

moral perspectives

Rev. David Strong

People shouldn't be separated by age

Sometimes you learn about yourself from others. A colleague told me I was a minister who planned inter-generational events. I was surprised. What was I doing that I didn't recognize I was doing?

Whatever I was doing, it is because I believe children and youth are persons just like adults. There are so many occasions when all ages can be included just by paying attention to our happy differences.

Too many institutions in our society, especially churches, separate people by age. Children are sent off in one direction, adults in another. Many churches do want youth in the workshop service. They talk. When they sing or do a special "youth" service, we applaud. Other-wise send them somewhere else.

I DISAGREE. It is healthy to mix people of all ages. Each age contributes a special part to the whole. Children have energy and they are unpredictable. Youth have a short attention span so you can gauge your ability to hold people's interest by watching the young. Youth are often more blunt about things. Older people provide continuity, sometimes refreshing humor and occasionally unusual support. Babies are good at sleeping and crying and they provide lots to talk about.

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When we look for people of different ages we notice unusual things. We see a child walking through a hospital corridor, obviously clear about where he is

gerontology

A. Jolayne Farrell

Retirement by choice is a 'much better' way

Dear Jo:

Are you in favor of mandatory retirement? Mr. V.R. (retired auto worker, with time on my hands).

Dear Mr. R:

It is not so much the issue of mandatory retirement that I, as a gerontologist, find difficult to understand, rather it is the lack of choice that many older people have. Retirement is a very major personal and individual decision that most people make at a certain time in their lives and they should be able to choose either mandatory or flexible (selecting their own time) retirement or even elect not to retire at all.

The arguments favoring mandatory retirement are many, beginning with the belief that it assures equal treatment for all workers, so an employer does not have to decide among his older workers who may continue on the job and who must go.

Young people seem to favor mandatory retirement as they believe that, with this system, there are more job opportunities open to them. It is based on the premise that society can provide only a limited number of jobs. Most contemporary economists feel that this argument is no longer acceptable.

OLDER PEOPLE respond to this by asking why a younger person should have more right to a job than an older one. Many think that mandatory retirement is essential because younger workers are more productive than older workers.

There is no factual basis for this statement as research done in the areas reveals that, with the exception of jobs that are very demanding physically and are time-paced, older work-

ing. There is no adult dragging along by his side.

WE NOTICE that some restaurants only have adults in them, or only older adults. Other restaurants have people of all ages enjoying a meal. Sometimes it is good to have a mix. We notice children shopping alone, and an elderly neighbor who visits frequently with a child on a delighted way.

The fortunate fact about children is that there is still a child inside of most of us grownups. We can at times cross the boundary and enjoy a child's story, or watch a clown or a magician in a delighted way.

One day an educator decided we can learn faster if people are separated according to age. Yet we have lost in the process. We have lost that important element of discerning what things are important and what things are not important. Without opportunities to observe persons of other ages we cannot easily tell how people live out their values.

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That Blessings May Shine on You Come to Church

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165 E. Squire Lane Road
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9:30 Church School
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WORSHIP: 9:05 & 11:00 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:05 AM
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Minister: John W. Bray

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628-8008
WORSHIP: 9:05 & 11:00 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:05 AM
NURSERY: 11 AM
Dr. Samuel F. Blod, Pastor
Uniting Methodist in Affiliation
Ecumenical in Spirit

EVANGELICAL FREE
New building on the corner of 12 Mile and Woodward
300 S. Bove
9:30 am. Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am. Morning Service
Pastor: Ray McFarlane
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HOPE LUTHERAN
39200 W. 12 Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:30
V.M. Malmberg, Pastor

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
13112 Grand Ave.
Farmington Hills - 474-6573
JONAS, Pastor
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
Nursery Provided
Minister: Charles W. Blodgett

The Congregational Church of Birmingham U.C.C.
Woodward at Cranbrook
Bloomfield Hills
Family Church Worship: 9:30
Worship and Church School: 11 AM
Nursery Care Both Hours
Barter-Free
MINISTERS: The Rev. Charles O. Erickson, Carol D. Ginn

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1385 S. Adams • Rochester
378-0460
WORSHIP: 9:30 & 11:45 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10:15 - 11 AM
11:15 - 12 PM
Nursery Provided
Barter-Free Access

HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH
30075 West 7 Mile • Livonia • 478-3433
SUNDAY LITURGY: 10:00 AM
(All Services in English)

THE COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
4400 W. 12 Mile Rd. • Bloomfield Hills 474-1815
9:45 a.m.: CHURCH SCHOOL • 11:00 a.m.: WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30 p.m.: EVENING SERVICE
WEDNESDAY 7 PM Prayer & Bible Study 8 PM Adult Choir

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL
3061 N. Adams (N. of Big Beaver) BLOOMFIELD HILLS • 482-2290
Sunday School: 9:45
Worship Service: 11:00
H.F. (Jack) Brown, Pastor

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20300 Middlebelt • Livonia 474-3444
Pastor Gerald Fisher
8:45 am. First Worship Service
10:00 am. The Church School
11:15 am. Second Worship Service
Nursery Provided at All Services

