

# The Birmingham Eccentric Church Page

## First Presbyterian Presents 'Messiah'

On Sunday at 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, the 80-voice Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra will present the 9th annual Christmas portion of G. F. Handel's "Messiah."

Soloists for this performance will be Carolyn Grimes, soprano; Alice Ingram, contralto; Kenneth Ish, tenor; and Annas Tiffany, bass. The choir and soloists will be accompanied by a 15-piece orchestra and organ.

## Dinner-Dance Time Announced by St. James Church Club

The Couples Club of St. James Church will hold its annual dinner-dance Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Village Women's Club on East Long Lake Road.

Co-chairmen of the event will be Mrs. Frank Winders, Mrs. James Clark and Mrs. Maurice Allen. The Don Dierks band will provide the music.

Tickets are available through the chairman or the church office.

Confidence and courage develop in an individual the desire to create, pioneer and overcome challenges and problems.

—Edward V. Rickenbacker



The altar at Christ Church Cranbrook soon will be decorated by 25 pieces of fine needlepoint, part of which appears in the picture above. Carefully examining their own handiwork are, from left, Mrs. Luther Leaker, Mrs. Charles D. Marsh, Mrs. Art BeGole and Mrs. Robert Flint. The four women, along with Mrs. Edwin Beresford, finished 20 pieces of needlepoint which will be displayed Tuesday at a luncheon. Five more pieces are being readied to help beautify the altar.

## Needlepoint Cushions Beautify Christ Church

Two years ago this month, Christ Church Cranbrook asked that the cushions around the high altar of the church be replaced in needlepoint.

The Episcopal Churchwomen responded immediately. A committee composed of Mrs. Robert Flint, Mrs. Art BeGole, Mrs. Edwin Beresford, Mrs. Luther Leaker and Mrs. Charles Marsh was formed.

The results of their work will be shown at the Christmas luncheon meeting of the Episcopal Churchwomen on Tuesday when the 20 pieces for the sanctuary will be displayed.

A SET OF 25 pieces in all is planned for the theme expressed in the five altar rail pillows. These

cushions will represent the people of God who actually label at the rail for Communion.

The cushions portray all the races of man in a world-wide, international and ecumenical way, and show the four main areas of community, family, leisure and vocation.

The center cushion expresses the two-fold movement of the call from God to be "people of God," and the offering by these people of their daily lives as a response to this call.

THE NEEDLEPOINT will be given to Christ Church Cranbrook as a gift from the women of the church both by their voluntary contributions toward its cost and the actual working of the pieces.

We offer you our friendly help... any hour of the day or night



VASU-LYNCH Funeral Home

475 N. Woodward Ave., between 22 & 14 Mile Roads Liberty 9-6500

# First Methodist Commissions Couple for Missionary Work

The First Methodist Church of Birmingham commissioned the Rev. and Mrs. Richard R. Smyth as missionaries of the Methodist Church Sunday.

At a special evening service, Bishop Marshall R. Reed preached and conducted the ceremony, along with Rev. Herbert Hauser, the District Superintendent.

The commissioning service was held in the sanctuary of the Methodist Church of America that the church sponsoring the missionaries actually held the commissioning service.

REV. SMYTH was born in New Jersey and served as pastor of the First Methodist Church of Southfield.

## St. James Women Set Tea, Concert

The Episcopal Churchwomen of St. James will present their annual Christmas concert and tea on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the church.

The combined junior choir under the direction of Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster, will feature the "Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten. Ninety-five children will participate.

Soloists for the concert will be Niema Sherman, soprano, and Elyse Yockey, guest harpist, who is solo harpist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The program will include: "The Ceremony of Carols," "Adoramus Te, Christe," "Two Rounds For Christmas," "The Orchestra Song," "The Virgins Slumber Song" and "Above Him Stood the Seraphim."

Other arrangements are "The Angels at the Manger," "Come to the Manger," "The Little Drummer Boy Carol," "O Holy Night," "The Flute Carol," "Wint Strangers Are These?," and "Alleluia."

