

Genuine respect allows for differences

The long season of political campaigning created a bad habit. We acted as if denouncing someone was the most important thing we could do.

Now a shopping season with music and decorations surrounding us creates a better habit. We seek tangible gifts to show we care.

The old plea about keeping the holiday spirit all year long can be restated. Holiday sentiments become tough-minded convictions which are morally solid.

We fought for divisive principles in politics. Some wag has said, "We would rather fight for our principles than live by them."

We can both fight for and live by holiday principles, which are inclusive. Each faith group encourages devotees to act on ideas of peace and justice in actual deeds of kindness.

CHANGING A HABIT requires a decision. New intentions become new willpower. Holidays invite us to decide we have the will to act as if humanity is one family.

Lights on Christmas trees and menorahs symbolize divine presence as a light enabling humans to see truth. The truth is that families stay together only by respect in a context of differences. The morality deep in our December holidays is respecting others exactly where they seem to us to be most wrong.

The holiday spirit is to affirm others. Next comes the old truism, "Where there's a will, there's a way."

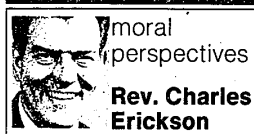
The way to respect and affirming is to turn our

backs on the old habit of blaming someone as if blame could solve a problem.

OUR OLD HABIT was to view our principles as absolute truth. Denouncing those who disagree is a political game, not a moral act.

Not a single one of our favorite controversial issues will be settled by denouncing. We need the will to seek solutions for problems: pregnancies, the welfare system, excessive government regulation, inflation devaluing financial resources, waste, unemployment, and international tensions.

The will to change a habit is a decision and the way to do so is self discipline. It is in our self interest to insist on goals so large that solving my concern will at the same time solve the problem of someone with whom I disagree.



Rev. Charles Erickson

Holiday sentiment is kindness without concern to agree with each other. Holiday morality is transforming these feelings into the will to respect others. The words of our principles must either be big enough to be inclusive or be snowed under by the willpower in our deeds of sharing.

Your Invitation to Worship

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

Christ Church Cranbrook
Episcopal
On Lone Pine Road at Cranbrook Road
Bloomfield Hills

CHRISTMAS WEEK
Sat. Dec. 20: Carols in the Park, Cranbrook Academy Concert - 8 PM
Sun. Dec. 21: Holy Communion - 8 AM
Mon. Dec. 22: Carols in the Park - 8 PM
Tue. Dec. 23: Carols in the Park - 8 PM
Wed. Dec. 24: CHRISTMAS EVE
Church Open House - 3:30-4 PM
Family Communion - 7 PM
Holy Communion & Sermon - 8:11 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY: Holy Communion & Sermon - 10 AM
Church Telephone 644-2510

First Baptist Church
Birmingham

Barbara Sinclair, Associate Minister

CHURCH SCHOOL
9:45 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
11:00 AM

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST
2887 W. Eleven Mile Road - Just West of Middlebelt
Farmington Hills • 476-8860
WORSHIP - SUNDAY SCHOOL - NURSERY

"TWO VISIONS FOR CHRISTMAS"
Rev. Wm. Ritter

Rev. William A. Ritter - Our New Senior Pastor
Rev. William E. Frayer, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Dorothy Miller, Dr. C.E.
Mr. Melvin Roush, Dr. Music

NORTH BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14 Mile and Lahser Roads
WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 & 11 AM
Pastors
M.L. Dunkelberger
E.W. Dunn
Phone 442-2000

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
2000 Middlebelt at 8 mile
Farmington Hills - 476-0875

The Rev. Ralph E. Unger, Pastor
SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 AM & 11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES 10 AM
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - 10 AM
Wayne C. Benson, Principal
474-2488

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
12 Mile & Farmington Roads
Bellevue, MI
The Rev. R.A. St. Pierre - Pastor

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 and 10:45
SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE CLASS 9:30
Church Phone 553-3380

