

Moral perspectives

Are we losing touch with spirit of giving?

Christmas is about giving. Even if one is not a religious person, it is impossible to avoid being affected by the practice of giving going on at this time.

Some, like Charles Dickens' Scrooge, would say "Bah, humbug! Commercialism, I don't believe in it." Still there is a basic need within the human soul to give to others. There is a need that is satisfied by the act of giving. Psychologists echo the truth of religious teachings when they say that there is a greater need within persons to give love than ever there is to receive love.

The scriptures suggest that the more a person gives, the more he will receive.

IN EVERY CHURCH or organization, there is one or more exemplary persons, often of humble status, who give in a healthy, caring way. These people offer an example for all who will recognize their presence. Such a giver may be a janitor or a widow, or a child who has grasped the lesson of successful giving.

Recently a story appeared in a Detroit paper about a Birmingham

family who earn \$60,000 a year and find it hard to keep ahead of their expenses.

Revealing family finances invites reactions, so a group of clergy discussed this family budget and commented on the fact that only \$360 a year of \$60,000 income was spent for their children.

No religious contributions were listed among the expenditures of this family budget. By its own figures, this family gives two-fifths of one percent to others.

They state that they are frustrated financially. They believe they have

earned a higher standard of living than they are enjoying. They feel cheated by inflation.

THE GENERAL reaction of several clergy to their predicament was that the major problem these people suffered from is not lack of money but lack of a spirit of giving.

If they gave generously, they would feel that they were generously blessed in possessions," suggested a clergyman. What do you think this family's problem really is?

A recent book with the title "Death by Bread Alone" deals with this prob-

lem which many of us face.

"We have too much money and too many possessions. I am deeply concerned about the affect of this affluence upon my children; easy money, easy getting, little practice of giving or earning. Little awareness of the scope of human needs and misery in the world."

The author states, "Death is what takes place within us when we look upon others not as gift, blessing, or stimulus but as threat, danger, competition."

What happens when we become concerned for our own welfare or expect the best for ourselves, apart from a deep concern for others? The author concludes that whereas



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the poor are in danger by starving, the affluent are in danger of death by alienation and loneliness.

The religious person lives by trust, hope and belief and a key decision in this lifestyle is the decision to give generously to the needs of others.

Gifts for handicapped still available in area

Buying a special gift for someone who has a physical disability can be a real challenge.

But there are a number of stores in the Detroit area where there is still time to find helpful gifts for the handicapped.

Does a braille watch sound right for someone you know or work with? Maybe a relative or friend would find working in the kitchen in a wheelchair much easier with a light-weight hand extender to reach items in cupboards. A combination fork and knife that makes it easier to eat with one hand costs less than \$10, and would be appreciated by people with arthritis or any disability which limits finger, hand or arm movement.

In the \$15 to \$50 category, you can find "more novel items—a spring loaded billiard cue, or a bowling ball pusher. If money is no object, consider

a wheelchair with all the options.

Handy Aids, 6322 Brush; and Norton Supply Supply, 3377 Fort Street, Lincoln Park, stock a wide range of aids, including a flexible plastic cane with clips to fasten and pull hosiery over the heel and up onto the calf. It is used by people who are unable to reach their feet to pull on stockings.

IF THIS CHRISTMAS is not the target date and you have more time to shop, you might send for catalogues which are available from Fashion Able, Rocky Hill, N.J. 08563; Fred Sammons, Inc., Box 32, Brookfield, Ill. 60513; and Cleo Living Aids, 3557 Mayfield Road, Cleveland 44121.

All of these catalogues have a variety of items which range from a door knob helper to a knob by pulling down on a lever rather than gripping and turning with the wrist, to the

bowling ball pushers and a handle grip bowling ball available from Flaghouse, Inc., 18 W. 18th, New York, N.Y. 10011.

The American Institute for the Blind, 15 W. 18th, New York, N.Y. 10011, has a variety of braille items, including alarm clocks, timers, playing cards and games.

Department store or variety stores frequently have holders for a hand of cards or needle threaders. J.L. Hudson's carries a Scrabble board on a lazy Susan with squares that are recessed to make it easier for someone with limited finger movement to play. Rush Jewelers has a braille watch for \$35.

PERHAPS AN equally satisfying and more affordable gift for your friend would be a subscription to "Accents on Living," a magazine for the

handicapped. It costs \$4 for a one-year subscription. The address is Box 700, Bloomington, Ill. 61701. "Paraplegic News," 833 Coastline Drive, Seal Beach, Calif. 90740, costs \$4.50 for a one-year subscription.

