

# Area Church News

## Area Churches Set Christmas Services

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Church Editor

Tonight and tomorrow churches around the world will commemorate the birthday of the Lord with special Christmas eve and Christmas Day services.

Birmingham - Bloomfield area churches will join with others in helping spread the true meaning of Christmas to local parishioners.

Candlelight services, choral arrangements and special Christmas sermons will be held at all churches in the community.

A partial list of the Christmas worship services appears below. Area residents are encouraged to attend the church of their choice this Christmas season.

### BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

"The Night Before Christmas" will be the subject of Pastor Ronald Simpson's message from the pulpit at 7 p.m. tonight. The program will include the singing of Christmas hymns.

Featured in the program will be Duane Wilson's solo, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne." The Birmingham Community Church is located at 2284 W. Maple, Birmingham.

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

The celebration of the Christmas season at Redeemer Lutheran reaches its zenith tonight with the traditional service of candlelight and services. Two identical services will be conducted at 8 and 10 p.m. Nursery facilities are available at the 8 p.m. service.

Rev. Theodore Waggazer will speak at the 8 p.m. service on "The Best Christmas Gift." Rev. Duane Waggazer will deliver the sermon, "The Keeper of Christmas" at the 10 p.m. service.

The senior choir will present a selection of choral arrangements.

## Dean Weaver Resigns As St. Paul's Rector

The Very Rev. John Jacob Bloomfield Township, has resigned as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Detroit. However, there is a controversy over the reason for his resignation.

Weaver, who until two years ago lived at 879 Helston Court in Bloomfield Township, has denied a report that his health was the reason for the resignation.

The Canon A. Peter Carroll of the Cathedral staff announced Weaver's resignation from the pulpit on a recent Sunday morning while the dean was out of the state.

WEAVER SAID in his farewell sermon Dec. 13 that the

and a prelude for organ and piano. Nancy L. Koehenderfer and Myrtle Waggazer will be on the organ and piano, respectively. Soloists will be Chalcy Brown, Sandra Johnson and Beverly Stef.

Among other holiday activities is the annual College Students Communion on Sunday at 5 p.m. Pastor Duane Waggazer will speak on "A House for Tomorrow."

A New Year's Eve service of Holy Communion will be conducted at 8 p.m. next Thursday with Rev. Theodore Waggazer speaking on "Peace for Your Soul."

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

An annual Sunday School Christmas program was presented Sunday with emphasis on giving gifts. Two special services are planned for tonight.

A children's service at 7:45 p.m. will include a sermon by Pastor Donald Zill. At 11 p.m., the traditional candlelight service with Holy Communion will be held. Special anthems by the sanctuary choir will be offered.

A Christmas Festival service will be held tomorrow, Christmas Day at 10 a.m. Holy Communion will be held from the steeple of Lake Chapel choir will participate.

New Year's Eve will be marked with a celebration of Holy Communion beginning at 7:45 p.m. Epiphany, Jan. 6, will be celebrated with the traditional Feast of the Epiphany at 7:45 p.m. Special anthems will be offered by the choir.

### NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The annual Christmas Eve service will be held tonight at 7:30. Assisted by the adult and junior choirs, the Rev. MacKay Taylor will officiate in this family program of scripture, anthems and carols. The children's choir will also participate. A nursery is provided for children under four.

The Mitten Tree, an annual sight in the hall of Northminster Church, 3633 W. Big Beaver, has been decorated by children of the church.

### BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

For the first time, there will be two Christmas Eve candlelight services at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward and Lone Pine Rd., one at 8 p.m. for young parents and their children and another at 9:30 p.m.

The Worship Committee, under the chairmanship of Rev. Boyce, is in charge of the service which will start with the traditional candlelighting ceremony.

Mrs. James Boyce will be at the piano. Readings will be by Miss Avril Hanning, Paul Frisbie and James Boyce. The Rev. Robert Marshall will give seasonal meditations.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER

The Lutheran Church of the Master will hold a Christmas Eve service in the Poppleton School, Crooks and Big Beaver Rds., Troy, at 7:30 tonight.

The Rev. C. William Pearson, pastor, announced that the congregation will participate in the singing of carols and will hear a message from the steeple of Lake Chapel choir will participate.

### ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Two Christmas Eve services will be held tonight. The first, at 7:30, will be a Family Choral Eucharist featuring the junior choirs.

Another will be held at 11 p.m. The senior choirs will sing at this Festival Choral Eucharist. Tomorrow morning, at 10, a Choral Eucharist will be held, featuring the chapel choir.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church of Birmingham will have a Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m. tonight. Dr. Donald Zill will bring the message, "The Manger Was Small." He will be assisted by the Rev. William W. Satterlin.

Special music will be provided by the youth choir and sanctuary choir under the direction of Charles Holtz. The solo, "Come Unto Me," will be presented by Mrs. James Muckley. Mrs. Frederick LeLacheur will provide the organ accompaniment.

### BLOOMFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Next Thursday evening, from 9 to midnight, the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, 3600 Telegraph, will hold its annual Watch-Night service. Special music, congregational singing and testimonies of God's blessing will take place.

The film, "Time and Eternity," will be shown, followed by refreshments. Pastor Harold W. Gieseke will lead the congregation in a period of meditation and prayer as the year comes to an end.

Sunday the Christmas theme will be the center of interest at 11 a.m. as Pastor Gieseke will speak on "Today's Wise Men." At the 6 p.m. vesper service, his topics will be "Ready for 1967?"

### CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Lone Pine and Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, the Rev. Delayne H. Pauling, pastor, announces special festival services.

A Christmas Eve candlelight service is scheduled for tonight at 7:30. The Service of Lights will be held with special music by the Chapel and Crusader choirs.

The church will remain open during this period the sanctuary will be lighted with candles and Christmas music will be played. The public is cordially invited.

Christmas Day will be observed with a service of adoration at 10 a.m., which will include Holy Communion and singing by the Church choir.

### 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: "THE HIGH CHALLENGE OF FAITH"  
G. Ernest Thomas, Th.D.

### "A BLESSED CHRIST BIRTHDAY TO YOU"

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: 7:00 for the family  
11:15 Candlelight Service  
CHRISTMAS DAY FESTIVAL SERVICE: 10:00 a.m.

### Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

On 14 Mile Road, 5 short blocks east of Woodward  
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN MI 6-1600  
The Rev. H. G. Allwardt The Rev. C. Wm. K. Lee



## Local Temple Uses 'Empirical Method'

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following statement was issued by the Birmingham Temple, 237 Pierce, on behalf of Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine. The statement was requested by The Eccentric following accounts in the metropolitan papers of Rabbi Wine's "atheistic" beliefs.

The Birmingham Temple is a Jewish institution. It was founded in September 1963, to promote the cause of useful religion and to serve the need for human self-betterment.

All religions have concerned themselves with the problem of human destiny; they have tried to help man understand and control his future. In order to solve this problem successfully, man needs to know the truth about himself and the world in which he lives.

He can best do this through the use of the commonsense or empirical method. Commonsensical people invite every idea to be tested by the evidence of human experience. If the idea passes this test, it is worthy of belief.

WE AT the Birmingham Temple are committed to the use of this empirical method in the discovery of essential truth. Like the rest of science our minds are open; there is no belief we are unwilling to alter if the evidence proves us wrong.

We affirm that man, and man alone, is consciously responsible for molding his destiny. Within himself he possesses the divine

potential of wisdom and love. If he accepts the sober truths of commonsense and scientific observation, he can effectively realize this potential and achieve the creative fulfillment he seeks.

Self-respect is the result of a man's willingness to face reality; and with self-respect an individual can meet any crisis with strength and integrity.

BECAUSE OUR Jewish cultural heritage is a storehouse of important knowledge, we will study and use all Jewish wisdom that helps us understand and achieve our religious goal.

We will also use all customs or ceremonies that can effectively symbolize the values we hold sacred. We want to preserve what endures in Judaism is both rational and humanistic.

### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

17029 W. 13 Mile Road  
(between Greenfield and Southfield)  
Worship: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Worship—Dec. 24  
8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
ALL ARE WELCOME  
Edward E. Brown, Pastor—Phone: MI 6-1148

### The Public Is Invited . . .

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDELIGHT SERVICES  
8:00 P.M. or 9:30 P.M.—Dec. 24

### Birmingham Unitarian Church

Woodward at Lone Pine — Bloomfield Hills

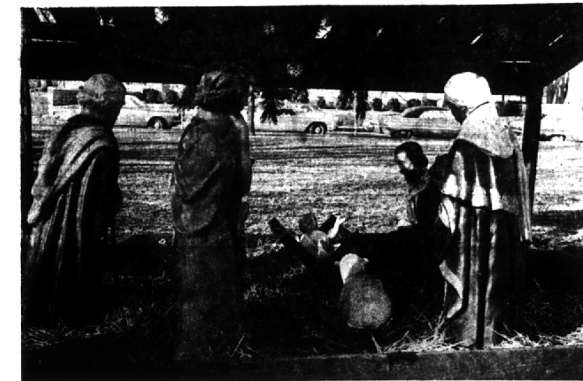


## VASU-LYNCH Funeral Home

4375 Woodward, Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads

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EDWARD LYNCH LOUIS RODGERS



Come to Bethlehem, and see  
Him whose Birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King!

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER**  
(Lutheran Church in America)  
Temporarily Worshipping in the Poppleton School  
16 Mile and Crooks Road  
CHURCH SCHOOL: AT 7:30 A.M.  
FAMILY WORSHIP: 11:00 A.M.  
Rev. C. William Pearson, Pastor  
2290 Yorkshire Phone 646-0492

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
1609 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2040)  
11:00 P.M. (Dec. 24th Christmas Eve)  
"LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"  
Dr. Harris  
8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 A.M.  
"BEGIN BY BELIEVING"  
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 6-1717

**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

**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.  
Christmas Eve: 7:45 P.M.—Children's Worship Service  
Christmas Eve: 11:00 P.M.—Midnight Candlelight Service with Holy Communion  
Christmas Day: 10:00 A.M.—Festival Worship with Holy Communion  
Rev. Donald G. Zill, Pastor MI 6-5041 - MI 6-5124

**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Northwestern Highway and Lahser Road  
11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship  
MINISTERS: Rev. Ralph H. Reed  
Rev. Joseph G. Gregory  
11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL  
(Nursery through Senior High)  
ALL ARE WELCOME

**CHRISTMAS**  
**Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**  
1800 West Maple  
Children's Services—  
Sunday, Dec. 20 — 4 P.M. and 7 P.M.  
Candlelight Carol Services—  
December 24 — 8 P.M. and 10 P.M.  
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

**Northbrook Presbyterian Church**  
21100 W. 12 Mile Rd.  
(1/2 Mile East of Lahser Rd.)  
Southfield, Michigan  
The Rev. L. J. PATTERSON, Pastor  
Church School and Morning  
Worship 10:30 A.M.  
You are Welcome

**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.

**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)  
Monday through Saturday 1-5  
Thursday Evening 7-9

**The Glory of the Lord**  
Shown Round About Them  
Luke 2:9  
A Great Light Announced to the Shepherds the Birth of the Christ-Child.  
His Light Can  
RID YOUR HEART OF FEARS  
Christmas Eve Service 7:45 P.M.  
Sunday Services 9:15 and 10:30 A.M.  
Sunday School 8:15 A.M.  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
(Missionary Society)  
W 14 Mile at Piave  
Rev. E.W. Nuelken, Pastor

**The Congregational Church of Birmingham**  
(In Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)  
388 North Woodward Avenue MI 6-1511  
9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Services of Worship and Church School  
Nursery through Senior High  
6:00 P.M. Confirmation Class, 7:30 P.M. Pilgrim Fellowship  
MINISTERS: Rev. Rayburn S. France

**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

**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church**  
1100 Lone Pine at Telegraph  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Vespers—7:30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Meditation—9:00-12:00 p.m.  
The church will remain open for private meditation and prayer.  
Christmas Day Service of Adoration—10:00 a.m.  
Holy Communion  
Service of Worship 11 a.m.  
Church School 9:45 a.m.  
Rev. Delayne H. Pauling 646-6832 or 646-5887

**Franklin Community Church**  
On Franklin's Village Green  
Morning Worship—9:30 and 11:00  
Student Recognition Sunday  
"IF JESUS WERE A STUDENT TODAY"  
Church School—9:30 and 11:00  
Nursery—11:00  
Ministers: Kenneth Callis, O. Price Taylor