

Area Church News

Christmas Sunday Opens Activities At B'field Baptist

Christmas activities will begin on Christmas Sunday at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, Sunday School for all ages is held at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. worship hour, the church choir, under the direction of Mr. Rick Hartsoe, will sing John W. Peterson's cantata, "NIGHT OF MIRACLES."
Mrs. David Warriner at the organ and Rev. Harold W. Gieske at the piano, will serve as accompanists. Mrs. Lawrence E. Flora will be the narrator.

AT THE 6 P.M. SERVICE that same day, the annual Christmas program of the Sunday School will be presented. The age-old Christmas story will be told by the boys and girls in recitations, songs and pantomime. The program director is Mrs. Deloris V. Little.

On Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a half-hour service of prayer and praise and then the congregation will go caroling in the Bloomfield area. The public is cordially invited to all these Christmas activities.

Christmas Eve Service Planned

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at North Congregational Church, 29275 Northwestern Highway at Lahser Rd. next Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. There will be carol singing with the Chancel Choir. Candlelighting Ceremony with the Young People as candle-bearers, Ushers, Greeters and Flag-bearers highlights the Service. Child care will be provided. All are welcome.
The Senior and Junior High Youth Group at North Congregational Church will go caroling on Sunday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the vicinity.



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Church Choirs Unite in Song

The choirs of Beautiful Savior Lutheran and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church joined forces recently to present a concert of Handel's "Messiah." Under the direction of Mr. Martin Johnson of Beautiful Savior, the group presented the concert at each of the

two participating churches. Featured in the performances were (from left) Mrs. Gino Sorran, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Carl Savers, Mrs. William Fischer, Mr. Glen Jahnhke, Luel Simons and Gene Spillman.

Embury Methodist Services Held in \$250,000 Sanctuary

Embury Methodist Church, 1803 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham, a congregation that had its beginning in 1923, has been holding services in its new \$250,000 sanctuary, which was consecrated in October. The new building, first discussed in 1962, is of colonial style to blend with the older building. The sanctuary seats 325 and can handle an overflow of 125 persons.
A large parlor with a fireplace provides additional space for an overflow attendance.
A SMALL chapel, with furnishings similar to the main sanctuary, will be constructed in the former sanctuary as a part of the second phase of the building program.
The church administrative area includes of a large central office, who also serves as church and a pastor's study. There are organized church services in Mrs. Christian Education facilities for all age groups, a conference and meeting rooms, with centrally-located

office, nursery and crib rooms. The large Fellowship Hall on the lower level has a dining capacity of 400 and can also be divided into 12 additional class rooms.
The kitchen is equipped to efficiently prepare and serve meals to the largest groups accommodated in the Fellowship Hall. There are also Christian Education facilities on the lower level.
The choir and practice room on the second floor, with the main balcony, provides for 100 persons, in addition to the 325 seated in the sanctuary. The building cost is approximately \$250,000 and is valued at a total of \$400,000.

THE REV. Samuel E. Stout is pastor of Embury Methodist with the Rev. Andrew E. Butt as Minister of Visitation. Directing the four church choirs is Mrs. Jean consists of a large central office, who also serves as church and a pastor's study. There are organized church services in Mrs. Christian Education facilities for all age groups, a conference and meeting rooms, with centrally-located



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VASU-LYNCH Funeral Home

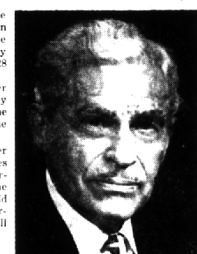
4375 Woodward, Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads

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EDWARD LYNCH LOUIS RODGERS

Dr. Cushing Smith, long-time Detroit metaphysician, became an ordained minister of Divine Science in a special ceremony held Sunday in the Divine Science Ministry, 1128 West Maple Rd., Birmingham.
The Rev. Frank Glabich, minister of the church officiated, assisted by George Paxton, president of the Board. A reception followed in the church parlors.
Dr. Smith, a registered teacher and practitioner under the auspices of Divine Science Federation International, Denver, Colo., of which he is a member, will continue to hold his bi-weekly classes in the Birmingham church where he also will serve as substitute minister.

