 project Sunday. Sunday also marks the opening of the 2001-2002 season.

Harry G. Barr, president of the 123,000-member league, outlined the following goals of the new project. "We want to publish the Gospel through the advertisements, through the greatest possible readership. Through the advertisements, we hope to prompt requests from readers for a series of booklets dealing with central Christian truths. Behind the entire project is the desire to help people with the message of God's love and life in Christ."

### Congregationalists Begin Programs

Several groups of the Congregational Church of Birmingham open their fall activities this week.

The Women's Fellowship will hold its fall rummage sale Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the church.

The Child Study Club will begin its season of luncheon-meetings Sept. 28. Meetings will be held at Chamberlain, 4539 Burnley, B'ham. These meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of each month.

Luncheon reservations must be sent to Mrs. James G. Long, 1001 Wadsworth Lane, Birmingham, by Tuesday.

Speaker for this meeting will be the Rev. Mead M. Bailey, minister of Christian education of the church. His topic is "Let's Get Acquainted With Christian Education in the Home."

The Pilgrim Fellowship will install new officers for 1961-1962 during their 7 p.m. worship service Sunday. The Rev. Raymond A. Fenner, will speak on the subject "If A Man Dies..."

### 1st Methodist Men To Open Program

The Men's Club of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham will open its fall program Tuesday with a church wagon dinner.

The event will begin at 6:45 p.m. on the church grounds.

Following the dinner will be an evening of campus singing, highlighted with an address by Don J. Odle, athletic director and basketball coach at the University of Utah.

Coach Odle is perhaps best recognized for his unprecedented achievement, known as "Venture for Victory."

THIS PROJECT has been in progress for the past seven years, and consists of taking groups of college basketball stars on tours of the Orient and South America. His team have compiled a grand record of 510 wins against seven losses.

Tickets for the dinner and program may be obtained by contacting Bruce E. Emmer, 165 Westwood, Birmingham.

### Presbyterian Men Open Series Tonight

Men's Club of First Presbyterian Church opens a new series of dinner meetings at 6:30 tonight.

Dr. W. Glen Harris, First Presbyterian minister, will speak on "Trifles That Triumph."

### Church Women Delegates to Meet

An orientation for all delegates to United Church Women of Birmingham will be held Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 3255 S. Highland.

Purpose of the meeting is to instruct delegates in their duties and responsibilities as laymen and ministers in their home church and United Church Women.

The training session will be conducted by Mrs. George Jackson, vice president of Christian World Missions, Mrs. Ronald Gray, vice president of Christian Social Relations, and Mrs. Wilbur Saylor, vice president of Christian World Relations.

### Bishop Will Visit St. James Sunday

St. James Episcopal Church will have the Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, Bishop of Honolulu, as guest preacher for the 9:15 a.m. services Sunday.

The Honorary Bishop of Honolulu in 1943, he arrived in Honolulu during World War II in 1944 and later served in Japan, Papua, Tinian, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

The close of the war he was asked to give Episcopal overtures to the Islands of Wake, Midway and Guam.

He visits our Armed Forces in the areas of the Pacific, meeting with chaplains and ministering to confirmation in Korea and Japan.

**Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church**  
North Adams Road at Whitmore  
(1/2 Mile North of East Long Lake Road)  
Sunday Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00  
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Rev. Donald G. Zill, Pastor MI 6-8041 - MI 6-8124

**ST. PAUL METHODIST**  
165 E. Square Lake Rd. PE 8-8382 - PE 8-8388  
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. (Nursery Provided)  
Church School 10 A.M.  
Seniors and Intermediates, 4 to 6 P.M. Older Youth, 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.  
REV. JAMES A. McCLUNG, Minister

**The Congregational Church of Birmingham**  
(In Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)  
388 N. Woodward Ave. MI 6-4511  
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Meditation Service  
9:30 and 11 a.m.—Service of Worship and Church School  
October 1, 1961  
MINISTERS: Rev. Raymond A. Fenner, Rev. Mead M. Bailey

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bates and Willets Birmingham, Mich.  
Ministers: Rev. William W. Sutterlin  
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong  
Church School 9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
October 1, 1961  
Dial - A - Devotion MI 6-8234

**DIVINE SCIENCE**  
A Ministry of Christian Metaphysics  
Affiliated with Divine Science Church and College  
Denver, Colorado  
1128 West Maple Road - Birmingham  
ANNUAL VISITORS - SUNDAY  
October 1, 1961  
Lesson Theme: The Divine Science Message  
SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL 11:00 A.M.  
Class - Wed., 2 P.M. Lending Library Book Dept. Tues. Sat. 12 to 3

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
1559 West Maple  
9:30 and 11:00 A.M.—Worship Service  
Guest Preacher—Rev. Estle Odle, Director of Christian Education  
Department of the Detroit Council of Churches  
9:30 and 11:00 A.M.—Church School  
Nursery care.

