



Moral perspectives

Rev. David Strong

Happily-ever-after needs society's assist

A great royal wedding has taken place before our eyes. We are thrilled not only by the spectacle and the romance of this event. We are touched by the simple trust and pledge of a man and a woman in marriage "till death do us part."

The message the bride and bride-groom and the clergyman wished to convey to the world watching this ceremony was that we are all kings and queens when we come before God's altar in marriage.

As a clergyman who officiates at upwards of 30 weddings a year, I am sometimes less optimistic about the outcome of all of these weddings.

We need to be hopeful and idealistic about marriage today. We also need to be practical in providing the means to help couples survive the difficulties that work to tear them apart.

One of the major difficulties with marriage in our society is that we isolate couples in splendid separation from resources that could help them. Can we imagine doing the same with new employees in a company? Would we assign a difficult task and then leave the persons without supervision, assistance or evaluation of their progress.

Churches, community colleges and counseling agencies need to provide workshops in marriage communication. They need to teach people how to problem solve and the dangers of certain patterns of communication. Video taped interactions between couples could be analyzed. The resources for marriage care and support are available.

Some of the churches have already begun this work. "Marriage Encounter" weekends originated by the Roman Catholic Church have had excellent results. The United Methodist Church offers weekend courses called "Marriage Enrichment" or "Marriage Communication." The offerings still are few in proportion to the need. The central theme of these church-sponsored marriage workshops is building upon the positive.

THE ISSUE we face is a more difficult one. We need to rid our society of the concept of marriage as a success or failure thing. Too often we see marriages as successful up to the moment they "fail." Two weeks earlier we considered their marriage successful. Then we suddenly find it has failed.

It is only possible to help marriages thrive when we drop this "happily ever after" myth and find practical ways to assist people in their relationships. Only when we provide training and support for married people will we seriously affect the tragic trend of divorce. When we accept the fact that marriages can be nurtured without their "being in trouble," we have made progress. Our times call for a new approach for those already married.

Ypsilanti home tour planned for Aug. 30

Doors of five historic homes will be open for touring by the public Aug. 30 as part of Ypsilanti's 1981 Yesteryear Heritage Festival. It is sponsored by the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and \$1.50 for children 13 and under. They are available at the Chamber of Commerce at 482-4920 or during the event at booths in front of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum on N. Huron.

Included in the tour is a stuccoed frame house with a Victorian porch, a bath on a pedestal and an old-fashioned kitchen. Also to be viewed is the first brick home built in the city. Its style is Greek Revival.

A registered home re-built by an ambitious couple should provide inspiration to any do-it-yourselfers. It was built in 1889 in a style close to Queen Anne. The 1855 Italianate style home with granite plaster cornice moldings and a carved marble fireplace mantle also will be open.

Concluding the tour will be Pollett House, built in 1859 and regarded as one of the grandest homes between Detroit and Chicago. Its owners occupy one floor, another is rented and two are used as studios for artists.

Agency opens B'fld clinic

Medical Rehabilitation Services has opened a Bloomfield Township clinic with social workers and physical, occupational and speech therapists.

The agency also has clinics in the specialties of sports medicine, orthopedics and pediatrics.

It will also operate an educational program in preventative exercises for back pain, as well as a clinic for persons with chronic pain.

Your Invitation to Worship

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH American Baptist. Dates and White. Birmingham. Robert G. Middleton. Barbara Sinclair. Ministers: 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM

BLOOMFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH 3800 Telegraph Road 1000 N. North of Long Lake Road. Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher, Pastor. Rev. Jim Lake, Associate Pastor. Larry Simmons, Director of Church Music.

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

THE SALVATION ARMY 27500 Shawwassee (at Inaker Road) SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 10 AM - Sunday School 11 AM - Morning Worship 8 PM - Evening Bible Study. Call 477-1153 for more information.

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 One Lono Pine at Cranbrook. 8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION & SERMON (1st & 3rd Sundays) MORNING PRAYER & SERMON (Other Sundays) - Tuesday 11 am Holy Communion Wed 7 am Holy Communion

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2312 Grand River Farmington: 474-6573 WORSHIP: 10 AM CHURCH SCHOOL 10 AM Nursery Provided Minister: Charles H. Bryson

What does it mean to be born again? The Evangelical Free Church believes: "That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God."

COVENANT BAPTIST 9:45 AM: CHURCH SCHOOL 11:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP 6:30 PM: EVENING SERVICE Dr. William J. Kuebler, Pastor. Rev. Edward A. Lindy, Assoc. Pastor. Rev. Judith A. Bonard, Minister of CE. 1500 W. Maple Road • W Bloomfield, MI 48303 • one West of Orchard Lake Rd. • 855-9191

Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church 16935 W. 14 Mile Road Birmingham SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:15 AM 644-8959 Morning Worship 10:30 AM

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH Pastor: Michael A. Halleen Associate Pastor: Mary Miller-Vikander Minister to Youth: David A. Rose 35415 W 14 Mile Road at D-16 661-9191 Summer Worship Service: 10:00 AM

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Oakland at Grand River, Farm. CHURCH SCHOOL AND DIVINE WORSHIP: 9:00 AM Lee W. Tyler, Pastor Church Office: 474-6889 Parsonage: 477-5472