Divine Science Ordains Dr. Smith into Ministry



DR. CUSHING SMITH

ground includes the University of Illinois where he was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity, the Colorado School of Mines, Columbia University and the Massachusetts Metropolitan College. Before entering the metaphysical practice, he was a financial writer, analyst and industrial engineer, a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit and a commissioned officer in the Air Force, World War I.
HE WAS recently awarded special recognition for his 50-year membership in the Masonic Fraternity. He is listed in International Bluebook "Who's Who in the Midwest" and "Biographical Encyclopedia of the World."

Christmas Family Night at 1st Baptist

On Sunday, the First Baptist Church of Birmingham will have two identical services at 9 and 11 a.m. Dr. Homer J. Armstrong will bring the message, "They Got There Last," the 12th and final sermon in a series on "Character."
He will be assisted by Rev. William W. Suttelin, Minister of Christian Education. Special music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Mr. Charles Holtz, with Mrs. Marie LeLaheur at the organ. Church school will be at 10 A.M.

THE CHRISTMAS FAMILY Night Program for the Church School will be held Sunday evening at 6 p.m. It will feature three parts: a baptism service in the sanctuary, and open house and the Christmas program in the Fellowship Hall.

The meaning of Christmas will be portrayed in the symbolism of baptism. This is the re-birth and renewal of life. The joy and beauty of Christmas will be expressed in the open house. Time will be given for everyone to enjoy the decoration and displays throughout the entire Church.
Finally, in the program, the meaning of Christmas will be expressed in the "Christmas Mem-

Lathrup Congregational Choirs Go Caroling

Music will be in the air at Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village Sunday. Both the 9:30 and 11 a.m. chancel choirs will join together, wearing their new choir robes for the first time, combining forces to sing at both services.
Later in the day, both youth groups of the church will bring music to others.

In the afternoon at 4 p.m. the Jiler's (Junior high young people) will go Christmas caroling to shut-ins and those ill in the area. They will finish up at the home of their parent sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butz in Lathrup Village, for a snack and fun time.

THAT SAME evening at 7, the senior high fellowship (TYPS) will sing for the elderly people of the Arnold Home in Detroit. This is their third year of bringing Christmas music to these people. They will also culminate their caroling with a get-together and refreshments.

All singing groups and choirs are under the direction of Darryl Pedersen, director of music for Community Congregational Church.
He and the chancel choirs were feted with a Christmas party following their rehearsal last week, given at the home of the chairman of the church's music committee, Mrs. Ernest Coverdill.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Community Congregational Church is the most beautiful service of the year. Special music will be presented by the combined chancel choirs of the church and the Rev. Mr. Philip Gentile will give a meditation on the theme, "The Star, The Song, The Savior."

IMPRESSIVE is the traditional candlelighting ceremony which takes place during this 11 p.m. service, symbolizing Jesus being the light of the world. Each person entering the sanctuary is given a

small candle. At the appropriate time, the accents of the church light their candles from one on the altar, symbolizing the light coming from God.
They then take this lighted candle and light the candle of the first person in the first pew. Each person, in turn, then lights the candle of the person next to him until all the then darkened church is aglow with candlelight.
The candles remain burning as each person files out of the sanctuary and are then extinguished, to be taken home for Christmas day.
Participating in this ceremony will be deacons Sheldon Burgess, Scott Hughes, Richard Purjissa, John Murphy, Ralph Olson and Jim Jandark. Deaconesses taking part will be Mrs. Alfred Savers and Mrs. Ernest Coverdill.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY invited by the Rev. Mr. Philip Gentile to join in this memorable service, as well as all other activities of Community Congregational Church.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
Woodward at Lone Pine
Bloomfield Hills — MI 7-2350
Robert Marshall, Minister
"EVERY HADE IN EVERY CRADLE"
Services: 9:00 to 10:30, with Nursery
Church School: 10:30

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
17029 W. 13 Mile Road (between Greenfield and Southdale)
Worship: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Edward E. Brown, Pastor
Phone: MI 9-4148

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH
2284 W. Maple
Ronald L. Simpson, Pastor
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.