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
Episcopal
15140 Canfield Rd
Southfield
Sunday Services 9 & 10:30 AM
1029 Prayer Lodge
Services Only

COVENANT BAPTIST
A Metropolitan Church with a World Wide Mission
Nursery at all Services

SUNDAYS
9:45 A.M.: Church School
11:00 A.M.: Family Worship
6:30 P.M.: Evening Service

Dr. William F. Knecher, Pastor; Rev. Edward A. Luby, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Justin A. Daniels, Minister of C.E.
3800 W. Maple Road & W. Bloomfield, MI 48303
1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Rd. • 855-9151

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1589 W. Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: James W. Wright • Douglas W. Vernon
• Evans C. Bentley

WORSHIP SERVICE
8:30-9:30 • 11:00
CHILD CARE: 8:30 & 11:00

646-1200

ST. JOHN AMERICAN LUTHERAN
2025 Oak Road, Farmington
Charles Fox - Pastor
Mark Radloff - Pastor
WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 & 11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM
474-0554

Forest Park Baptist Church
(S.B.C.)
25805 Farmington Rd.
Farmington Hills
476-0080

Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
Family Bible Study 9:45 A.M.
Christian Training 6:00 P.M.

Nursery Available All Services

Located Across from O.C.C. 1-696 at Farmington Rd.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2542 Lahser Road
(Just N. of 8 Mile)
Phone 327-0448
3:30 AM - Church School
10:45 AM - The Service
The Rev. L. Allen Erickson

Brightmoor Tabernacle
1626 E. Farmington Rd. • Southfield, MI
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM • WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM
Wednesday - Prayer • Christmas Eve - 8:30 PM
Services are held at all services.

A Charismatic Church where people of many denominations worship together
Thomas S. Truitt, Pastor

Orchard United Methodist
36450 FARMINGTON ROAD
Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
636-3020

MORNING WORSHIP
9:30 AM and 11 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY
9:30 AM and 11 AM

MINISTERS
Robert L. Brown
James F. Thomas

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church

The Community House
380 South Bares, Birmingham
Sunday Service 8:30 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
6:00 P.M. Praise Service
Wednesday 7:15 P.M.
Bible Study
645-1202

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
3955 W. Big Beaver Road at Adams
TROY

CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30 AM **WORSHIP: 11:00 AM**

Minister
Robert H. Boyle
644-0512

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
(NOW WORSHIPING AT)
30623 W. TWELVE MILE RD.
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
REV. JAMES D. CONNER

for blessings bestowed, a humble thanks

WATCH FOR OUR NEW CHURCH AT 1-775 AND 8 MILE ROAD

CHURCH PHONE 477-2525

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
LUTHERAN CHURCH
2206 4TH RD. IND. BLVD.
ROCKHURST, MISSOURI 64087
(Gross & 59 acres from Hwy 15)

Leslie R. Jennings, Pastor
852-4736 373-3604

ADULT EDUCATION
9 AM
WORSHIP 10:30 AM
Everyone Welcome

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
"On the Village Green"

9:00 and 11:15
WORSHIP SERVICE
11:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Minister
Dr. Samuel F. Stout

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16350 Hubbard Road Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
9 AM & 11 AM FAMILY SERVICE
10 AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Eucharist

The Rev. Kenneth G. Davis The Rev. R. Scott Knight

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1385 S. Adams • Rochester
475-4000

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 & 11:15 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:15 and 11 AM
5:15 and 7:15 PM
DAVID BLANCHARD

First United Methodist
1342 W. 17th St. • Troy, MI

James F. Anderson
Robert L. Lindsey
WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
Visitation of the Church 3-5 PM
Sunday, Dec. 21, 1980

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2020 Middlebelt Livonia
Pastor Gerald Fisher 474-3444

8:45 AM: First Worship Service
10:00 AM: The Church School
11:15 AM: Second Service of Worship
Nursery Provided at All Services

HOPE LUTHERAN
39200 W. 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM
WORSHIP 10:30 AM
V.H. Mesenbarger, Pastor

