

Moral perspectives

'Jaws' symbolic of a mood

Consider this wild tale. A man swimming in the ocean suddenly realizes that the waves are very strong and he senses that he is being towed under. A gigantic fish looms over him, a fish greater and more terrifying than any he has ever seen before. The fish seizes him and swallows him alive. What is the name of this story?



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"Jaws," the man is killed by the shark. In Jonah, the prophet is swallowed by the "whale," spends three dark and

difficult days in its belly, and then escapes, after the creature spews him out onto dry land. In "Jaws," the victim dies. In Jonah, he lives.

Why is "Jaws" such a huge success breaking all records at the box office? Why did the book appear on

the best seller list for more than 18 months? Why has this gruesome tale so deeply penetrated into our folk culture?

PERHAPS BECAUSE the story expresses in symbolic form a troubling mood that has seized all of us. We are now living through a period of confusion and pessimism that often borders on despair. In this vexing time, America and the Western world appear to be in danger of being swallowed up by destructive forces.

New York City could not go bankrupt.

The United States could not lose a war.

Backward nations of the Middle East could not dictate to America the price of oil.

It was not possible for our economy to suffer from inflation and recession simultaneously.

These events that could not happen are happening.

Meanwhile, more trouble appears. Nature was believed subdued by man's technological genius, providing him an endless

cornucopia of creature comforts. Suddenly, nature is striking back at us with pollution, shortages of raw materials and ecological crises.

THIS MAY explain why movies that portray natural disasters — "The Towering Inferno," "Earthquake," "Jaws" — have become so popular. Both the social order and the natural order, that we had believed served human welfare, are now perceived as threatening our survival.

Now is the time to reread the Book of Jonah, to remember that man need not be the victim, but rather, can be the victor. Man dare not, must not, yield to utter despair.

For the story of the human race, like the story of the prophet Jonah, discloses the miraculous power of the human spirit whose resilience, daring and endurance ultimately triumph over the forces of destruction.

In this perplexed age, we need to renew our faith in the possibility of that victory.

Religion

Campus seminar set for senior citizens

Rev. Meredith T. Moshauer, of Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington, is currently spending his time heralding the beginnings of a new program for the retired and senior citizens.

It is called "Campus Seminar" and is based on knowledge of the importance for older persons to continue intellectual development and usefulness to themselves.

"Retirement is a time to enjoy the benefits of the years devoted to a career, and to take pleasure in continued growth and contribution to society," Mr. Moshauer said.

The seminar will begin the week of Oct. 18-19 at Adrian College with special arrangements to be made for those who would like to attend on a commuter basis. There are special rates for overnight

guests and special rates for meals.

There are also church groups and retiree groups in the metropolitan area offering partial scholarships.

CAMPUS SEMINAR offers mini-courses on consumer education, health, creative expression and the American bicentennial in a college atmosphere designed for the needs and interests of older persons. Participants may choose two of these courses in the mornings. Nearly two dozen enrichment activity choices are planned for afternoons, plus optional field trips and evening entertainments.

Mr. Moshauer stressed that no previous educational background is required for participation.

Church plans garage sale

Shepherd King Lutheran Church will hold a garage sale on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The sale will take place at the church, at the corner of Maple and Middlebelt roads.

We will have used but usable items such as dishes, books, furniture, sports equipment, plants, linens, lawn equipment, bicycles, clothing, etc.

Your Invitation to Worship

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
353 W. Maple
Birmingham
SERVICES SUNDAYS
8:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
10:30 A.M. Holy Communion
5:00 P.M. Holy Communion
WEDNESDAYS
7:00 and 11:30 A.M. Holy Communion

The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.
Woodward at Cranbrook
Bloomfield Hills MI 4-4511
Worship and Church School
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Minister: Rev. Charles O. Erickson
Minister of Education: Rev. Verne E. Aron, Jr.

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
Woodward at Love Pine
Bloomfield Hills 647-2380
Robert Marshall—Minister
"NEW LIVES, OLD LIVES, OUR LIVES"
NATURE and TECHNOLOGY—QUO VADIS?
9:30 and 11:15 A.M.
Worship Service & Church School
(nursery thru 12th grade)

Franklin Community Church
United Methodist
on Franklin's Village Green
Services at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
Nursery care at both Services
Sunday School at 11:15 a.m.
Junior High at 10:15 a.m.
4-5th Grades
Adult Education at 10:15 a.m.
Senior Minister, Frank B. Cowick
Associate Minister, Wayne C. Ferrigan

BETHEL BAPTIST TEMPLE
A Church that is concerned about people!
29475 W. SIX MILE—EVONNA
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Call for free bus transportation
622-3064 or 622-4550
Rev. M.L. Potts, Pastor
Nursery & outdoor care provided at all services

United Methodist
Farmington
West Bloomfield
Larger Parish
In Farmington
First United Methodist
3212 Grand River Ave. GR 44573
Pastor — John N. Howell
Assoc. Pastor — Howard F. Steel
Worship Services 10-11 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.

