

Moral perspectives

The best is yet to be

A morbid fear of aging has given birth to a new vocabulary of euphemism.

At a time when four-letter words, formerly considered taboo, are now uttered without reticence, I find it curious and remarkable that a certain word of three letters is still consistently suppressed.

The word is "old." We do not speak of old age. We talk of "golden years." We do not build old age homes. We erect "senior citizens residences." We do not organize old age groups. We create "golden age clubs." The subject of old age is taboo in contemporary American culture.

AND YET, the arrival of a New Year reminds all of us that we are not exempt from the aging process. In the course of the next 12 months, each of us shall observe a birthday and mark another milestone of increasing age.

Old age is not a curse, a misfortune, or a disease. Many people have created great things in their advanced years. Winston Churchill, De Gaulle, and Golda Meir led their countries at an age when most people would be waiting for death to arrive. George Bernard Shaw was still writ-



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ing in his 90s, while Verdi created his operas at the age of 80. Toscanini was conducting in his 80s and Grandma

"Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details, give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on the aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience."

"I cannot ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility; and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken."

"Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint—some of them are so hard to live with—but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil."

"Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen."

Moses became a painter when most artists would retire.

As we pause to consider the onward flight of time, I submit to you a prayer by an unknown author that expresses with warmth and practical wisdom the goals we should seek as we enter mature years.

"LORD, YOU know better than I know myself that I am growing older and someday will be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion."

"Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but YOU know, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end."



Institute planners

A recent meeting of Jewish Welfare Federation women's division members finalized plans for today's educational institute at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, featuring Rila Hauser, former representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and Wayne State University history professor Milton Covensky. Shown seated

(from left) are Sybil Jones of Huntington Woods, chairwoman; Carolyn Greenberg of Southfield, division president; and Melba Winer of Detroit, co-chairwoman. Those working with them are (standing, from left) Bernice Greenberg of Huntington Woods, Diane Shekter, Julie Jackson, and Nancy Jacobson of Birmingham, and Jessie Stern of Franklin.

Volunteers

This column describing volunteer needs in Oakland County is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau.

Inquiries regarding volunteer need listed here should be made to the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau at 642-2722. Requests for volunteer listings also should be made through the volunteer bureau.

HOTLINE: a crisis center in Lathrup Village, needs volunteers to serve as hotline listeners.

The position requires someone with an active concern for individuals who call in. The listener helps the caller sort out his feelings and values in a non-judgmental manner. Sixteen hours of training are provided, and the time commitment is one three-hour period each week and one meeting per month.

MEADOWBROOK HALL in Rochester

has openings for docents and flower arrangers. Docents, or tour guides, will be trained to take groups of 15 to 20 visitors on tours of the mansion. Two three-hour periods per month from September to June are required, and individuals who especially enjoy being with people are sought.

Flower arrangers complete the basic training, then create arrangements for the dining room and other major rooms of the house.

SOUTHFIELD SCHOOLS is in immediate need of volunteers to assist with registration beginning Jan. 17. Office and telephone assistants are needed to help direct calls within the office, provide class information, assist in completion of registration materials, and to type forms. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, and from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday evenings. A commitment of four hours per week is required.

A HOPEful vacation

Project HOPE has found a way by which donors to its world-wide medical programs can have a good time while benefiting the organization.

A winter benefit cruise offers patrons the chance to have a winter vacation in the Caribbean while contributing money for medical teaching and training programs in 10 countries on four continents.

Fourteen days in southern waters on the ship *Daphne* of the Carras Line is the feature of the excursion, but short trips are being planned which will include sightseeing, golf, tennis, scuba diving and water skiing.

Project HOPE notes that rates for an outside cabin at \$1,820 per person are reasonable inasmuch as a 30 per cent take deduction is allowed. This means the actual cost is \$1,274. The ship will sail Jan. 29 from New Orleans and return to that city Feb. 12.

Its first stop will be Santo Tomas, Guatemala, where it will be possible to tour Mayan ruins. Then on to the island of San Andres, which is steeped in pirate lore and features clear waters and a chain of reefs and keys. A beach barbecue is planned at one of the beaches.

Cartegena in the South American country of Colombia is the third stop. This historic walled city, built on a sandy peninsula, is the site of one of Project HOPE's major programs in the Caribbean and guests are invited to visit the site.

Other attractions of the city are 16th century beaches and fortifications, beaches and seafood restaurants. A quaint Dutch settlement of pastel-colored houses and gabled roofs is the next stop on the cruise. Willemstad, on the island of Curacao, has many duty-free shops offering imported china, perfume, and fabrics.

International cuisine and gambling are offered in the island's major hotels.

Turning north, the ship will put in at Port Antonio, located on the northern coast of Jamaica. Raft trips down the Rio Grande River can be arranged on a special tour basis. Nearly \$9 million is needed annually to sustain the operation of Project HOPE's ongoing programs in the U.S. and abroad, which have benefited more than three million people since the organization was founded in 1960.

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Your Welcome Wagon hostess would like to bring useful suggestions and gifts to your happy world.