Tea will be served in the undercroft following the concert.

## Lathrup Church Received 19 New Members

Nineteen new members were received into the fellowship of Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village Sunday, Nov. 24.

Joining the church and honored at a coffee hour following each service were Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Butz, 27634 Rackham; Mr. and Mrs. William Christian, Jr. and William H. 27331 Red River; Mrs. Charles Fey, 27321 Red River; Margo Glass, of 20225 Brookshire in Southfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kenzel, 27705 N. E. California Drive; Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Knighon, 27496 Lathrup Blvd.; Mr. Charles LaMure, 1532 Bates, Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Nowelle, 1830 San Diego, Lathrup; William L. Thompson and Terry I. Thompson, 29909 Chelmsford, Southfield.

The next orientation class for prospective members will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 1964 and new members will be received into the church the following Sunday, Jan. 26, 1964.

DR. ALFRED GREY, guest preacher at Community Congregational Church for the months of November and December, began an Advent Series of sermons Sunday with "The Fullness of Time."

He will continue his series on Dec. 8 with his sermon topic, "Herod, the King," followed on Dec. 15 with "In the Wilderness."

The sermon topic on Dec. 22 will be entitled "The Return of the Wise Men," and concluding the series on Dec. 29 will be a sermon on "The Christmas Motive."

THE CHURCH school children will present their annual Christmas Pageant the evening of Sunday Dec. 15.

The children attending the 9:30 a.m. Sunday services will present their pageant at 5 p.m. on the 15th and those who attend the 11 a.m. service will present theirs at 7 p.m.

## Church News Deadlines

Deadline for all church news is 3 p.m. Thursday, a week in advance of publication. Pictures furnished by church groups should be in The Eccentric office by this time, also.

Requests for pictures, to be taken by The Eccentric, should be made at least two weeks in advance.

## Big Assembly Scheduled for S'field High

The Feeding of Sheep will be the unusual subject of a three-day conference of 2,000 ministers in Southfield at the Southfield High School.

The meeting will be held December 13-15, on the occasion of the semi-annual Circuit Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses.

An announcement of the coming meeting in Southfield was made recently at the Birmingham Congregation by Ronald Monette, presiding minister.

ACCORDING TO Monette, "these conferences are held twice each year for the purpose of strengthening faith in God. Jehovah's Witnesses maintain that if a religion is worth believing it is worth practicing."

The session will include a baptism on Saturday afternoon. The highlight will be the public discourse, "The Bible Proves in a Scientific World" which will be given Sunday at 3 p.m. by a special representative of the Watchtower Bible Society, F. C. Filson of Brooklyn, New York.

The opening program will begin at 6:45 Friday with all sessions open to the public. There is no admission and no collections.

This circuit assembly is only one of five such to be held in the greater Detroit area during November and December where nearly 10,000 ministers will assemble.

## Birmingham Unitarian Church

Woodward at Lone Pine  
Bloomfield Hills — MI 7-2380  
Robert Marshall, Minister  
YOUTH SUNDAY  
Service, Church School, Nursery at 10:30. Coffee Hour follows

## Beverly Hills Methodist Church

meeting at Beverly School  
Beverly Rd., West  
8 P.M. Youth Group  
MORNING WORSHIP and CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:00 A.M.  
Robert Boley, Minister

## Pilgrim Congregational Church of Birmingham

Meeting temporarily at Y.M.C.A., 409 E. Lincoln  
Rev. Howard E. Hall, Minister  
Telephone: 527-5710  
11:00 A.M.—Worship  
Church School  
"Worshipful, Youthful, Friendless"  
(Members: Nat'l Ass'n of Congregational Christian Churches)

## ST. PAUL METHODIST Church

145 E. Square Lake Rd. PB 8-2523—PB 8-2765  
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. (Nursery Provided)  
Church School 10 A.M.  
Seniors and Intermediates, 6 to 8 P.M.  
REV. JAMES A. McCLUNG, 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 G. Zell, Pastor MI 6-2041—MI 6-8134

