



moral perspectives

Rev. Lloyd Buss

Church as sanctuary concept needs revival

Churches as sanctuaries, protected havens for those threatened, is a time honored tradition that needs to be revived.

People are fleeing oppression and violence in Central America and coming to the United States asking for political asylum. We have denied them that temporary asylum.

We have classified them as "illegals" and are forcing them to return to their homes where most, if not all, have experienced persecution, and some, execution. Some have sought help — sanctuary — from the church.

A sanctuary has always been a place set aside from the ordinary world. The first use of "sanctuary" was a holy place evoking awe — God's presence creating worship and fear. It was a special place, and it received the protection of the community because of what it offered to the community.

TRANSgressors OF ITS protocol and purpose could be banished or even killed. The continual Roman harassment of Judaism's temple in Jerusalem was the key factor in Judaism's resistance to the Roman occupation, which ended with the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70.

The concept of sanctuary was expanded in early Judeo-Christian history with the development of "sanctuary cities" where those convicted of crimes against community were banished to live. There they received protection against avengers and reprisals (see the biblical books of Exodus and Numbers).

During the Middle Ages, English cathedrals provided sanctuary for up to 40 days for those accused of crimes. There, in the safety of the church, the

accused could make his choice — stand trial or leave in exile, and use the time to complete family/personal arrangements.

THE DOOR-KNOCKER USED to awaken the custodian of the church for sanctuary at the Durham Cathedral, Durham, England, is the pattern for many a door-knocker used in subdivision housing in my community.

Providing sanctuary to Central American refugees will probably never include waking church guardians in the middle of the night, nor even having anyone stay in the church. Providing food and shelter in a church sanctuary would dramatize the need, but the issue goes beyond protection from the elements and nourishment for the body.

There is a basic flaw in some of our policies carried out by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and we need to protect those accused out of that flaw, and we need to correct it.

CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEES are not criminals. They are victims of violence and turmoil in their country, not wholly of their own design or deed.

In a recent TV interview, former President Gerald Ford expressed his disgust with those who challenge the Reagan administration's efforts to aid in the resolution of Central America's internal struggles. It is important to us, he stressed, because they are so close to us.

Geographical proximity is an important point to consider. Giving "sanctuary" to Central American refugees — expressing compassion and a moral commitment to the cause of justice and freedom — would be a clear sign to those farther away what we are all about.

TLC listening service asks for volunteers

A Christian-oriented telephone listening service is looking for volunteers who will spend eight hours a month manning telephone lines.

The service, called Telephone Listening Center (TLC), was begun by and is supported by Ward Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

Director Jan VanderBok said the center can use volunteers who may be members of other churches.

All volunteers are required to take 34 hours of classroom training prior to manning a phone line.

The training is conducted in two-hour sessions on Wednesday evenings Sept. 7 through Dec. 14 and one Saturday seminar.

VanderBok said that while classes have begun, those who are interested may start attending next Wednesday's session. The classes will be held in Room B of Ward Church, Farmington and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

For information, call 422-1742.

TLC, WHICH began in January 1982, will answer 9,000 phone calls this year,

VanderBok said. The center is manned almost around the clock.

Callers are generally people who feel a need to talk to someone about personal problems and are generally lonely people, VanderBok said.

Many callers do not have people — family or friends — who feel comfortable talking to about things that may be bothering them.

"Sometimes all that is needed is a listening ear, or another viewpoint on how to handle a particular problem or situation," VanderBok said.

Volunteers are trained to be "listeners" rather than counselors, the director said. "We can and do refer people to professional counselors if we think that is needed, but we don't attempt to solve people's problems for them. We want to encourage people to talk about themselves in such a way that solutions, or actions may become apparent to the caller."

VanderBok said one thing is necessary: that volunteers be Christians. "This is an essential part of our ministry," she said.

Ward Presbyterian opens branch church in Hills

Open house ceremonies at 3 p.m. Sunday will mark the opening of Ward Presbyterian Church of Livonia's second branch church, Grace Chapel, to be located in William Tyndale College, 12 Mile and Drake roads in Farmington Hills.

Services will officially begin Sunday, Oct. 2, and will continue in the college facility until the congregation grows sufficiently to purchase land and start a building program.

The pastor will be the Rev. Douglas Klein.

Grace Chapel is the result of rapid growth at the Livonia church at Farmington and Six Mile roads. Request for

a church in a northern suburb came from many of Ward members, many of whom come from areas north of Livonia.

A nucleus of 90 members from Ward church is committed to assisting in the development of Grace Chapel's programs patterned after those carried out at the Livonia church.

