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Rev. David Strong

Life's downers are necessary for growth

and Lucy are sitting on a step talking and Lucy says, "Sometimes I get dis-couraged." Charlie answers, "Well, Lucy, life does have its ups and downs, you know."

you know."
Lucy responds, "But why, why should
it? Why can't life be all ups? Why can't
I go from an up to an upper up? I don't
want any downs, just ups, ups and more

want any downs, just ups, ups ano more ups."

This is our natural desire to have life present us with only ups and more ups. There is a paradox in the view that God blesses faitful people with good things, and the view expressed in the Book of Joh that "God delivers the afflicted by their affliction, and opens their carr by adversity."

Over and over again Scripture presents a message that pain, frustration and affliction are means through which

sents a message that pain, frustration and affliction are means through which we learn about life. It is still a surprise to visit someone who is very ill and find that they experience good things in the midst of their trouble. It is not unusual to go away from such a visit feeling more strength and hope than before one made the visit.

THE CHARACTERISTIC that life is born at the same time it is being destroyed is seen in the life of Jeruman, who lived around 500 B.C. He bettind, who lived around 500 B.C. He bettind that he was called to warm his people about the impending doorn which be saw for his nation. His nation did not wish to see the truth. They did not wish to grapple with the Injustice toward slaves, their wealth in the midst of poverty, their immortality, and their abandonment of God.

Jerumlah was arrested, beaten and

domment of God.

Jeremish was arrested, beaten and
Imprisoned again and again for his
stand. Attempts were made to kill him.
Tradition is that be was forecably that,
en to Egypt as his people fled from in-

vading armies and that there he was killed by his own people.

When our religion tells us that adversity and judgment bring us back to bealth, we react like Lucy. "No, all I want is ups and more ups." It is very difficult for people to hear anything but success and progress. We would like to move along in the jetstream of life, without storms and reverses. It is a paradox that such a person as Jeremiah is a source of strength and hope even today.

OUR TIME PARALLELS Jeremiab's time. Deep insecurities abound in
our personal and in the national and international realms. A national spokesperson for the peace movement tells
us that many of the experts in nuclear
arms expect a war in the next 10 years,
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Many are insecure and frightened about the fauture. Yet the prophet will say we must let go of our frantle search for security and fun to struggle with adversity.

Out of his experience, the author of Peanuts, Charles Schulz says, "Adver-sity is what maker you mature. The growing soul is watered best by team of sadness."

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There is a place for positive thinking and building of self-esteem in religious teaching. There is also a place for the value of adversity, for bumping up against the wall and facing life as it walled.

really is.

Raising healthy children requires both dimensions. The paradox still remains, adversity builds character and depth of spirit. Those who have passed through the darkest valleys have become sources of our greatest hope and inspiration. We need such persons in our time.

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CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP: 11:00 A.M.

Minister: Robert H. Boyte 644-0512

medical briefs/helpline

What causes an asthma attack? The American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan (ALASEM) -family asthma program will explore the variety of causes for sathma epi-icodes at 7 pm. Aug. 18 in doctors' din-ing rooms C and D of Oakwood Hospi-tal, 18101 Oakwood Boulevard, Dear-bern.

born. James Fordyce, M.D., will discuss the hereditary component, role of allergies, infection and emotions with the program menters.

The program meets at Oakwood on the third Thursday of each month. There is no fee and all area families who share the problem of living with asthma are urged to attend. Call the lung association at 961-1627 for more lung association at 961-1697 for more

• HEALTHY INDIVIDUALS who require specific surgical procedures that can be performed in one day on an outpatient basis can now taske advantage of Harper Hospital's new — new cost for patients — Ambulatory Sur-

gery Center (ASC). The \$2-million facility opened July 28.

ity opened July 26.

One-day surgery has several advantages for the patient in addition to cost savings, the patient can return home within hours of surgery, minimizing any interruption in their daily lives. The separation of inpatient hospital care and outpatient elective surgery also gives family members an opportunity to be closer to the patient during the time of the operation.

The new ASC is located on the third floor of the Harper-Grace Hospital's Professional Building at 4160 John R. at Willis. Patients coming into the cen-ter can park in the surface lot just north of the building. All necessary blood tests, lab work and surgery prep-arations are performed in the center.

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Some of the one-day-only procedures done in the new center include plastic and reconstructive surgery, urologic, gynecologic, oral, tolaryngologic (ear, noce and throat), opthalmologic (eye), and cosmetic surgeries and biopsies.

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Pastor: Rev. T. Richard Mareis Church Phone: 563-3380

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau has a current file 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 call the bureau.

- TELEPHONE WORKER If you are interested in people and really care about them, be a sympathetic ear on the telephone for those with problems. Contact Life Line in Detroit needs someone who can give eight hours per month.
- FLOOR MAINTENANCE —
 South Oakland YMCA needs a person to
 help with a floor refinishing project for
 four hours per day for two to three
- FAMILY FOCUS This organization has several openings for volunteers. A person with good secretarial skills is needed for the office. Family aides are needed to work with willing parents to help end child abuse. Hours are flexible. Also needed is a public relations person and an artist.
- DOCENTS Those who love peo-ple and museums are needed by Cran-brook Institute of Science for a half ay per week to serve as guides for visiting groups. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.
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class reunions

BIRMINGHAM GROVES
 The Groves High School class of 1973
will hold a 10-year reunion Saturday,
aug. 13, at Roma's of Bloomfield. For
information, call 643-1299.

union on Aug. 20 at the Sly Fox in Bir-mingham. Call 649-6156 for more in-formation.

WALLED LAKE
 The Walled Lake High School class of 1958 is planning a 25-year reunion.

 Classmates are asked to call 363-6876 or 624-0571.

Mithy Norman's restaurant, starting at 18-19 pm, For more information, call 588-1988.

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