Two craft magazines written for the handicapped are, "Decorating Craft Ideas," Box C-90, Birmingham, Ala. 35202 (one year for \$12), and "Packs-O-Pun," Dept. 508, 14 Main Street, Park Ridge, Ill. 60068.

"As with any gift for a friend, the gift-giver is limited only by his imagination, pocketbook and knowledge of the friend's lifestyle," said Helen Castis, director of volunteer services at the Detroit Rehabilitation Institute. "Consider a C.B. radio. Handicappers have special problems when they encounter trouble on the road. Or maybe a specially designed jigger to serve liquor is appropriate."

Assertion in training Farmington

The Continuum Center for Adult Counseling and Leadership Training will offer a six-session program in assertiveness training Jan. 23 to Feb. 20 in Farmington Hills.

Assertion Training, scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Harrison High School, 29995 Twelve Mile, will be led by Jeff Dailey of Bloomfield Hills, a member of the Continuum Center staff.

The program will offer participants a structured group setting in which they can evaluate their own assertive, passive and aggressive behavior. It will offer a variety of techniques for using assertive behavior in true-life situations.

For information about this and other personal development and career-related programs, contact the Continuum Center at Oakland University in Rochester or telephone 377-3033.

Getting settled made simple.

New-town dilemmas fade after a WELCOME WAGON call.

As your Hostess, it's my job to help you make the most of your new neighborhood. Our shopping areas. Community opportunities. Special all-actions. Lots of facts to save you time and money. Plus a basket of gifts for your family. I'll be listening for your call.



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Zeltzer to head Federation

George M. Zeltzer, of West Bloomfield, has been elected president of the Jewish Welfare Federation.

Zeltzer and other officers were chosen at a Nov. 28 meeting of the board of governors for the Detroit area's major Jewish community organization. Providing social planning as well as direct service through its local member agencies, the federation is the sponsor of the annual Allied Jewish Campaign-Israel Emergency Fund.

President of American Federal Savings Association of Southfield, Zeltzer has been president of the Michigan Savings and Loan League, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Cor-

poration advisory committee, vice-chairman of the U.S. Savings Association League legislative committee and director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis.

Zeltzer, a Federation vice-president since 1973, succeeds Martin E. Citrin, president for the past three years. He has been chairman of the organization's culture and education budget and planning division, and is a member of the boards of United Hebrew Schools, Midrash College of Jewish Studies, and United Jewish Charities. He is a past president of the Sholem Aleichem Institute of Detroit. Also active in national Jewish com-

munal affairs, he is vice-president of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, chairman of the Large City Budgeting Conference and a member of the boards of YIVO-Institute for Jewish Research, the Council of Jewish Federations, the American Association for Jewish Education and HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society).

Also elected as Federation officers were Samuel Frankel of Bloomfield Hills, Irwin Green and Maxwell Jospey, both of Franklin, and Frieda Soltman of Oak Park, all vice-presidents; Avern L. Cohn of Detroit, Treasurer, and Sol Drachler of Southfield, secretary.



GEORGE M. ZELTZER

Your Invitation to Worship

For Church Directory Information
Please Call Pat 644-1100 Ext. 217

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2720 W. 14 Mile Rd.
12 Mile East of Lakeshore
SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
Sister and Church School
at 10:30
Pastor: John C. Frederburgh

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
5631 North Adams Road
WINTER SCHEDULE
8:15 AM Morning Service
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
Communion 1st Sunday
Fred W. Nelson, Pastor
Doreen J. Schaefer, Pastor
MI 6 5041

St. John American Lutheran Church
23725 Gill Road Farmington
Charles E. Foster, Pastor
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship
9:45 Sunday School
Nursery at 11:00 Service
474-0554

First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans
John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beaven
Harold E. Weenhoff
Church Services
8:30, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
Church School
Nursery Care Provided
Nursery School: Monday through Friday
9:00-11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church
Bates and Wells, Farmington, Mich.
Robert G. Macdonald, Minister
David W. Swank
Home: J. Armstrong Edwards

WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington Road & Six Mile Road
422-1150
Worship & Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
"God's Signpost: The Star"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
"The Surprises of Christmas"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
5:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Pre-service harp concert - Onita Sanders
No Wednesday Church of Christian Education
9:30 a.m. and 5:30 Christmas Eve Service
Broadcast over WUZZ-FM 103.5

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Pastor Gerald Fisher
9 a.m. First Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Church School
11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship
Nursery Provided at All Services

NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14 Mile and Luther Road
Morning Worship
and Church School
9:30 & 11:00
Pastor: R. G. Kant
MI 6 5041

Salem United Church of Christ
155 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
(2 mi. E. of Woodward)
338-8233
Church School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM
Church Office: GR 4-4850
Pastor: James A. Kellie
Rev. James A. Kellie
Pastorship phone 724-7544

