

First Methodist Dedicates Church

By DICK ZEMMIN
Church Editor

This Sunday, in a special church dedication service, First Methodist Church will celebrate 143 years in the Birmingham community.

The present church building, consecrated in 1962, is now completely debt-free, a requirement before a church may be dedicated.

A special service of dedication at all three regular Sunday services, in which the original loan agreement will be buried, will signify the retirement of the total property debt.

BISHOP MARSHALL R. Reed will conduct the dedication services and preach. He will be assisted in the ceremony by Dr. Arnold F. Runkel, minister emeritus at First Methodist, and Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, minister.

Also participating in the ceremony will be Amos F. Gregory, chairman of the board of trustees, and William W. Dale, chairman of the official board.

A part of the loan agreement will be burned at the 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and the 11 a.m. worship

Sunday. At 7 p.m. Sunday, an address by Dr. A. Dudley Ward, executive secretary of the general board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, will close the day's services.

Dr. Ward will speak on "Looking Ahead with Sober Vision." The following three Sundays, guest speakers will present other "Looking Ahead" addresses.

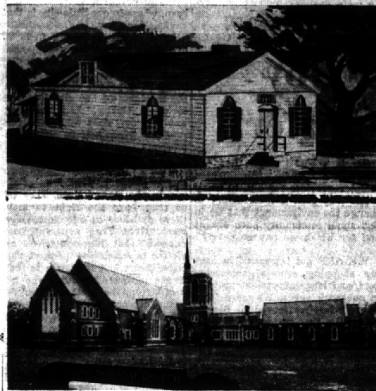
THE PRESENT church building is the third in First Methodist's history in Birmingham. According to county records, First Methodist had the first church building and

the first church service in Birmingham.

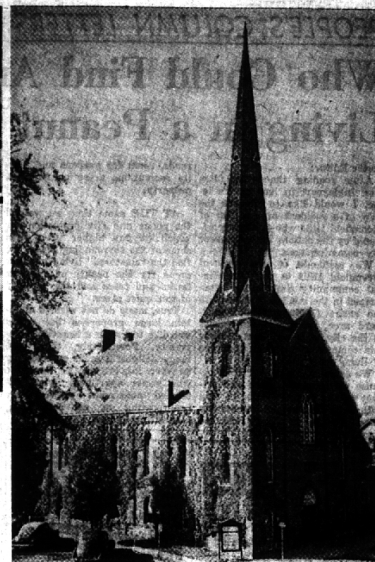
Early Methodist meetings, dating back to 1821, were held in the Willis, Log Tavern. In 1839, the first church was built on the corner of Bates and Merrill and housed the congregation until 1871, when a much larger church was constructed on Maple.

The second First Methodist church was sold in 1951 and the present one, now being dedicated, was established 14 years ago.

DURING THE 143 years in Birmingham, First Methodist has grown from a membership of 37 to 3,200. Approximately 7,000 people are affiliated with First Methodist and nearly 4,000 persons use the church for activities every week.



THE THREE CHURCHES pictured here represent 125 years of Methodism in Birmingham. Although First Methodist Church had its beginnings in 1821, the first church building (top left) was not constructed until 1839, on the corner of Bates and Merrill streets. The frame house was later replaced in 1871 by the second First Methodist Church in Birmingham (right), located on the corner of Maple and Henrietta. Sunday, First Methodist will dedicate its present church (lower left), built in 1962. The total debt on the church property has been retired and the burning of the loan agreement at the three regular Sunday services will signify the dedication of the debt-free church.



6-B THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC April 9, 1964

The Birmingham Eccentric

Lathrup Congregational Youth Complete Study

The 20 young people in the current Youth Confirmation Class of Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village completed their study of the fundamentals of their religious education and the meaning of church membership and were received into the fellowship of the church on Maundy Thursday during the service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion.

In addition to their weekly class sessions, and as a part of their religious education, the Rev. Philip Gentile arranged for the young people to attend a Jewish service at Temple Emanuel, and they will also attend a special mass at Dun Stouthe Catholic Church on April 17.

Their graduation service will be held Monday evening, May 4, at which time each confirmee will receive his certificate of membership and class picture. A parents' night in the form of a reception will follow the service.

THE CLASS was conducted by the Rev. Philip Gentile and Lois Truscott, class counselor, and included Edward Harshman, James Jones, Susan Kengel, Pam Ladning, James MacDonald, Les Pratt, John Robertson, Gary Sasseys, Vincent Schneck, Debbie Scott, John and James Shoemaker, John Simek, Nancy Sisson, Ward Smathers, David Stoker, David Strand, Beth Thomas, David Wilson and Ruth Wilson.

