moral perspectives

Rev. Robert Schaden

What was important about yesterday?

Many of us have been quite busy over the past few weeks. We've had holidays to observe, shopping to complete, gifts to exchange, parties to attend, and expectations to meet. But now what?

We have stored the decorations away for another year. Office parties and the galas brought to us by other sponsors have taken their toll. Gift wrappings have been condemned to the same trash bags as the turkey carcass.

Our bank accounts are down and our charge accounts are up. It is all over except for the proverbial shouting and in some cases the weeping. But what difference is any of it going to have made?

What difference will it have made that we did or did not finish our shopping on time. What difference does it make where the president chose to eat *dinner with his family* or where the hungry of the land found a handout, as long as they found one.

DOES IT make any difference that churches were packed to hear the degree issued by Caesar Augustus.

Now that it is the month of January does it make a difference that the Christmas choir missed a note or two or that the tree dropped more needles this year than it did last year?

Such questions seem rather trite, and yet only a week or two ago they were of earthshaking importance. They were crucial enough to provoke an argument with a "loved one" or a fight with a stranger as we sang about peace on earth.

These were the issues which called for valium or which provoked some to get drunk. At least for a time these issues of holiday and expectation, of family and obligation, of shopping and getting to the party on time were the all-important questions of the day.

THEY WERE large enough to drown out the ramblings over the MX. They seemed far more worthy of worry and attention than whether or not we had learned anything of life by having lived it another year.

Exploring the "so what?" questions which concern the expired holidays may appear to be little more than an exercise in depression. But history left untended has a way of repeating itself.

We easily become creatures of habit. And unless we take a look at it, what we worried about last year will tend to command our attention this year as well.

Proclamations that this year will be different have little chance of materializing except for those who are willing to do an audit on what happened last year.

TEILHARD de Chardin once suggested that the world's greatest sin is the failure to use the power for good that the Creator has put within us. However, in the human condition, power is a limited gift.

To the extent that we use it to fret about relatively unimportant matters we have little left for what really matters.

A look at past behavior and concern can affirm the good that we have done. It may also challenge us to rearrange or priorities. But not to question at all is to diminish our humanness by likening our existence to that of robots.

Only when we can dare to ask what difference it all makes are we free to deprogram from what was useless in the past and integrate that which was good for the future.

consumer mailbag

Readers offer suggestions for household problems

What better way to start the new year than to share with you the thoughts and tips sent to me by readers. The following are just a sampling of the many ideas that have come in during 1982. I hope that they stimulate more ideas from those of you who haven't yet written to Consumer Mailbag.

☐ Old nylon stockings make wonderful kitchen aids. Just washed nylons in kitchen drawer and use to strain fat from soups and sauces.

Barbara
Canton

☐ Recycled Christmas Cards make nice gift tags. Just trim. Punch and hole in one corner and attach with string or ribbon.

Kitty
Livonia

☐ I use egg cartons to store christmas decorations. They keep them from breaking.

Dennis
Birmingham

☐ I keep a role of masking tape by the refrigerator to date and label the food I pack for the freezer. This way I always use the food in order and keep it fresh. (Notes on items will also deter refrigerator raiders. "Hands Off" "Or save till later" will assure you that the cookies for the bake sale or that company dessert will be there when you need it).

Mary
Livonia

☐ I keep a flashlight in the refrigerator. The batteries last longer, and I know where to find a light when I need it.

Peggy
Rochester

☐ When I make pancakes I make a double batch and put the extras in the freezer. These make a handy, quick toaster breakfast when I'm in a hurry.

Joann
Detroit

☐ Bits of soap put into a recycled hand lotion jar with a little water makes liquid soap for the kitchen, laundry, garage, basement or bath.

Tom
Birmingham

☐ I never throw leftover, wilted salad away that has dressing on it. I just put it in the blender with a little tomato juice or yogurt and have an instant health drink.

Linda
Troy

Consumer Mailbag is here to answer your questions. Address letters to Grace Gluskin, Concern Detroit, Inc., One Northfield Plaza, Troy 48098.

