

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at more than 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the Bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the Bureau.

CITIZEN ADVOCATES — Do the words patient, friendly and reliable describe you? The Association for Retarded Citizens/Oakland County is looking for caring persons to develop a friendship with a retarded adult. After orientation, volunteers would help with everyday living skills, services and activities in the community. Visits could be made during the day, evening or weekend, but a one-year commitment is preferred.

TYPISTS — If you type accurately and would volunteer with a flexible time commitment, this office job may be right for your schedule. The 18th District Court needs persons to type presentation papers for the Probation Department in Birmingham's City Hall.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION AIDES — Are you interested in the field of physical therapy? If you are over 16, with enthusiasm and some knowledge of games, there are opportunities available throughout Oakland County for you. The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission provides training — you provide emotional support and physical assistance to a variety of handicapped clients. This could be an excellent summer experience for a teen-ager.

Simplistic solutions not the answer

Being on the losing side of an election or a legislative decision is no fun. It would be nice to ride the wave of popular opinion. One wonders if Lincoln was right to say we can trust the ultimate wisdom of the people.

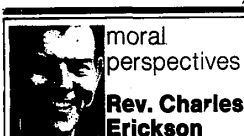
My understanding increased in a recent national meeting of my denomination. There is both wisdom and folly in nations by a large legislative body. The positive side was a contemplative thrill over the prominence of minorities. A sense of general righteousness emerges as minority groups and minority issues are given a chance. Serious attention to the concerns of a few gives insights to the many. Freedom means there will be diversity. Pluralism is an essential, not a luxury.

Everyone gains nobility when there is room for advancement among those who have been deprived. Compassion leads people toward ultimate wisdom. The golden rule is just as valid for relationships between groups as between individuals.

THE NEGATIVE SIDE is a new awareness of why solutions are so often simplistic. When people are rushed to a decision or overloaded by too much to do, simplistic answers will rule the day.

We all face selecting the path of wisdom or the simplistic route. Daily news tells us we are going one way or the other in international relations, in dealing with crime, poverty, education, or even family life. Quick solutions are popular.

The voice of reason is drowned out by sweeping emotion. Lessons from past struggles are swept



Rev. Charles Erickson

moral perspectives

aside by power to settle the matter. Desperation over the problems of the moment stops us from assessing the consequences of our actions. Simplistic solutions depend on quotable phrases and moving rhetoric. They usually are not wise precisely because they are too logical. We try to answer questions and lock ourselves into positions. Morality becomes a matter of written principles rather than the vibrancy of life. Images and flowing beauty are better motivators than right answers.

THE WISDOM of the people Lincoln must have had in mind is complex. Humanity is diverse, for we are each unique. One rule will not fit all situations.

Diversity is sometimes right and sometimes wrong; morality is in what happens to all the people involved. War is sometimes necessary but usually wrong; pacifism and militarism are both extreme

positions rather than wisdom. Death is sometimes a blessing and often tragic; rules about life-saving technology or abortion can't fit every case. Even diet or exercise programs differ widely.

Creationists are right to honor a divine creator. Evolutionists are right to honor scientific probing and tentative theories. Wisdom is the marvel at the mystery everywhere rather than to insist we know everything about anything. Simplistic thinking regards mystery as an unknown or a problem to be solved.

Fear and insecurity drive us to define what we trust, to identify authority. The mind needs ideas, thoughts, and words. But ultimate wisdom is personal. The Judeo-Christian tradition has elevated this truth by insisting God is person. People will move toward wisdom if we don't lock ourselves into mere words.

THIS COLUMN is made up of words, not pictures, but there are some ways to define morality and still be personal.

Commitment is dependable as a life-giving activity. People honor pledges and become the marvel of all human in doing it. Our God made covenants.

Integrity describes a noble human characteristic. We are more human when we drop facades and characters in favor of consistency and honesty.

Freedom is virtually a moral absolute. When I am liberated, I work to open doors for others. When I feel fresh air, I open windows for everyone. If I am comfortable with myself, I praise the fame or wealth of friends.

