

moral perspectives
Rabbi Irwin Groner

School prayer can't bring national morality

The emotionally-charged question of prayer in the public schools has once again surfaced as a result of President Reagan's announcement that he intends to introduce a constitutional amendment providing for voluntary school prayer.

The president believes such an amendment, which would effectively bypass 20 years of Supreme Court rulings prohibiting such prayer, might reawaken "America's religious and moral heart."

Since the court's 1962 ruling prohibiting organized prayer in public schools, Congress has rejected such prayer amendments on five separate occasions. They have been seen as violations of the First Amendment, which bars "an establishment of religion."

But the president's stand is politically popular, especially among those who feel that prayer recitation and Bible reading will somehow encourage a state of national and personal morality.

THIS ISSUE affects the democratic character of our society. We are called upon now to reaffirm the principle of religious liberty and the separation of church and state as fundamental to our way of life.

I believe any departure from that principle embodied in the First Amendment jeopardizes the political and religious freedom of which America is justly proud.

I believe further that the American public school system, free and non-sectarian, is one of the most precious achievements of American democracy and that we should defend this achievement whenever attempts are made to compromise its integrity.

Divisiveness inevitably results when secularism enters the public school. This adversely affects all children. But it is the children of minority faith who are injured most severely.

AS A CLERGYMAN, I believe in prayer. I pray both publicly and privately. I encourage others to pray both in good times and in periods of crisis.

There is a time and place for prayer. Home, church, synagogue and mosque are the proper, time-honored places which provide the appropriate setting for communion with God. There religious yearning for the needs of the soul can be answered.

The schoolhouse, attended by children of every faith and no faith, is not the proper center for prayer. Mechanical recitation of prayers in public schools, particularly prayers composed by government officials with a view toward popular acceptance, degrades these true religious experiences. It is harmful to the cultivation of a religious spirit.

THE NOTION of voluntary prayer is misleading. What is voluntary today becomes compulsory tomorrow. The whole authority of the school institution would be placed behind an activity which was supposedly voluntary.

In a pluralistic society, it is not and should not be the business of government to aid or hurt religion. Providing constitutional sanction to prayer in the schools would result in prayers being offered in a coerced manner.

This amendment will imperil one of our society's most glorious traditions — government neutrality toward religion.

As a rabbi, I pray for the day when religion will play the most effective role in our society and when law, morality and ethics will pervade our conduct.

The road to fulfillment of that expectation is not through voluntary school prayer. Indeed, this amendment will tear at the fabric of our democratic society.

consumer mailbag
Grace Gluskin
 of Concern, Inc.

How does industry produce acid rain?

There have been several reports in the news recently about acid rain and the damage it is doing to lakes and wildlife in the eastern United States. The reports place the blame on the industrial Midwest. How is this possible?

POLLY C. Canton

Acid precipitation, more commonly known as acid rain, is the end product of a complex chemical process in which sulfuric and nitric oxides, transported on prevailing winds hundreds of miles from their sources, are transformed into compounds which return to earth as acid rain or snow.

As a result of the tall stacks built over the past 30 years to remove pollutants from the immediate area of industrial plants, toxic gases are emitted high into the atmosphere and widely dispersed by wind and weather. They can remain aloft for as long as four days, thus increasing the time in which chemical conversions can occur, and expanding the geographical distance over which the newly-formed compounds can fall.

Much remains unknown about the chemical processes that produce acid rain, but enough damage to our global environment has been documented to

establish that it is a cumulative problem that needs to be addressed now, before the natural buffering ability of the earth is depleted.

ECO-TIP: Treat Thanksgiving leftovers with care so they don't become a source of food poisoning. Remove stuffing from poultry and refrigerate in separate dishes within two hours after removing poultry from oven. Three important rules to remember are keep it hot, keep it cold, keep it clean.

Last week's incomplete column resulted in several cards and letters asking where the cookbook "This Can't Be Healthy, I Like It" can be purchased. Several area bookstores including those in West Bloomfield carry the book. Copies can also be obtained by sending \$5.17 to Concern, 1 Northfield Place, Troy, 48068.

