

# Americans ignore the experts



## Father and child

This picture by Our Lady of Mercy High School art teacher Marie Henderson is one of four designs featured on the Christmas cards offered for sale this year by the school in Farmington Hills. The other three original drawings were done by students in Mercy's art department. Boxes of 16 cards, four of each design, sell for \$3. Orders can be placed through the school. Call 476-8020.

In increasing numbers, Americans are responding with indifference to the exhortations of public officials and the admonitions of eminent scientists.

Many of them continue to smoke, refuse to wear seatbelts, decline to immunize their children, protest proposals to ban saccharin and believe Laetrile to be effective in the treatment of cancer.

There are grim results of this persistent refusal to heed expert advice in public and personal health. These consequences are manifest in needless suffering, physical disorders, and death that could have been avoided by preventative measures.

The reason for this negativism is not precisely known, but a sampling of the opinions of poll-takers and social scientists suggests that the causes arise out of a deepening suspicion of government in particular, and authority in general.

THE POLL TAKERS have noted a prolonged erosion of public confidence in government over the last 20 years.

The University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research found in 1958 that about 20 percent of those questioned had expressed their distrust of political leaders. But in 1977, the size of the group expressing such feeling had risen to slightly more than half.

Polls by Louis Harris in 1969 and then a decade later found that public confidence in government had slipped from 41 to 23 percent; confidence in organized medicine had ebbed from 73 to 43 percent.

PEOPLE HAVE reason to be skeptical about expert pronouncements from public officials and

the scientific community. The public has come to realize that the experts occasionally err and also that some issues produce divided opinions from those supposedly most knowledgeable about specific technical issues, such as the use of saccharin and the efficacy of certain vitamins.

The public also wonders why, if the government is so interested in public health, it doesn't ban cigarettes and alcohol that have very definite injurious effects. Why then is saccharin, whose health-threatening import has yet to be definitely proven, drawn into the scope of government regulations?

One notes also the failure of the public to immunize children against such common diseases as polio, measles, rubella, mumps and tetanus.

A federal survey in 1975 found that two-thirds of American pre-school children had not been immunized against these preventable diseases. Yet during the preceding year, there were at least 100,000 cases of these ailments in the United States, which led to at least 100 deaths.

Is it that people believe the risks are so slight that the effort involved in immunization is not necessary?

THESE PHENOMENA point to an erosion of trust. The refusal of large numbers of people to act in their own self-interest is not new.

But in the aftermath of the Vietnam War, the Watergate scandal and the confusing economic policies issuing from Washington, Americans place less confidence in authority figures.

They do not believe the experts. While they may be right to question specific issues and policies, this rejection of the recommendations of the scientific community can be a deadly game.

**moral perspectives**

**Rabbi Irwin Groner**

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## Catholic Women's Day scheduled Nov. 17

Catholic Women's Day for the West Region will be held Saturday in Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River at Eight Mile, Farmington. A prayer-scripture service will begin at 10 a.m.

Concurrent share shops at 10:45 a.m. will be led by Kathy Buton and Eleanor Rhinesmith of the Michigan State University Extension Service.

Improving family relationships and stretching the food dollar will be the topics.

Parish Awards will be presented at the noon luncheon.

After the luncheon, the family workshops will be repeated and a Council of Catholic Women leadership share shops will be led by Mrs. Karl Busse

and Mrs. Edward Ohlert, CCW officers.

The West Region of the Archdiocese includes parishes west of Woodward including women of the Grand River Area, Redford, Livonia, Southfield, Farmington, Inkster, Westland, Canton and Plymouth.

Women who are involved in preparations for the day include co-chairwomen



## Your Invitation to Worship

### For Church Directory Info: Call 644-1100 ext. 230

**NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

THE JOYFUL CHURCH  
12021 W. 14 Mile Rd.  
Between Lathrup and Cranbrook

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Stiller and Church School  
at 10:30

Rector John C. Friesenburgh

**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

5631 North Adams Road  
Midtown North of E. Long Lake Rd.

**WINTER SCHEDULE**

8:15 AM Matins Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Morning Worship  
Communion 1st Sunday

Fred W. MacLean, Pastor  
Diane F. Schaffer, Pastor  
MI 6-5041 MI 6-5124

**First United Methodist Church**

1589 West Maple of Pleasant

Ministries: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans  
Douglas W. Vernon  
Harold E. Weemhoff

Church Services: 8:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Church School: 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Nursery Care Provided  
Nursery School: Monday through Friday  
9:00-11:30 a.m.

**FAITH COVENANT CHURCH**

During Construction  
Meeting at North Farmington High School,  
1/2 mile near Farmington Rd.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Study Groups: 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.

**WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA**

Farmington Road & Six Mile Road 422-1150

Worship & Sunday School — 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 A.M.

