



moral perspectives

Rev. Charles Erickson

Iran teaches us patience

You say I'm stubborn when I'm really simply determined. This cliché helps us laugh at ourselves so our persistence isn't abrasive. We certainly need that sense of humor now.

National policy regarding hostages in Iran has made us wait in a seemingly helpless posture. We have not been comfortable, but we have approved, in a strikingly bi-partisan support of our leaders.

Events are either teaching us new patience or uncovering a calm steadiness we didn't know we had. Our self understanding leans more toward activism and impatience to produce results. A new image is appearing in the mirror.

We act frustrated when every five-minute chore turns into a 20-minute job. But we see it through and tenacity feels good. We don't respect a quitter and we like ourselves for giving a task a good hard try.

WE CAN CAUTIOUSLY try some self-satisfied pride in noticing a dimen-

sion of character we hadn't seen in ourselves. We have extensive experience as a melting pot people. We find unity without destroying diversity. Now we are expanding our experience to life in one world with even wider variety than we have known within our nation.

We have learned over decades not to try to silence error by force. Oh, we still feel tempted and we try it occasionally, but we know better.

Capital punishment doesn't deter crime and we know better than to grab for an instant solution. Definitions of quality of life in one tradition cannot be forced on all citizens, and we enjoy honoring each other's habits of devotion accompanied by a philosophy of life.

We disagree about when life begins but we keep openings for freedom of choice. We pray in many different ways and refuse to let those who pre-

side over classrooms dictate a style of prayer for everyone in the room.

WE AMERICANS deeply believe

that truth will win if contesting parties don't pick up their marbles and go home. We appreciate the poetic wisdom of James Russell Lowell who wrote: "Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne; yet that scaffold sways the future."

Most of us resent and perhaps despise power groups which are in control in various parts of the world. We seek to dislodge them with steady persistence. Demanding instant obedience is not our style. We are mature enough to postpone gratification.

The test of strength, for a nation or a person, is in our capacity to be graciously determined. We oppose evil without destroying precious freedoms. Because we believe we are right, we stand against evil without strident abuse.

Opponents join each other in the gutter, or discover change during conflict because we treat each other with dignity. Instead of feeling like snarling bulldogs, we engage in a humanizing struggle. We pursue goals with serenity

born out of faith that truth is stronger than error.

A BULLY is simply one who covers insecurity by a display of force. Brutality is inherent to anyone expecting to share tomorrow with today's adversary. Societies with the lowest murder rate and the highest respect for police are exactly those where power is expressed in dignified restraint.

Patience is a virtue we hardly knew we had. Moral strength feels good in the determined stance which has received world-wide support and praise. We are quite stubborn about denouncing the evil of taking over an embassy or sending foreign troops into the capital of another nation. The victory is already won, for we know persistence will bury evil.

We feel pain, sorrow, disgust, and outrage. We also feel confidence as we maximize freedom, honor diversity, and insist on civilized behavior. Perseverance is noble as we become capable of finishing what we start.

High school students to hear DAR member

Mrs. Zachery MacLean will speak to students of Meritt Aspin at West Bloomfield High School in observance of "American History Month." The month of February is proclaimed as such in conjunction with National Soci-

ety Daughters of American Revolution (DAR).

Mrs. MacLean is a resident of West Bloomfield and a junior member of the Quakertown Chapter DAR. She is a computer analyst by profession who

has taught at Control Data Institute.

Her talk, scheduled for classes on Wednesday, Feb. 13, is called "Martha Washington: Woman of the Revolution."

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 644-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

APPEALS COORDINATOR — A volunteer with experience in creative writing and ability to organize and keep records is needed by the Oakland County Volunteers Bureau in Birmingham. The appeals coordinator will write weekly ads for area newspapers based on a job request supplied by Oakland County agencies needing volunteers. Some light typing required. Time commitment is three-four hours a week plus a monthly staff meeting.

YOUTH ADVISORS — B'nai B'rith Youth Organization in Southern Oakland County needs Jewish adults to

serve as advisors to groups of 14 to 18-year-olds. Advisors are responsible for guiding teens in their decision making and helping them to become involved in their community. Time commitment is for one night a week and occasionally some time on the weekend.

QUILTING GROUP ADVISOR — Volunteers with quilting experience are needed at Cambridge Center South, a Birmingham nursing home, to assist with quilt making in small groups and individually. Help is needed the second and fourth Wednesday from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

INTERVIEWERS — Volunteers who enjoy meeting and talking with people are needed by the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau in Birmingham. Duties include becoming familiar with the needs of agencies in Oakland County and interviewing prospective volunteers to match skills and interest with agency requirements. The commitment is for one half-day a week plus a monthly staff meeting.

Church to host Spring Fling

The Daughters of Vartan will hold their annual "Spring Fling," a luncheon and fashion show, beginning at noon Tuesday, Feb. 19 in St. John Armenian Church Cultural Building, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Fashions by Hartman's and an array of prizes will be included in the \$7 ticket price. Reservations should be made with

Sarah Kaloogian, general chairman, 643-9566, or Estelle Barsamian, reservations and ticket chairman, 476-3161. Others on the committee making arrangements are Mrs. Paul Hovsepian, Mrs. Paul Marzoujian, Mrs. John Toomajian, Mrs. Harry Carman, Mrs. Adam Kazarian, Mrs. Oscar Apian, Mrs. Harry Karjikian, Mrs. Noray Sarkisian and Mrs. Simon Javizian.

