

Bookseller Begins New Chapter in Unitarian Church

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Bob Marshall's Book Shop is open, but the boss is out and won't be back for a long while. He's going to be busy writing and delivering sermons and handling all the duties of minister of Birmingham Unitarian Church.

He has turned over to others the day-by-day management of his well-known Ann Arbor book store. And at 8 p.m. Sunday Unitarians will attend the ordination and installation of Robert Marshall at their church on Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

This begins another chapter in the life of the popular and scholarly bookseller who at 43 is already material for volumes of good reading.

AMONG THE CHAPTERS is one about the six-foot, 190-pound depression kid from St. Charles, Ill., who at age 20 began ministering to a little backwoods parish in Iowa. He commuted to the church via what he calls "unimproved dirt roads from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, where he was a student."

In another chapter, he opened his first book store to earn expenses while studying at Chicago Theological Seminary on the University of Chicago campus.

It was during this period, at age 23, that Bob Marshall met and worked with young Negro and white intellectuals to organize the Congress of Racial Equality.

USING THE GANDHI technique of non-violence, Bob Marshall and his associates systematically sat down to eat with classmates who were the objects of discrimination in Chicago Loop restaurants.

He recalls having to remain non-violent once when a very large bouncer stormed from a kitchen, swooped him up by the collar and tried to exit with him in rapid transit to the exit.

Chicago was the "saled days" says Mr. Marshall, who tossed a stimulating variety of ingredients into his salad bowl.

Along with running a book store and studying at the seminary, he worked as a trade union organizer and spoke to civil liberties, NAACP and church youth groups. He heard a lot of good jazz and courted a young psychiatric social worker named Doris who was to become his wife and the mother of his five children.

HIS EXPLANATION for being able to pack so much action into the pages of his Chicago chapters is "When you are young, you don't have to sleep much."

After Chicago, he gave up the ministry to become a staff member of the Education Department of the UAW-CIO International Union and to manage the UAW bookstore in Detroit.

It was in 1949 that he moved to Ann Arbor, started Bob Marshall's Book Shop, and in typical Marshall fashion became active in community, civic and political groups.

NOW THE MARSHALL book mecca on State Street, in the heart of the University of Michigan campus, is the largest general book store in Michigan, with a branch in Ypsilanti.

Though a successful businessman, bookseller Marshall remained basically the man of compassion and concern for his fellow man who was drawn to the ministry early in life.

He read voluminously, labeled himself a "poor man's theologian" and became active in the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Ann Arbor. In 1961, he served a church in Horton, Mich., as interim minister. Birmingham Unitarians persuaded him to become their interim minister in fall, 1962.

PLANS WERE THAT he would serve until a permanent minister was called to take over the pulpit in the handsome contemporary church designed by Minoru Yamasaki.

But no one had to read between the lines to know that Unitarians were agreeing among themselves that Bob Marshall was their kind of man.

Lutheran Film Scheduled at Cross Church

Scheduled for showing at 7 p.m. Sunday at Cross Church Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, is a new feature-length color movie, "A Letter to Nancy."

This is the first feature-length film to be produced in full color by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which also produces television's "This Is the Life" and radio's "The Lutheran Hour."

PROFESSIONALLY produced in Hollywood on the stages of Paramount Studios and R Family Films, the 80-minute film dramatically portrays the conflict in the heart and soul of a self-assured church member who was able to convince a jury at a trial for the World Community Day, 10 a.m. Friday at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

Single Adults Club Will Hold Dance at St. James Church

The newly-organized St. James Club for Single Adults will have a kick-off dance Fri., Nov. 8 at 9:00 p.m. in the undercroft of St. James Church, Maple at Chester St.

This group is open to any single person 25 years of age or over in the Birmingham area, and those interested are invited to try a friend.

A future program of dancing, sports and other social activities is planned for the group. For further information, call or drop a card to St. James Church.

He himself was enjoying the work of writing sermons which in his estimation should always be "meaty and stimulating." He liked voicing the Marshall beliefs about God and man and liberal religion, his agitation at the lack of understanding of past traditions upon which the future must be built. He liked his congregation of interested listeners.

THE HAPPY ENDING to the story of mutual admiration came last June when the congregation formally called Mr. Marshall to become permanent minister.

His last regular ministry had been at Monmouth-Baldwin Community Methodist Parish in Iowa, so the matter of his acceptance into the Unitarian ministry was arranged and will be consummated Sunday night with his ordination.

Meanwhile, the Marshall family is settled at 352 Wimpington, and Dad is happily spending his mornings writing sermons in the study there.

AFTER ONE of his first interrupted, three-hour sessions there with the door closed, he informed his wife that his Puritan conscience was bothering him.

