

For Church Leaders

Can You Fill This Space?

The church pages in *The Observer* have long been the place to look for interesting reports of plans and happenings in the many churches in this area. We think they might be a source of inspiration as well.

We'd like to ask ministers and lay church people in the area to help us make them so.

This box each week could carry a brief message from one of the church leaders in *Observer*—we might call it a capsule sermon.

It could be similar to the messages often seen in the fine bulletins and newsletters our churches send to their members. Or it might be just an idea that one of our readers would like to state in brief form to share with a lot of other readers.

Our capsule sermons would have to be contained on one sheet of double-spaced, typewritten copy. But we think ministers and lay leaders could get a lot of message into that space. Anyone care to give it a try?

Bridge Tea Planned

The Blessed Sacrament Monastery Guild will hold its annual flower bridge tea in a downtown store Monday, May 22. Reservations must be made before May 20 with Mrs. Edward Hennessy at VZ 5-6173.

Couple Repeats Vows

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rose of Redford Township marked their 25th wedding anniversary recently by repeating their vows at Our Lady of Loretto Church. Their son, Ron, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Micholowski served as attendants.

Award Given in Washington

Methodist Children's Village Holds Open House

The Annual Open House of the Methodist Children's Home Society will be held Sunday, May 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Children's Village, 2845 W. Six Mile Road, Redford Township.

The event has special significance this year as the Society is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as a child welfare agency in the State of Michigan. The public is welcome to attend the Open House to see one of the outstanding homes for children in the United States.

The Methodist Children's Home Society was started in 1917 to care for 10 orphaned and neglected children.

In 1922 the "Home" was moved to Farmington where a maximum of 28 boys and girls could be cared for in a typical, three-story, brick orphanage building.

The agency expanded its services to include foster family care and adoption services and continued to serve the orphaned, deserted

and neglected child. This "Home" soon became too small and Miss Frances Knight, who was director of the agency at that time, conceived the idea of a village of homes where children could live in surroundings similar to family homes in the community.

In 1929 the agency moved

to its present site in Redford Township and Children's Village became a reality.

Children's Village is nationally recognized for its excellent facilities and services to children and adolescents and visitors from many different countries come each year to learn more about its work. It no longer serves only the orphaned and deserted child who needs a permanent child who needs a home, but also helps children who need help for personal and family problems.

The Methodist Children's Home Society currently employs a staff of 80 professional and non-professional workers under the direction

of Clayton E. Nordstrom, Executive Director and has an annual operating budget of \$606,000.

It receives support from the Methodist Churches in Michigan, Metropolitan Detroit United Fund, parents of children in care, and individual contributions. The 15 buildings and property of Children's Village have a value of approximately \$3,000,000. Visitors to Children's Village on Sunday, May 21, will have the opportunity to learn more about the services of the Society and to play a staff of 80 professional and non-professional workers under the direction



Rev. Richard G. Evans

To Preach at Clarencville

Rev. Richard G. Evans, staff evangelist with the Methodist Church general board, will conduct a series of services at Clarencville Methodist Church the week of Sunday, May 21.

The visiting preacher will speak at Sunday services at 9 and 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. throughout the week.

Rev. "Tex" Evans has been called "The Will Rogers of Methodism" and is in great demand as a speaker at church conferences and youth meetings.

He worked in the oil fields of his native Texas and later dug ditches in depression-era California before graduating from the University of Redlands and the Boston University School of Theology.

After a pastorate in a church located at the edge of an Arizona Indian reservation he served as a missionary to Hawaii.

Returning to this country in 1953, he became superintendent of Henderson Settlement, a mission project in the Kentucky Mountain Country, and for 13 years led the complete rebuilding of the mission that services a rural mountain area.

He is recipient of the Goodyear Award for outstanding service to his community and is listed in the current issue of "Who's Who Among Methodists."

Rev. Evans and his wife and four children currently are residents of Nashville, Tenn. Of his personal convictions about preaching, he says:

"The church has largely grown through preaching. Back of all effective preaching stands the great central truth of the gospel: God is, and God knows, and God cares and God, particularly through the cross, has done mighty work."

Cancer Group Says 'Thanks'

A "thank you theater party" for Michigan Cancer Foundation volunteers who conducted a door-to-door survey on breast cancer during the April Crusade will be held Monday, May 22, at the Palms Theater and Tuesday, May 23, at the Birmingham Theater.

E. W. Tuschler, executive vice-president, said invitations are being mailed this week. If any volunteer who took part in the survey does not receive an invitation to contact her district chairman for information.

The "thank you party" will feature a premiere showing of Warner Brothers' "Up the Down Staircase" at both theaters.

Women To Honor Top Volunteer

The Women's Advertising Club of Detroit is accepting nominations for the annual Woman Who Goes Award to be presented to five outstanding women volunteers in the community.

Civic groups and organizations are invited to submit contributions of the candidates before May 19 to Mrs. Lee Murray, the WJW Stations, 622 West Lafayette, Detroit, Michigan.

