

# Area Church News

## B'ham Unitarian Minister To Discuss Problem of Evil

In a two-part sermon series, beginning Sunday, the Rev. Robert Marshall, minister of the Birmingham Unitarian Church, will consider the problem of evil.

Topics to be covered include: Why do the righteous suffer? Why is sickness and affliction visited upon the innocent and the just? If this is an orderly universe on the side of justice and righteousness, how do we explain the existence of evil?

On Sunday, Rev. Marshall will consider the approach and contemporary relevance of the three giant Greek tragedies—Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides, with special attention to the Theban plays of Sophocles.

THE FOLLOWING Sunday, Dec. 13, the same basic quest will be pursued in a sermon investigating Dante, Goethe and Shelley, particularly "The Divine Comedy," "Faust," and "Prometheus Unbound."

Though the attention to each work will be brief, necessarily, the position will be that each of these works has much to say to the questionings and doubtings of modern man.

The Birmingham Unitarian Church has just added a second Sunday morning service because of a substantial increase in both adult attendance and Church School enrollment.

In addition to the present 10:30 a.m. service, which is continuing, and which includes a complete Church School program and nursery, a second adult service will be held at 9 a.m. A nursery is available at the earlier hour.

In January, it is expected that additional Church School classes will be held during the 9 a.m. service as well as at the later hour. An



UNITARIAN WOMEN CHEER HOSPITAL PATIENTS Mrs. David Litton (left), Mrs. Walter Nickel check arrangements for Christmas party in Pontiac.

informal coffee hour follows each service.

ENRICHMENT of the lives of the patients at Pontiac State Hospital is a continuing interest of the Women's Alliance. Each month women of the church give parties at the hospital—sometimes with singing or record playing, other times with games, but always with refreshments and sociability.

The medical staff of the hospital reports that this type of friendly

## Lathrup Fellowship Group Plans Party

The First Friday Fellowship group of Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village will meet at the church at 7 p.m. tomorrow, pool rides and go on to the Christmas party.

This is the group which is made up of the middle-aged and older couples of the church who formerly called themselves the Ancient Mariners.

For the Christmas Party, they will be guests of the Charles Herrs at their new home in Mt. Clemens. Any member or friend of the church interested in joining this group for this party may call Mrs. Wesley Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mott are chairman couple of the group.

THE LORD'S SUPPER will be observed at Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village during both the 9:30 and 11 o'clock services Sunday. An invitation is extended by the Rev. Mr. Philip Gentile to members and friends of the church to join in this Communion service.

The following evening, Monday, the hanging of the greens will take place when the members of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses prepare the church for Advent and the Christmas season.

## Movie Party Scheduled by B'ham Church

The Community Congregational Church of Birmingham, 388 N. Woodward, will sponsor a movie party on Saturday.

Conducted by the Ruth Circle the party is designed for mothers who want to shop without their children. The main feature will be Coburn of Lassie, along with three cartoons; Three Little Bruins in a Canoe, Christmas Rhapsody and The Night Before Christmas.

Showings will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. An admission fee will be charged.

THE WOMEN of the church will enjoy a few hours of old-fashioned conversation over tea and cooking when they attend the annual Christmas Tea sponsored by the Women's Association.

This year's event on Tuesday is being conducted by the Esther Circle.

The hostesses are Mrs. Larry McLeary and Mrs. Thomas Reed. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Charles Bulter. The event will be held in the Women's Lounge from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## Mission Society Schedules Meeting

The Women's Mission Society of the First Baptist Church in Birmingham will meet Tuesday evening at 7:45 in the church.

AAUW Children's Theater will present "A Star for Olga." The devotions will be given by Mrs. Esther Jordan. The Business and Professional Circle will be hostesses.

## Christ Church Women Slate Dec. Meeting

The Episcopal Churchwomen of Christ Church Cranbrook will hold their Christmas program at a luncheon meeting on Tuesday.

The morning segment of the meeting will be opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 a.m. in St. Dunstan's Chapel, followed by sewing and knitting societies.