"I felt," he confessed, "that I should've been at the bookstore and working!"

Children of the church school at St. Stephen's will attend a party in the parish house from 4 until 5:30 p.m. Each will arrive dressed as a favorite saint of the past, or representing a living human who, in his estimation, is one of the "saints around us."

THERE WILL BE no admission charge, but children will be admitted upon surrender of a portion of their wrapped "trick or treat" Halloween candy. This will later be donated to a charitable institution.

At the close of the party, the children will meet their parents in the church at 5:30 p.m. for a short service of Holy Communion and sermon by the rector, the Rev. Carl I. Sayers.

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Chairman of the event is Mrs. Donald Oatman, and Mrs. Willard Munson will be co-chairman. Models include Mrs. Raymond Marx, Mrs. William Isherwood, Mrs. Mercedes Redman, Mrs. Robert Lutzeler, Mrs. Preston Reed, Mrs. Edward Christoffers, Mrs. Adolph Neeme, Mrs. Donald Oatman and Mrs. James Nordlie.

Dr. John B. Smith, superintendent of Birmingham Public Schools will be the speaker for the Nov. 7 dinner meeting of the St. James Church Couples Club.

The meeting will be in the undercroft of the church at Maple and Chester at 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Smith's topic will be "The Pursuit of Excellence." All parish married couples are invited to attend.

DR. SMITH came to Birmingham in September from Greenwich, Conn., where he had been superintendent of schools. He holds degrees from the University of Rhode Island, Boston University and Harvard.

A lecturer and writer in the education field, he is also a pioneer in team teaching and foreign languages in elementary schools.



MRS. NORMAN A. AMUNDSON (left) and Mrs. William Bellaire of the United Church Women of Birmingham arranged layettes which will be sent overseas for the 20th annual observance of World Community Day.

Church Women Mark World Community Day

United Church Women of Birmingham will observe the 20th World Community Day, 10 a.m. Friday at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

This group is open to any single person 25 years of age or over in the Birmingham area, and those interested are invited to try a friend.

A future program of dancing, sports and other social activities is planned for the group. For further information, call or drop a card to St. James Church.

WATERS RECEIVED the World Affairs' Council Fellowship to the United Nations in 1959 and is having his book released this fall on the subject of diplomacy in international affairs.

During the months prior to World Community Day, church women have been taking part in discussion groups about the problem of peace-building and the task facing the church in assisting developing nations.

They have examined the work of the United Nations in speeding nation-building and explored the role of women in areas of rapid social change.

Mrs. John Vander Root, president, United Church Women of Birmingham, reported that another peace job undertaken by her group is assembling friendship packets for children in church indications and in areas of acute human need.

The organization's sewing project is making layettes for babies in areas of desperate need. Cotton T-shirts and shorts for one-year-old boys are also being collected.

THE WORSHIP SERVICE for World Community Day this year will be led by Mrs. Earl Trippett, past president of the Birmingham United Church Women. Mrs. Clark Pardee, Jr., will be soloist on the piano, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Johns at the piano.

Serving on the committee headed by Mrs. T. E. Hendrickson are: Mrs. Ernest Nathan, co-chairman for the day; Mrs. William Bellaire; Mrs. B. G. Goodrich; Mrs. Reuel Howe; Mrs. Donald A. Martin; Mrs. Angus McLeay; Mrs. Stewart Scott; Mrs. Wright Tisdale; Mrs. David Burnham; Mrs. Norman Amundson; and Mrs. John Harns.

The offering received on World Community Day this year will be used for an in-service training program for church women in this country and from some of the newly-independent countries.

Christmas Toys Are Sought for Underprivileged

"December 25 is Christmas Day, a happy day for most of us—our children will wait anxiously to see their presents from Santa Claus and members of the family."

"But what about the less fortunate children in the Detroit area who may not even get a toy to play with?"

That's where the publicity being sent out by the youth group at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Birmingham. The youth group hopes to obtain toy donations from people in the metropolitan Detroit area in order to make this Christmas a happier one for the underprivileged children.

NEW AND slightly used toys will be gratefully appreciated by the group, which plans to make necessary repairs and wrap them, throughout November and early December, for Christmas distribution.

Anyone wishing to make donations may call MI-6268 for a toy pick-up or leave the toys at the church, located at 1800 Woodward Road, Birmingham. The deadline for toy donations set by the group is Dec. 8.

"Why not reflect some of Christ's undying love for us by doing some toys today?" asks the group's president.

