

Moral perspectives

Non-voters threaten our democracy

While we consider the diverse issues and contrasting policies presented to the American people by the major political parties and their candidates during this election year, we tend to ignore or disregard disturbing statistics about mass voter passivity in America.

The United States is in the process of becoming a nation of non-voters. Participation in presidential elections has been declining since 1960. Only 50 per cent of all eligible voters participated in the 1974 Congressional elections.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, one of 10 Americans eligible to vote in the 35-44 age group has never voted in any election.

heated debate about lowering the voting age to 18, a right that was finally granted. It is and to note that only half of those 18-20 voted in the 1972 presidential election, and only 21 per cent of that group cast ballots in the 1974 congressional elections.

A recent census bureau report shows that 31 per cent of eligible registered voters who did not vote in 1974 stayed home because of apathy.

The groups that evidence low voter registration and voter turnout include: young people, Southerners (though relatively few years of formal education, laborers, non-whites, senior citizens and poor people.

THE ABOVE figures should be compared with the participation of voters in

western Europe which approach and sometimes exceed 80 per cent.

How can we speak of the glories of American democracy when the president of the United States can be elected by the votes of less than a third of the people?

If the existing pattern continues in the 1978 elections, candidates will be elected by different groups voting in disproportionate strength with almost half the electorate not exercising its choice at all. These figures are deeply disturbing. The institutions of political democracy are intended to be accountable to the will of the electorate as expressed in regular elections.

If the young, the old, the poor, and the minorities do not vote, their influence

diminishes in affecting foreign, national and local policies.

Until these Americans become involved in the political process at least to the point of registering and voting, their needs will remain unmet. The slogan that began the American Revolution was the colonies cry: "No taxation without representation."

Two hundred years later, their descendants show indifference to their opportunity to shape the political, social, and economic future of their country.

This issue is more important than any of the policies debated by President Ford and Mr. Carter. What we need today is a second revolution in this country, transforming voter passivity into participation.



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Synagogues plan high holidays

Plans for the high holy holidays have been made by Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29001 Middle Belt, Farmington Hills, and Beth Abraham Hillel Synagogue, 3075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

Cantor Joseph A. Levine of Philadelphia will officiate at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services at Adat Shalom.

A graduate of Yeshiva University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, he has been a member of the executive council of the Cantors Assembly of America. He served for 13 years as cantor at Congregation Bnai Amoos in St. Louis, Mo.

The cantor will be joined at the high holy day services by William Lieberman of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Neil Schwartz of Minneapolis, Minn.

The Yom Kippur Day of Atonement services will begin with Kol Nidre at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3 in Beth Abraham Hillel. Day-long services will start at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4 with Yizkor memorial prayers at 11:15 a.m. and Mincha-Neilah-Shema services at 4:45 p.m.

Yom Kippur will conclude with the shofar blast at 7:40 p.m.

Rabbi Israel J. Halpern and Cantor Shabtai Ackerman with the Synagogue Choir led by associate Cantor Israel Fuchs, will conduct Yom Kippur services. Rabbi Halpern will preach at the Kol Nidre and Neilah services.

Ladies Society to offer show

A luncheon fashion show will be presented by the Ladies Society of St. Mary's Orthodox Church at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 in Vladimir, 2825 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

Donation is \$2.50. For reservations call Mrs. Lila Abdourah at 325-0588.

GED test help offered deaf

Classes to prepare deaf and hearing impaired persons to pass the GED (General Education Development) test, which is usually accepted as equivalent to a high school diploma, will be offered this fall in two locations.

The classes cover five areas of general knowledge: English, history, literature, mathematics and science. All materials will be furnished as well as sign language interpreters.

Madonna College will co-sponsor a GED class from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each Thursday, beginning Sept. 27. This class will be held at Madonna College, 3600 Seward, Livonia. For registration information, call Kenneth Rust at Madonna, 425-8000, ext. 47.

