

# Laubach Literacy Plan Now Is Available Here

More than 40 years ago, in a remote area of the Philippine Islands, Dr. Frank Laubach evolved a new method of teaching reading.

It involved associating the shape of a letter with an object whose name begins with the sound the letter represents.

The system has helped thousands—perhaps millions—of illiterate adults to learn to read and now has been adapted for 31 languages, including English.

Now it is available to local residents who may have missed learning to read.

"IN AREAS like this there is very little illiteracy, of course," said Mrs. Alice Weber of Southgate, who instructed about a dozen women in the Laubach method in Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington recently.

"But there is a need for people who can work with young adults who are retarded and help others with problems like making out job applications and filling out social security forms.

The course at Antioch, consisting of about 15 hours of instruction in the Laubach method, was organized by Mrs. Penny Conn, Antioch member who works with the New Horizons center for employing the mentally retarded in Farmington.

She plans to use it in her work there with young adults who may be capable of learning to read.

THE COURSE was offered by the National Affiliation for Literacy Advances, sponsored by Laubach Literacy, Inc. Mrs. Weber, who has been certified by the organization as a Literacy Tutor, and Mrs. M. James Brookhart of Philadelphia, director of Volunteer Reading Aides for the Lutheran Church Women, U.S.A., were on hand for the training work.

Each woman used the skill book furnished and they practiced teaching methods on each other.

"It's quite a rigid pattern," Mrs. Weber said, "but it can be made natural in the teaching."

For example, the letter b starts with a fat bird, pictured with his tail in the air to form the stem of the letter. Then the student progresses to forming



TRAINING SESSION -- Church women from the Farmington area met recently in Antioch Lutheran Church to learn Dr. Frank Laubach's method of teaching adults to read.

the letter in the form of the bird.

From there he moves to seeing the whole word b-i-r-d. Then he is taught to connect the b sound with the other words beginning with the same letter.

MRS. WEBER said she had met Dr. Laubach when he famed missionary visited in this area before his death last year.

His system found its start when he was working among the Maranao natives in the Philippines, whose language

contains only 12 consonant sounds and four vowel sounds.

In that language, an almost perfect letter-sound relationship could be developed, using one Roman letter for each sound.

Dr. Laubach found that adult students could learn the whole alphabet in a few hours and after that could read anything written in the language.

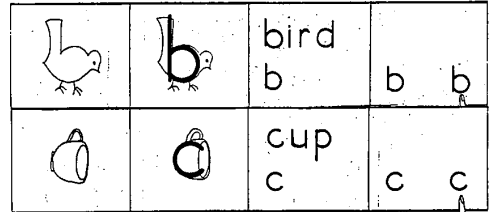
He taught them through three key words that use all the consonants in the language. Working with that group, he discovered that adults want reading to have meaning right from the start and that they

have no interest in drills on isolated sounds.

THIS SAME KEY WORD approach later was adopted in various languages, and the method of teaching by associating the shape of the letter with an object gradually evolved.

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THE LAUBACH SYSTEM -- This chart shows how a non-reading adult student progresses from picture ideas to sound and letter.

## Women Plan Missionary Speaks Style Show

A smorgasbord dinner will be held in North Congregational Church, 28275 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, Friday, Oct. 16. A continuous serving of gourmet dishes prepared by members of the Women's Association will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Following the dinner, women from the church will model new fashions from patterns by McCall's. A Walt Disney film will be shown for the children and the lounge will be open for those who wish to play cards.

Reservations may be made by calling the church at 356-1670 by Oct. 14. Donations are \$1.75 for adults; \$1.00 for children eight to 12; and 50 cents for children under seven.

## M. Geary Is Speaker

A former Catholic priest, Maurice Geary, will be the speaker at Sunday services in the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halstead.

His topic will be entitled "A Church Is Not a Place to Hide." Geary is now a field worker for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

Being service for the Ayring, a Torch Drive agency, provides direct, individualized and social services to the retired and older people to maintain themselves in their own homes.



REV. ROBERT B. HASLAM

Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. Before going to the Philippines he served as pastor of several churches.

Presently on leave from the Philippines, he is serving as director of deputations and conventions for the General Missionary Board.