Keep your cards and letters coming! Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to Grace Gluskin, care of Concern Detroit, Inc., at the Northfield Place address.

Interim House helps women

Crisis and supportive counseling and financial assistance are a few of the services offered to battered women and their children by Interim House, a temporary shelter in Detroit.

Any woman who has been physically abused by her husband or live-in boyfriend may call the organization for help at 962-5077. Professional counselors are on duty 24 hours a day, seven

days. Group counseling service is offered at six YWCA branches throughout the tri-county area, one of them the North-West Branch YWCA, in Redford Township.

Other services offered are permanent housing assistance, health care, child care, legal and transportation assistance and referrals for counseling.

Birthright aids unwed mothers

Unwed mothers can obtain emotional, psychological and financial support so they can carry their babies to term from an organization called Birthright. It is located at 225 Washington Square Plaza building in Royal Oak.

The organization offers free pregnancy

testing, counseling, and referrals for medical, legal or financial help. It also gives advice on education and arranges temporary home placement of the mother.

For more information call Birthright at 547-4600.

Want to be a foster parent?

Mentally retarded and physically handicapped teenagers in the area need foster parents.

Janet Myers, community placement unit at Plymouth Center for Human Development, 453-1500, Ext. 217.

That Blessings May Shine on You, Come to Church

For Church Directory Advertising Information
 PLEASE CALL 644-1100 Ext. 217

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 165 E. Square Lake Road
 Bloomfield Hills
 (7 blocks east of Woodward)
 9:30 Church School
 10:45 Church Worship
 Nursery Provided
 Dr. David Furan, Pastor

EVANGELICAL FREE
 Grace Evangelical
 2000 W. Woodward
 Birmingham Community House
 2nd & 3rd
 8:30 am, Sunday School for All Ages
 10:30 am, Worship Service
 Pastor: Rick Heston
 234-0162 - Nursery Provided

HOPE LUTHERAN
 39200 W. 12 Mile Road
 Farmington Hills
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15
 WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30
 V.M. Massenberg, Pastor

ST. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod
 20005 Middlebelt at 12 Mile
 Farmington Hills - 474-0675
 The Rev. Ralph E. Unger, Pastor
 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11 AM
 SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 10 AM
 CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
 Grades K-8
 Wayne C. Bestsch, Principal
 474-2485

Orchard United Methodist
 30456 Farmington Road
 Between 12 and 14 Mile Roads
 6:30-7:30
 8:30-9:30
 10:30-11:30 AM
 CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 MINISTERS
 Robert L. S. Brown
 Nancy A. Woycik

BEVERLY HILLS UNITED METHODIST
 20000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen
 648-9777
 WORSHIP: 10 AM
 CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
 (Nursery for High School)
 Minister: John W. Bray

THE COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
 1400 N. Maple at Birmingham Hwy 4215
 9:45 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL • 11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE
 6:30 p.m. EVENING SERVICE
 Wednesday Evening Family Night
 6:45 Dinner
 6:45 Family Activities
 8:00 Adult Choir

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 39200 W. 12 Mile Road
 Farmington Hills
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 WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30
 V.M. Massenberg, Pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 31112 Grand Road
 Farmington - 474-5373
 CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
 NURSERY PROVIDED
 Minister: Charles D. Boyton

The Congregational Church of Birmingham U.C.C.
 Woodward at Cranbrook
 Bloomfield Hills
 Family Church Worship: 9:30
 Worship and Church School: 11 AM
 Nursery Care Both Hours
 MINISTERS
 The Rev. Charles O. Erickson
 Carol D. Ginn

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 1385 S. Adams at Rochester
 375-0402
 WORSHIP:
 8:30 & 11 AM
 CHURCH SCHOOL:
 10:15 - All Ages Incl. Adult Ed.
 11:15 - Third Grade & Nursery Provided
 Pastor: Fred A. Adams

HOLY RESURRECTION CHURCH
 20075 West 12 Mile
 LYONIA - 475-3332
 SUNDAY LITURGY
 10:00 A.M.
 (All Services in English)