## The Congregational Church of Birmingham

(in Fellowship with the United Church of Christ) MI 6-4511  
888 North Woodward Avenue  
9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.—Services of Worship and Church School  
Nursery through Junior High  
6:00 P.M. Confirmation Class, 7:00 P.M. Pivotal Fellowship  
MINISTER: Rev. Raymond A. Finner

## UNITY TRUTH TEMPLE

Remains at Woodward 647-3000  
(9 1/2 Miles N. of 14 Mile)  
Affiliated with Unity School of Christianity  
Sunday School — 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Service — 11:00 A.M.  
Guest Speaker: Walter Thurman  
Tuesday Class, 7:45 p.m.:  
The Science of Prayer

## 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.

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

17025 W. 13 Mile Road (between Greenwood 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 6-4146

## 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 11:00 A.M.  
Parsonage: 169 Pleasant St.  
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor  
Phone: MI 6-4119  
A National Lutheran Church

## Kirk in the Hills

BLOOMFIELD HILLS  
DR. HAROLD C. DEWINDT, MINISTER  
MORNING SERVICE  
9:30 AND 11:30 O'CLOCK

## Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church

3600 Telegraph Road  
Just North of W. Long Lake Rd.  
10 A.M. Sunday School  
11 A.M. "THE BOOK THAT TALKS" (Universal Bible Study)  
8 P.M. Youth Group  
6 P.M. Color Slides on Europe  
Speaker: Rev. O. Carlson  
Rev. Harold W. Giescke, Pastor  
Telephone 647-3463

## First Church of Christ, Scientist

Franklin-Meadowlake  
Maple at Inkster Roads  
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. Eve. 7-9

## Your STAKE IN HAPPINESS

... your stake in the Lord, enjoy it Rev. 7:14  
Proverbs 16:20  
YOU CAN FIND HAPPINESS BY TRUSTING IN CHRIST

## Ascension LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

## 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)  
6:00 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. Gass, D.D., Rector  
The Rev. W. Eugene Stöckel, Associate  
Rev. Peter Watkins, Assistant  
Kent McDonald, Organist and Choirmaster  
11:00 A.M. Service Broadcast—Radio WHFI-FM, 94.7

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3533 W. Big Beaver (2 1/2 Mls. E. of Adams) MI 6-2613  
Morning Worship and Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
The Rev. MacKay Taylor, minister

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

Bloomfield Hills  
Sunday morning at 11:00  
Wednesday evening meetings at 8:15  
2365 W. Long Lake Road (near Middlebelt Road)

## Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

1100 Lone Pine at Telegraph  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.  
Rev. Delayne H. Pauling 646-6832 or 646-5887

## Franklin Baptist Church

In the Heart of Franklin Village  
L. J. Mattis, Minister 626-7631  
Sunday School — 10 A.M. Evening Service — 7 P.M.  
Worship — 11 A.M. Prayer Service (Thurs.) — 7:30 P.M.

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

1559 West Maple  
Worship Services—8:15, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.  
Church School—9:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
Sermon: "HOW TO PRAY"  
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: "HOW TO LOSE WEIGHT"

## NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

26275 Northwestern Highway at Lahar 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

## 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.  
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

## Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green  
Morning Worship—9:30 and 11:00  
"THE BOOKS THAT RAN HOME"  
Church School for all ages.  
Ministers: Kenneth Callis  
O. Price Taylor

## DIVINE SCIENCE

A Ministry of Christian Metaphysics  
Affiliated with Divine Science Federation  
International, Denver, Colorado  
1128 West Maple Road — Birmingham  
For Information Call LI 6-4290  
God, including His spiritual creation, is all there really is, plus, of course, the human misinterpretation.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

1688 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2640)  
8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. "Looking for the Messiah"  
Dr. Harris  
8:00 p.m. Oratorio Service—"Messiah"  
W. Glen Harris, Jack W. Angerman,  
Robert D. Baynun, L. Robert Slusser  
Church School Services—8:30, 9:45, 11:15  
DIAL-A-PRAYER—MI 6-1717