Kirk in the Hills
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
DR. HAROLD C. DEWINDT, MINISTER
MORNING SERVICE
AND CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 and 11:30 O'CLOCK

Looking for a friendly church? Attend the **Birmingham Church of Christ**
1775 W. Big Beaver
11 Mile, E. of Adams
Worship Opportunities:
Sunday School — 10:00 a.m.
Worship (Sun.) — 11:00 a.m.
Worship (Sun.) — 6:00 p.m.
Classes (Wed.) — 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Meeting
(Thurs.) — 10:00 a.m.
Mrs. M. Womack, Minister
MI 6-5180 — MI 6-5605
SEE HEADLINE "TRUTH, CHASEL" Sunday 11 a.m.

THE GOSPEL IS OF GOD
● God's Word Came as Divine Revelation . . . Direct . . . Inspired . . . Transforming.
That Is The Christ We Preach
A GOSPEL DIRECT TO YOU
Sunday Services
9:15 and 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 A.M.
Sunday Evening
Children's Christmas Service—6:30 P.M.
Ascension Lutheran Church
(Ministry Group)
W. 14 Mile at Pierce
Rev. E. W. Neidner, Pastor

PILGRIM Congregational Church of Birmingham
Meeting temporarily at Y.M.C.A.
400 E. Lincoln
Rev. Howard E. Bull
Telephone 334-4778
Worship and Church School
"Worship and Church School, Full-time"
(Methodist and Congregational Christmas Churches)

The Congregational Church of Birmingham
(In Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)
388 North Woodward Avenue
9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Services of Worship and Church School
Nursery through Senior High
6:00 P.M. Confirmation Class, 10:00 P.M. Bible Fellowship
MINISTER: Rev. Raymond A. Fenner

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. Zill, Pastor
MI 6-8041 MI 6-8136

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER
(Lutheran Church in America)
Temporarily Worshipping in the Poppleton School
1000 Mile and 11th Aves.
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
PASTOR: WASHINGTON 1130 A.M.
Rev. C. William Pearson, Pastor
2200 Yorktown Phone 644-9183

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
1100 Lone Pine at Telegraph
Service of Worship 11 a.m.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Rev. Delayne H. Pauling 646-6832 or 646-5887

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
Bloomfield Hills
Sunday morning at 11:00
Wednesday evening meetings at 8:15
2385 W. Long Lake Road
(near Middlebelt Road)

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
1589 West Maple
Worship Service: 8:30, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.
Church School: 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Sermon: "A GIFT TO LAST AN ETERNITY"
G. Ernest Thomas, Th.D.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bates and Willis Birmingham, Mich.
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, Ministers: Rev. William W. Suttelin
Rev. Charles J. Griffith
2 Identical Services
9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.
"THEY GOT THERE LAST"
Church School 10:00 A.M.
9:00 P.M. Baptismal Service, Church School Program and Open House

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

Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village Green
Morning Worship—8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
"WHAT'S ALL THE EXCITEMENT ABOUT?"
Church School—9:30 and 11:00
Nursery—1:00
7:30 P.M. Church School Christmas Program
Christmas Eve Services
7:30 P.M. Family Service
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Service
Ministers: Kenneth Callis, O. Price Taylor

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1699 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2040)
8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.
"LET CHRISTMAS FIND YOU"
Dr. Harris
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 6-7177

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Northwestern Highway and Lahser Road
11:00 a.m. Christmas Service of Worship
MINISTERS: Rev. Ralph H. Read
Rev. Joseph G. Gregory
11:00 A.M. Church School
(Sisters through Senior High)
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Young People Participating
Christmas Music by Chancel Choir
Child care provided
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

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

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. Eugene Snoxell, Associate
The Rev. Peter Watkins, Assistant
Kent McDonald, Organist and Chormaster
11:00 A.M. Service Broadcast—Radio WHFI-FM 94.7