**"Abounding Love"**  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess  
7:00 P.M.

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
Recognition of New Members  
"The Surprising Worth of Knowing Christ Jesus"  
Rev. William C. Moore

Wednesday School of Christian Education  
Family Dinner 6:00 p.m. Classes & Choral 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Service Broadcast:  
9:30 a.m., WMUZ-FM 103.5

Nursery Provided at All Services

**Bloomfield Hills Christian Church**

The Community House  
380 South Bates, Bloomington

Sunday 10:10 A.M.  
Bible School  
11:00 A.M. Worship  
6:00 P.M. Praise Service  
Wednesday 7:15 P.M.  
Bible Study

645-1202

**First Baptist Church**

Bates and Wells, Bloomington, Mich.  
Robert C. Melrose, Minister  
Homer J. Armstrong, Emeritus  
Barbara Sinclair,  
Associate Minister

Church School  
9:45 AM  
Worship Service  
11:00 AM

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST**

20300 Middlebelt, Livonia 474-3444

Pastor Gerald Fisher

9 a.m. First Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. The Church School  
11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship

Nursery Provided at All Services

**Salem United Church of Christ**

4000 E. Grand River, Farmington  
9:00 a.m. Church School  
10:15 a.m. Divine Worship

Church Office at 6-4833  
Dorling at Co. River, Farmington  
Rev. James A. Nelson, Minister  
Pastor's Home 424-2844

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

35300 Eighth Mile Road  
Farmington Hills

Lowell Anderson, Pastor  
474-2579

Worship & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.

**The Orchard United Methodist Church**

33415 Farmington Road  
Between 12 and 16 Miles

Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Church School & Nursery  
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Special Program for  
Exceptional Children & Young Adults:  
11:00 a.m.  
600-3620

Ministries:  
Robert L.S. Brown  
James E. Thorson

**The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.**

Woodward at Cranbrook  
Bloomfield Hills

9:30 a.m. Family Church Worship  
11:00 a.m. - Worship & Church School  
Nursery Care Both Hours

Ministries:  
Charles G. Ertman  
Earl R. Eckert

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON**

Richard Duncan Pastor - Phone 474-0350

37400 SHAWASSEE  
FARMINGTON ROAD

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.

**Church is for Everyone!**

Illustration of a diverse group of people.

**Beverly Hills United Methodist Church**

20200 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen  
548-7777

Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Church School 10:00 a.m.  
(Nursery through High School)

Minister: John W. Bray

**FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

"on the Village Green"

Services:  
9:15 A.M.  
11:15 A.M.

Frank B. Cowick  
Jack Stubbs  
Ministries

**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**

Episcopal  
18140 Cornell Rd.  
Southfield 569-4410

Sunday Services 8 & 10:30 AM  
1923 Prayer Book  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER**

Drake Rd. at Freedom  
Phone 475-1511

Rev. Edmund Luther Pastor  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:45 AM - Worship  
7:00 PM - Revival Rally  
Thursday 7:30 PM

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**NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahser  
Southfield Mich. Phone EL 6-1660

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Rev. Edward G. Williamson, Interim Sr. Minister  
Rev. David W. Howard, Dir. of Christian Education  
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Adult Bible Study 10 A.M.  
Youth Fellowship 10 A.M.  
Sunday School 11 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11 A.M.

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**ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

155 E. Seven Lakes Road  
Bloomfield Hills  
(2 blocks East of Woodward)  
338-8233

9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
Nursery Provided

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

23425 Lahser Road  
(Just N. of 9 Mile)  
Phone 352-1648

7:30 AM Church School  
10:45 AM The Service

The Rev. L. Aden Ekstrand

**Greek Orthodox Church**

**HOLY CROSS**  
25225 Middlebelt Rd.  
Farmington Hills

Priest  
Rev. S.J. Anthony

10:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy

**Birk in the Hills PRESBYTERIAN**

1340 W. Long Lake Rd.  
MINISTERS  
James F. Anderson  
Robert L. Lindsey

Worship Services and  
Church School

Sundays at 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Missouri Synod  
12 Mile & Farmington Roads  
Behind Crowley's

The Rev. R.A. St. Pierre - Pastor

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:45 A.M.  
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 A.M.

Church Phone: 553-3380

**FIRST United Methodist Church**

33112 Grand River  
Farmington - 474-8573

Worship: 8:30 - 10:00 A.M.  
Church School: 9:30 - 10:00 A.M.

Nursery Provided  
Minister - Charles H. Beynon

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

23425 Lahser Road  
(Just N. of 9 Mile)  
Phone 352-1648

7:30 AM Church School  
10:45 AM The Service

The Rev. L. Aden Ekstrand

**Christian Science Churches**

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM**

191 Chester at Willis

SUNDAY SERVICES: 10:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING: 8:00 P.M.

READING ROOM - 355 East Maple - 644-7935  
Mon., Tues. 9:30-5:30 and 7-9; Wed., Sat. 9:30-5:30; Thu., Fri. 9:30-9

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SUNDAY SERVICES: 10:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING: 8:15 P.M.

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