

The Birmingham Eccentric

B'h'm Church Gives Plumbrook Baptist Aid

A year ago this week a church was born in Birmingham. Soon after its birth the church moved away, but the ties with Birmingham have stayed strong.

Plumbrook Baptist Church held its initial worship service Feb. 10, 1963 at its sponsor church, First Baptist of Birmingham. Rev. Charles J. Griffith, pastor of the new church, received a core group of 12 persons into church membership.

The next service was held a week later at Plumbrook Elementary School in Sterling Township, where the congregation has continued to hold church school and worship service each Sunday morning.

DURING the past year the Birmingham church has assisted Plumbrook Baptist Church in many ways. Birmingham adult classes, for instance, have often visited the new church.

Birmingham's First Baptist Church has contributed funds and equipment to the new church, and also helped in promotion and operation of a vacation bible school. The Birmingham sanctuary church has supplied special music and aid in organizing the Plumbrook musical program. Mrs. Stewart Smith, of 1030 Clark in Birmingham, is director of music at Plumbrook Baptist Church.

Through the combined efforts of both churches, Plumbrook Baptist Church membership has grown from the original 12 persons to

Church Holds Ceremony on Anniversary

The 17th anniversary of the founding of Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village will be marked Sunday, Feb. 16, according to its minister, the Rev. Philip Gentile.

The Rev. Neil Swanson, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Congregational Churches, will come from Wisconsin to preach the anniversary sermon, "The Meaning of Religion."

Prior to taking over his present office, Rev. Swanson helped pulpits in Wisconsin. He has written extensively in the field of religion, one of his published books being, "What Am I Living For?" In addition he has been the keynote speaker at youth conferences across the country.

ON THIS 17TH birthday Sunday, recognition will also be made of the following charter members of the Church who are still active in its fellowship: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Brisebois, Mrs. Carl Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Catell, Mrs. LeRoy W. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Romie Elias, Mr. Charles Fay, Mrs. Gladys Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harry Mack, Mrs. James McKim, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. David B. Redwood.

Others include Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schimpke, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur I. Schumaker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ray Smith, Jr., Mrs. Harry Snare, Mrs. Richard H. Stone, Mrs. Mildred Susan, Mr. and Mrs. William D. White, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Wendell R. Dearing, Mrs. John Day, Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Lund, Mrs. Edwin Schipfel, Mr. and Mrs. Phil J. Uridge and Philip Uridge, Jr.

In honor of the occasion, both church choirs of the church will unite and sing at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. A coffee hour will follow each service under the auspices of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses.

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Funeral Home
4375 N. Woodward Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
Liberty 9-0500

Big Beaver Observes 1st Lent Sunday

On Sunday, the Big Beaver Methodist Church will observe the first Sunday in Lent with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at both the 9:30 a.m. and the 11 a.m. worship services.

The Big Beaver Pastor, Albert E. Hartzog, will begin a series of Lenten sermons at these Holy Communion observances on the subject, "Aids To Spiritual Health." The theme of the first message is, "Sacraments and Salvation."

THE TRADITIONAL Mid-Week Lenten Devotional Services will begin at the Big Beaver Church on Feb. 20. A Family Fellowship Potluck Supper will be followed by a worship service. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Alan Kieffer, Pastor of the Prince of Glory Lutheran Church of Madison Heights.

As an innovation this year, a program of sound motion pictures will be shown to the children while their parents are attending the worship service.

These films are a series called, "The Search for Christ." They depict the wanderings of a first-century youth seeking to meet Jesus of Nazareth.

FR. CUNNINGHAM will stress literature as a necessary vehicle of communication in today's world. His discussion will include comments on the "book burning" issue and a consideration of serious books treating new horizons of religious thinking such as Karl Rahner's controversial "The Christian Commitment" and Daniel Callahan's "The Mind of the Catholic Layman."

Tuesday Forum, sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of St. Thomas More Parish, is an interdisciplinary activity. George Sold, 4100 Walnut Hill Road, adult education chairman, urges all interested persons to join in the literature study at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 18 in the church hall, Adams Road, north of Wattles.

St. David's Hosts Southfield Council Of Churchwomen

For the first time in its 11-year history, St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield, will host the Service and reception for the Southfield Council of United Churchwomen's participation in the World Day of Prayer on Friday, Feb. 14.

The Rev. Herbert G. Hyers will conduct the service scheduled for 1 p.m. They do the world-wide theme this year is "Let us Pray."

The reception to follow, honoring the wives of the clergy, is being sponsored by the ECW of St. David's with members of St. Martha's Guild acting as hostesses and Mrs. Philip Gentile of Community Congregational Church and Mrs. John Barr of North Congregational Church presiding at the tea tables.

St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield, will begin his ministry at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Southfield, Sunday with an introductory service at 10 a.m. for a service on the theme, "Let Us Pray."