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
34500 West Seven Mile Farmington Hills • 477-5033
BIBLE SCHOOL: 10:15 AM
WORSHIP: 11 AM and 8 PM
WED. BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM
Nursery Provided at All Services

THE LORD'S HOUSE
A Full Gospel Church
36924 Ann Arbor Trail & Newburgh
522-8463
Pastor Carl J. Forsyth
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Service 7:00 pm
Open Every Day 9:00 am
Until 11:00 pm
Children's Ministry at Every Service
24 Hour Prayer Line 522-8410

Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church
16935 W. 14 Mile Road
Birmingham
Family Learning Hour: 9:15 AM
Worship Service: 10:30 AM
The Rev. W.E. Wolcott, Pastor

SALVATION ARMY
27500 Shawwassee
14 Mile Road
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Sunday School: 10 AM
Morning Worship: 11 AM
Evening Worship: 6 PM
Prayer Meeting: Thurs. 8 P.M.
Evangelist John Crampton

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
1589 West Maple at Pleasant
Ministers Robert P. Ward • Douglas W. Vernon
• Evans C. Bentley
WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Nursery Care All Services

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
American Baptist
Bates and White
Birmingham
Robert G. McGowan, Minister
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM
644-9550

CENTRAL WOODWARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
3915 W. Big Beaver at Adams-Troy
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM
Minister: Robert H. Boyle 644-0512

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ST. ANDREW
6255 Telegraph • North of Maple
DUNDY, ONTARIO
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 AM
Church School: 10:30 AM
The Rev. C.W. Richter, Pastor
646-5261 • 646-4119

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN ALC • FARMINGTON
3300 S. of Grand River
3 Blocks N. of Farmington Rd.
WORSHIP (University): 8:30 & 11:00
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45
Pastors: C. Fox & M. Radloff

Northbrook Presbyterian
14 Mile & Lahser Road
WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Nursery Provided - 642-0020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM
1669 West Maple Road
Ministers: F. Morgan Roberts, Charles K. Sommers, D. William McVior, Gerald S. Crawford
Morning Worship and Church School: 9:30 and 11:15 AM
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Bark in the Hills
PRESBYTERIAN
13400 W. Long Lake Rd.
MINISTERS: James F. Anderson, Robert L. Lindsey
Worship Service and Church School: 9:30 & 11:30 AM

Cross of Christ LUTHERAN
Corner Lone Pine & Telegraph
Bloomfield Hills
WORSHIP: 8:15 • 9:45 • 11:15
EDUCATIONAL HOUR: 9:45
Nursery - 6th Grade
Junior/Senior High and Adult Bible Classes

CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL
LONE PINE AT CRANBROOK
THE REV. ALMUS M. THORP, JR., RECTOR
Sunday, May 1
8:00 AM • Holy Eucharist
9:15 & 11:15 AM
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Missouri Synod
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Behind Crowley's
Worship 8:15 and 10:45
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30
Pastor: Rev. T. Richard Marcell
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SUNDAY SERVICES
Christian Education 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Service 6:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
A Nursery is Provided For All Services

OTHER ACTIVITIES:
Ladies Bible Study
Childrens Programs
Youth Program
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: James Conner, Youth: Robert Anderson, Music: Rod Bushey
Located 11-275 & B. Mile with entrance at 31280 Haggerty Road
Church Office 348-7800

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NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
478-8860
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Just West of Middlebelt
Farmington Hills
Worship Service: 9:15 & 11:00 AM
"WON'T SOMEBODY PLEASE CHANGE THE SCENERY?"
Dr. William A. Ritter, Pastor
Rev. Betty Danner, Assoc. Min.
Judy May, Director of C.E.
Mr. Melvin Rookus, Dr. Music

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NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahser
• Southfield, MI PHONE: 356-1660
United for the worship of God and service to Humanity
Rev. Mark P. Jensen, Senior Minister
E. Neil Hunt, Minister of Education
Dr. Harry Langford, Dir. of Music
WORSHIP SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL: 11 AM
No Stairs Nursery CYC CENTER DR.

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FAITH COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor Michael A. Hallen Associate Pastor Mary Miller-Vikander
35415 W. 14 Mile Road at Drake 661-9191
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP: 10:45 AM
SUNDAY EVENING: 7:00 PM
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WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads 422-1150
HOLY COMMUNION
Worship and Sunday School 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
"CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST"
Dr. J. Wallace Hoeftler
Installation of Rev. W. Wallace Hoeftler as Associate Pastor
Message by Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. School of Christian Education (Activities for All Ages)
Sunday Service Broadcast 9:30 AM - WMUZ-FM 103.5
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Unitarian singles to dance

The old haughty of the historic Emerson Unitarian Church, Livonia at Waukegan (17 Mile Road), will be the background for the spring dance of the Unitarian Singles of Metropolitan Detroit at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 6.

Door admission is \$7 for non-members and includes refreshments.

The building was originally a barn and now has a designation as a historic building. For more information, call 478-3080.