

Religion

Churches unite to offer services

By ROSE WEBER

A small church can sometimes be limited in both its community outreach and services to its own members and an association of clergyman does not always provide a viable answer.

"Most ecumenical or clergyman groups have fallen apart or are not active, but there is a certain uniqueness about the North Auburn Parish (NSP) grouping," the Rev. David Strong, pastor of Fellowship United Methodist Church in Troy, said.

He believes the group's success is a result of the particularly close relationship among the nine clergy-

men who are committed to each other and to NSP.

Member churches are St. Thomas More Catholic, St. Stephens Episcopal, Pilgrim Congregational, North Hills Christian Reformed, Lutheran Church of the Master, First United Methodist, Big Beaver United Methodist, Northminster Presbyterian and Fellowship United Methodist.

TWO OTHER Catholic churches, one Our Lady of the Hills which meets in the same building as Fellowship, also have participated in certain programs.

Mr. Strong is president of the working committee composed of both clergy and laity.

The committee sponsors five programs which include:

- **The Formerly Married** — approximately 150 people who are having difficulties because they are divorced or widowed meet weekly. Three ministers trained in counseling help them work through the grief process as well as other problems in small groups of 12.

- **County Hospital Worship** — laity from the nine churches rotate providing a worship service at the request of the hospital.

- **Blood Bank** — the American Red Cross requested NSP assistance in establishing a regular blood bank program.

- **Youth Commission** — currently undergoing reorganization, weekend retreats for interfaith youths are sponsored with 50 to 75 senior youth participating.

- **Troy People Concerned** — this program was developed by NSP and has since become independent through incorporation for a wider outreach.

An important part of the NSP program is ongoing Clergy Support Group.

"This is primarily for us," Mr. Strong said. "We deal with personal and professional problems. We have helped some to continue in the ministry and some to further their education."

Many short-term programs and seminars also have been provided by the organization.

"We've had our ups and downs but I don't think we'll ever fall apart totally," Mr. Strong said. "We are not individually large enough to become totally involved in ourselves. NSP has meant so much to the individual churches."

Interfaith service on Tuesday

An interfaith worship service will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham.

Sponsored jointly by a group of

Birmingham churches of various denominations, it repeats a tradition begun last year when the same congregations gathered at Holy Name Catholic Church for a similar service.

Several priests and ministers will participate in the service which will include a sermon by Dr. Kenneth Gass of St. James Episcopal Church and musical selections by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham.



ROBERT ROSENFELD

Installation set at Beth Shalom

Robert Rosenfeld, a Birmingham attorney, will be installed as president of Congregation Beth Shalom at services in the synagogue, 14601 Lincoln, Oak Park, at 8:15 p.m. Friday.

He succeeds Charles Isaacson who has held the office for the past year. The congregation will honor its past presidents and an Oneg Shabbat will follow the services.

VASE-LENCH Funeral Home

Dear Friends,

When a bereaved family makes its first call at the funeral home for arrangements, usually they are grief-stricken, perhaps physically exhausted, frightened, not knowing what to expect or what is expected of them. It is a most difficult time for the family. We trust that these open letters will provide some advance knowledge of funeral arrangements to ease the burden.