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Northwestern Highway at Lahser Road  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service of Worship  
MINISTERS: Rev. Ralph H. Read  
Rev. Joseph G. Gregory  
11:00 a.m. Church School (Nursery thru Senior High)  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
1609 WEST MAPLE AT CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-3040)  
8:30 and 11:15 A.M.—"When God Makes Faith Personal"  
Dr. Harris  
9:45 A.M.—"The Word, the World and the Whirl"  
Rev. Mr. Angerman  
W. Glen Harris, John H. Scott,  
Jack W. Angerman, L. Robert Slatter  
Church School Services—8:30, 9:45, 11:15  
DIAL-A-PRAYER—MI 6-1717

**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

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
355 W. Maple - Birmingham, Mich.  
Sunday Services  
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion  
9:15 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon (H.C. 1st Sunday)  
11:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon (H.C. 1st Sunday)  
1:00 P.M.—Young People's Fellowship  
Church School and Nursery—9:15 and 11:00  
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Clergy—K. H. Gass—W. E. Stowell—Dorothy B. Van Dusen  
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1152 Hennville at Woodward  
Morning Worship  
Sunday 11:00 A.M.  
Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday School for all Ages 10:30 A.M.  
Bible Study Wednesday Even. 7:30 P.M.  
Channel 9 Church Sunday 8:30 A.M. (Herald of Truth)  
MORRIS M. WOMACK, Minister MI 6-5605

**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 (855 E. Maple) 10:00 A.M.  
Reading Room, 355 E. Maple Street  
Open 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays  
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Except Wednesdays and Saturdays



### St. James Op Shop Opens

Children of St. James Episcopal Church model garments of the church's Opportunity Shop to display the availability of all sizes for all ages in children's clothing. Modeling (from left) are Geoffrey, 11, Barbara, 1, and Jane, 15, children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Upward, 16980 Beechwood, Beverly Hills. The "Op Shop" is launching its third season as the church women's group's major fund-raising function. Handling everything from Oleg Cassini originals to hand-carved cuckoo clocks, the resale shop is open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Sale profits go toward financing the church women's social relations program.

### Baptist Dedication Attracts Church and Civic Leaders

The theme "More Room for Christ" will become a reality at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham Sunday.

The occasion will be the dedication of the new Christian Education Center adjoining the church building.

Community and national church leaders will join members of the congregation and their guests for a day-long program.

The dedication worship service will be held at 11 a.m.

DR. KENNETH L. COBER of New York will deliver the morning message. He is director of the Division of Christian Education, American Baptist Convention.

Highlight of the afternoon program, starting at 4 p.m., will be a panel of community leaders discussing the topic, "What Is Our Responsibility to Children and Youth?"

Serving on the panel will be Mrs. Florence Willett, Mayor of Birmingham; Daniel A. Neuhitt, Birmingham Public Schools; Owen Manchester, director, Birmingham Y.M.C.A.; S. Ward Oumdrick, executive director, Birmingham Community House; Charles Mortensen, executive secretary, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

GREETINGS will be brought by Dr. Warner Cole, president of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. Selwyn Smith, acting executive secretary, Detroit Association of American Baptist Churches; and Rev. Raymond A. Fenner, president of the Birmingham Council of Churches.

Music will be provided by the General Motors Chorus, under the direction of Frank March.

In the afternoon, special recognition will be given to Sunday School classes and departments for room attractiveness. Awards will be presented to the children, youth, and adult divisions. Judges will be leaders in Christian Education from churches outside Birmingham.

Mrs. Bayne's topic will be "Catching Up With the Aspects of Homelessness." An airplane seat her "home" for the past year while accompanying her husband in his world travels. Mrs. Bayne will relate new ideas, places and patterns of life.

A NATIVE of New York, she graduated from Smith in 1929.

Teaching in a mission school in Puerto Rico, editing an advertising trade journal, modeling and selling are among the fields in which she has worked.

Mrs. Bayne has served as chairman of the British War Relief during World War II and served on the YWCA Board of Directors and planning committees of the Community Chest in Seattle, Wash.

### Embury Planning Addition to Church

Embury Methodist Church has engaged architect Elzin P. Pruder of Mt. Clemens to develop a master plan for a future addition to the church.

A year's study of the church's growing membership and needs by the planning and expansion committee has resulted in the election of a building committee.

Serving on the committee are Donald Barlow, Ned Gowing, Vernon Goelzer, Chairman, A. G. Simpson, Robert H. Weber, Lee Wetton and Rev. S. F. Stout. Mrs. Harlan Hodges is secretary.

The committee has visited several churches now under construction and has interviewed 18 architects before recommending the selection of Pruder to the members of a special quarterly conference.

### Minister to Visit Methodist Church

First Methodist Church will have the Rev. Estle J. Odle, director of the Division of Christian Education of the Detroit Council of Churches, as guest preacher at both services Sunday.

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### Presbyterian Guild Plans Smorgasbord

Westminster Guild of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham will hold its annual smorgasbord dinner for the public Sept. 28.

The program will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 in the church social hall.

Tickets may be obtained from guild members or at the door.

### St. Stephen's Plans Two Guest Speakers

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will have two guest speakers this Sunday.

The Rev. Webster Two Hawk, a Sioux Indian from Lake Umbagog, N.D., and the Rev. Bennett Simons, director of the Redeemer in Baltimore, Md., will visit the church Sunday.

Rev. Sims, who will soon leave for Japan as an exchange clergyman, will preach at the 10 a.m. service and Rev. Two Hawk, dean of his denomination, will celebrate Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

The guests will be attending the General Convention at Cobo Hall in Detroit, Sept. 17-29.

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### Prepare for Convention Tour

Christ Church Cranbrook children studying on background material in preparation for a tour of exhibits from all over the world, which are being displayed during the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Detroit's Cobo Hall. Scanning books are (from left) Marilyn DeBorde, 780 Oakleigh, Bloomfield Hills; Jervis and Michael McMechan, 551 Pilgrim, Birmingham; and Louise O'Grady, 415 Church, Bloomfield Hills. Christ Church is co-sponsoring a book table similar to this one as a service to delegates during the two-week convention which ends Sept. 29.

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