The band of fellowship was extended by the Rev. Philip Gentile to nine new adult members as they became a part of Community Congregational Church during the service of Tenebrae on Maundy Thursday.

Joining the rapidly growing membership of the church, and expressing a desire to become an

active part of the church activities were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keener of 2724 Charles Drive in Southfield, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller of 11 of 13555 Southfield Road in Detroit, Mrs. Ida Somerville of 2415 Lathrup Street in Southfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. William Townsley of 2783 E. Larkmore Drive in Southfield and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vierger of 27205 Arlington Drive in Southfield.

PENNIES WERE brought in which they clenched fists, and mite boxes, as the children in the Sunday School classes of Community Congregational Church expressed their concern and Christian love for a Korean orphan, Song Jin Suk, whom they have never seen.

During the Lenten season, the children gave \$130 for his support, the largest amount contributed in the past three years. This amount is more than enough to support Jin Suk for one year, according to the Rev. Philip Gentile, who was given his name by the Rev. Philip Gentile, the largest Protestant orphanage organization in the world, and U. S. Government approved.

THE ADULTS of Community Congregational Church also rallied behind their missionary projects, during the Lenten season. The \$600 which was contributed by means of the Lenten offering folders and special Easter envelopes will be allocated to the Casa Mater Children's Orphanage in Italy, to Piedmont College in Georgia, to the Berea Bible Institute in Hong Kong, and to Pastor Zikas' church in Greece.

Hills Women To Convene

"Money Talks—Does It Speak as Your Master or Slave?" will be the challenge given the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Beverly Hills Methodist Church Wednesday at the April General Meeting. The group will meet for dessert at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Jack Williamson, 2838 Fringedale, will present the program based on the study book, "The Christian Family and Its Money" by David Graybeal. She is a former adult education instructor in home economics. Following the program, opportunity will be given for informal group discussion.

DEVOTIONS will be given by Mrs. Richard Rosenbaum, 7070 Cathedral. Members of the hostess committee are Mrs. Robert Fekosky, 18870 Beverly, Mrs. Harold Harding, 31970 Carl Elder, and Mrs. Charles Straight, 16981 Birchwood.

Executive committee will meet at 10 a.m. in the church, according to Mrs. Paul Metzler, 4454 Charing Cross Road, presiding. Care pre-school children will be provided for the afternoon meeting.

Post-Easter Lectures by Rev. Marshall

The Birmingham Unitarian Church announces that its minister, the Rev. Robert Marshall, will present four post-Easter lectures on "The Historical Background of the Old Testament," at the Church on Wednesday evenings in April, beginning on April 8.

The first lecture, "The Birth of a Nation," will consider how the Habiri of the Arabian Desert became followers of Yahweh and rulers of the Jordan River Valley. A thousand years of Biblical legend and history will be considered, from approximately 2000 B.C. and Abraham, through Moses, Joshua and David to Solomon and 970 B.C.

FOLLOWING lectures will consider: "The Decline and Fall of the Jewish Empire" from the death of Solomon in 931 to 516. The third lecture will begin with the urban renewal program of Jerusalem by the first Zionists under the title "New Life and Violent Death," continuing through Alexander, the Maccabees and down to the final destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in 70 A.D.

The final lecture on Wednesday, April 29, is titled "The Old Testament and the 20th Century." Admission is free and the general public is invited. All lectures will start at the church promptly at 8 p.m. The Birmingham Unitarian Church is located at Woodward and Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

Woodward at Lone Pine
Bloomfield Hills — MI 7-2880
Rev. Robert Marshall, Minister
Guest Speaker: Dr. Tracy M. Pullman
"THE PERILS OF SELF-PITY"
Service, Church School,
Nursery at 10:30

Kirk in the Hills

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
DR. HAROLD C. DWINDT, MINISTER
MORNING SERVICE
CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 and 11:30 O'CLOCK

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Birmingham Church of Christ
3137 W. Big Beaver
11th St. E. of Adams)
Worship Opportunities:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship (Sun) 10:00 a.m.
Worship (Sun) 6:00 p.m.
Classes (Wed.) 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Meeting
(Thurs.) 10:00 a.m.
Morris M. Womack, Minister
BI 6-5180 — MI 6-5605
SEE HERALD OF TRUTH, Channel 9 Sunday 11 a.m.