It was four years ago that Ward church began its first branch, Trinity Presbyterian, in the Plymouth-Ann Arbor area. It is now a growing congregation of approximately 400 members. Senior Ward pastor is Dr. Bartlett Hess.

class reunions

As a public service, the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers will print announcements of class reunions.

● **WAYNE STATE**
Wayne State University classes of 1933-34 are invited to participate in the 50th anniversary celebration planned for Sept. 23-25 on campus. A variety of special events are planned. For more details, call the Alumni House, 577-2772.

● **FARMINGTON**
The Farmington High School class of 1933-34 is planning a 50-year reunion on Oct. 9 at the home of Farmington Hills. For more information, call 472-1164.

● **VISITATION**
Visitation High School class of 1958 will hold a 25-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 8 at Tapperooyne restaurant. Call 421-6418 for more information.

● **CHADSEY**
Chadsey High School class of 1955 is planning a 30-year reunion. Information is needed. Please contact students whereabouts. Call Barbara (Brown) Allen at 271-5267 or Yvonne (Carro) Zapinski at 423-2555 for information.

● **COOLEY**
The Cooley High School class of 1948 will hold a 40-year reunion Oct. 15. Write Dick Crisman, 585 54th Street SW, Grand Rapids 49506 or call at 616-554-9277.

Your Blessings May Be A Blessing To Others

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

ST. PAUL, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
1200 S. East of Woodward
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 AM
WORSHIP 10:30 AM
Nursery Provided
Rev. Gunther C. Brantner

EVANGELICAL FREE
New Meeting in The
Birmingham Area
300 E. 9th
9:30 am. Sunday School
10:30 am. Worship Service
Pastor: Bill Howard
254-0188 (Home) 254-0188 (Home)

HOPE LUTHERAN
39200 W. 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills
WORSHIP 9:30 AM
V.M. Messingbrink
Pastor

ST. Paul's Lutheran Missouri Synod
20305 Midwestern at 8 Mile
Farmington Hills • 474-0076
The Rev. John L. Unger, Pastor
SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 11 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL 10 AM
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Grades K-8
Wayne C. Barbach Principal
474-2485

Orchard United Methodist
30410 Farmington Road
Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
679-3620
WORSHIP 8:30 & 11 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL
8:30 Crb-Adult
11:50 Crb-2nd Grade
Robert L. S. Brown
Nancy A. Woycik

BEVERLY HILLS UNITED METHODIST
10000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen
• 648-9777
WORSHIP 10 AM
Nursery Provided
Nursery thru High School
Minister: John W. Gray

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1385 S. Adams • Rochester
375-0400
WORSHIP 9:00 & 11:15
Nursery Provided
CHURCH SCHOOL 10:15
All Ages & Adult Education
11:15 Div. B (Adult)
Barter-Free Access

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
16-0008
WORSHIP 9:30 & 11:00 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY 11 AM
Dr. Samuel F. Stout, Pastor
United Methodist Church
Ecumenical in Spirit

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
33424 Oakland
Farmington, MI • 474-6800
WORSHIP 9:30 AM
Barter Free Sanctuary
Nursery Provided
Rev. Lee W. Tyler
Pastor
Rev. Carl H. Schultz
Pastor Emeritus
PARSONAGE • 474-6478
"YOU ARE WELCOME!"

OAKLAND AVENUE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Paul R. Moon, Pastor
Andrew E. Linkman, Dr. Christian Ed. Timothy Patch, Youth Director
Worship 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Youth Fellowship
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM
404 Oakland Ave. at Cadillac, Pontiac..... 658-2577

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1500 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers Robert P. Ward • Douglas W. Vernon
• Ronald K. Fulton • Charles H. Baynon
WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 AM and 10:00 AM
Child Care 9:30 and 10:00 AM
No Church School in August

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
American Baptist
First and Main
Birmingham
Interim Minister: Rev. G. Douglas Larson
CHURCH SCHOOL 9:00 AM
WORSHIP 10:00 AM
444-0550

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
2663 W. Big Beaver at Adams (Chr)
"CHURCH SCHOOL" 9:30 AM
WORSHIP 11:00 AM
Minister: Robert H. Boyte
644-0512

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN ALC • FARMINGTON
22225 Oak Road
3 Blocks S. of Grand River
3 Blocks W. of Farmington Rd.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM
WORSHIP (Nursery) 9:30 AM
Pastor C. Fox