The Rev. LeRoy J. Peterson will begin his ministry at Northbrook Presbyterian Church, Southfield, Sunday with an introductory service at 10 a.m. for a service on the theme, "Let Us Pray."

As the bells of the churches of Birmingham ring at 10 a.m. today, the service of the area will pause to observe World Day of Prayer in accordance with the proclamation of Mayor William H. Burgum.

United Church Women will gather at the Congregational Church at 10 a.m. for a service on the theme, "Let Us Pray." Miss Helen Turnbull, New York, will speak. She is director of Leadership Education, Department of United Church Women, National Council of Churches.

The Rev. Ray Fenner, minister of the Congregational Church, will conduct a Communion Service following the program. Mrs. Dick Buchanan will be organist.

The service, which will be used by groups in approximately 150 countries and areas of the world, was prepared by Dr. Madeleine Barot, executive secretary of the Department on the Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

CHAIRMAN FOR the day are Mrs. John F. Musto, 16587 Beverly Road, Congregational Church, and Mrs. Roy C. Troutaud, 31250 Inkster Road, Franklin, Franklin Community Church. Mrs. Troutaud is VCU vice-president in charge of Christian World Missions.

Special music will be provided by the Choir, Wylee G. Givens, of Our School, under the direction of Miss Evelyn Micheletti. The offering will be channeled to the following five programs:

- To help support twelve women's colleges in Africa, India, Pakistan, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.
- To provide attractive Christian literature for women and children in Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- To make possible a friendly reception and hospitality for students coming from overseas.
- To provide ministries of concern to migratory laborers and those settling on the fringes of urban areas.
- To provide religious work directors for Indian youth and assistance in transition to urban life.

Women having part in the service include Mrs. William Bellard, 1382 S. Eton, Mrs. C. W. Kremer, 1597 Marie Circle, Pontiac, Mrs. Mary O'Connor, 1136 Washington, and Mrs. Elmer Olson, 6296 Washington. Mrs. John R. VanderKooft, 2250 Buckingham, UCU president, will introduce the speaker.

ASSISTING MRS. Musto and Mrs. Troutaud are representatives of 13 area churches. They are Beautiful Savior Lutheran—Mrs. William Fisher, 4118 Bolton Lane; Beverly Hills Methodist—Mrs. Ernest Byrn, 31286 Churchill Drive; Christ Church Cranbrook—Mrs. J. McMahon, 8548 Woodland; Church of Our Saviour United Presbyterian—Mrs. Kremer; Congregational—Mrs. Musto; Embury Methodist—Mrs. Bellard; First

St. Stephen's Parish Sets Lenten Forums

"Christian Foundations of Belief" is the theme of the Lenten observances at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Beginning next week, members of the congregation will meet for discussion groups Monday and Friday evenings throughout Lent.

On Monday evenings, beginning Feb. 17, "The Hound To God Debate" will be under discussion. Edited by David L. Edwards, this book reports on the controversy that raged after the publication of "Honest To God," written by the Anglican Bishop of Woolwich.

The comments of noted Anglican and Episcopal clergy and lay leaders to the Bishop's ideas delve into basic Christian beliefs and lead the modern Christian into deep reflection on the values of his own personal standards.

The Rev. Carl R. Savers, rector of St. Stephen's, will be the group at the rectory, 3838 Madison, and another will meet at the home of Mrs. Roland Dieter, 3861 Adams Road.

"Personal Quest in Modern Literature" will deal with the short stories and poetry of James Joyce, Ernest Hemingway and T. S. Eliot that reflect a search for spirit in a secular world.

Dr. Richard E. Quintance, Jr., assistant professor of English at Literature at Oakland University, will host this group in his home at 1376 Potomac Drive, Rochester, on Friday, Feb. 21.

At the same time, the Lucius L. Carrs, 2537 Wattles Road, will host to another group of parishioners discussing new patterns in family life. "Love and Conflict" by Gish Jen will be used as the book of reference.

The Rev. Gibson Winter is widely known for his share in the establishment of Parishfield, the Episcopal training center for clergy and laity near Brighton, Mich. His book concerns itself with the teen-age revolution, over-abundance, the rising standard of living and the other changes that have produced "new

Christian Women Schedule Meeting

"Spring Hats in Bloom" will be presented by Miss Esther Wagner of Demery's, Birmingham, Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the Christian Women's Club Luncheon at Devon Gables, Bloomfield Hills.

Music will be provided by the Rev. Mr. John Toroni, violinist from the First Baptist Church, Pontiac.

Robert Ramey, Director of Admissions of the Detroit Bible College will be the guest speaker. Women interested in attending the luncheon may call Mrs. Fred Hartkopf, 6218 Thornecroft Drive, Birmingham, for reservations.