PILGRIM Congregational Church of Birmingham
Meeting temporarily at Y.M.C.A. 609 E. Lakeside
Rev. Howard E. Bull, Minister
Telephone 521-6770
11:30 A.M. — Worship
"Worshipful, Vigilant,
Member: Nat'l Ass'n of Congregational Churches"

New York Minister Guest Speaker at Birmingham Center

Eric Butterworth, former minister for 12 years at the Detroit Unity Temple, will be at the Birmingham Unity Center, 1152 Bessieville, Tuesday, April 14, at 8 p.m. His lecture topic will be "How To Rout Fear and Worry."

Mr. Butterworth is now serving at the Unity Center in New York City where he speaks Sunday mornings in historic Carnegie Hall and is heard in the New York area regularly on two radio programs.

His writings appear regularly in Unity periodicals. He has lectured all over the United States and Canada and has had two lecture trips through England and Scotland.

Guest Speaker: Dr. David Dyke

MIDWINTER
Meeting (Wed.) 7:30 P.M.
Bible Study—8:00 P.M.

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church of America
6225 Telegraph, 1/10th of the Mile North of Maple
Church School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Services
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Parsonage: 160 Pleasant St.
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor
Phone: 661-1111
A National Lutheran Council Church

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

17029 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.
Edward E. Brown, Pastor
Phone: MI 6-4143

First Church of Christ Scientist Franklin-Meadowlake

Maple at Inlander 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

STOP MAKING EXCUSES TO CHURCH
You Will Enjoy the Services and the Friendly Atmosphere...
WHY NOT START SUNDAY?
Sunday Worship 9:15 and 10:30
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Ascension LUTHERAN CHURCH
(United Methodist Church)
W. W. Naudon, Pastor

Dedicated To Service



VASU-LYNCH

Funeral Home
4575 N. Woodward Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
Liberty 9-0500

Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green
Morning Worship—9:30 and 11:00
"A SECRET OF LIVING"
Guest Speaker: William H. Matthews Jr.
of Stratford, New Jersey
Church School for all ages.
Ministers: Kenneth Callis
O. Price Taylor

Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church
3500 Telegraph Road
Just North of W. Long Lake Rd.
10 A.M. Sunday School
11 A.M. Morning Worship
"THIS IS A GOOD DAY"
5 P.M. Youth Groups
6 P.M. Evening Service
"LESSONS FROM AN UNJUST MAN"
Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Pastor
Telephone 647-3463

UNITY
1152 Bessieville at Woodward
(Bt. Lakeside and 14 Mile Rd.)
EVERETT A. DELL, Minister
Worship Service:
School 9:30 a.m.
"What Is That to Thee?"
Fri. Prayer Class 2 p.m.
SPECIAL EVENTS
Eric Butterworth, Tues., April 14
8:00 p.m.

The Congregational Church of Birmingham
(in Fellowship with the United Church of Christ)
388 North Woodward Avenue MI 6-4511
9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.—Services of Worship and Church School
8:30 P.M. Confirmation Class, 7:00 P.M. Pilgrim Fellowship
MUSIC: Rev. Raymond A. Foster

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
North Adams Road (4 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. Zill, Pastor MI 6-8041 - MI 6-1234

ST. PAUL METHODIST
165 E. Square Lake Rd. FE 9-8218—FE 2-2722
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. (Nursery Provided)
Church School 10 A.M.
Sensory and Intermittent 8:45 & 9 P.M.
REV. JAMES A. McCLUNG, Minister

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1069 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2040)
8:30, 9:45, and 11:15 a.m. "Into All the World"
Dr. Harris
W. Glen Davis, Jack W. Angerman,
Robert D. Baynum, L. Robert Slusser
Church School 8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.
DIAL-A-PRAYER—MI 6-1717

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
1589 West Maple
Worship Services—8:15; 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Church School—9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
DEDICATION SUNDAY
Bishop Marshall R. Reed preaching at all three services.

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 Worship—11:00 A.M.
Sermon Title: "THE SECRET OF GREAT LIVING"

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

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Northwestern Highway and 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

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MASTER
Lutheran Church in America
Temporarily Worshipping in the Peoples Church
10 1/2 Mile Road
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
FAMILY WORSHIP 11:00 A.M.
Rev. C. William Ferron, Pastor
2200 Yorkshire Phone 646-0922

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 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. 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 Snook, Associate
Rev. Peter Watkins, Assistant
Kent McDonald, Organist and Choirmaster
11:00 A.M. Service Broadcast—Radio WFLI-FM 94.7

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Theodore Wallach, C.S.
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Member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.
Monday, April 13, 1964
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Birmingham, Michigan
For those attending their first Christian Science Lecture, reserved seats are available in the auditorium until fifteen minutes before the Lecture. An usher will be happy to assist you.