Nominations must be submitted by letter and include qualifications, volunteer activities, civic and community contributions of the candidate.

The 1967 Woman Who Goes Luncheon and Awards Presentation will be held Thursday, June 8.

New Course For Childbirth Starts May 25

A new six-week series of classes sponsored by the Childbirth Preparation Association will begin May 25 in the Wyandotte General Hospital nurses' home main lounge.

The association is dedicated to the teaching and practice of the psychophysical method of childbirth—formerly known as childbirth without fear. The classes are designed for expectant couples interested in learning relaxation and breathing techniques during the childbirth process.

Couples interested may call Carol Daniels at 676-6559 for registration or more information.

Three From Area Work On U-D Dinner Dance

Redford Township Judge John M. Dillon, a member of the committee to plan the University of Detroit annual fund dinner dance at Cobo Hall last December, included other committee members: Robert C. Bahr, of Rayburn Ave., Livonia; and Charles Singer of Hope Avenue, Redford Township.

Key items up for consideration and votes by the assembly this year are "The Confession of 1967," and an appeal against the Detroit Presbytery.

"The Confession of 1967," which is a theological statement that has been under study for the past two years, sets forth the Creedal stance of the Church in contemporary language. It is the first such change to the Creed to be considered since the 17th century.

The appeal against the Detroit Presbytery is concerned with the use of Church money to support the civil rights group known as the West Central Organization (W.C.O.). Elder Louis Komjathy of The Detroit Woodward Avenue Presbyterian Church is making the appeal.

The Rev. Whitledge is attending the assembly as an observer.

O'Neill, who is attending as an appointed Commissioner from the Detroit Presbytery, has primary duties of taking part in the debate and deci-



MEETING WITH Presbyterians from all over the nation at Portland, Ore., this week are Walter O'Neill (left), of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church board of governors, and the Rev. William Whitledge, minister. They are attending the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church May 14 to 24.

2 from St. Paul's Join Presbyterian Meet

The Rev. William Whitledge, minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, and Walter O'Neill, a member of the governing board, are attending the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in Portland, Ore. May 14-24.

The purpose of the annual assembly, attended by 1,800 commissioners and 500 clergymen, is to have representatives from various parts of the country report on the previous year's work for the church at large. They also set forth the policies and programs for the coming year.

They will report on the meeting to St. Paul's congregation during the regular church services—May 28. Another report will be given by Mr. O'Neill during the monthly meeting of the Detroit Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham on May 31.

Mrs. Tower Attends Grand Rapids Meeting

Mrs. Lymna Tower, of Wood Drive, Livonia attended the 23rd annual state convention of the Michigan Women's Osteopathic Auxiliary at Grand Rapids, May 8-10. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 68th annual scientific seminar of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

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1527 Middlebrook at Rock
Livonia City, GA 2-6440
Minister, Robert E. Smith
Sun. Worship 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Midweek & Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH OF CHRIST
19401 Middlebrook Rd., Livonia
Phone 478-3232
Sun. School 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Service - 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Eve. Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Group 8:30 p.m.
Lay Ministry, Minister
Pastor: James H. Smith
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

ST. ELIZABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
14431 West Chicago Road
Southfield
Rev. E. L. Howell, Vicar
32-7215
8 A.M. Holy Communion
10 A.M. Holy Communion
First Sunday
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
Church School, Nursery and
Kindergarten Classes
VISITORS WELCOME

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1616 W. 16th St., Livonia
SUNDAYS: 8 a.m. The Holy Communion
9 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
10 a.m. The Holy Communion
11 a.m. The Holy Communion and Sermon
Morning Prayer, 2nd and 4th Sundays
9 and 11 a.m. Church School
WEEKDAYS: 10 a.m.—The Holy Communion
Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.—The Holy Communion
Religious Devs., 6:45 a.m.—The Holy Communion

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR

Reformed Church in America
Meeting at Webster School, 37750 Lynden
Church under construction at 38100 W. Five Mile Road
Church School — 10:30 a.m.
Divine Worship — 10:30 a.m.
Vesper Service — 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Luther Beyer, Pastor 427-8128

CONGREGATIONAL

MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
30330 Schoolcraft Road — 423-7280
Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School
Minister
Rev. Robert F. Simpson
Helen & Jack Trueman
Directors of Music

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You are cordially invited to attend Sunday Services 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.

FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit

24400 W. Seven Mile near Telegraph 11 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH, Farmington

31223 Grand River Avenue 11 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH, Grosse Pointe

31111 Ford Road 11 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth

1100 West Ann Arbor Trail 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

RIVERSIDE PARK CHURCH OF GOD

Ypsilanti and Newburgh Roads
Livonia, Mich.—464-0990
Rev. J. Clifford Thor, Pastor

CHURCH OF GOD

12401 Middlebrook Rd., Livonia
Phone 478-3232
Sun. School 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Service - 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Eve. Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Group 8:30 p.m.
Lay Ministry, Minister
Pastor: James H. Smith
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Rev. Edwin Clark, Pastor
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Early Service — 8:45 a.m.
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