



moral perspectives

Rev. Charles Erickson

Maturity awakens us to transmit yesterday's values to tomorrow

Maturity came suddenly to a young lady when she realized her unborn child would never know her grandfather who had just died. Nostalgia leads us to imagine time standing still. Maturity awakens us to transmit yesterday's values to tomorrow.

The trouble with nostalgia is that emotions distort memory. Too much nostalgia is as work in too many policy makers. It is intriguing to listen to elderly folk who are common citizens. They speak of changes in their lifetimes with excitement and gratitude.

MORALITY combines feelings with reason in affirming values. Morality rests on commitment which enables people to work together toward a desired future.

THE THIRD warm word in morality was sobriety. We can hardly realize it had little to do with alcohol. One was admired for being stern, rational, and master of self.

We have been living in an in-between stage for decades. Revolutionary changes sweep over us faster than we can develop deep affection for slogans describing our moral way. A new morality is in fact functioning in most of us, but our emotions are stuck on old phrases.

We gain stability in relationships, the comfort and the power of having partners in compassion, and the chance to do something about crucial issues. The way to transfer the values of grandparents to people of the 21st century is to look for the power in the values of those moral people of other days.

Code words of another time give only illusory strength to us. We deserve enjoying new words instead of lamenting the death of morality. Morality is not dead, it is just poorly expressed. For example, chastity was a negative word some years ago and still is in most dictionaries, but most of us feel challenge as a positive word leading to adventure.

New behavior has arisen to meet new challenges. Our duty in each specific issue and decision is to equip our new behavior with words which have the emotional energy to guide us into tomorrow.

gerontology A. Jolayne Farrell

People with increased education are stimulated to stay mentally active

Dear Jo: I there anything I can do now to prevent a decline in my intellectual abilities in old age?

A great deal of time and money is being spent on researching this subject. Studies from intraspecies records show that the female in most animal species lives longer than the male.

The single most reliable indicator in forecasting intellectual abilities in old age, according to Neugarten (1976), is educational level. Her studies have revealed that people with increased education are stimulated to stay mentally active.

I doubt if there will be a simple explanation for this phenomenon.

Dear Jo: Where is the best place to keep my medications? I have given up on the bathroom "medicine" cabinet because of the moisture from the shower.

You're right - the bathroom medicine cabinet is probably the worst place to keep or store medications. The moisture can act on your medication, causing it to deteriorate and become less effective or not effective at all.

Dear Jo: I read in one of your columns that the life expectancy for men is 68 years of age and for women it is 76 years. Why do women live longer than men?

The best place to keep medications that you are taking regularly is in a convenient, visible place out of the reach of children. A good example is a china or glassware cupboard. Store the medications that you are not presently using in a dry, dark place.

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau 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 642-7172.

blood pressure under control. Volunteers are needed at varied times.

CRISIS COUNSELOR - Good listening skills are needed for this volunteer position. Gateway Crisis Center of Madison Heights needs volunteers to do crisis counseling, referrals, and assist in the legal clinic. Volunteers are needed 6-10 p.m. two days per month.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENER - You can learn how to keep your blood pressure under control and help teach others how to be a volunteer for the Michigan High Blood Pressure Council. Volunteers will learn how to take blood pressure, learn preventative measures, and help teach others how to keep their

LIBRARY ASSISTANT - The Tri-County Dental Health Council needs volunteers to assist in processing library materials, typing labels, and helping with mailings. Volunteers are needed at flexible times five to 10 hour per week.

Antiques in show

Wicker seats, chairs, tables and planters will be featured in an antique show scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend at Botolph Inn, Grand River and Eight Mile in Farmington Hills. Hours for the show will be noon 9 p.m. Sunday, and noon to 7 p.m. Monday.

Your Blessings May Shine on You... Come to Church

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Orchard United Methodist 35450 FARMINGTON ROAD Between 13 and 14 Mile Road 626-3620 MORNING WORSHIP 9:30 AM & 11 AM

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahser Southfield, MI PHONE: 356-1860 United for the worship of God and service to Humanity

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NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 14 Mile and Lahser Roads WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 & 11:00 AM

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN Missouri Synod 12 Mile and Farmington Roads Behind Crowley's Worship 8:30 and 10:45 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30

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Christian Science Churches FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM 191 Chester at Willis SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

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SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 16360 Hubbard Road Livonia, Michigan 48154 421-8451

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WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA Farmington and Six Mile Roads 422-1150 MEMORIAL and PENTECOST SUNDAY

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN Church, L.C.A. 6255 Telegraph - North of Maple BIRMINGHAM 9:15 Sunday Church School 10:30

ST. JOHN AMERICAN LUTHERAN 2222 East 7th St. Charles Fox Pastor Mark Radtch - Pastor 9:00 & 11 AM Worship 9:40 Sunday School 474-0584

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM 1669 West Maple Road Ministers: F. Morgan Roberts Charles A. Sommers B. William Meyers Dennis F. Berger Gerald S. Crawford

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church Roma's of Bloomfield 2101 S. Telegraph Bloomfield Township WORSHIP: 9:30 AM PRAISE SERVICE: 6 PM

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH 35415 W. 14 Mile Road at Drake 661-9191 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 MORNING WORSHIP 10:45

BEVERLY HILLS UNITED METHODIST 20009 13 Mile East 646-5777 WORSHIP: 10 AM CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST Pastor Gerald Fisher 474-3444 8:45 am First Worship Service 10:00 am The Church School 11:15 am Second Worship Service

HOPE UNITED METHODIST Civic Center Dr. at Berg Bldg. Just east of Telegraph Southfield 356-1020 SERVICE & NURSERY: 10 AM CHURCH SCHOOL: 11:20 AM

EVANGELICAL FREE Greek Evangelical Non-denominational The Birmingham Community House 9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Morning Service Pastor: Not Named 344-6145 Nursery Provided

FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH On Franklin's Village Green 626-6606 WORSHIP 9 & 11:15 AM CHURCH SCHOOL & NURSERY: 11:15 AM

Brightmoor Tabernacle 26555 Franklin Rd. • Southfield MI 48136 & Telegraph - Just West of Holiday Inn Sunday School 9:45 am - Morning Worship 11:00 am

FIRST BAPTIST American Baptist Gates and White Birmingham Robert G. Middleton CHURCH SCHOOL 9:45 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM

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