

Rosedale Sponsors Concert

The Rosedale Gardens United Presbyterian Church of Livonia will sponsor an organ recital at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the church sanctuary.

The church is located at the corner of Hubbard and West Chicago. There is no admission charge.

Soloist will be Steven Egler, a student at the University of Michigan and assistant organist at the church.

The musical program will include works by Franck, Bach and Schreoder. Three Livonia high school musicians will accompany Egler in the performance of some Haydn Sonatas.

The students are: violinists Steven Cunningham and Florence Robbins from Stevenson High; and Lynn Peterson of Franklin who plays the cello.

150 Waterfalls

Photographers, sightseers and other visitors find delight in the more than 150 scenic waterfalls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, according to the Michigan Tourist Council.

Area Inter-Faith Center Finds Doors Closed

by TIM RICHARD

A paragraph at the end of one of the orange mimeographed sheets is ironic:

"The individual who stands for his convictions on racial justice may find himself the object of criticism, or even rejection, by his neighbors. The Inter-Faith Centers offer consultation and counseling service for those who find the going rough."

In point of fact, it's the Inter-Faith Center for Racial Justice itself — notably the one in northeast Detroit trying to serve Oberlinville suburbs — that is finding itself a target of criticism and rejection.

"WE'RE IN A bad predicament in that the product we have to sell is anti-racism. That's hard to sell to the suburbs," says Larry Hutchison, assistant director of the area office and a former Presbyterian minister.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Inter-Faith Center for Racial Justice is the center of controversy. Observer News Editor Tim Richard visited the center and this is the first of a two-part report on the function of the office.

"Because of bad publicity we've received, some churches don't even want us to come in the door. A lot of ministers just don't want you to come in the door. We need to get some positive coverage."

Parent of the Inter-Faith Centers is New Detroit Inc., the establishment-run organization that grew out of the ashes of Detroit's 1967 riot. The original plan — to have one center in each town — wasn't feasible, and instead there are five in the tri-county area.

The northeast center, headed by Clifford C. Shrupp, who is also ordained, got its own store-front office in September of 1969 and so far has done most of its work in north-west Detroit and Redford.

It's NOT difficult to see why the northeast Inter-Faith Center is getting burned:

● Among the posters on the office wall are two of Malcolm X and Eldridge Cleaver. (A woman volunteer thinks it's simply terrible that Malcolm X has been described as a "Black Panther.")

● With collar-length grey hair and a beard that isn't neat, rumpled clothes and scuffed shoes, Hutchison looks more like a caricature of the 1969 anarchist than a man who understands suburbanites.

● The office is located at 17336 Lahser, which is only a short block away from Jack McGriff's Detroit Suburban Newspapers. To move into such a location is about as

wise as entering a knife fight by leading with one's jugular.

IN NO TIME at all, the Inter-Faith Center found itself verbally linked with various shades of political red and black.

When politically-minded Livonia high school students needed a sponsor before they could use Rev. James Schaefer's Pilgrim Church for a meeting, the Inter-Faith Center came to the rescue and promptly got its name linked to the perversions and four-letter words in underground papers that were circulated there.

When a Student Mobilization group at Detroit's Redford High School needed a place to meet, the Inter-Faith Center's office was open to them.

Hutchison's explanation: It was a Good Samaritan gesture and doesn't mean the IFC supports the "Mobe" political position on Vietnam.

WHAT THE IFC wants to do in Oberlinville is light racism with free literature at its walk-in office and seminars in churches and schools.

One seminar package is on the Kerner Commission report to President Johnson on the growing polarization of American society. Another is on the "Black Manifesto."

A seminar is commonly conducted with a dozen or more interested members of a church. One night a week for maybe six weeks. Currently, there are programs at a north-west Detroit Catholic parish, the Brooks Community Council and a group of teachers from the Birmingham-Southfield-Farmington area.

Other programs have been conducted for students — St. Agatha and Ladywood Catholic high schools in Redford and Livonia, respectively.

Money will gradually become a problem, says Hutchison, as New Detroit support diminishes and the local office has to raise \$8,000 by the end of 1971 and \$12,000 or more the following year to stay in business.

The metropolitan IFC program is sponsored by Catholic and Jewish groups and such Protestant denominations as American Lutheran, Episcopal, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, and United Presbyterian.

Graduate students from college and a number of volunteers, mainly housewives, provide manpower to help Schrupp and Hutchison.

YET DESPITE its establishment credentials, the Inter-Faith Centers are selling something more than the honey of brotherhood.

Their literature proclaims they present "the point of view of black and brown people regarding such matters as black history, black power, civil rights, self-determination, the middle-class society and cultural heritage."

This point of view is heavily laced with the vinegary theory of "institutional racism" — that bigotry is not just something evil in the minds of individuals, but that American government, institutions and churches are so through with racism.

(Next week: Visit to an Inter-Faith Center seminar.)

By Rev. Frederick Prezioso
Epiphany Lutheran Church
Plymouth

When the first Christian disciples gathered for worship, they met in their own homes, and celebrated the Lord's supper as part of a fellowship meal. They faced each other across the table. The gathering was reverent and warmly personal.

A number of later historical developments changed all of this. Christians drew apart from the larger community by conducting their worship in a special building called a church. The Lord's supper table, originally the center of Christian fellowship and symbol of their unity in Christ, was thrust against a far wall, and further separated from the people by placing it on a raised platform and enclosing by the platform with a railing.