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahser
Southfield Mich. 48060
Come and Join Us for a Challenging Faith
Education Experience Every Sunday Morning
Rev. Paul H. Young, Jr., Pastor
Dr. Harry M. Langford, Music Dir.
Rev. David Howell, D.C.E.
Bible Study 9:00 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM
Ample Parking Nursery Care
No Stairs Provided

The Orchard United Methodist Church
34050 Farmington Road
Bloomfield Hills
8:30 & 10:30 AM
Church School & Nursery
9:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Special Program for
Elementary School & Young Adults
9:30 AM
628-6280
Pastor: L. B. Brown
Pastor: L. B. Brown

The Congregational Church of Farmington, U.C.C.
Woodward at Cranbrook
Bloomfield Hills
MI 6-4511
Worship and Church School
9:30 & 11:00
Minister:
Rev. Charles G. Erickson

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
Richard Duncan, Pastor - Phone 474-0350

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE L.C.A.
30323 Ten Mile
Farmington Hills
Sunday School 9:45 AM
8:30 & 10:30 AM
Pastor and Lady
474-7335

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
155 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
(2 mi. E. of Woodward)
338-8233
Church School 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM
Church Office: GR 4-4850
Pastor: James A. Kellie
Rev. James A. Kellie
Pastorship phone 724-7544

DIAL 646-5555 For Inspiration
DIVINE SCIENCE CHURCH
1128 West Maple Road
Birmingham, Mich.
Sunday Service
at 11 A.M.

PEACE ON EARTH

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Methodist
on Franklin & Village Green
9:15 & 11:15
Services of Worship
Nursery Care
10:25
Adult Study Class
11:15
Sunday School
Nursery for 4th grade
- Senior Minister
Frank B. Cowick
Associate Minister
J. Chester Stubbs

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
23473 Lahser Road
(off M. at 9 Mile)
Phone 357-1848
9:30 AM Church
10:45 AM Service
The Rev. L. Alden Erickson

FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER
Droke Rd. at Freedom
Phone 478-1511
Rev. Edith L. Droke, Pastor
SUNDAY
9:45 AM - Sunday School
10:45 AM - Worship
5:45 PM - Vespers Service
Thursday 7:30 PM
Affiliated with the
Assembly of God

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
2000 W. 13 Mile at Freeway
464-9777
Worship 10:00 AM
Church School 10:30 AM
(Nursery through High School)
Minister: William Verheest

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
33300 Eight Mile Road
Farmington Hills
EINO M. TUORI, PASTOR
974-2579
Worship & Sunday School
10:30 A.M.

Kirk in the Hills PRESBYTERIAN
James J. Anderson
Robert L. Lindsey
Ross H. Gooch
Worship Services and
Church School
Sunday
December 24
10:30 AM

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
18140 Dorset Rd.
Southfield
565-4418
Sunday Services 9 & 10:30 AM
10:30 Prayer Book
Services Only

First Church of God
Farmington Hills
25717 Power Road
Pastor: M. G. Foster
Phone 476-5619
Church School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Service 7:30
Wednesday Prayer

COVENANT BAPTIST
Covenant is a church where Christian Education is important. There is a place for you and your family to study and grow.
Church School 9:45
Worship 11 AM & 8:30 PM
5800 W. Maple Rd.
W. Bloomfield, Mich. 48303
-West of Woodward Rd.
855-9191

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church
25225 Middlebelt Rd. Farmington Hills 477-1677
Rev. S. J. Anthony, Th.B., Priest
10:30 am Divine Liturgy English Sermon
"Visitors Always Welcome"

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
28301 Middlebelt Road, 1/2 Mile N. of 12 Mile
A FULL-SERVICE CHURCH
SUNDAY
GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL 9:45 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES 11 AM & 6 PM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11 AM
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM
Douglas B. Brown, Pastor
Nursery Provided at All Services
Ample Parking C.B.A. Affiliated No Steps

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
12 Mile & Farmington Roads
Behind Crowley
The Rev. R.A. St. Pierre, pastor
Sunday Worship 8:30 and 10:45 A.M.
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 A.M.
Church Phone: 553-3380

Christian Science Churches
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
BIRMINGHAM
191 Chester at Willis

SUNDAY SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 10:30 A.M.
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. Wed. 8:45 P.M.

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Open Mon. & Tues. 9:30-5:30 & 9
Wed. & Sat. 9:30-5:30 Thurs. & Fri. 9:00-9:00
except Sunday and holidays

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
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Maple at Lakeshore

SUNDAY SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 10:30 A.M.
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. Wed. 8:45 P.M.