UNITY TRUTH TEMPLE
Beverly Hills at Woodward 607-2800
(7 Bldg. W. of 14 Bldg. W.)
Affiliated with Unity School of Christianity
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Service 11:00 A.M.
Guest Speaker: Walfred Tharman
Tuesday Class, 7:45 p.m.:
The Science of Prayer

PILGRIM
Congregational Church of Birmingham
Meeting temporarily at Community House, 200 S. Bane
11:00 A.M. — Worship and Minister, Rev. Howard E. Bull
Telephone: 224-6770

THE BIBLE SPEAKS TO YOU
A Christian Science program
Station CKIW 800 KC
Sunday 9:45 A.M.

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

Kirk in the Hills
Worship Services
9:30 and 11:30 A.M.
ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
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 11:30 A.M.
Parsonage: 185 Pleasant
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor
Phone: MI 6-8119
A National Lutheran Council Church

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH
2284 W. Maple
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Midweek Prayer
Meeting (Wed.) 7:30 P.M.
Bible Study—8:00 P.M.

Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church
3600 Telegraph Road
North of Long Lake Road
10 A.M. Sunday School
11 A.M. Morning Worship
The Lady's Society
Reception of Members
"BREAD AND A SWORD"
5 P.M. Youth Groups
6 P.M. Evening Service
"ONE MORE YEAR OF LIFE"
Rev. Harold W. Giesecke, Pastor
Telephone 647-3468

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Franklin-Meadowlake
Maple at Inlander Roads
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

MISSING LINK IN YOUR LIFE
If you are neglecting regular worship, there's something absent from your life!
FULL LIFE PEACE IS FOUND IN WORSHIP
Sunday Worship 9:15 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:15 A.M.

Ascension LUTHERAN CHURCH
809 W. 14th St. at Pioneer
Rev. E. W. Nease, Pastor

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
17029 W. 18 Mile Road
(Between Grand and Southfield)
Sunday Worship
8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School (all ages)
9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Edward E. Brown, Pastor
Phone: MI 9-4149

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
651 Woodward Avenue
at Lone Pine Road
Bloomfield Hills
MI 7-2280
Robert Marshall, Minister
LOVE AND PURPOSE
Worship Service, Church School,
Nurses at 10:30 A.M.
Coffee Hours follows

ST. PAUL METHODIST
145 E. Square Lake Rd.
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. (Nursery Provided)
Church School 10 A.M.
Sexton and Intermediates, 4 to 8 P.M.
REV. JAMES A. McCLUNG, Minister

Franklin Baptist Church
In the Heart of Franklin Village
L. I. Mattis, Minister 626-7831
Sunday School 10 A.M. Evening Service 7:30 P.M.
Worship 11 A.M. Prayer Service (Thurs.) 7:30 P.M.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3633 W. Big Beaver (2 1/2 m. E. of Adams) MI 6-5611
Morning Worship and Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
The Rev. MacKay Taylor, minister

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
North Adams Road (1/2 Mile North of E. Long Lake Rd.)
Morning Worship: 8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.
Rev. Donald C. Zell, Pastor MI 6-6041 MI 6-8124

The Congregational Church of Birmingham
(In Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)
888 North Woodward Avenue
9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M.—Services of Worship and Church School
Nursery through Senior High
4:00 P.M. Confirmation Class, 7:00 P.M. Fellowship
MINISTER: Rev. Raymond A. Fenner

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
1589 West Maple
Worship Services—8:15, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.
Church School—9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Sermon: "LIFE'S ULTIMATE SOURCE"
Rev. G. Ernest Thomas, Th. D.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bates and Willis Ministers: Birmingham, Mich.
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong Rev. William W. Sutterlin
Rev. Charles J. Griffith
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Service 11:00 A.M.
Sermon Title: "I TALKED WITH GOD LAST NIGHT"

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1000 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI-6-2040)
8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.—
"When Jesus Wrote"

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
191 N. CHESTER—Birmingham, Michigan
Sunday Service 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting 8:15 P.M.
Infants' Room (355 E. Maple) 10:00 A.M.

Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village Green
Morning Worship—9:30 and 11:00
"HERE'S LIFE"
Church School for all ages.
Ministers: Kenneth Callis
O. Price Taylor

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
26275 Northwestern Highway at Laher 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 Through Senior High)
ALL ARE WELCOME

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
855 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. 2nd Sunday)
5:00 P.M.—Young People's Fellowship
Church School—9:15 and 11:00 for infants through 9th grade
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 7:00 and 11:00 A.M.
Clergy—The Rev. Kenneth H. Gaas, D.D., Rector
The Rev. W. Eugene Snodell, Associate
Rev. Peter Watkins, Assistant
Kent McDonald, Organist and Choirmaster
11:00 A.M. Service Broadcast—Radio WHFI-FM, 94.7

Gracious surroundings . . . and arrangements to suit everyone

VASU-LYNCH Funeral Home
4075 W. Woodward Ave., between 12th & 13th Sts. Liberty 9-0000