



moral
perspectives
Rev. Lloyd
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Community need must be heeded for good of all

The poor and unemployed of our land deserve something better than the menace of taxes and the experience of parody.

Suggesting legislation for the taxation of welfare benefits to encourage the unemployed to find jobs in the current job market is simply reprehensible. And the disco party mimicking the poor and hungry is grotesque heartlessness.

But it shouldn't have surprised us. Our economic composition for the well-being of life has never been known for its moral sensitivity or responsibility.

Capitalism has depended for its energy on the power of self-interest. Individual greed would be turned into economic productivity. The free market would provide the competition needed to keep prices down and production up.

IN THE END, as Adam Smith wrote in 1776 in his "Wealth of Nations," there would be "hope for the poor of London." Social Good was going to be achieved through the expanding exercise of self-interest.

The ever-expanding free market has stopped expanding. Private vice or self-interest is no longer able to satiate its own wants and the needs of others. If there is barely enough for one, there is no reason for one to share with two. It was set up that way in the beginning.

Free-market thought may have capitalized on self-interest. What we need today is our need for community. We need to recognize our dependence on each other. We need to place ourselves in the unfolding of life that transcends our immediate experience.

WE NEED to know the flow of life before us and beyond us. And the hope for the future will sustain us, while the knowledge of the past will prod us on.

A moral responsibility for community, developed on the foundation of mutual worth, would go a long way towards an improvement in our public order. Public officials would be more prudent in their exercise of care.

Thoughtless and careless advice would be effectively restrained by the increased sensitivity to the high cost of unemployment. And public parody of the poor would no longer be evening entertainment.

It doesn't take much to get started. One could ponder the delicate balance that has maintained reasonable fortune. That alone might encourage community.

It is more likely, however, that something more forceful will be needed than mere gratitude for whatever success one has enjoyed. Perhaps the disintegration of our public order can persuade us to take others as seriously as we take ourselves.

Christmas may bother allergies

Christmas trees can produce wheezing, says Dr. Paul J. Munzenberger, chairman of the Child Lung Health Committee of the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan (ALASEM).

For more than 2 million children under the age of 17 who have asthma, the Christmas season harbors a number of allergens that can bring on an attack. First is the seemingly harmless Christmas tree. Mold often begins to accumulate on the branches especially if the tree has been cut several weeks before. When the tree begins to dry out, the mold spores are released. The spores are an allergen for many people, says Munzenberger.

"Be sure to pick your gifts for the asthma sufferer carefully," Munzenberger adds. "Pets often are poor gifts, since their skin flakes and fur are highly allergenic. Stuffed toy animals, too, can produce an episode. They retain dust and can become a home for the house dust mite."

The Lung Association warns that all clothing should be washed before it is put on for the first time. The finishing materials used by the manufacturer can be potent allergens.

"Even colognes, perfumes, scented soap and other such products can produce an allergic reaction in the severe asthmatic," says Munzenberger.

Asthma victims also should be careful what they eat during the holiday season, says the Christmas Seal association. Many people are allergic to milk, eggs, nuts, wheat or artificial coloring. The American Lung Association's Family Asthma Program, a support group for asthmatics and their families, helps lung disease victims cope with asthma in everyday living. Christmas Seal contributions support this work. Additional information on the Family Asthma Program, is available by calling the association office, at 961-1897.

Reservations a must

Nearly a million northern fur seals, 70 percent of the world's total, congregate every spring at rookeries in the Pribilof Islands near Alaska to breed and bear young, according to National Geographic. It's the world's largest annual gathering of marine animals.

Bring an umbrella

Among the 191 million acres in the U.S. Forest System, there's one tropical rain forest. Puerto Rico's Caribbean National Forest, according to National Geographic, its 40 square miles protect 240 native species of trees as well as the Puerto Rican parrot.

Christmas in church

OPEN LUTHERAN
39200 W. 12 Mile
Farmington Hills
Office: 555-7370
Parsonage: 476-7000
December 24: 7:30 PM
Christmas Eve Service
of Carols & Cakes
December 25: 10:30 AM
Christmas Day Festival Eucharist
December 31: 7:00 PM
New Year's Eve
Eucharist

**Church of
The Redeemer
EPISCOPAL**
Cornell Road at Southfield
Between 8 & 9 Mile
CHRISTMAS EVE.....
Festival Holy Communion
7:00 pm and 11:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY.....
Holy Communion 10:30 am
1928 Prayer Book
Services Only