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IN OAKLAND COUNTY CALL

961-7750

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Your Invitation to Worship

Salem United Church of Christ
2525 Highland Road Farmington Hills
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.
Parsonage 644-5447
Church Office 644-6880
Carl K. Schell, Minister

FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
2525 Highland Road Farmington Hills
Parsonage 644-5447
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:15 a.m.
Elder: David Larson, 744 PM
Singing Service 11:15 a.m. (Singing School)

THE FRANKLIN BAPTIST CHURCH
25109 Glenview Mill Road of Franklin Rd.
Franklin, Michigan 48035

Rev. Ronald E. Leon, Pastor Phone 851-0332
We enthusiastically welcome all new Christians from the *Billie Graham Crusade*
"Where Christ Is Proclaimed"
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
Thursday Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1649 WEST MAPLE at CHERSTERFIELD (644-2040)
BIRMINGHAM

The Reverend F. Morgan Roberts, Pastor
Associates: Charles A. Sommers,
Edward E. Craxton, Gerald S. Crawford
Worship and Church School
9:30 and 11:15 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON
Richard Duncan, Pastor - Phone 474-0350

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP 11:30 a.m.
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Methodist on Franklin 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.
Adult Education at 10:15 a.m.
Family Hour at 10:15 a.m.
Senior Minister, Frank B. Cowick
Associate Minister, J. Chester Stubbis

The Orchard United Methodist Church
3450 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills 48334
Morning Worship
9:30 am to 11 am
Church School & Nursery
9:30 am & 11 am
646-6820
Ministries: Eric S. Hummer
James F. Thomas

The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.

Woodward at Cranbrook Bloomfield Hills
MI 48311
Worship and Church School
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Ministries:
Rev. Charles O. Erickson
Master of Education
Rev. Verna E. Aasen, Jr.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
335 W. Maple
Birmingham

SUNDAYS SERVICES
9:15 and 11:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
9:15 and 11:00 A.M. Church School
(Singing School 9:15-9:30)
WEDNESDAY
7:00 and 10:00 A.M.
Joy Conference

ST. MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH
26355 W. Chicago Rd.
Redford Twp. 48219

Rev. Michael E. Bama, Pastor
Divine Liturgy—Sunday (10:00 A.M.)
Divine Liturgy—Wednesdays (10:00 A.M.)
Sunday Vigilant 6:00 P.M.
Sunday School—Sunday 9:45 A.M.
Coven and worship with us!

For Church Directory Information
Please Call
644-1100 Ext. 224

NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1725 W. 12 Mile Rd.
17 Mile East of Lathrup

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
The Community House
380 South Bayview
Sunday, 10:10 A.M. Bible School
11:00 A.M. Worship
6:00 P.M. Praise Service
Wednesday, 7:15 P.M. Bible Study
Joseph P. Lukowski, Pastor
851-8516

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
A.L.C.
5631 North Adams Road
SUNDAY
9:15 A.M. Matins
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service
Fred W. MacLean, Pastor
Quincy F. Schaller, Pastor
MI 6-5941 MI 6-5124

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR
(United Presbyterian)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
8336 Telegraph Road
Birmingham North of Wake
Worship Service
Sunday Church School
10:30 A.M.
1 P.M. Sunday Vespers
Charles H. Lutz, Pastor 846-3007

First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple at Pleasant

Ministries: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans
John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beason
Worship Services 8:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Nursery Care Provided

Birk in the Hills
PRESBYTERIAN
1740 W. Long Lake Rd.
MINISTRIES
James F. Anderson
Robert L. Lindsey
Ross H. Goodrich
Worship Services and Church School
Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
January 16, 23 & 30

St. Martin's EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2489 Grand River Avenue
St. Martin's Episcopal Church
History at 10:00 a.m.
Call for more information 248-5100

Covenant Baptist
West Bloomfield
Located at West Maple & High on Industrial, North of Maple Rd.
SUNDAY SERVICES
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
35300 East Lake Road
Farmington Hills
Elder M. Turt, Pastor 474-2577
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M.

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Elder Donald Lee Fane Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
646-5454

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Worship Service
Sunday Church School
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First Baptist Church
Birmingham

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 G. Ferris—Pastor 841-0910
Rev. Gerald Wertz, Assistant Pastor
A CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

First Church of God
Farmington Hills
3517 Powers Road
West of W. 12 Mile Road
Parsonage 474-5419
Church School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Service 7:00
Worship Service 7:30

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1725 West Maple Road
Bloomfield Hills
(at intersection of West Maple & High)
Ministries: Dr. Roger Truitt
SUNDAY
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Worship

CLARENDONVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Middlebelt, Livonia
Pastor Gerald Fisher 474-3444

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
24425 Lathrup Road
(Just N. of 9 Mile)
9:15 A.M. Adult Forum
9:30 Church School Classes
10:45 The Service
The Rev. L. Alden Erdman

Christian Science Churches
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
BIRMINGHAM
191 Chester of Willis

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. 8:00 P.M.
READING ROOM — 355 East Maple — 644-7655
Open Mon. & Tues. 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Wed. & Sat. 9:30-11:30 A.M. Thurs. & Fri. 9:30-11:30 A.M.
except Sunday and holidays

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
FARMINGTON-MEADOWLAKE
Maple at Inkster

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CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. — Wed. 8:00 P.M.
READING ROOM — Pine Lake Mall — 851-7740 —
Orchard Lake Rd. at Lone Pine Rd
Open Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. 10:00-5:30; Thurs. & Fri. 10:00-8:00

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Beverly Hills United Methodist Church
2000 N. 11th Avenue
Birmingham 35203
Pastor: Dr. Robert L. Lindsey
SUNDAY 11:30 A.M.
Church School 9:30 A.M.
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
Worship Service 7:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT
21200 Southfield Road at 9 Mile
Southfield, Michigan 48066-2972
Pastor: Dr. Robert L. Lindsey
SUNDAY 11:30 A.M.
Church School 9:30 A.M.
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.
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