Your invitation to Worship

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
American Baptist
Bates and White
Birmingham
Pastor: G. Middleton
Barbara Sinclair
MINISTERS
CHURCH SCHOOL
9:45 AM
WORSHIP
11:00 AM
644-0550

BLOOMFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
3600 Telegraph Road - 1000 N. North of Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills 48435-1
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 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY MID WEEK SERVICE 7:30 PM
Nursery Available

COVENANT BAPTIST
9:45 AM: CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP
6:30 PM: EVENING SERVICE
Dr. William F. Kuecher, Pastor; Rev. Edward A. Libby, Assoc.
Rev. Joseph A. Daniels, Minister of C.E.
5500 W. Maple Road - W. Bloomfield, MI 48003
• one West of Orchard Lake Rd. • 855-9191



UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1385 S. Adams • Rochester
375-6400
Pastors: David S. Backlund,
Richard W. Todd, Jr. and Michael Todd
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:15 AM
FAMILY WORSHIP
10:30 AM

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: 9 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST: 10 AM
WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST: 9:30 AM
Nursery Care Available Sunday Morning
The Rev. Kenneth G. Deitz
The Rev. Edward A. King

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
Roma's of Bloomfield
2101 S. Telegraph
Bloomfield Township
WORSHIP: 9:30 AM
PRIME SERVICE: 6 PM
BIBLE STUDY:
7 PM WEDNESDAY
645-1202

Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church
1695 W. 14 Mile Road
Birmingham
SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:15 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
644-8890

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
On the Village Green
10 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
11:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
Minister
Dr. Samuel F. Stout

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
Episcopal
On Lone Pine Road at Cranbrook Road
8:00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
10:00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
SERMON
MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON
(Other Sundays)
Tuesday 10:00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION
Wednesday 7:00 AM: HOLY COMMUNION

Your local Evangelical Free Church
is a member of a denomination, yet is independent.

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
35415 W. 14 Mile Road
at Dine
661-9191
Sunday School and Worship Services:
9:30 and 11:00 AM

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Oakland at Grand River, Farm. Rd.
Farmington: 474-6373
WORSHIP: 9:30 AM
Lee W. Tyler, Pastor
Church Office: 474-6380
Parsonage: 477-5478

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
33112 Grand River
Farmington: 474-6373
WORSHIP: 10 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
Minister: Charles H. Beynon

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
12 Mile and Farmington Roads
Belmont-Crocker's
SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 and 10:45
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS 9:30
Church Phone: 563 3380

"That Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church, and that every local church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs."

Become involved in your local, independent **GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**
Meeting at:
Birmingham 3rd and High Street
Quinn Road 2500
West of Telegraph
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:45
Pastor
RICK HARTSELL
336-0165

The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.
Woodward at Cranbrook
Bloomfield Hills
WORSHIP: 10 AM
Nursery Provided
Minister:
Charles O. Erickson
Earl R. Eichart

Aren't All Churches the Same?
Don't all churches pass offering plates? We don't. Do all pastors have to be bishops or pulpits to teach? We don't. Are weekend activities ever deliberately limited so families can be together? Ours are. Does the fact that 80% of the congregation is involved in home Bible studies surprise you? It's true. Is it absolutely necessary to have denominational ties? We don't. Are parents usually actively involved in their children's religious training? Ours are. Do all churches develop a "family feeling" among participants? We work at it. Faith Fellowship is not the same! In fact, it's a little like the first century church. If these are some of the reasons you're not in a church, you will find us refreshing.

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
28301 Middlebelt Road • 1/4 mile N. of 12 Mile
GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL: 9:45 AM
WORSHIP SERVICES: 11 AM and 6 PM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 11 AM
WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT: 7:00 PM
Deborah A. Brown, Pastor
851-0310
Nursery provided at All Services
C.B.A. Affiliated No Steps

First Church of God Farmington Hills
25727 Power Road
William M. Kery, Pastor
Parsonage: 474-5619
Church School: 10 AM
Morning Worship: 11 AM
Evening Service: 7 PM
Wednesday Prayer: 7:30 PM

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills
WORSHIP • SUNDAY SCHOOL • NURSERY
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
"PREACHING IN THE TWILIGHT ZONE"
Dr. Ritter
Dr. William A. Ritter, Pastor
Rev. Brian E. Fryer, Assoc.
Mrs. Corinne Miller, Dr. C.E.
Mr. Murray Rooker, Dr. Music



FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1509 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: James W. Wright • Douglas W. Vernon
Church Open: • Evans C. Bentley
Monday-Friday
8:30 am - Noon &
1:00 pm - 4 pm
SUMMER SERVICES:
Services: 8:30 & 10 am
Crib & Toddlers: 8:30 am
Nursery-Grade 12: 10 am

