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Forget nostalgia — look to the future

America has been shaped by an underlying attitude coming from Jews and Christians who look forward. Jews anticipate the messianic age and Christians expect the kingdom. The American style is viewing tomorrow with hope.

Popular religion and politics today is un-American because it looks back. So-called old time religion and social policy of another era create warm feelings. The appeal to the good old days hits us where we are vulnerable because nostalgia is a strong emotion.

One glaring example illuminates the problem. German children of the 1920s and 1930s grew up with well-formulated prayers in schools.

Then came the holocaust. German Jews not killed have given new nobility to life and thought by viewing themselves as survivors. They know a key element in staying alive was their sense of a personal future. Survivors continue to live in quiet for the special meaning of their lives, a search for purpose. They are models for all of us.

Now the popular fad of looking back has taken the word survivor and distorted it into "survivalist." Survivalists represent the logists against devotion to yesterday. They proddy arm themselves

to kill anyone who comes near their last retreat into caves or wilderness. What a travesty on a grand vision.

PRIVATE PROTECTIONISM means giving up on government's ability to govern. That is the definition of barbarism. Cheapening vision opens the door to the barbaric who lurks on the edge of any group and in the soul of each of us. Taking selfish control into our own hands is anarchy which promises destruction.

Morality is in all decisions but we need to see how decisive thoughts and concepts are. Survivors give nobility, dignity and honor to society. Survivalists encourage fear, resentment and rage beneath the surface in all of us.

We are demeaned by distorting important words. Theists denounce humanists and forget that what creates civilization is human sensitivity. A cry for capital punishment rises when the real issue is caring out who needs rehabilitation and who needs custodial care. We have been struggling to realize that vengeance hasn't solved anything for about 3,000 years and that more talk about punishment doesn't help.

Our new president was praised for strength when he called Soviets immoral. In a few days he proposed increased defense spending. That seems to me a distortion in word meanings — taking the offense to calling it defense.

OUR USE of the word "holy" is another case in point.

The Christian Bible says that if we give dogs what is holy they will turn and attack us. A large part of what is holy is conveyed in words, and we need to be more reverent with our concepts.

When creation seems to have no holiness, vandalism increases. When we ignore the sacredness in each person, crimes of sex and violence horrify us. When no commitment is holy, we can't hold marriages or business contracts together.

Our society has seen the holy in looking forward. Nostalgia creates feelings to cover up fear, suspicion and loneliness. But it doesn't counter them. We need a moral trust which works through our revered thoughts and concepts to disarm our enemies.

It is infinitely sad to distort noble ideas because of nostalgia about prayer in schools or evolutionary theory or any of our debate about details.

Elderly use most drugs, Lung Associations says

The elderly — people over 65 — make up 11 percent of the U.S. population, but they buy and take 25 percent of all prescription drugs.

Tuberculosis, which is found more often in older than in younger people, is a disease that can be cured, according to the American Lung Association. Constancy and consistency are required for proper drug-taking. Tuberculosis treatment demands the taking of medicine for months, sometimes years. This is where the problem begins.

One reason older people take more drugs is that they tend to have long-term illnesses. Rules for proper drug-taking, however, apply equally to the young and the elderly.

- Patients should follow precisely the amount and time schedule of drugs prescribed by the physician.
- Never take drugs prescribed for a friend.
- If a patient is seeing several physicians for different diseases, each physician should be informed of all the drugs the patient is taking. Sometimes drugs fight one another and should not be taken together.
- Promptly tell the doctor of any side effects.
- Keep a daily schedule of drugs prescribed and taken.

EMU offers concerts

The Eastern Michigan University Symphonic Band, under the direction of Dr. Max Plank, will perform its final concert of the year at 8 p.m. Sunday in Pease Auditorium.

Guest student conductor Marianne KaVerte, a senior from Farmington, will begin the concert by directing eight members of the Concert Winds in a performance of "Sinfonia la Padovana" by Ludovico Viadana.

Admission to the concert is free and the public is invited to attend.

Dr. Mary Ida Yost, associate professor of organ and theory literature at EMU, will present an organ recital at 8 p.m. Monday in Pease Auditorium.

The recital will begin with "Elevation" and "Post Communion" by the 18th century Italian composer Domenico Zipoli.

The second half of the recital will begin with "Chorale Prelude: Drop, Drop Slow Tears," by the contemporary American composer Vincent Persichetti.