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 1400 N. Maple at Birmingham Hwy 4215
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 6:30 p.m. EVENING SERVICE
 Wednesday Evening Family Night
 6:45 Dinner
 6:45 Family Activities
 8:00 Adult Choir

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL
 301 N. Adams (N. of Big Beaver)
 BLOOMFIELD HILLS - 442-2290
 Sunday School: 9:45
 Worship Service: 11:00
 H.F. (Jack) Brown, Pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
 1580 West Maple at Pleasant
 Ministers: Robert P. Ward • Douglas W. Vernon
 • Evans C. Bentley
 WORSHIP SERVICES
 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 AM
 CHURCH SCHOOL
 9:30 and 11:00 AM
 Nursery Care All Services

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
 Roma's of Bloomfield
 210 S. Telegraph
 Bloomfield Township
 WORSHIP: 9:30 AM
 PRAISE SERVICE: 6 PM
 BIBLE STUDY:
 7 PM WEDNESDAY
 645-1292

Assurance of Christ Lutheran Church
 16935 W. 14 Mile Road
 Birmingham
 Family Learning Hour:
 9:15 AM
 Worship Service: 10:30 AM
 The Rev. W. E. Woldt, Pastor

SALVATION ARMY
 27500 Woodward
 at Inland Road
 SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 Sunday School: 10 AM
 Morning Worship: 11 AM
 Evening Worship: 6 PM
 Pastor: Rev. John Crampton

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN ALC - FARMINGTON
 22323 Grand Road
 3 blocks S. of Grand River
 2 blocks W. of Farmington Rd.
 WORSHIP (Nursery): 8:30 & 11:00
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40
 Pastors: C. Fox & M. Radtch

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
 Lone Pine at Cranbrook
 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:15 AM
 Holy Eucharist and Sermon
 (Morning Prayer
 12:00 and 4th Sundays)
 11:15 Morning Prayer & Sermon
 (Eucharist) 1st Sunday
 Weekday Eucharist
 Tuesday 10:00 AM
 Wednesday 7:00 AM

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 (Disciples of Christ)
 3915 W. Big Beaver at Adams Hwy
 CHURCH SCHOOL:
 9:30 A.M.
 WORSHIP: 11:00 A.M.
 Minister:
 Robert H. Boyle
 644-0512

ST. ANDREW
 Lutheran Church, I.C. &
 6225 Telegraph North of Maple
 BIRMINGHAM
 9:15
 Sunday Church School
 10:30
 Sunday Worship Service
 The Rev. C. W. Finner, Pastor
 646-3207 - 646-6119

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 Nursery Care All Services

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM
 1669 West Maple Road
 Ministers:
 F. Morgan Roberts
 Charles A. Sommers
 D. William McVey
 Dennis F. Barger
 Gerald S. Crawford
 Morning Worship and Church School
 9:30 and 11:15 AM - Nursery Provided

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 American Baptist
 Bates and White
 Birmingham
 Robert C. Modeste
 MINISTER
 CHURCH SCHOOL:
 9:45 A.M.
 WORSHIP:
 11:00 A.M.
 644-0550

Bark in the Hills
 PRESBYTERIAN
 13340 W. Long Lake Rd
 MINISTERS:
 James F. Anderson
 Robert L. Lindsey
 Worship Service and Church School
 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Cross of Christ LUTHERAN
 Corner Lone Pine & Telegraph
 Bloomfield Hills
 WORSHIP:
 8:15 - 9:45 • 11:15
 EDUCATIONAL HOUR: 9:45
 and service to Humanity
 Nursery - 6th Grade Junior/Senior High and Adult Bible Classes

Northbrook Presbyterian
 14 Mile & Lusher Road
 WORSHIP SERVICE
 9:30 & 11:00 AM
 - Nursery Provided -
 Pastors:
 M.L. Dunkleberger
 Peter Moore
 642-0200

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SUNDAY SERVICES
 Christian Education 10:00 am
 Morning Worship 11:00 am
 Evening Service 6:30 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
 A Nursery is Provided For All Services