Church women plan retreat

"Growing with the MASTER Gardener" will be the theme of the fifth annual mini-retreat at Aldersgate United Methodist Church Saturday, Jan. 11.

Planned, prepared and presented by the United Methodist Women, the retreat will focus on problems involved in everyday life and how best to cope with them.

Patsy Clairmont, noted Bible teacher, is the keynote speaker with "How Does Your Garden Grow?"as her topic.

OTHER SPEAKERS conducting seminars are: Eleanore Barzler, "Are You Growing Older and Growing Up?"; Peg Rankin on "Christian Marriage"; Dr. Elaine Tan with "Christian Parenting"; and "Help, I'm Being Robbed (of Joy)" by Kathy Tack. Special guest Edwin Wilson of Fernlees's Flowers will speak on "Flowers for Everyday Living."

Session begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 2:30 p.m. Luncheon and special music will fill the breaks. Reservations are necessary and must be in by Jan. 15. Registration fee is $6.50. Babysitting is not provided. Reservations may be made by calling 278-5428.

Aldersgate United Methodist is at 10000 Beech Daly, Redford Township, between W. Chicago and Plymouth roads.

Death, divorce will be topics

The Rev. Al Ramsey will present a program called "The Single Again — Dealing with Divorce and Death" at a conference from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Ramsey is conference program coordinator for the Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He will discuss life, grief, single parenting and lifestyle options.

The cost is $3, which includes materials and lunch. It is necessary to register by Jan. 12. Call the Rev. Jeffry Dinner at 476-8860.

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Wayne C. Berkebeich Principal
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30450 FARMINGTON ROAD
Between 12 and 14 Mile Road
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MORNING WORSHIP:
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CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY:
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
MINISTERS
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Minister: John W. Bray

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V.H. Messenbring
Pastor

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33112 Grand River
Farmington 474-6572
WORSHIP 10 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL 10 AM
Nursery Provided
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CHURCH SCHOOL:
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10:00 A.M.
(All Services In English)

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Wednesday Evening Family Night
5:45 Dinner
6:45 Family Activities
8:00 Adult Choir

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10:00 am The Church School
11:15 am Second Worship Service
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5:45 pm Youth Meetings
7 pm Sun. Eve. Service
7 pm Wed. Midweek Service

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

Ascension 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. Wolot, Pastor

SALVATION ARMY
27500 Shiawassee
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Sunday School: 10 AM
Morning Worship: 11 AM
Evening Worship: 6 PM
Prayer Meeting Thurs.: 8 P.M.
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9:30 and 11:00 AM
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Bates and Willits
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Robert G. Middleton
MINISTER
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9:45 A.M.
WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
644-0550

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(Disciples of Christ)
3951 W. Big Beaver at Adams-Troy
CHURCH SCHOOL:
9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP: 11:00 A.M.
Minister:
Robert H. Boyte
644-0512

ST. ANDREW
Lutheran Church, L.C.A.
6255 Telegraph • North of Maple
BIRMINGHAM
9:15 Sunday Church School
10:30 Sunday Worship
The Rev. C.W. Richter, Pastor
646-5207 • 646-6118

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN ALC • FARMINGTON
23225 Gill Road
3 Blocks S. of Grand River
3 Blocks W. of Farmington Rd.
WORSHIP (Nursery): 8:30 & 11:00
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40
Pastors: C. Fox & M. Redlich

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1340 W. Long Lake Rd
MINISTERS:
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Robert L. Lindsey
Worship Service and Church School
9:30 am and 11:30 am

Cross of Christ LUTHERAN
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Bloomfield Hills
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EDUCATIONAL HOUR: 9:45
Nursery - 6th Grade
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Peter Moore
642-0200

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Tuesday 10:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 AM
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3325 Middlebelt Road
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338-3505
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SERVICES
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8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
• 9:30 AM Choral Eucharist
11:00 AM Christian Education/Sunday School
Wednesday:
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