

# Dreaming along with Rip Van Winkle

## volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7772. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

**FRIENDLY VISITOR** — The Oak Park Senior Center has openings for volunteers 55 and older in its Friendly Visitor program. Volunteers meet and visit shut-ins two Wednesdays per month for two hours each time. If you are a good talker and a good listener, this may be just the job for you.

**NURSESFR** — The Michigan High Blood Pressure Council, on 12 Mile in Livonia Village, needs volunteer nurses or nursing students to take blood pressure readings, obtain

medical backgrounds and provide educational materials related to high blood pressure. Clerical volunteers are also needed to assist in identifying, counseling and providing follow-up services for clients. Morning or afternoon commitments available.

**HOSPITALS** — A number of hospitals in Oakland County currently have volunteer openings. Positions available include assistance in occupational therapy, hypertension screening, teen candy striper, escort, surgical lounge information and baby help. Training will be provided.

**DRIVERS** — Michigan Cancer Foundation needs drivers to transport cancer patients to their homes to areas hospitals for treatment. Help is needed in all areas of Oakland County, especially in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Farmington, Oak Park, Royal Oak, Southfield and Troy.

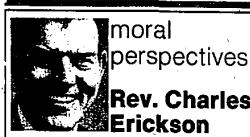
Images floating in memory and imagination direct us to destiny. Dread from past pain protects us from repeating the action. The image is "I won't get burned again." Dreams of future pleasure motivate us to prepare. The image is leisure to watch the clouds move along.

Pictures replace printed words in our electronic age. We feel close to those who lived before printing was invented. We are released from literalism and subject-predicate thinking. Our challenge is to become selective about the pictures we paint in our minds. They become the mental furniture which specific thought can sit.

One problem is ignoring important images. The Rip Van Winkle story shaped the American character. It hurts to sleep through a revolution. It feels miserable to be lost in one's own home town. Rip made Americans alert, energetic and risk-taking. Being right in the middle of events is fun for us.

**DON'T FORGET** good old Rip. Questions we face are a different kind than the Rip. We can't turn back the clock, let alone the calendar. Wisdom has been found in struggling with our problems and we move on to do better. We anticipate change. International tensions demand different answers than prior to the existence of nuclear armaments.

Rip can help us shake up our prejudices. It is normal to blame people for being in trouble. Com-



**moral perspectives**  
**Rev. Charles Erickson**

position will displace vengeance only if we see parity in the context of today's technological marvels. Peace will outrank defense only if we see that war is self-destructive. Things have changed and we can approach our problems with new perspective. Let Rip help.

**THE IMAGE** of an ostrich with its head in the sand reminds us to look around. If we see only what we expect to see, we might as well have our heads in the sand. I think of the ostrich when I listen to creationists. They are so locked into the God in the Bible that they see God only in the Bible.

Old-fashioned preachers extolled the living God they found in the Bible. God is known in events, experiences and relationships. God is involved in the processes of life. God is creative and creation includes an infinite variety of forms. It really doesn't matter whether creativity is expressed in evolution, revolution or suddenly.

**I LAUGHED** at the really bright ostrich who invented the absurdity that God created the world already aged. Fossils, they say, were created as fossils rather than having existed through a long fossilizing process. Then a scholarly type told me Aristotle invented that weird idea. And we know Aristotle was really bright. Even he, however, would be an ostrich to say that, with all science has discovered with the aid of his methods.

We all carry the imprint of scientific method. The public school taught us to look for cause and effect. We take the results of experiments seriously. If something works again and again, we affirm it. The image is to find the energy flowing in any process and take our responsible place in the flow.

**RIP REMINDS US** to expect change. The ostrich reminds us to look carefully. Science reminds us to search for the real causes and consequences. These images guide us to look for the big questions in any detailed problem.

The important questions deal with peace, crime, poverty and resources. Images guide us to decisions about armaments, the justice system, food supply, over-population and ecology.

Rip helps us face change, the ostrich keeps us alert, and science keeps us practical. What we do with human and nature's energy will be decided by the images that guide us through the process of each decision.

## Your Invitation to Worship

### For Church Directory Information Please Call 644-1100 Ext. 200



**BLOOMFIELD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1600 Telegraph Rd • 1010 N. Northland Long Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills • 447-3551  
Dr. Douglas H. Gallagher, Pastor  
Rev. Jim Lake, Associate Pastor  
Larry Simmons, Director of Church Music  
COFFEE 9:45 AM  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM  
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY MID WEEK SERVICE 7:30 PM  
Nursery, As. Music



**COVENANT BAPTIST**  
9:45 AM: CHURCH SCHOOL  
1:10 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP  
6:30 PM: EVENING SERVICE  
Dr. W. V. H. Hunter, Pastor, Rev. Edward A. Lutz, Associate  
Rev. Judith A. Daniels, Minister of C.E.  
500 W. Maple Road • W. Bloomfield, MI 48033  
One mile West of Orchard Lake Rd • 655-9191

**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
15350 Hubbard Road • Livonia, Michigan 48154  
421-8451  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES: 9 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST: 10 AM  
WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST: 9:30 AM  
Nursery Care Available Sunday Morning  
The Rev. Kenneth G. Davis  
The Rev. Edward A. Scott  
The Rev. A. King



### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

1589 West Maple at Pleasant  
Ministers: James W. Wright • Douglas W. Vernon  
• Evans C. Benity  
WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:45 AM • 11:00 AM  
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30 AM  
CHILD CARE: 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
646-1200

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
BIRMINGHAM  
1659 West Maple Road  
Ministers:  
F. M. Roberts  
Charles A. Sonmers  
D. William McEvoy  
Geraldine Woodward  
Morning Worship and  
Church School  
9:30 and 11:15 AM  
Ministers:  
Robert C. Brown  
James F. Thomas

**St. Paul's Lutheran**  
Missouri Synod  
20600 Middlebelt at 8 Mile  
Farmington Hills 474-0875  
The Rev. Ralph E. Unger, Pastor  
Sunday School: 8:30 AM & 11 AM  
Worship: 8:30 AM & 11 AM  
Sunday School and Adult  
Education: 9:30 AM  
Christian School: GRADES K-8  
Wayne C. Berkshir, Principal  
474-2488

**DETROIT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
21260 HAGERTY RD.  
I-275 at 8 Mile Rd.  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
348-7600  
REV. JAMES D. CONNER

9:45 AM: CHRISTIAN ED.  
11:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE  
6:30 PM: PRAISE & WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAY  
7:00 PM: PRAYER & SHARE  
NURSEY FACILITIES  
AVAILABLE

### Bloomfield Hills Christian Church

Rome's of Bloomfield  
2101 S. Telegraph

Bloomfield Township

WORSHIP: 9:30 AM

PRAYER SERVICE: 6 PM

BIBLE STUDY: 7 PM

645-1202

### Ascension of Christ

16935 W. 14 Mile Road

Birmingham

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 AM

Morning Worship 10:30 AM

644-8890

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

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