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
548-3207 • 548-3219

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham
1409 West Maple Road
Ministers:
F. Morgan Roberts
Charles A. Sommers
D. William Melvor
Darryl L. Baker
Stuart D. Blevins
Gerald S. Crawford
Morning Worship and Church School 10:00 AM Nursery Provided

CLARENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Midwestern, Livonia
474-3444
Pastor Gerald Fisher
8:45 AM First Worship Service
10:00 AM Church School
11:15 AM Second Worship
Nursery Provided At All Services

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
14 Mile & Lahser Road
WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30 & 11:00 AM
• Nursery Provided •
Pastors:
M.L. Dunkleberger
Peter Moore
642-0200

THE COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
8400 W. Maple at St. Regent
844-9121
8:45 a.m.: CHURCH SCHOOL • 11:00 a.m.:
WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30 p.m.: EVENING SERVICE
WEDNESDAY
7 PM Prayer & Bible Study
8 PM Adult Choir

FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN
26325 Highland Road
at Eleven Mile
FARMINGTON HILLS
SERVICES
10 AM EVERY Sunday
7 PM First and Third
Sunday of Each Month
7 PM Sunday Song
Service
Last Sunday Each Month

GRACE CHAPEL
an outreach Church
of Ward Presbyterian
Services begin October 2
9:30 A.M. Sunday School & 10:45 Worship
at William Tyndale College
Twelve Mile and Drake Roads
Farmington Hills
Rev. Douglas L. Klein, Pastor 422-1150

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

CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL
LONE PINE AT CRANBROOK
THE REV. ALMUS M. THORP, JR., RECTOR
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Sermon
(Church School and Nursery)
(Morning Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays)
Weekday Eucharist
Tuesday 10:00 AM
Wednesday 7:00 AM
CHRIST CHURCH

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
E. Neil Hunt, Minister of Education
Rev. Dr. Harry Langford, Dir. of Music
WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL: 11 AM
No Stairs Nursery CHRC CENTER DR.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
35500 West Cramer Lane
Farmington Hills 477-3233
BIBLE SCHOOL 10 AM
WORSHIP 11 AM and 6 PM
WED. BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM
Nursery Provided at All Services

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL
1001 N. Adams St. at St. Regent
BLOOMFIELD HILLS • 462-2290
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM
Barter Free
H.F. (Jack) Brown, Pastor

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
Michael A. Hallen
Associate Pastor
Mary Miller
35415 W. 14 Mile Road
at Drake
651-9191
MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads 422-1150
Worship and Sunday School 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 AM
"HOW SOON WILL THE WORLD END?"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 PM
"THE KING IS AT THE DOOR"
Rev. Wallace W. Hostetter
Wednesday 7:00 PM: School of Christian Education
(Activities for All Ages)
Sunday Service Broadcast
9:30 AM • WMLZ-FM 103.5
Nursery Provided at All Services

DETROIT LAETANIAN CONGREGATION
200 Fairground at Ann Arbor Trail - Plymouth
Donald W. Lahti, Pastor
671-1918
SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:30 AM
WORSHIP 11:00 AM
Tues. Bible Class
7:30 PM
All scheduled services in English.
Foreign language service scheduled monthly 2nd Sunday at 11 AM.
Also available at any time.

THE LORD'S HOUSE A Full Gospel Church
38024 Ann Arbor Trail
at Newburgh
622-8463
Pastor Carl J. Forsyth
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
Open Every Day 9:00 am
Until 1:00 pm
Children's Ministry at Every Service
24 Hour Prayer Line 522-8410

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
32 Mile and Farmington Roads
Behind Crowley's
Worship 8:15 and 10:45
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30
Pastor: Rev. T. Richard Marica
Church Phone: 653-3380

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Just West of Midwestern
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM
"MY NAME AND MY FACE"
Dr. William Ritter
Dr. William A. Ritter, Pastor
Rev. Jeffrey Oliver, Assoc. Min.
Judy May, Director of C.E.
Mr. Melvin Rookus, Dir. Music

Brightmoor Tabernacle
26555 Franklin Rd. • Southfield MI
(I-65 & Telegraph - Just West of Holiday Inn)
Sunday School: 9:45 AM - Morning Worship: 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. Trask, Pastor

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191 Chester at Wills
Sunday Service and Sunday School
Wednesday Testimony Meeting
Reading Room at 355 E. Maple
Opens Daily at 9:30 AM • 644-7035
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Maple Road at Inquirer
Sunday Service and Sunday School
Wednesday Testimony Meeting
Reading Room at 4381 Orchard Lake Road in Pine Lake Map
Opens Daily at 10:00 AM • 881-7400