OTHER ACTIVITIES:
 Ladies Bible Study
 Childrens Programs
 Youth Groups
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
 A Nursery is Provided For All Services

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
 29300 Middlebelt (Lyonia)
 474-3444
 Pastor Gerald Fisher
 8:45 am, Holy Eucharist Service
 10:00 am, Free Church School
 11:15 am, Second Worship Service
 Nursery Provided at All Services

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 29887 West Eleven Mile Road
 Just West of Middlebelt
 Farmington Hills
 "FIVE DOWN, ONE THOUSAND THIRTY EIGHT TO GO!"
 Dr. Ritter Preaching
 Dr. William A. Ratter, Pastor
 Rev. Jerry Danner, Assoc. Min.
 Judy May, Director of C.E.
 Mr. Melvin Rockus, Dr. Music

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN
 Missouri Synod
 12 Mile & Farmington Roads
 Behind Crowley's
 Worship 8:15 and 10:45
 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30
 Pastor: Rev. T. Richard Marzie
 Church Phone: 553-3380

DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 Pastor: James Conner, Youth: Robert Anderson, Music: Rod Bushar
 Located at 275 & 9 Mile with entrance at 21000 Huggins Road
 Church Office 348-7600

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
 3525 Middlebelt Road
 Orchard Lake, MI
 328-3505
 Rev. Gregory R. Sims, Rector
 SERVICES
 Sunday: 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:30 AM Choral Eucharist
 11:00 AM Christian Education/Sunday School
 Wednesday: 7:30 PM Holy Eucharist
 8:00 PM Bible Study
 Thursday: 7:00 PM Choral Eucharist
 Friday: 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist
 Nursery Provided

Brightmoor Tabernacle
 26555 Franklin Rd. • Southfield MI
 (I 696 & Telegraph Just West of Holiday Inn)
 Sunday School - 9:45 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM
 Celebration of Praise 6:30 PM
 Wed. Adult Prayer & Praise-Youth Service 7:30 PM
 A Charismatic Church where people of many denominations worship together
 Thomas E. West, Pastor

DETROIT LAESTADIAN CONGREGATION
 290 Fairground at Ann Arbor Trail - Plymouth
 Donald W. Lahti, Pastor
 471-1316
 Sunday School . . . 9:15 am
 Worship . . . 6:30 pm

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 20275 Northwestern Highway near Lusher
 Southfield, MI Phone: 356-1650
 United for the worship of God
 to and by service to Humanity
 Rev. Alan P. Jensen, Senior Minister
 E. Neil Hunt, Minister of Education
 Dr. Harry Langford, Dir. of Music
 WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL: 11 AM
 No Stairs Nursery

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
 Pastor
 Michael A. Halleen
 Associate Pastor
 Mary Miller-Vikander
 35415 W. 14 Mile Road
 at Drake
 661-9191
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
 MORNING WORSHIP: 10:45 AM
 SUNDAY EVENING: 7:00 PM
 WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT: 6:15 PM

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
 Farmington and Six Mile Roads
 422-1150
 "THANKSGIVING DAY 9 AM and 11 AM
 "TRY THANKSGIVING" - Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
 "THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC"
 150 Voice Chancel Choir with Brass Accompaniment
 Worship Service and Sunday School: 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM
 "WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?" - Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
 7:00 PM
 Film: "ISLAM: UNLOCKING THE DOOR"
 Wednesday 7:00 PM: School of Christian Education
 (Activities for All Ages)
 THANKSGIVING SERVICE TELECAST
 8:00 PM - Channel 62 11 AM - UMUZ-FM 103.5 9:30 AM - WUZZ-FM 103.5

You are invited to attend our Christian Science THANKSGIVING SERVICE
 Our Pilgrim forefathers set aside a day to show their gratitude to God for his goodness and abundance. Christian Scientists have continued this religious heritage of Thanksgiving.
 You are invited to join in our annual service of thanks to God for the blessings he has bestowed.
 10:30 AM • THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
 Care for small children is provided. No collection is taken
 First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham
 191 N. Chester
 First Church of Christ, Scientist,
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 Maple at Inkster

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