

Life should be our highest value

We are being confronted by four massive threats. The first is war. I can't believe it, but a reliable report says we begin the 80s with 37 wars going on in the world. Secondly, it shatters us to realize that 500 million people have died in Southeast Asia in two years. Thirdly, it makes no sense in value of fertile land, but Russia is taking over a country whose terrain is mostly arid mountains. Fourthly, it shakes us to the roots to see both American and Iranian governments made helpless by a small group holding hostages for months.

What is going on? Struggles around the world are being escalated by groups who prize doctrine more highly than life. We miss the point if we think of old imperialism which conquered assets. Today's conflicts reveal a striving for dominance in ideology no matter how many people die in the confrontations.

We can make sense out of these assaults on humanity only if we see the real issue. The people of the world are being divided into two camps and we need to be alert at home as well as overseas. The issue is the value of human life.

THESE ARE TIMES which try one's soul. What are



moral perspectives

Rev. Charles Erickson

the national interests for which we are to sacrifice? If oil is the definition, I want to scream in protest. Certainly I will not trade my son for all the tanks of gas I can burn. Let's not sell our souls.

If defeating communism is our goal, military might is not the question. Nuclear war forces us to think the unthinkable and ponder the end of humanity.

Dedication of soul and risk of war with modern weapons require totally new thoughts. The issue before us is to learn to think differently than measuring resources financially or following ideologies caught up in slogans.

The issue is people. Our only hope is to focus on decency and dignity. Our goal is freedom and self-determination for everyone. The fight is for liberation and against oppression.

Ideologies always oppress, even if we make freedom into an ideology. Holy wars start with fanatics and are fueled by self-righteousness. Ideological strife trades life for doctrine. Yes, we are for freedom, and we hate oppression. But the struggle is for people and human rights. The only value worthy of laying our lives and souls on the line is a person — any person. The complexity, preciousness and potential of each person exceeds all effort to confine in measurable value or sloganeering description.

ALL PEOPLE of humanitarian impulse must wake up. Refuse to join a fight for the sake of numbers, assets and words. Our adventure is to climb above the rigidities and simplicities of fanatics.

We are emboldened by becoming aflame with passion for a humane view. We are truly human only when we pursue liberation so the inner spirit shows in behavior. People, with infinite diversity and hopes, are the only value worthy of commitment of life and soul.

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 can be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

BLOOD PROGRAM CALLERS — Volunteers are needed at both the Bloomfield Hills and Oak Park offices of the American Red Cross to call previous donors where there are special blood needs for open heart surgery. Hours are flexible.

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.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE — The Birmingham Community Women's Center is recruiting publicity-minded volunteers to develop a program to promote their organization. Time commitment is three hours a week.

SPEAKERS — Volunteers with a concern for protecting the environment are needed by East Michigan

Environmental Action Council. Speakers travel to area schools to present a film strip cassette program and answer basic questions. Hours are half a day a week as requested during the school year. There is also a program aimed at adults. Training is provided.

CANCER EDUCATORS — Women are urgently needed to help with a new cancer education effort being conducted in the Oakland County area. The program, called "Straight Talk," needs volunteers to talk with local women about the importance of early detection of breast and uterine cancer. Medical background is not necessary. Training is provided. If you have some time to give and would enjoy talking to other women who care about their health, call Lynn Attard at the American Cancer Society, 557-5353.

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EVENING SERVICE 6:00 PM
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5900 W. Maple Road @ W. Bloomfield, MI 48033
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14 Mile and Lahser Roads
Worship 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Pastor M.L. Dunkelberger
E.W. Dunn
Phone 482-0200

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
2000 W. 14 Mile at Evergreen
546-9177

Worship 10:00 am
Church School 10:00 am
(Nursery through High School)
Minister: John W. Day

First Church of God Farmington Hills
25711 Power Road
Wilbur M. Kirby, Pastor
Parsonage 474-5519

Church School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:00 am
Evening Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer 7:30 pm

St. Andrew Lutheran Church LCA
6255 Fenwick Rd.
Birmingham Rd. @ Maple
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM
THURSDAY CHURCH SCHOOL 5:00 PM
SINCE 1858
The Rev. C.W. Richter, Pastor
645-5207

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5631 North Adams Road
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WINTER SCHEDULE
8:15 AM Matins Service
Communion 3rd Sunday
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship
Communion 1st Sunday
Worship women who care about their health, call Lynn Attard at the American Cancer Society, 557-5353.

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Middlebelt, Livonia 474-3444

Pastor Gerald Fisher

9 am First Worship Service
10:15 am The Church School
11:15 am Second Service of Worship

6:30 pm Youth Meetings
7 pm Sunday Evening Service
7:30 pm Wed-Thurs M2week Service

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
35300 Eight Mile Road
Farmington Hills
Lowell Anderson, Pastor
478-6520

Sunday, Worship, 10:45 AM
School, 9:15 AM Nursery Provided

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1340 W. Long Lake Rd.
MINISTERS
James F. Anderson
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Worship Services and Church School
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3955 W. BIG BEAVER RD., TROY (at Adams)

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30
WORSHIP 11:00 AM

Minister ROBERT H. BOYTE
644-0512

St. John American Lutheran Church
23225 Gill Road Farmington
Charles Fee, Pastor
Worship at 8:30 & 10:00 am
Sunday School at 9:45 am
Nursery at 10:00 am
474-0564

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
Evangelist
18140 Cornell Rd
Southfield
569-4418

Sunday Services 8 & 10:30 AM
1928 Payne Road
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Farmington Road & Six Mile Road 422-1150

Worship & Sunday School 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

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7:00 PM
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Rev. David W. Howell, Dir. 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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Sunday School and Adult Education at 9:00 a.m.
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165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
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338-8233

9:45 a.m.—Church School
9:45 a.m.—Pastor's Class
11:00 a.m.—Worship
Nursery Provided
Dr. David Trueman, Pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
33112 Grand River
Farmington 474-5273

Worship 10:00 AM
Church School 10:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Minister - Charles H. Beynon

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
2800 Pontiac Rd.
Farmington Township
474-5273

Richard A. Chittum, Pastor
Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am
Church School 9:45 am
Church Phone 373-5222

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

SUNDAY
9:45 am - Sunday School
10:00 am - Worship
7:00 pm Revival Rally
7:30 pm - Thursday
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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
12 Mile & Farmington Roads
Bridle Creek, MI

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

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Sunday School and Bible Class 9:30 A.M.
Church Phone: 553-3380

The Orchard United Methodist Church
20450 Farmington Road
Livonia 11 and 14 Mile

Morning Worship 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Church School & Nursery 9:30 am and 11:00 am
Special Program for Services 11:00 a.m.
626-2000

Ministers:
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James F. Thomas

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476-2075

Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship Service 11 AM

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Nursery Care Provided
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9:00 AM
11:15 AM

Frank B. Cowick
Minister

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9:30 a.m. - Family Church Worship
11:00 a.m. - "Worship & Church School"
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Minister:
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380 South Bates, Birmingham

Sunday Service 8:30 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM

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6:00 P.M. Praise Service
Wednesday 7:15 P.M.
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645-1202

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WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING..... 8:15 P.M.

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