Madonna also will co-sponsor with the Detroit public schools a GED class from 2:30-5 p.m. each Friday, beginning Sept. 24. This class will meet at the Detroit Hearing and Speech Center, 1845 Wyoming.



This new mikveh, or ritual immersion pool, was recently opened to the Jewish public by Congregation Beth Achim of Southfield.

Mikveh now in use in Beth Achim

Congregation Beth Achim of Southfield has recently opened a mikveh, a pool of clear water used for ritual immersion and for spiritual purification.

It is the first such bath or pool, common among orthodox congregations, in a conservative synagogue in the area, and was hailed by the Conservative Rabbinates of Metropolitan Detroit as an important contribution to the religious life of the community.

First projected by Rabbi Milton Arm, of Congregation Beth Achim, the mikveh was constructed in strict accordance to the requirements of Jewish law.

Rabbi Charles H. Roemer, president of the Rabbinic Conference of Michigan, was consulted on the architectural plans for the mikveh and supervised the entire building operation in order to make cer-

tain that all halakic (Jewish legal) prescriptions were followed.

In recent times when Maiponide concluded his codification of the law pertaining to the mikveh, he emphasized that "uncleanliness is not mud or filth which water can remove, but is a matter of scriptural decree and dependent on the intention of the heart."

According to biblical law, any collection of water is suitable for a mikveh as long as it contains enough for a person to immerse himself.

Rabbinic law, however, specified that only water which has not been carried in a vessel or receptacle may be used. Furthermore, a mikveh had to have at the outlet a volume of water equal to 40 seah, a measurement calculated to be at its highest amount the equivalent of 1000 liters.

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644-1100 Ext. 224

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT
Founded 1827
21200 Southfield Road or 8 Mile
Southfield, Michigan 48237
Paul Aialele, Jr. — Minister

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study, Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor: W. L. St. Bernard
Pastor: G. M. L. St. Bernard
Pastor: D. W. St. Bernard
Pastor: G. H. St. Bernard
Pastor: H. M. St. Bernard

9:45 Church School
11:00 Worship Service

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
355 W. Maple
Birmingham
SUNDAYS
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
(H.C. 1st Book of Psalms)
9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Church School
(Includes through 8th grade)
WEDNESDAYS
7:00 and 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Franklin Community Church
United Methodist
on Franklin & Village Green
Services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Nursery care at both Services
Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
Junior High at 10:15 a.m.
7, 8, 9th Grades
Adult Education at 10:15 a.m.
Family Hour at 10:15 a.m.
Senior Minister, Frank B. Cowick
Associate Minister, J. Chester Stubbs

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
LCA
6255 Telegraph Road
Birmingham North of Maple
WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAYS 10:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
Tuesdays Church School
4:00 P.M.
Charles William Richter 646-2425

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
(United Presbyterian)
6655 Middlebelt Rd.
(S. of Maple)
West Bloomfield
William P. Saur II — Pastor
Worship 10:00 AM
Church School 10:00 AM

St. John American Lutheran Church
23223 Gill Road Farmington
Pastor: Frank E. St. John
Worship Services at 9:30 and 11:00
Sunday School—9:45
Nursery Provided

ST. MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH
24355 W. Chicago Rd.
Redford Twp. 48227-1230 423-88
Rev. Fr. Michael E. St. Michael
Divine Liturgy—Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Divine Liturgy—Holidays 10:00 A.M.
Saturday Vespers 6:00 P.M.
Sunday School—Sunday 9:45 A.M.
Come and worship with us!

