

Churches usher in Lent, announce programs

By MILLICENT WORRELL
For Christians, Ash Wednesday Feb. 12 marked the solemn beginning of the Lenten season, a six-week period prefiguring Easter. For more than 1,900 years Lent has been synonymous with prayer, penance and sacrifice in preparation for the resurrection of Christ.

This year has become especially significant because of the troubled world situation. Most area churches have approached the season with a spirited attitude stressing reconciliation, growth and positive action.

Father Thomas F. Shields of St. Regis Roman Catholic Church in Birmingham reminded his parishioners at the Ash Wednesday morning mass that 1975, proclaimed "Holy Year" by Pope Paul, has "reconciliation" as its theme.

He described the four levels of reconciliation as "man with God, man with man, man within himself and man with nature." It is by total reconciliation, he continued, that man can achieve peace, and it must begin with the individual.

The Rev. Bob Marshall of Birmingham Unitarian Church said that "any church today that does not focus on aiding the oppressed ought to quit." His congregation is currently working on a food sharing program. In preparation for Easter which, to Unitarians signifies "re-birth and certainly a major celebration terribly basic to human nature," is sponsoring a series of Wednesday night lectures on the history and growth of Western religions.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Church of Birmingham, Dr. James

W. Wright is stressing personal sacrifice in relation to the needy. "In a year when one half billion people are suffering from starvation, Lent is a special time of personal sacrifice, a time to provide help and money for those who are in need," he said.

Unity is the prevailing theme at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. The Rev. Charles A. Sommers had this to say: "Lent is a time for penance and asking forgiveness for the fact that we are not all one. It is a time for reflection that the world is not one. Easter is the time when Christ said: 'We are one.' This will be a great step forward, for we are fractured. The common ground in belief in Christ. It will take His love to bring us together."

At Cross of Christ Lutheran

Church, Pastor Gordon Light is bringing Christ's message to life by visual means. In addition to a sermon, hymns and liturgy on Ash Wednesday, the church youth group re-enacted the Passover Supper, in order to portray the connection. Under the direction of Walter Klemke, minister of education, students representing Christ and the 12 Apostles, dined on lamb and bitter herbs and drank wine served from a burlap covered table.

FATHER JEFF Patnaude of St. James Episcopal Church said "Lent should be a time of growth, both in faith and family. In its deep concern for the family as the basis for all society and what is happening to it, St. James is sponsoring a series of Lenten lectures

by Dr. Paul Doerring from 7:30 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday night. In order to demonstrate growth and relate it to love and faith, the children's group at St. James have planted flower seeds in pots, which they are nurturing. The bloom at Easter will tell its own story.

To help effect unity in the spirit of ecumenism, many area churches have meshed together for a single service.

On Ash Wednesday the Shrine

of the Little Flower in Royal Oak was the locale for an amalgam of faiths united in reconciliation.

A similar service focusing on unity will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham on Good Friday. Participating churches will be Holy Name, St. James Episcopal, First Baptist Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ Congregational, Embury Methodist and Beverly Hills Methodist.

Lenten dinners set in Franklin

Lenten dinners at the Franklin Community Church (United Methodist) will have a complete change of format this year. The dinners will be held Sunday and March 9.

The Rev. Dr. James F. Anderson of Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, will speak for the first time in the village church, following the dinner to be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

A second innovation this year will be an open invitation to church neighbors and friends to attend the potluck dinner and/or Dr. Anderson's lecture to be held in the sanctuary at 6:45 p.m.

Dr. Anderson has long been active in Presbyterian synod as well as in academic circles.

A GRADUATE of Princeton University and the Princeton

Theological Seminary and recipient of a doctor of divinity from Alma College, Dr. Anderson has served three churches in Virginia and Pennsylvania prior to moving to Bloomfield Hills.

Reservations for the planned menu potluck should be made with Mrs. L. J. Tischer, 25675 Dennison, Franklin.

The second dinner planned for

5:30 p.m. March 9 will feature a lecture by Martha Jean "The Queen" Steinberg, Detroit area radio personality.

In former years the Franklin Community Church has entertained plans for Lenten dinners each Sunday evening. This year the concentration of fellowship has been placed on only two large events with special speakers.

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