Greater formality in patterns of worship emerged, making the gathering less intimate. Piety became equated with silent meditation by individuals, rather than with corporate sharing and communion. People sat side by side, facing away from their fellows. At first they participated "at a distance," but later most became more like observers.

THUS WE CAN HAVE a situation today where we Christians talk about brotherhood and involvement, but fail to be living examples of these ideals even as we conduct the religious rites in our own congregations!

I often wonder if this situation in individual congregations has something to do with our inability (unwillingness?) to cooperate ecumenically. We profess to be "one in Christ," yet continue to worship in separate buildings and maintain separate organizations. We compete when we should be cooperating! And, all too often, when cooperation does take place, it is born not of our basic religious beliefs, but of economic necessity!

I applaud cooperation, however mixed the motives. It just seems rather unfortunate that we take such action guided by a weak bank balance, rather than a strong faith.

AS WE FAIL to be "one" with fellow Christians, we fail to be "one" with the secular community. Stained glass windows effectively block our view of the surrounding neighborhoods. Their shutting out of reality is literal as well as symbolic since many come to church nowadays expecting to deal with an entirely different set of issues and concerns than we face at home or at work.

Internal disunity begets a separation of our churches from their environment. On the other hand, a rediscovered sense of unity within our churches will make possible a greater degree of inter-relatedness with that environment.

For example, church programs might be geared specifically to community interests and needs. Church members

might show as great a concern for the members of other denominations and even for those who refuse membership in any church, as they show for those who are currently on the "five prospect" list. Our buildings might be arranged to function as a community center first, and as a place of worship second, rather than vice-versa. The possibilities are indeed endless.

WHETHER WE LIKE it or not, the architectural style of a church building says a lot about the attitudes and beliefs of the Christians who worship there. Shared programs, facilities, staff and community orientation (or the lack of them) also says something about these attitudes and beliefs. I believe that what we say by them should accurately reflect the faith we profess. And the faith we profess should accurately reflect the faith of the first Christian disciples.

Some would say I am talking here about "renewal." Others might term it "radical reconstruction." But what I am emphasizing is the need to make practical application of our unity in Christ in such areas as shared programs, facilities, staff and community orientation. The historical roots are there. And I personally believe that by uncovering these roots, and capitalizing on their presence, we can make concrete and relevant strides into the future!

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's

Religion Update

Rev. Andrew Young, an Atlanta Baptist.

The House has two ordainers besides the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, who are expected to seek reelection. Alabama Republican John Buchanan (Southern Baptist) and Wisconsin Republican James Schiedberg, a Congregationalist.

And in Connecticut, a United Church of Christ minister, the Rev. Joseph Duffey of Hartford, has entered the race against incumbent Sen. Thomas Dodd.

The clergy-in-politics movement extends to state and municipal offices, such as the Rev. Robert North (Episcopal) a Minnesota state legislator, who is running for mayor of St. Paul.

ONE OF THE MOST innovative rationales for this movement comes from San Francisco's city hall, which is a number of clergy employed therein, is beginning to look like an economical council. Two Presbyterians, two Catholics, one Baptist and one Episcopalian.

Presbyterian John Shellenberger, Jr., explains what he calls "another direction for the Christian ministry." As administrative assistant to San Francisco Supervisor Ronald Pelosi, he recalls:

"There was a great thrust in the ministry of the relevance of the Christian faith to social problems. Sundry reinforced that zeal, but didn't give us the tools to work with. Many of us found ourselves attempting to be relevant to social issues, but unable to pull it off in the traditional church structures."

include a luncheonette, speaker, prizes and entertainment.

ADMISSION: To the program will be by:

- Bringing one's JNF Blue-White Box to be cleared, or
- Bringing a receipt if one's box has already been cleared, or
- Taking a new box into one's home (if not yet a boxholder) and making a minimum \$2 contribution.

Peace In God

The "oneness" of mankind that inspires peace can be found in man's "at-one-ment" with God. This spiritual relationship is explained in the Lesson-Sermon on "Doctrine of Atonement" to be read in all Christian Science Churches on Sunday, April 19.

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PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 12 Mile at Farmington Rd. 474-5310 Rev. Victor H. Meisenbrink Worship Services: 8 and 10:45 a.m. (Nursery Provided) Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 30000 Five Mile Road Pastor: Roger H. Schell 427-8119 Worship: 8:15 and 11:15 Sunday School: 9:45 421-7249

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST (Missouri Synod) 4520 Ann Arbor Road (MI 6) City of Plymouth Rev. Kenneth E. Zierke 425-3352 Sunday School, Teen Age and Adult Bible Classes 9 a.m. Worship Service: 10:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School (Missouri Synod) Middlebelt at G Mile Rd. 474-0675 J. Walther, Principal W. L. Berkenkamp, Pastor Services — 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Nursery Provided) Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 5815 Venable Road at Bechwood 425-0260, Church 425-0260, Pastor: Rev. Paul Inspektor, Pastor Services: 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod) 39020 Five Mile Rd. between Newburgh and Haggerty Roads Office Phone 464-0211 The Rev. Fred B. Paster 427-8119

KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST 19401 Middlebelt Road, Livonia Phone 424-8222 Sunday Bible School — 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship — 8:30 a.m. Evening Worship — 7:30 p.m. Wed. Eve. Service — 7:30 p.m. Wed. Ch. Conf. — 7:30 p.m. Lee Balzer, Minister, Pastorage Phone 474-7044 Church Phone 424-8222

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