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
Lone Pine at Telegraph & Bnld. Hills • 851-7690
Dec. 19: CHURCH'S PROGRAM & PAGEANT - 6:00 PM
Dec. 24: CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT - 7:30 & 11 PM
Dec. 25: "BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION" - 10:30 AM
Dec. 31: NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP - 7:30 PM
Jan. 6: EPIPHANY SERVICE (Tree Burning and Candlelight) - 7:30 PM

DETROIT LAESTIDIAN CONGREGATION
290 Fairground • Plymouth, Mich.
Special Christmas Services
Dec. 17-19, 1992
Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday 2:00 pm
Sunday 2:30 & 6:30 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
6:00 pm
Don Lahti, Pastor

**Kirk in the Hills
PRESBYTERIAN**
1410 West Long Lake Road
CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight Worship
5:00 - Family Service with a Child Care
7:30 - 10:00 pm - Holy Night Services
(Nativity play provided)
MINISTERS:
James F. Anderson Robert L. Landry

**HOLY
RESURRECTION
ORTHODOX**
36075 W. Seven Mile
Livonia 476-3412
Between Farmington & I-75
ALL ENGLISH
SERVICES
CHRISTMAS DAY
Service 10:00 AM
(Every Sunday
at 10:00 AM)

**Peace American
Lutheran Church**
17029 West Thorton Road
Southfield 555-7027
Between Southfield & Greenfield Rds.
CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE
with
HOLY COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHTING
CEREMONY..... 7:30 & 11:00 P.M.

**PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
28000 New Market Road
Farmington Hills • 553-3350
T. Richard March, Sr., Pastor
Children's Christmas Service..... Dec. 19 - 6:30 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight..... 7:30 & 11:00 PM
Christmas Day Worship..... 10:00 AM
Sunday After Christmas Worship..... 8:15 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School & Bible Class..... 9:30 AM
New Year's Eve Communion..... 7:30 PM
Special music will be included in each of the above services.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE ADVENT**
3325 Middlebelt Road • Orchard Lake, MI
Just north of Long Lake Road
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
8:00 PM Holy Eucharist
11:00 PM Festal Choral Eucharist
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist
Rector - Father Gregory B. Sims

**RICE MEMORIAL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Beck Dale & Eight Mile, Redford
You Are Invited To Worship With Us
As We Celebrate The Joy Of Christmas
DEC. 19 - CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
11:00 A.M. Rev. John C. Ferris Preaching
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:00 P.M. "CHRISTMAS FEVER"
A Musical Presentation
11:00 P.M. Candlelight & Communion Service
- featuring the Christmas Story
ALL ARE WELCOME

CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL
LONE PINE AT CRANBROOK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 A.M. SERVICE OF CAROLS,
LESSONS, ADVENT MUSIC
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:00 P.M. CHILDREN'S SERVICE &
EUCARIST
8:30 P.M. FESTIVAL CHRISTMAS
EUCARIST, RITE II
11:00 P.M. FESTAL CHRISTMAS
EUCARIST, RITE I
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
CHRIST CHURCH

**FAITH
COVENANT
CHURCH**
CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:00 PM Family Service
10:00 PM Candlelight Service
NEW YEAR'S EVE: 6-8 PM Communion Service

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
1800 West Maple Road • Birmingham
CHRISTMAS EVE
5:30 P.M. - Family Service
9:00 P.M. - Carols & Candlelight
10:00 P.M. - Carols & Candlelight
CHRISTMAS DAY
11:00 A.M. - Worship in the Chapel
Rev. Duane T. Wuggazer
Pastor - 644-4010
Rev. Holger G. Collau
Pastor of Visitation

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
5500 N. Adams Rd., Troy • Opposite Westview
"Joy to the World...the Lord is Born!"
December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 PM - I CHRIST MASS & FURNISHING OF CRECHE
11:00 PM - II CHRIST MASS & SERMON
December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 AM - III CHRIST MASS & SERMON
December 26 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS & ST.
STEPHEN'S DAY
8 & 10 AM - Holy Eucharist & Sermon
January 1 THE HOLY NAME
10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist and Celebration of Dr. Sayers'
22nd Anniversary as Rector of St. Stephen's
January 2 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
8 & 10 AM - Holy Eucharist and Sermon
January 5 THE EPIPHANY
7:30 PM - Holy Eucharist and Sermon
The Rev. Carl Russell Sayers, D. Min. Rector

**WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF LIVONIA**
Farmington and Six Mile Roads 422-1150
Sunday - December 19
8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 -
"Christ's Coming to Our World"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00
188-Voice Chancel Choir and Orchestra Presents
"Heaven Rejoices"
Directed by its composer - Ken Parker
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services - 5:00, 7:00 & 9:00 p.m.
"Are You Happy Christmas Eve?" - Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
Congregational Carol Singing
Music by the Chancel Choir including the "Hallelujah Chorus"
4:30, 6:30 & 8:30 - Pre-Service Concert
Handbell Choir and Pipe Organ
Sunday - December 26
8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m. - "The Day After Christmas"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 - "Delusion of Grandeur or Hope for Tomorrow?"
Rev. Wallace Hostetter
New Year's Eve Dinner and Program
6:30 p.m. Dinner (by reservation only)
8:00 p.m. Praise and Communion Service (all are welcome)
9:15 p.m. Concert by Johnny Hall
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
"What to Do With Past, Present, Future?"
- Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
Join us for all or part of the New Year's Eve Program
Chancel Choir's "Heaven Rejoices" will be televised
Monday, December 20, 10:00 p.m., Channel 62

**ST. ANDREW
Lutheran Church, L.C.A.**
6255 Telegraph
One block north of Maple
BIRMINGHAM
SUNDAY, DEC. 19 - 10:30 AM
Special Christmas Service
"A Wonderful Carole Show"
CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24
7:30 PM: Lessons and Carols
11:00 PM: Candlelight Communion
with Sermon
SUNDAY, DEC. 26
10:30 AM: Sunday Worship
Therese Chastagne, Pastor
Mrs. Mary Walton, Co. of Music
645-5207 or 648-6116

**FIRST
APOSTOLIC
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
3075 Halstead Road
Farmington Hills
CHRISTMAS DAY: 11:00 AM
SUNDAY, Dec. 19 11 AM & 7 PM
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23 7:30 PM
TUESDAY, Dec. 28 7:30 PM
Guest Speakers
Arthur Stang and Allen Tordella
All Are Welcome!

**Pilgrim
Congregational**
3081 North Adams
North of Big Beaver
Bloomfield Hills • 642-2200
Jack Brown, Pastor
CHRISTMAS EVE - Dec. 24
7:30 PM - "Gift of Music"
7:30 PM: Hymns, Readings
and Communion
DECEMBER 26 - 11:00 AM
Service led by
colleagues & cancer age
young people

**WEST
BLOOMFIELD
UNITED
METHODIST**
4100 Walnut Lake Road
To block west of Orchard Lake Road
Phone 851-2130
TWO CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICES
7:30 pm Family Service
11:00 pm Communion Service
"May the spirit of Christmas dwell among
you this holiday season."

**ST. JOHN
LUTHERAN CHURCH
of Farmington**
3 Dike, West of Farmington Rd.
3 Dike, South of Grand River
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
5:00 P.M. Community-Carol Sing
8:00 P.M. Family Candlelighting
11:00 P.M. Communion Candlelight
NEW YEAR'S EVE
7:30 P.M. Worship/Communion Service

**St. Paul's Lutheran
Church**
(Missouri Synod)
Middlebelt at 8 Mile Road
Farmington Hills
DECEMBER 19
3:00 pm: Children's Christmas Program
DECEMBER 24
6:30 pm: Family Worship Service
11:00 pm: Candlelight Service/Communion
DECEMBER 31
7:30 pm: Worship Service/Communion
JANUARY 1
10:00 am: Worship Service
The Rev. Ralph E. Ungor

**ORCHARD UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
39496 Farmington Road
Between 15 and 14 Mile Roads
626-3620
MINISTERS: Robert L. S. Brown
Nancy A. Woytek
CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 pm - Family Worship Service "Listen to
Christmas" - a drama narrated by children
Youth Club & Teen Chorus
Traditional Candlelighting Ceremony
9:00 pm - A drama, "One Born Among Us"
Chancel Choir
Traditional Candlelighting Ceremony
11:00 pm - Candlelight Service of Holy Communion
and Chancel Choir
Nurses for crib infants and toddlers at 5:00 pm only
SUNDAY, Dec. 26
9:30 & 11:00 am - Church School & Worship
Sermon: "Living in the Afterglow of Christmas"

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1589 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: Robert Paul Ward • Douglas W. Vernon
• Evans C. Bentley
645-1200
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
4:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Family Service
Carols & Stories of Christmas
8:00 and 11:00 P.M.
Traditional Christmas Eve
Communion Service
Mediation
• Dr. Robert Paul Ward
8:00 P.M. - Young People's Handbell Choir
and the Chancel Choir
11:00 P.M. - Young People's Choir and Young
People's Handbell Choir