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

8:00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
9:15 AM & 11:15 AM: MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HOLY COMMUNION FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

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

First Church of God Farmington Hills
2617 Power Road - Walnut St. nearby, Pastor: Raymond - 474-5619

Church School: 10:00
Morning Worship: 11:00
Evening Service: 7:00
Wednesday Prayer: 7:30

HOPE LUTHERAN
39200 W. 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills

Sundays 9:30-11:00 AM
Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 AM

V.H. Meserbring, Pastor

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
2554 S. 25th Street, Troy

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

Minister: Robert H. Boyle
644-0512

Brightmoor Tabernacle
26555 Franklin Rd. • Southfield MI 48064 & Telegraph - Just West of Holiday Inn

Sunday School 9:45 AM • Worship Service 11:00 AM
Charismatic Rally 6:30 PM
Wednesday - Prayer & Praise Lighthouse Youth Service 7:30 PM

Nursery provided at all services.

A Charismatic Church where people of many denominations worship together.

Thomas E. Trask, Pastor

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Bates and Wedel Birmingham
Robert O. Woodson, Church School Director

WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:30-11:00
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30-11:00
CHILD CARE: 9:30 & 11:00

646-1200

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 Sunday 7:00 PM)

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE 7:30 PM
Nursery Available

Orchard United Methodist
3405 FARMINGTON ROAD
Between 13 and 14 Mile Road 960-300

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

Ministers: J.S. Brown, James F. Thomas

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

Pastor: Michael A. Hallen
Associate Pastor: Mary Miller-Vikander
Minister to the Youth: David A. Rose

35415 W. 14 Mile Road at Drake
661-9191

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

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
26425 Laker Road 945 W. W. Ave. Southfield
Phone 357-1844

9:30 AM Church School
10:45 AM The Service
Rev. L. Alden Erickson

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads • 477-1150

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

"Games People Play"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 PM

"What's Your HUM?"
Rev. Douglas L. Thompson

WEDNESDAY: School of Christian Education
Family Dinner: 6 PM — Classes & Choir: 7 PM

Sunday Service Broadcast 9:30 AM
WMUZ-FM 103.5

Nursery at All Services
Janet Ritter 422-1150

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16360 Hubbard Road Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
9:45 & 11 AM FAMILY SERVICE
10 AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
10:30 AM - Wednesday Eucharist

The Rev. Kenneth G. Davis The Rev. Edward A. King

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 K. Kreuter, Pastor; Rev. Edward A. Ledy, Assoc. Pastor; Rev. Judith A. Daniels, Minister of Care
5800 W. Maple Road • W. Bloomfield MI-48013
• Mile west of Orchard Lake Rd. • 855-9151

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
20021 Elm Avenue
945 977

Worship 10:00 am
Church School 10:00 am
Nursery/High School

Minister: John W. Eddy

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH
2600 Pontiac Rd.
Pontiac Township

Rev. Richard A. Chalkoff - Pastor
Rev. Robert J. DeLoach - Pastor
Church School 9:30 am
Church Phone 373-5222

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
6259 Telegraph - Birmingham
North of Maple

9:15 AM Sunday Church School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
The Rev. C.W. Rucker, Pastor
645-0007 • 645-4115

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Middlebelt Livonia

Pastor Gerald Fisher 545 pm 474-3444

9:45 AM First Worship Service
10:00 AM The Church School
11:15 AM Second Service of Worship

Nursery Provided at All Services

ST. JOHN AMERICAN LUTHERAN
20225 Golf Road Farmington Hills

Charles Fox - Pastor
Mark Radloff - Pastor

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM

474-0584

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Owens St. Owens Power Farm

CHURCH SCHOOL 9 AM
DIVINE WORSHIP 10:15 AM

Rev. Lee W. Tyler
Church Office - 474-8880
Parsonage - 474-2944

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills

12:00-12:15 PM Church School
338-8233

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 AM
WORSHIP 10:45 AM

Nursery Provided
Dr. David Turan, Pastor

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM

191 Chester at Willis

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 PM

READING ROOM
355 East Maple • 644-7935
Mon-Tue 9:30-2:30 F-R, Wed & Sat 9:30-5:30, Thurs & Fri 9:30-9

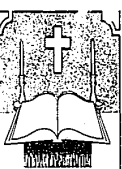
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN/HEADWAKE
Maple at Headwake

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY READING 8:15 PM

READING ROOM
4361 Orchard Lake Rd. • 851-7440
Mon-Sat 10:30-11:30

All are welcome at the above church services and Reading Rooms. Child care facilities provided Sunday & Wednesday.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
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.



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GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Meeting at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School
Quartern Road, 2 Blocks West of Telegraph

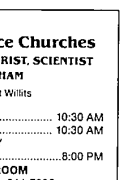
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:45

Pastor: RICK HARTSELL
334-0165

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
21280 HAGGERTY RD.
I-275 at 8 Mile Rd. FARMINGTON HILLS
348-7600
REV. JAMES D. CONNER

9:45 AM CHRISTIAN ED.
11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30 PM PRAISE & WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM PRAYER & SHARE

NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE



Forest Park Baptist Church (S.B.C.)
26905 Farmington Rd.
Farmington Hills
478-0080

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. I-696 at Farmington Rd.

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