Your invitation to Worship

For Church Directory Information Please Call 644-1100 Ext. 200

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28301 Middlebelt Road, 1/2 Mile N. of 12 Mile
A FULL-SERVICE CHURCH

SUNDAY
GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICES 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 p.m.
Couples & Brown, Pastor
Nursery provided at All Services
Ample Parking C.S.A. Affiliated

UNIVERSITY HILLS CHURCH
Christian Reformed
26715 Farmington Rd. at 496
Farmington Hills 474-4351

Church Nursery Available
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.
ADULT & YOUTH EDUCATION
with discussion 10 a.m.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.
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EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.

Birk in the Hills
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1340 W. Long Lake Rd.
MINISTERS
James F. Anderson
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Worship Services and Church School
Sundays
9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

St. John American Lutheran Church
23725 Gill Road Farmington
Charles Fox - Pastor
Worship at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Nursery at 11:00 a.m.
474-2364

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
Episcopal
18140 Corral Rd.
Southfield 559-4418
Sunday Services 8 & 10:30 AM
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ST PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 S. Square Lake Road
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336-8233
9:45 a.m. - Church School
9:45 a.m. - Pastor's Class
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Nursery Provided
Dr. David Truran, Pastor

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33112 Grand River
Farmington - 474-5573
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided
Minister - Charles H. Beynon

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1589 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: James W. Wright • G. Bryn Evans
Douglas W. Vernon • Harold E. Weismhoff
Services: 8:30, 9:30 & 11 A.M.
Nursery Care Provided
Nursery School: Mon. thru Fri.
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
"On the Village Green"
Services
9:00 AM
11:15 AM
Frank B. Cowick
Minister

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
30623 W. Twelve Mile
Farmington Hills - Michigan
Phone 477-2255

9:45 A.M. Christian Ed.
11:00 A.M. Worship Service
6:30 P.M. Praise & Worship
7:00 P.M. Family Night Worship

Nursery Facilities Available

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FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
Christian
35415 W. 14 Mile Road
651-9191

Sunday School
Adult Study Group
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 AM

9:30 AM

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
22001 W. Middlebelt Rd.
445-7777
Worship 10:00 am
Church School 10:00 am
(Nursery through High School)
Minister: John W. Bray

St. Andrew Lutheran Church LCA
6555 Telegraph Rd.
Birmingham 11 of Maple
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
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SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
The Rev. C.W. Foster, Pastor
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Communion 1st Sunday
Frid W. MacLean, Pastor
Diane F. Schaffer, Pastor
MI 6-5041 MI 6-5124

WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington Road & Six Mile Road
422-1150

Worship & Sunday School 9:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

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"Prayer That Strives"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
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at 10:00 & 11:30 AM
7:00 PM
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Family Dinner 6:00 p.m. Classes & Choirs 7:00 p.m.

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Nursery Provided at All Services

FARMINGTON HILLS CHRISTIAN CENTER
Drake Road at Freedom
Phone 478-1551
Rev. Edmund Luther, Pastor

SUNDAY
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:45 a.m. - Worship
7:00 p.m. - Family Night
7:30 p.m. - Thursday
Mid-Week Service
Affiliated with the
Assemblies of God

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
12 Mile & Farmington Roads
Belmont 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

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

Minister
Charles O. Erickson
Earl R. Eckhart

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
The Community House
380 South Bates, Birmingham
Sunday Service 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
11:00 A.M. Worship
6:00 P.M. Praise Service
Wednesday 7:15 P.M.
Bible Study
645-1202

First Baptist Church
Braz and Wicks, Birmingham, Mich.
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Homer J. Armstrong, Emeritus
Barbara Sinclair, Associate Minister

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Worship Service 11:00 AM

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5800 W. Maple Road & W. Bloomfield, MI 48023
1/2 Mile West of Orchard Lake Rd. # 655-9191

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14 Mile and Lahser Roads
Worship
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Phone 642-0220

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Middlebelt, Livonia 474-3444

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

6:30 p.m. Youth Meetings
7 p.m. Sunday Evening Service
7:30 p.m. Wed.-Thurs. Midweek Service

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Farmington Hills
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478-6520
Sunday - Worship, 10:45 AM
School, 9:15 AM - Nursery Provided

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26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahser
Southfield, Mich. Phone 356-1660

United for the worship of God
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Rev. Mark P. Jensen, Senior Minister
Rev. David W. Howell, D.D. of Christian Education
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Youth Fellowship 10 A.M.
Sunday School 11 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.

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9:30 am and 11:00 am
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10:15 am Divine Worship
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Church Office - 474-6880
Parsonage - 474-2344

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Birmingham
SUNDAY
Family Learning Hour 9:15 A.M.
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644-8890

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