Community Congregational Church
27800 Southfield Road
(111) Mile Lathrup Village
Jackson E. Turner, Minister
10:00 A.M. Service
"CONSUME THE LION"

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
The Community House
380 South Bates, Birmingham
Sundays: 10:00 A.M. Bible School
11:00 A.M. Worship
7:00 P.M. Praise Service
Wednesdays: 7:15 P.M. Bible Study
Joseph P. Lukowski, Pastor
651-8516

Christ Church Cranbrook
Cranbrook at Long Pine Road
Bloomfield Hills
7:45 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Dunstan's Chapel)
9 and 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon (Holy Communion and Sermon on 1st Sunday) Church School classes
Holy Communion: Tuesday 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday 7 a.m.
Phone: 644-5210

The Orchard United Methodist Church
Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Church School & Nursery
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
626-6820
Ministers: Eric S. Hammar
James F. Thomas

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
3339 Eight Mile Road
Farmington Hills
Elmo M. Tuori, Pastor 474-2579
WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M.

St. Martin's EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rev. Robert J. St. Martin
2400 Grand River Avenue
N. Seven Mile Road Detroit
Services Sunday—9 and 10 a.m.
Liturgy at 10:15 a.m.
Catholics are welcome to participate in our services

Salem United Church of Christ
Oakland at Gd. River, Farmington
Sundays School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 A.M.
Pastor: J. H. St. Martin
Church School: 10:30-11:30
Call H. St. Martin, Minister

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE JOYFUL CHURCH
21220 W. 14 Mile Rd.
1/3 Mile East of Lahser
SUNDAY WORSHIP:
8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
Sitter and Church School at 10:30
Monday through Friday
Mid-Day Services 11:30 A.M.
Rector: John C. Frederburgh

The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.
Woodward at Cranbrook
Bloomfield Hills MI 6-4511
Worship and Church School
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Minister: Rev. Charles O. Erickson
Minister of Education:
Rev. Verna E. Arnes, Jr.

UNIVERSITY HILLS CHURCH
Christian Reformed
Worship with Us at
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
26711 Farmington Rd. at I-696
474-1190 Dr. J. H. Elfers 474-0011

FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
26325 Halstead Road Farmington Hills
474-9079
Raymond H. Tulak, Minister 474-6554
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Bible Study Tuesday 7:45 PM
Song Service Third Sunday of each month

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
A.L.C.
5631 North Adams Road
1/2 Mile North of E. Long Lake Rd.
SUNDAY
8:15 A.M. Matins
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service
Fred W. MacLean, Pastor
Duane F. Schafer, Pastor MI 6-5121
MI 6-5101

Kirk in the Hills
1310 W. Long Lake Rd.
MINISTERS:
James P. Anderson
Frank J. Irvine
Hans H. Gooch
Worship Services and Church School
Sundays at 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
20000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen 646-9277
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.
(Nursery through High School)
Minister: William Verhelst

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Pastor Gerald Fisher
474-3444
9:00 a.m. First Worship Service
10:15 a.m. The Church School
11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship
8:30 p.m. Youth Meetings
7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service
7:30 p.m. Wed. The Mid-West Service
Nursery Provided at All Services

NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14 Mile and Lahser Roads
Morning Worship and Church School
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Pastors: L. J. Peterson, F. W. Dyer
& W. B. Wright
Phone: 642-0200

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST

On Middlebelt Road Between 12 & 13 Mile Rds.
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Family Night—Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Fred G. Ferris — Pastor 474-0319
A CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1589 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans
John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beaven
Worship Services 9:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Nursery Care provided

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
Richard Duncan, Pastor - Phone 474-0350
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1669 WEST MAPLE AT CENTERFIELD (611-2000)
BIRMINGHAM
The Reverend F. Morgan Roberts, Pastor
Associates: Charles A. Sommers, Edward E. Craxton,
Gerald S. Crawford
Worship and Church School
9:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Christian Science Churches
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM
191 Chester at Wilbur
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M.
CHILD CARE ROOM 10:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
READING ROOM 10:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
CHURCH OFFICE 10:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Phone: 644-7935
except Sunday and holidays
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN-MEADOWLAKE
Maple at Inkster
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M.
CHILD CARE ROOM 10:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
READING ROOM 10:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
CHURCH OFFICE 10:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
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All are welcome at our Church Services and the Reading Rooms