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

United for the worship of God and service to Humanity

Rev. Mark P. Jensen, Senior Minister
Rev. David W. Howell, Minister of Christian Education
Dr. Harry Langford, Dr. Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 11 AM

No Stairs Nursery

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20200 Middlebelt Livonia
474-3444

5:45 PM. Youth Meetings
7 PM. Sunday Evening Service
7:00 PM. Wed.-Thurs. Midweek Service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BIRMINGHAM
1668 West Maple Road
Ministers
F. Morgan Roberts
Charles A. Sommers
Dennis F. Barger
Gerald S. Crawford

Morning Worship and Church School
9:30 and 11:15 AM
Nursery Provided

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
(2 mi. E. of W. 14 Mile)
338-8233

CHURCH SCHOOL 10 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP 6:30 PM
Rev. Austin Denny

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Pastor
Michael A. Halleen
Associate Pastor
Mary Miller-Vikander
Minister to Youth
David A. Rose

35415 W. 14 Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48150
661-9191

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

NEW IN TOWN?

- Couples Clubs
- Youth Clubs (Grades 3-9)
- Children and Adult Clubs
- Bible and Prayer Groups
- Nursery
- Plus other activities and programs for all ages

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Then a friendly greeting awaits you at the **Troy First United Methodist Church**.
5363 Livernost, North of Square Lake Road
WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL, 10:30 AM
Call 879-6393

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads
432-1150

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

"Will the Bethlehem Star Return Soon?"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess

"Blossoming Where You Are Planted"
Rev. L. Edward Davis
Church Music by the Ward Ensemble

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 5:00, 7:00 & 11:00 PM
Pre-Service Concerts with Harpist Onella Sanders at 4:30, 6:30 & 10:30

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER, PROGRAM & CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE: 6:45 - MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TELEVIEWED **CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10 AM, CHANNEL 62** **Nursery at All Services**
Janet Ritter 422-1150

BLOOMFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
3600 Telegraph Road • 1000 N. North of Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills • 647-3851

Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher, Pastor
Rev. Jim Lake, Associate Pastor
Larry Simmons, Director of Church Music

COFFEE HOUR 9 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 PM
(Beginning September 7) 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY MID WEEK SERVICE 7:30 PM
Nursery Available

(Disciples of Christ)
LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
30330 Schoolcraft
425-2770

CHURCH SCHOOL 10 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP 6:30 PM
Rev. Austin Denny

BIG BEAVER UNITED METHODIST
2137 Rochester Rd. • 409-1952

WORSHIP 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 A.M.
Minister: Terry Epper

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
28301 Middlebelt Road • 1/2 Mile N. of 12 Mile

GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL
11 AM and 6 PM
WORSHIP SERVICE
11 AM and 6 PM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT
8:00 PM
Douglas B. Brown, Pastor
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C.B.A. Affiliated No Steps

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Christian Science Churches

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM
191 Chester at Willets

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M.
Mon., Tues. 9:30-5:30 and 7-9; Wed., Sat. 9:30-5:30; Thu., Fri. 9:30-9

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 8:15 P.M.

READING ROOM - 4361 Orchard Lake Rd. - 851-7740
Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 10:30-5:30; Friday: 10-9
All are welcome at the above church services and Reading Rooms.
Child care facilities provided Sunday and Wednesday.

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in the above churches you may hear testimonies of healing through the application of Christian Science, to problems of health, finances, personal relationships, academics, business and so on. Join us in rejoicing that there is a practical answer to every need. You will be lovingly welcomed.

Churches all alike?
No, not really. Do you know what your Church believes about the Bible?

The Evangelical Free Church believes:
"The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men, and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life."

Your local Evangelical Free Church is:

GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Meeting at:
Bloomfield Hills Junior High School
Quarton Road, 2 Blocks West of Telegraph
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:45
Pastor
RICK HARTSELL
334-0165

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
2620 Pontiac Rd.
Pontiac Township
476-1177

Richard A. Chivett, Pastor
Worship 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Church School 9:30 AM
Church Phone 373-5222

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