After a noon luncheon, Mr. Robert Bates, organist and choir director of Christ Church, will conduct the program, emphasizing audience participation in the singing of Christmas songs.

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This program will conclude the group's meetings until Jan. 6, 1965.

## Episcopal Women Plan Yule Workshop At St. Stephens

A Christmas Workshop will be conducted by the Episcopal Churchwomen of St. Stephens' Episcopal Church.

On Monday, Dee Kipila of Walter Morris Florist will stage a demonstration of centerpieces and arrangements at 11 a.m. After a luncheon break at 12 noon, the ECW members and their guests will participate in a workshop to create their own holiday arrangements. All necessary materials will be made available by the florist. The demonstrator will remain for consultation and assistance.

Mrs. Robert Lynas, 1150 Westwood, and Mrs. Peter Bengallo, 330 Behaven Road, Troy, are serving as chairmen of the Christmas Workshop. Any interested women in the community are invited to attend.

A loving heart is the truest wisdom. —Charles Dickens

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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

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Northwestern Highway and Lahser Road

11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship  
MINISTERS: Rgv. Ralph H. Read  
Rev. Joseph G. Gregory

11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL  
(Nursery through Senior High)

ALL ARE WELCOME

**ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Lutheran Church in America  
6255 TELEGRAPH, North of Maple

WORSHIP SERVICES  
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.  
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
1669 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2040)

8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. "Reading the Bible"  
Dr. Harjris  
8:00 p.m. Oratorio Service "Messiah"  
W. Glen Harris, Jack W. Angerman  
L. Robert Slusser

Church School Services—8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.  
DIAL-A-PRAYER—MI 6-1717

**Franklin Community Church**  
On Franklin's Village Green

Morning Worship—9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
COMMITMENT SUNDAY  
"IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?"  
Church School—9:30 and 11:00  
Nursery—11:00  
Ministers: Kenneth Callis, O. Price Taylor

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

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
Birmingham, Michigan

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A Free Public Lecture on Christian Science  
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entitled  
"God's Love and the Human Need"

on  
Tuesday, December 8, 1964  
at 8:15 P.M.

In the Church Edifice  
Cheslet at Willits  
Birmingham, Michigan

**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 9-2041 MI 9-2124

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bates and Willits Birmingham, Mich.

Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, Ministers: Rev. William W. Sutterlin  
Rev. Charles J. Griffith

Church School—9:45 A.M. Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.  
"THE HIGH HURDLES OF LIFE"

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
1549 West Maple

Worship Service: 8:30, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.  
Church School: 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
Sermon: "THE FINALITY OF JESUS"  
G. Ernest Thomas, Th.D.

**BEVERLY HILLS METHODIST CHURCH**  
20,000 W. 13 MILE ROAD AND EVERGREEN ROAD  
Morning Worship—9 & 11 a.m.  
Church School—10 a.m.  
ROBERT W. BOLEY, MINISTER



Rehearsing for a Hootenanny

The young people from 10 churches will get together Sunday at St. James for a Holiday Hootenanny, featuring talent from each of the participating churches. The Rev. Martin Bell, rector at St. David's, will lead

## Advent Festival Set By Detroit Council

Plans have been announced by the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches for colorful Advent Festival to be held on Sunday, at 3:30 p.m., in the Ford Auditorium.

Two hundred boy choir singers in white surplices will sing several selections. Hundreds of Children and Youth choir singers from all denominations will be singing special numbers appropriately written for Advent.

Trouble creates a capacity to handle it. —Oliver W. Holmes, Jr.

## Local Churchwoman To Participate on '64 Round Table

On Wednesday, Friendship Baptist Church will be the scene of the annual Holiday Meeting of the Women's Division of the Detroit Round Table.

Participating members of the panel will be Miss Ruth Gerbig of St. Gregory the Great Church, Mrs. Elliot Higgins of Christ Church Cranbrook, Mrs. Nathan Spevakow of Congregation Shear-ey Zedak, with Mrs. Philip Bernstein as moderator.

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