Respectfully,
Edward J. Vase

Your Invitation To Worship

For Church Directory Information please call 611-1100 ext. 224	ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 165 E. Square Lake Road Bloomfield Hills 2352 east of Woodward 336-8213 Worship 10:45 a.m. Church School Sunday 9:30 a.m. Douglas R. Treiblock 332-2552	Salem United Church of Christ Ordained at Cal. Free, Farmington Monday School at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:15 a.m. Pastor: 198-8100 Church Office: 198-8100 Call Hill School, Farmington	Meadow Brook Church Ordained at Cal. Free, Farmington Monday School at 9:00 a.m. Worship Service at 10:15 a.m. Pastor: 198-8100 Church Office: 198-8100 Call Hill School, Farmington	St. Andrew Lutheran Church LCA 2200 E. 12th St. Birmingham, North 11th St. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Pastor: 332-2552	Pine Hill Congregational Church 1000 E. 12th St. W. Long Lake Rd. Church and Church School 10:30 a.m. Pastor: 332-2552
Community Congregational Church 27800 Southfield Road 11175 Mile Lathrop Village James E. Turner, Minister 10:00 A.M. Service Pastor: 332-2552 *PRESBYTERIANS DON'T WORK NOW	CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia Pastor David Fisher 674-3444 8:30 a.m. First Morning Service 10:15 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship 6:30 a.m. Youth Meeting 7:30 a.m. The Evening Service 7:30 a.m. Meet the new pastor service Pastor: 332-2552	TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 26000 E. 12th St. North of 11 Mile Between Orchard Lake & Middlebelt Pastor: 332-2552 Church Office: 332-2552 Call Hill School, Farmington	FIRST CHURCH OF GOD Farmington Hills 25717 Powers Road Bloomfield Hills, Pastor Pastor: 332-2552 Church School 9:45 Morning Worship 11:00 Evening Service 7:00 Worship Service 7:30	St. David's EPISCOPAL CHURCH 16200 West 12 Mile Road Southfield Pastor: 332-2552 Phone: 332-2552 Sunday Worship 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Church School and Nursery 9:45 a.m.	Birk in the Hills 1000 E. 12th St. W. Long Lake Rd. Church and Church School 10:30 a.m. Pastor: 332-2552
BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH Woodward at Lane Pine Bloomfield Hills 647-2380 Robert Marshall—Minister WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN? ZOROASTRIANISM 9:30 and 11:15 Worship Service & Church School churches thru 12th grade	Bloomfield Hills Christian Church The Community House 380 South Bots, Birmingham Sundays 10:00 A.M. Bible School 11:00 A.M. Worship 7:00 P.M. Prayer Service Wednesdays 7:15 P.M. Bible Study Joseph P. Lukowski, Pastor 851-8516	NORTHWESTERN BAPTIST CHURCH America Baptist 19421 W. Two Mile Rd. E.L. 6-1717 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Church School 9:30 a.m. Pastor: 332-2552	ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH A.L.C. 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Pastor: 332-2552 Worship 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School 9:40 A.M. Nursery Provided	COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH NOW IN TWO LOCATIONS West Maple Junior High Inkster Road—North of Maple West Bloomfield Church School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11 A.M. 16000 Jax, Citizens Service Drive Detroit Morning Worship 9:30 A.M. Church School 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening 7:00 P.M. Wed. Evening 7:30 P.M. Dr. Wm. F. Keucher Pastor Edward A. Libby Call UN-47878	United Methodist Farmington West Bloomfield Larger Parish In Farmington Hills Pastor: 332-2552 Church Office: 332-2552 Call Hill School, Farmington
The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C. Woodward at Cranbrook Bloomfield Hills MI 6-1511 Worship and Church School 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Minister Rev. Charles C. Jackson Minister of Education Rev. Anne E. Adams, Jr.	Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church 3600 Telegraph Road 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Youth Group 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Pastor: 332-2552	TROY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 2775 Crooks Road SERVICES SAT. 11:00 A.M. for all age groups Worship Service 10:30 A.M. Prayer and Share Hour, Wed. 7:30 Pastor M. Matlack, Pastor Ph. 643-6766 The Church With The Friendly Heart	NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE JOYFUL CHURCH 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd. MORRIS EAST OF LANSING SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Sister and Church School at 10:30 PHONE 646-4100 RECTOR JOHN C. FREDENBURGH	ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH 235 W. Maple Birmingham SUNDAY SERVICES 9:00 A.M. Holy Communion 9:15 and 11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon 11:15 and 11:00 A.M. Church School (Infants through 12th Grade) WEDNESDAYS 7:00 and 11:00 A.M. Holy Communion	Christian Science Churches FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM 191 Chester at Willets SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M. CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. Wed. 7:45 P.M. READING ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. Wed. 7:45 P.M. Open Mon. & Tues. 9:30-5:30 & 7:00-9:00 Thurs. & Fri. 9:30-9:00 except Sunday and holidays FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN-MEADOWLAKE Maple at Inkster SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M. CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. Wed. 8:00 P.M. READING ROOM in Pine Lake Mall 851-7740 Orchard Lake Rd. at Lone Pine Rd. Open Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. 9:30-6:00, Thurs. & Fri. 9:30-9:00 All are welcome at our Church Services and the Reading Rooms
First Baptist Church Bates and Willets Birmingham, Mich. Dr. Robert G. Middleton, Minister Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, Emeritus 9:45 A.M. Church School 11:00 A.M. Worship Service	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church A.L.C. 5631 North Adams Road North of 11 Mile & Long Lake Rd. SUNDAY 8:15 a.m. Matins 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Fred W. MacLean, Pastor Duane F. Schafer, Pastor MI-6-2911 MI-6-3124	Franklin Community Church United Methodist on Franklin's Village Green Worship Service 9:00 & 11:15 A.M. Nursery Care 9:00 & 11:15 A.M. Sunday School 11:15 A.M. Senior Minister: Frank B. Cowich Minister: Roger W. Treon	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1589 West Maple at Pleasant Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans John H. Hume, Thomas H. Heaven Worship Services 8:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery Care provided		
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 1669 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (644-2040) BIRMINGHAM The Reverend P. Morgan Roberts, Pastor Associates: D. King Kerr, Charles A. Sommers, Edward E. Craxton, Gerald S. Crawford Worship and Church School 9:30 and 11:15 A.M.	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1589 West Maple at Pleasant Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans John H. Hume, Thomas H. Heaven Worship Services 8:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m. Nursery Care provided				