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN Missouri Synod 12 Mile and Farmington Roads Behind Crowley's. WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:00 & 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM Church Phone: 513-3380

GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH Birmingham Community House 380 S. Bates, Birmingham SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:45 Pastor: RICHARD W. MULL 334-0165

SUNY 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 Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C. Woodward of Cranbrook Bloomfield Hills WORSHIP: 10 AM Nursery Provided Minister: Charles O. Erickson Carl R. Eckart

Last Sunday morning at 9:45 Kristen Smith left home! FAITH FELLOWSHIP OF TROY Meeting at Schaefer Elementary School 3451 Jack Drive, Troy (1/2 mile N. of Big Beaver, 1/4 mile W. of Coolidge - off Kristin St.) Tel 288-5516

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH 28301 Middlebelt Road • 1/4 mile N. of 12 Mile GRADED BIBLE SCHOOL 9:45 AM 11 AM and 6 PM CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11 AM WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT 7:00 PM Douglas B. Brown, Pastor 851-0310

CLAREVILLE UNITED METHODIST 20300 Middlebelt Livonia 474-3444 Pastor: Gerald F. Pyle 8:45 am Free worship Service 10:00 am The Church School 11:15 am Second Service of Worship

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 29887 West Eleven Mile Road Farmington Hills 478-8880 SUMMER HOURS: WORSHIP SERVICE 10 AM "DATELINE HAWAII; gathered into one" Rev. Wm. Frayer

FIRST UNITED METHODIST 1589 West Maple at Pleasant Ministers: James W. Wright • Douglas W. Vernon Church Open: - Evans C. Bentley - SUMMER SERVICES: 8:30 pm - Noon & 1:00 pm - 4 pm Services: 8:30 & 10 am Crib & Toddlers: 8:30 am Nursery-Grade 12:10 am

Orchard United Methodist 20450 FARMINGTON ROAD Between 12 and 14 Mile Road 526-2620 MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 AM & 11 AM CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY 9:30 AM & 11 AM Ministers: Robert L.S. Brown James F. Thomas

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Christian Science Churches FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM 191 Chester at Wilms SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY 8:00 PM MEETING READING ROOM 355 East Maple • 644-7935 Mon-Thurs 9:30-10:30 Fri-Sat 9:30-10:30

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH 6255 Telegraph, Birmingham North of Maple 9:15 AM Sunday Church School 10:30 AM Sunday Worship 645-207 • 646-6119

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BIRMINGHAM 1669 West Maple Road Ministers: F. Morgan Roberts Charles A. Sommers Dennis F. Blarider D. William McIvor Gerald S. Crawford Morning Worship and Church School 10 AM Nursery Provided

St. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod 20855 Middlebelt at 8 Mile Farmington Hills - 474-0875 The Rev. Ralph E. Unger, Pastor SATURDAY WORSHIP: 6:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES: 9 AM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Grades K-8 Wayne C. Berkesch, Principal 474-2488

Brightmoor Fabernacle 26555 Franklin Rd. • Southfield MI (I-696 & Telegraph - Just West of Holiday Inn) Sunday School: 9:45 AM • Worship Service 11:00 AM Charismatic Rally: 8:30 PM Wednesday - Prayer & Praise & Liturgical Youth Services provided at all services

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahser Southfield, MI 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, Dir. of Music

ST. JOHN AMERICAN LUTHERAN 2225 Golf Road Farmington Charles Fox - Pastor Mark Radloff - Pastor SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 AM 474-0584

Birth in the Hills PRESBYTERIAN 340 W. Long Lake Rd. Ministers: James F. Anderson Robert L. Lindsey Worship Service and Church School 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 14 Mile and Lahser Roads WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM Pastors: M. L. Dunkelberger Peter Moore

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 165 E. Square Lake Road Bloomfield Hills (20 blocks east of Woodward) WORSHIP: 10 AM (July & August) Nursery Provided Dr. David Turan, Pastor

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) 3165 W. Big Beaver at Adams, TROY CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30 AM WORSHIP: 11:00 AM Minister: Robert H. Boyle 644-0512

HOPE LUTHERAN 33200 W. 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 AM WORSHIP: 10:30 AM V.H. Messing, Pastor

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.

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA Farmington and Six Mile Roads Worship and Sunday School 8:30-10:00 & 11:30 a.m. MESSAGE BY DR. ANDREW JUMPER, PASTOR CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ST. LOUIS 7:00 pm MESSAGE BY REV. WAYNE DYE MISSIONARY TO NEW GUINEA (Activities for All Ages) Air Conditioned Sanctuary Sunday Service Broadcast 9:30 a.m., WMUZ-FM 103.5 Nursery Care Provided at all Services.

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21260 HAGGERTY RD. I-275 at 8 Mile Rd. FARMINGTON HILLS 348-7800 REV. JAMES D. CONNER PASTOR

SUNDAY 9:45 AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 PM PRAISE & WORSHIP WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM PRAYER & SHARE NURSERY FACILITIES AVAILABLE

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Episcopal 18140 Cornell Rd. Southfield 598-4418 Sunday Services 8 & 10:30 AM 1929 Prayer Book Services Only

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United Methodist Church 2007 13th Ave NW 544 9777 WORSHIP: 10 AM CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM (Nursery thru High School) Minister: John W. Bray