Unit Center-Birmingham 1152 Bonaventure at Woodward (St. Lincoln and 14 Mile) Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Sunday Service 11:00 A.M. Lesson Subject "The Five Days" Tues. 8 a.m. Class "Reformation" Fri. 2 p.m. Prayer Class

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH Woodward at Lone Pine Bloomfield Hills — MI 7-2350

Rev. Marshall, Minister "HOSEA BALLOU—APOSTLE OF BROTHERHOOD"

Service, Church School, Nursery at 10:30. Coffee hour follows

Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church 3600 Telegraph Road Just North of W. Long Lake Rd.

10 A.M. Sunday School 11 A.M. Morning Worship "THE GOSPEL IN THE GARDEN" 5 P.M. Youth Groups

Rev. Harold W. Giescke, Pastor Telephone 647-3463

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 17829 W. 13 Mile Road (between Greenfield and Southfield)

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Edward E. Brown, Pastor Phone MI 9-4148

Minister to Join In Lenten Services Dr. Gerald B. O'Grady, minister at Christ Church, Cranbrook, will participate in the nationally famous North Lenten Services, sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches.

Rev. Philip Gentile, minister at Community Congregational Church, has been named as chairman for the Department of Family Life of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of Churches.

St. Stephen's Parish Sets Lenten Forums

Each group will meet at 6:30 p.m. for a cooperative supper at the host's home, and will be joined at 8:15 p.m. by those unable to be present at the dinner hour.

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH 2284 W. Maple Sunday School 10:00-10:30 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.

Guest Speaker: Robert Richardson 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

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: 146 Pleasant St. Rev. John A. Hunt, Pastor Phone MI 6-1119 A National Lutheran Council Church

Franklin Baptist Church In The Heart of Franklin Village L. I. Mattia, Minister 626-7531 Sunday School 10 A.M. Worship 11 A.M. Evening Service 7 P.M. Prayer Service (Thurs.) 7:30 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

PILGRIM Congregational Church of Birmingham Meeting temporarily at Y.M.C.A. 409 E. Lincoln Rev. Howard K. Ball, Minister Telephone 314-4711

11:30 A.M. Worship and Church School (Members, Nat'l Ass'n of Congregational Christian Churches)

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Sunday Worship 9:15 and 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Lenten Service Wednesdays 7:45 p.m. Ascension LUTHERAN CHURCH (Unitarian Church) W. 13 Mile at Ponce Rev. E. W. Nielsen, Pastor

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

ST. PAUL METHODIST 155 E. Square Lake Rd. PH 4-6335—PH 2-5753 Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. (Nursery Provided) Church School 10 A.M. Bibles and Intermediate, 4 to 5 P.M. REV. JAMES A. MCCLUNG, Minister

The Congregational Church of Birmingham (in Fellowship with the United Church of Christ) MI 6-4511 388 North Woodward Avenue 9:45 A.M. and 11:45 A.M.—Services of Worship and Church School 9:45 A.M. Nursery through Senior High FAMILY WORSHIP 11:45 A.M. MINISTER: Rev. Raymond A. Finner

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER Temporarily Worshiping in the Peoples Church 10000 Woodward Avenue CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP 11:45 A.M. Rev. C. William Pearson, Pastor Phone 646-5593

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 6-5041—MI 6-5124

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 1100 Lone Pine at Telegraph SERVICE OF WORSHIP 11:00 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 A.M. Rev. Dwayne H. Pauling 646-8832 or 646-5887

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

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: Dr. Robert White, medical missionary in the Congo, preaching. 7:00 p.m.—Dr. White showing pictures and telling story of the Congo.

BEVERLY HILLS METHODIST CHURCH 20,000 W. 13 MILE ROAD AND EVERGREEN ROAD MORNING WORSHIP—9:00-10:15 CHURCH SCHOOL—11:15 ROBERT W. BOLEY, MINISTER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 1609 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2040) 8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. "When One Follows Jesus" Dr. Harris Wednesday (Feb. 19) 12:05 p.m. Noonday Lenten Service (Luncheon 12:35 p.m.) Thursday (Feb. 20) 6:15 p.m. Family Night Dinner W. Glen Harris, Jack W. Angerman, Robert D. Bayum, L. Robert Slusser

Church School Services—8:30, 9:45, 11:15 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

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 28275 Northwestern Highway at Lahser 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 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. "LISTEN TO THE VOICES"

This is Laymen's Sunday in the Church. The message will be given by three laymen of the Church: Mr. J. V. Sanders, Mr. Frank Walter and Dr. Harry Cates. The service of Worship will be led by Mr. Louis Crooks. Dr. Homer J. Armstrong is preaching at Plumbrook Church in Sterling Township on the first anniversary celebration of this new church.

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 7:30 and 11:00 A.M. Clergy—The Rev. Kenneth H. Gass, D.D., Rector The Rev. W. Eugene Snoxell, Associate Rev. Peter Watkins, Assistant Kent McDonald, Organist and Choirmaster 11:00 A.M. Service Broadcast—Radio WIFX-FM 94.7