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the Rev. Robert Haslam, principal of the Light and Life Bible Seminary in the Philippines, will be guest speaker for the 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. services Sunday, Oct. 11, in the Free Methodist Church of Garden City, 27415 Maplewood, between Ford and Warren.

Rev. Haslam, a member of the general Missionary Board, will tell of his experiences as teacher and missionary.

Speaking on the emergence of a strong national church in the area, he will show slides with tape-recorded narration, including voices and music recorded in the Philippines. A display of Filipino paintings, carvings and artifacts, including hand-made musical instruments, will highlight the public program.

The school where Rev. Haslam has been teaching was organized in 1955 and is on the college level. It offers a four-year bachelor of religious education degree and a five-year bachelor of theology degree.

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## Community Council Plans Fund Drive

As the ghost and goblin season of Halloween again approaches, the Plymouth Community Council for Churches is preparing to launch its annual United Nations Children's Fund drive Wednesday, Oct. 28, and Thursday, Oct. 29.

On these two evenings, young people from the city and township will "trick or treat for UNICEF" in order to raise funds for vitamins, vaccines, food and school supplies for needy children in more than 100 countries. Groups planning to participate include various church youth groups,

scout troops and YMCA members. The youngsters will be out in small supervised groups and will be identified by their official orange and black collection cartons.

Mrs. John Calletta, coordinator of the drive, reports that last year's "Trick or Treaters" collected more than \$1,200 for UNICEF. Officials are hopeful that the 1970 Drive will equal or exceed last year's goal.

Any children or children's organizations wishing to participate may contact Mrs. Calletta at 453-5771 before Oct. 18.

THE REV. PETER BEEBE, BEEBE, son of State Sen. N. Lorraine Beebe, has joined the staff of St. Mark Episcopal Church, New Canaan, Conn. He is graduated from the Yale Divinity School in June and was ordained to the diaconate by the Rt. Rev. Richard S.M. Emrich in St. Paul's Cathedral. He is married to the former Judith Kaye Waters and the couple has one son.



## Methodist Home Offers New Counseling Aid

A new family counseling service offered by the Methodist Children's Home, 26645 W. Six Mile, Redford Township, will be available to families referred by United Methodist Church ministers in the west district of Michigan.

The service will make use of the talents of four psychiatric social workers on the staff of Children's Village, where some 60 school-age youngsters live in family-sized groups. All are specialists in psychotherapy, said Bruce Binstock, supervisor of social workers for the children's home.

THE SERVICE is being offered to residents of the Redford Township area around the home, Binstock said, as well as to families referred by Methodist clergymen. "Families having problems getting along with one or more

members or suffering from emotional conflicts are the ones we are trained to help," he pointed out.

"We hope to offer something that's hard to find in most places, now quick response so people won't be on a waiting list when their problems seem to hard to deal with."

BINSTOCK said the service would be offered on an out-patient and group therapy basis. Weekly group meetings are planned, with a fee of \$10 per session that is subject to adjustment when needed.

"Outpatient care has been known to prevent hospitalization in some instances," Binstock added, "and some problems need professional help but hospitalization is not the answer."

"So the insurance companies are recognizing psychiatric social work and including it in many health care plans."

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AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE WITH YOUR FAMILY

**UNITED METHODIST**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
of Garden City  
6443 Merriman Road  
Phone: 421-8628  
Worship: Rev. Gene Walters  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m.  
Infants through 6th grade  
Adults, Young Adults, Sr. High and Jr. High  
MODERN WORSHIP 10 a.m. only

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
36500 Sun Arbor Trail  
Livonia 422-0149  
Rev. William Reed, Rev. Ben Belmont  
Minister 522-1527  
Worship Service and Church School 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
of Plymouth  
680 Church Street  
453-3280  
Paul M. Crego and Ronald E. Corl  
9:30 a.m. Church School  
Nursery, Infants, Jr. High  
10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship  
with Nursery Care Provided

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Farmington 476-8800  
29887 West 11 Mile Road  
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Meredith T. Mohrner  
Robert C. Laubach  
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John R. Phelan  
Minister of Music  
Worship Service 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Layman's Sunday "Beside the Golden Door"  
Max Alford H. Loydell Towler  
Church School 9:30 a.m.

**ALDERGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
(Redford Township)  
10000 Beach-Daly Road  
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332-9516  
Ministry  
Wm. G. Weyant, Minister  
Wm. G. Weyant, Minister  
of Education, Mrs. Theod. Smith  
"Morning Worship" 9:30 and 11  
Church School 9:30 and 11  
Nursery care provided for all services.

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
30900 E. 14 Mile Road  
422-4038  
Paul T. Hirt, Pastor  
Hilda Green, Associate Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery  
Church School at 9 a.m.  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
Nursery available  
Jr. High Fellowship  
Tuesday 7 p.m.  
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Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Rice Memorial United Methodist**  
Beach Daly at 8 Mile  
Rev. James R. Barnes, Pastor  
Church School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
534-5393

**For Information Call Kathy Porter 422-3175**

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**

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You are cordially invited to attend Sunday School as listed below. Sunday Schools are conducted by all churches, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age.

**Wednesday Testimonial Meetings at 8 p.m.**  
Hours of Service  
**FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit** . . . . . 11 a.m.  
24400 W. Seven Mile near Telegraph  
**FIRST CHURCH, Garden City** . . . . . 11 a.m.  
31111 Ford Road  
**FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth** . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
1100 West Ann Arbor Trail

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Hubbard at West Chicago  
Worship 9 and 11 a.m.  
CHURCH SCHOOL 9 and 11 a.m.  
Richard C. Dunkelberger, Pastor  
Arthur Baumbach, Jr., Associate Pastor  
William T. Lovick, Associate Pastor  
GAfield 2-0494

**WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA**  
Farmington Road and Six Mile Road  
422-1150  
Worship and Bible School 9, 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.  
"God's Care of You"  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess  
7 a.m.  
"Do Your Own Thing" and "Glean"  
Bible series on Matt. 24  
Rev. Franklin Williams  
Wednesday Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Family Dinner  
7 p.m.  
classes for all ages  
8 p.m.  
prayer fellowship  
nursery provided for all activities

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
26701 Joy Road  
Worship and Church School 10 a.m.  
Church Office: CR 8-9340

**St. Timothy Presbyterian Church**  
16700 Newburg Road  
Sunday 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Worship and Church School  
Rev. Carl A. Gundersen  
261-4844 464-1354

**Riverside Park Church of God**  
11771 Newburg Road  
at Plymouth Road  
Livonia 464-0990  
Pastor: Rev. J. Clifford Beer  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:30 Evening Service

**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**  
24331 W. Eight Mile Road  
Church: RE 5-0225  
Pastor: Edwin T. Clement, Pastor RE 39043  
Services:  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Services

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**Parkdale Assembly of God**  
36516 Parkdale  
1. Mile S. of Plymouth & Levan Rds.  
Rev. Dan L. Kubit  
Sunday 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Worship Service 7:30 p.m.  
Youth Service 7:30 p.m.  
423-0910 or 422-6200

**CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christian)**

**MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST (CHRISTIAN CHURCH)**  
35475 Five Mile Livonia  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.  
MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 a.m. Nurseries provided  
6:30 p.m. Youth meeting and evening worship  
Max Copeland, Minister  
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Clovefield Elem. School  
Evel Day, minister  
582-9878

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1657 Middlebelt Rd.  
Robert E. Ashby, minister  
442-9660 or 261-1694

**Livonia**  
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Ronald White, minister  
422-3743

Please call for time of services.

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Youth Education 11 a.m.

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**Saint John's, Westland**  
555 S. Wayne Road  
721-5032  
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8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.  
Saint Andrew's, Livonia  
16360 Hubbard Road  
421-8451  
Sunday Worship:  
8, 9 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday, Deaf Worship:  
10 a.m.

**Saint John's, Plymouth**  
574 S. Sheldon Road  
453-3190  
Sunday Worship:  
8:30 and 10 a.m.  
Holy Spirit, Westland  
34647 Cowan Rd.  
261-8480  
15wing Southwest Livonia  
Sunday Worship:  
8 and 10 a.m.