Christian Science Churches
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM
191 Chester at Willis
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:40 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:00 P.M.
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday, 10:15 A.M. 7:45 P.M.
READING ROOM 355 East Maple 644-7935
Open Mon & Tues. 9:30-5:30 Wed & Sat 9:30-5:30
Thurs & Fri 9:30-9:00
Closed Sunday and Holydays
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN-MERIDOWLAKE
Made at Inkster
SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:40 A.M.
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M.
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday, 10:15 A.M. 8:00 P.M.
READING ROOM in Pine Lake Mall 851-7740
Oakland 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

FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST
On Middlebelt Road Between 12 & 13 Mile Rds.
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Bible School 9:45 a.m.
Family Night—Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Rev. Fred C. Ferris—Pastor
26110 Farmington Rd. 477-6010
A CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 Mile and Lagoon Roads
Morning Worship and Church School
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Pastors: L. J. Peterson, E. W. Dunn
Phone: 643-6206

United Methodist
In Farmington Hills
Nardin Park United Methodist
2967 N. Evergreen Mile Rd. (28-000)
Pastor — William D. Mervoy
Assoc. Pastor — Meredith T. Moshauer
Minister of Education — James F. Thomas
Worship Services 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
(Inward United Methodist)
3058 Farmington Rd. MA 6-6820
Pastor: Eric S. Hamann
Minister of Education — James F. Thomas
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m.

UNIVERSITY HILLS CHURCH
Christian Reformed
Worship with Us at
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
26711 Farmington Rd. at I-496
477-1350 Dr. J. H. Eliens 474-0514

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor David Fisher
474-3666
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. The Church School
11:15 a.m. Morning Service of Worship
7:00 p.m. Youth Services
7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Nursery Provided at All Services

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
(2 1/2 miles west of Woodward) 622-8223
Minister: Dr. Roger Iveson
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
LAITY SUNDAY

Salem United Church of Christ
Oakland at Old River, Farmington
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Services at 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. L.R. 6-6987
1 South Hiller Ln. 44809
4 and 11, No. Hiller, Minister

St. John American Lutheran Church
23235 GR Road Farmington
Pastor Charles Fox 474-6247 or 474-4799
Worship 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:40 A.M.
Nursery Provided

Christ Church Cranbrook
Church of the Living Word
Bloomfield Hills
7:45 a.m. Holy Communion
9 and 11 a.m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon
(Holy Communion and Sermon on 1st Sunday of the month)
Church School and Nursery
9 and 11 a.m.
Holy Communion, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.;
Wednesdays at 7 a.m.
Phone: 644-3210

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE JOYFUL CHURCH
21226 W. 14 Mile Rd.
MILE EAST OF LANSING
SUNDAY WORSHIP:
8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
Sitter and Church School at 10:30
PHONE: 646-4100
RECTOR: JOHN C. FREDENBURGH

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Farmington Hills
3277 Powers Rd.
Wilbur M. Kirby, Pastor
Parsonage 47-2819
4 South Hiller Ln. 47481
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Service 7:00
Wednesday Prayer 7:30

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
The Community House
380 South Bates, Birmingham
Sunday 10:00 A.M. Bible School
11:00 A.M. Worship
7:00 P.M. Praise Service
Wednesday 7:15 P.M. Bible Study
Joseph P. Lukowski, Pastor
651-8516

First Baptist Church
Bates and Willis
Birmingham, Mich.
Dr. Robert G. Middleton, Minister
Rev. David W. Jenks
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, Emeritus
10:00 A.M. Church School
9:00 A.M. Worship Service

Southfield Church of Christ Ministers
Larry F. Turner and Vernon Boyd
22355 W. Eleven Mile Road, Phone
(1/2 mile west of I-496) 356-9225
Southfield, Michigan or 356-0694
Regular Meetings of the Church
Sunday:
10 a.m. Bible School
11 a.m. Morning worship
6 p.m. Evening Worship
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

Kirk in the Hills
1340 W. Long Lake Rd.
Dr. James F. Anderson
Pastor
Worship Services and Church School
Sundays at 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

Community Congregational Church
27800 Southfield Road
(1 1/2 Mile Lathrup Village)
Jackson E. Turner, Minister
10:00 A.M. Service
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Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5631 North Adams Road
1/2 Mile North of E. Long Lake Rd.
SUNDAY
Morning Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Monday Evening Service 8:00 p.m.
Fred W. MacLean, Pastor
Duane F. Schaefer, Pastor
MI 6-5041 MI 6-5124

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1689 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans
John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beaven
Worship Services 8:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Nursery Care provided

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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BIRMINGHAM
The Reverend F. 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.

HOLY CROSS Greek Orthodox Church
25125 Middlebrook Rd.
Farmington Hills, 477-1677
Rev. S. J. Anthony, Th. S. Priest
Temporary Chapel Services
21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield
11:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy
English Sermons
"Ministry Extended - Visitors Welcome"

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
26800 La Verne North of 11 Mile
between Orchard Lake & Middlebelt
MI 48151, 646-9000 a.m. Holy Communion
9:15, 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
1:30-2:00 p.m. Holy Communion
1:30-2:00 p.m. Holy Communion
(Call office for bus & special transportation information)

Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
20000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen 646-9771
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.
(Nursery through High School)
Minister: William Verbeke

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
Richard Duncan, Pastor - Phone 474-0350
3340 SHIWAASSEE
FARMINGTON ROAD
WITH A HEART FOR FARMINGTON SINCE 1828
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 8:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Evening 7:30 P.M.
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Edward A. Libby
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St. Andrew Lutheran Church
LCA
6256 Telegraph Road
Birmingham, North of Maple
WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Church School
10:30 A.M.
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4-45 P.M.
Charles William Richter 646-5307

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