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BIRMINGHAM
1660 West Maple Road
Ministers:
F. Morgan Roberts
Charles A. Sommers
Dennis F. Barger
Dr. William McKoy
Gerald S. Crawford
Morning Worship
and Church School
10 AM
Nursery Provided

Orchard United Methodist
26450 FARMINGTON ROAD
Between 11 and 16 Mile Road
362-3623
MORNING WORSHIP
9:30 AM & 11 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY
9:30 AM & 11 AM
MINISTERS:
Rev. Robert M. Foster
Rev. Robert M. Foster
Tel. 268-0516

FAITH FELLOWSHIP OF TROY
Meeting at:
Schoeder Elementary School
4515 Jack Drive, Troy
(1/4 mile N. of Big Beaver, 1/4 mile W. of Coolidge - off Kristin St.)
FAMILY WORSHIP: 10 AM
ADULT TEACHING: 11 AM
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 11 AM
Rev. Robert M. Foster
Tel. 268-0516

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-Fri 9:30-11:15 • Sat 10:15-11:15 • Sun 9:30-11:15
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN MEADOWLAND
Maple at Inkster
SUNDAY SERVICES: 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING: 8:15 PM
READING ROOM
4361 Orchard Lake Rd. • 851-7440
Mon-Fri 10:15 - Fri 7:30
All are welcome at the above church services and Readings. Child care facilities provided Sunday & Wednesday.

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
6255 Telegraph, Birmingham
North of Macle
9:15 AM Sunday Church School
10:30 AM Sunday Worship
646-5207 • 646-6110

NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14 Mile and Lusher Roads
WORSHIP SERVICE:
10 AM
Pastors:
M. L. Dunscheberger
Peter Moore

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
(2 blocks east of Woodward)
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 AM
WORSHIP 10:45 AM
Nursery Provided
Dr. David Turan, Pastor

St. Paul's Lutheran
Missouri Synod
20005 Middlebelt at 8 Mile
Farmington Hills 474-0875
The Rev. Ralph E. Unger, Pastor
SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 AM & 11 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 AM
BIBLE CLASSES 10 AM
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES K-4
Wayne C. Bakewell, Principal
474-2488

Brightmoor Fabernacle
26555 Franklin Rd. • Southfield MI
(I-696 & Telegraph - Just West of Holiday Inn)
Charismatic Celebration of Praise Crusade Continues With
CELEBRATING SINGERS: 11 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM - Services 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Web, Thurs, Fri and Sat, at 7:30 PM
A Charismatic Church where people of many denominations worship together
Thomas E. Trask, Pastor

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
2555 W. Big Beaver at Adams, TROY
CHURCH SCHOOL:
9:30 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM
Minister
Robert H. Boyle
644-0512

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
26275 Northwestern Highway near Lusher
Southfield, MI PHONE: 356-1660
United for the worship of God and service to Humanity
Rev. Mark P. Johnson, Senior Minister
Rev. David W. Howell, Minister of Christian Education
Dr. Harry Langford, Dir. of Music
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM
CHILDREN'S STUDY: 10 AM
No Stairs Nursery CIVIC CENTER IN

"Train up a child the way he should go..." - Proverbs 22
In this age of "anything goes" children need and appreciate the "sound foundation of the Bible, and a practical, usable, understanding of their relationship to God. Our Sunday School provides this, and this welcome using people up to age 30.

HOPE LUTHERAN
39200 W. 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP: 10:30 AM
V. H. Mesenberger, Pastor

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
21260 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
7:50 PM PRAYER & SHARE
NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Severly Hills United Methodist Church
2000 S. 13 Mile Egan
448-8777
WORSHIP: 10 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
(Nursery thru High School)
Minister: John W. Bray

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
Evangelical
18140 Corner Rd
Southfield
569-4418
Sunday Services: 9 & 10:30 AM
1928 Prayer Room
Services Only

ST. JOHN AMERICAN LUTHERAN
22202 Golf Road, Farmington
Charles Fox — Pastor
Mark Radloff — Pastor
1050-1550 1034 11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM
474-0584

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads
422-1150
Worship and Sunday School 8:30-10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
HOLY COMMUNION
"Selfish Judge and the Poor Widow"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 PM
"Are You An Ivory Soap Christian?"
Rev. Douglas L. Thompson
Wednesday 7:30 PM - Hour of Power
(Activities for All Ages)
Air Conditioned Sanctuary
Sunday Service Broadcast
9:30 a.m., WMUZ-FM 103.5
Nursery Care Provided at all Services.