



THE REV. JAMES SCHAEFER looks through the big book his Pilgrim Church congregation put together during a series of Lenten meetings. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Church Sketches Stages In Living

Childhood, among other things, is a life of youth. Youth is self-testing; young adulthood is independence; middle age is acceptance; old age is consolidation.

These were some of the ideas that came out of an unusual book-writing experience for members of the Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Livonia.

In a series of evening meetings, the Lent, members prepared a huge illustrated book containing a montage of ideas about the various stages of life and what Christian support the church can give.

The objective, said the Rev. James Schaefer, minister of the church at 36075 W. Seven Mile, was to involve varied age levels together in a project that would help each to understand better the problems and characteristics of the others.

"To do this," Rev. Schaefer said, "we divided into groups at one of the earlier meetings and tried some role-playing in typical life situations, having fathers play the roles of sons, daughters play mothers and the older members play a child."

The SMALL GROUPS also put together pages of pictures illustrating the various stages of life.

Then, on separate Wednesday evening, the members again divided into their groups and discussed the different stages.

"A reporter was assigned to each group," the minister

said, "and the notes he made went into the finished book."

A study book was used for the discussions. Lewis Sherrill's "Personal Growth," Rev. Schaefer based Lenten sermons on the book and the stages it depicted in order to give some basis to the discussions.

"PROBABLY our liveliest discussion," the pastor said, "was over the section on old age and Sherrill's placing it at 51 and over."

"When the picture montage was made, it was evident that people thought of old age in terms of retirement. And some made the good point that the 51-on label does not apply."

"But we did give serious consideration to Sherrill's point that the later years should be a time of consolidation and simplification."

In the big book, childhood was seen as a time of curiosity, a time of seeking adult approval, a time of growth toward self-sufficiency and a time of harboring fears and displaying sibling rivalry. "A child has an awe of life," don't spoil it," appeared on the page, and also "Accept him as he is."

THE YOUTH PAGE covered ages 13 to 20 and was divided into junior, high school and post-high. "Not college," said Rev. Schaefer. "There's too much pressure in that direction."

The members saw the junior high age as a time of seeking

independence and identity, high school age as a time for adjusting to more independence and blossoming as an individual, and the post-high years a time for confronting decisions, learning to respect and perhaps adjusting to young marriage.

For the young adult comes the need to advance as a profession and the discovery of interdependence in relationships with parents, said the book.

Mid-age was seen as a time of accepting the concept of "growing old in a young culture," making life meaningful and perhaps knowing despair and wondering "Was it all worth it?"

REV. SCHAEFER wrote an introduction to the book:

"A person grows physically, psychologically, mentally and spiritually, although you can never separate any one of these aspects from the whole. The degree to which each growth task met affects succeeding stages."

Summing up the experience, he said he believed "parents could begin to understand what the kids are going through, and vice versa."

And for all ages, he felt the Lenten message would be that "it is false to give hope of a glory hereafter, but we should encourage growth for people so they can stand before the mystery of immortality without trying to blot it out."

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Beth Abraham Dedication Set

Congregation Beth Abraham will dedicate the cornerstone of its new West Bloomfield Township synagogue and school on Sunday, May 23, at 10:30 a.m.

The congregation plans to move from its present location on West Seven Mile at Greenlaw in Detroit to new quarters at 5075 W. Maple, between Inkster and Middle Belt, in time to worship for the upcoming 1971 High Holy Days.

The synagogue, which plans to operate its own independent full Hebrew school, is presently engaged in an active enrollment campaign for the 1972 school year.

In addition, Beth Abraham

will conduct a youth program, with club activities, Jewish education and activities for teens, young adults and young married couples.

Rabbi Israel I. Halpern, the synagogue's spiritual leader, and Cantors Shabtai Ackerman and Israel Fuchs will participate in the ceremony along with Sen. Robert Griffin and township officials.

New officers and trustees will also be installed. Menasche Haar, vice-president and board chairman of the congregation, is in charge of arrangements, and Dr. Sandra Newman, a past president of the congregation, will preside. Irving E. Adler is president of the congregation.



JAMES ALLEN JONES

Educator Speaker For U-U

James Allen Jones, Detroit educator and director of the annual American Festival in Britain, will speak Sunday, May 30, in the Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington, 2390 Halstead.

"The Beginning of Learning" will be his topic for the 10 a.m. service.

Jones has long been active in the "middle-school" movement in the United States, Canada and Great Britain.

He has done extensive work in the area of education involving music, drama, ballet and visual arts.

He also has developed an inter-disciplinary approach to reading.

"The Ark," the story of one man's fight in the pollution crisis, will be shown Sunday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m. in

Northwest Church Plans Dedication

The Northwest Church, Christian and Missionary Alliance, 2011 West 10 Mile Rd., Farmington, will dedicate its new Education Building Sunday, May 23.

This date will also mark the fifth anniversary of the church.

HONORED GUESTS at the 11 a.m. worship service will be the Rev. Welburn Smith, the former pastor and his family, and the Rev. David N. Clark, West Central district superintendent of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Rev. Smith, now a missionary in Mali, Africa,

will deliver the sermon. AT A 4 P.M. fellowship service, both Rev. and Mrs. Smith will speak briefly and an ensemble will present musical selections. There will be an "afterglow," at 8:30 p.m., at which slides of the early days of the church will be shown.

The new building has upstairs two air-conditioned nursery rooms and eight classrooms, as well as two large lavatories. In the downstairs is Smith Hall, which can also be divided into seven classrooms by movable partitions, a kitchen, and a large conference room and storage room.

Jerry Gribble Will Be College Speaker

A member of Livonia's Parkdale Assembly of God, Jerry Gribble, has been selected by the faculty of Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., to be the 1971 commencement speaker.

He will address the graduating class May 27. Gribble entered CBC in 1968 and has completed his four years of college in three years.

He has maintained a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 out of a possible 3.0.

He has also been active in student government and pastored Synamore Assembly

of God Church, 25 miles from CBC, for a year and a half. He has participated in intramural sports and was team captain of the summer CBC Inter-city Softball Team.

Gribble graduated from Plymouth High School in 1968. He entered the Air Force for four years during which time he was a radar operator in North Dakota.

In 1960 he married Janice Vernon. They have a daughter, Tanja.

Jerry worked as a salesman, for American Airlines and for United Parcel Service, before deciding to enter the ministry.

Movie Series Opens May 23

Fellowship Hall, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

This is the first of three films which will be featured in a Sunday morning seminar for adults.

CYO Issues Draft Information Book

Where can a young man go to find out what he wants to know about his options under the military draft law?

The answer is in the newly revised Draft Information Booklet, which can be obtained now for \$1.50 from the Youth Leadership Division of the Catholic Youth Organization, 305 Michigan, Detroit, 48226.

This new second edition of the booklet is just out. It contains added material on the draft lottery system, and an expanded discussion of eligibility for the conscientious objector classification and how to seek such classification plus other revisions.

"MANY YOUNG MEN do not know how long they are eligible for the draft," says Ed Roberge, director of the youth leadership division.

"Many are not familiar with the physical standards. Many have no notion of the range of specialized careers for which they may be trained in the military. The booklet enables them to find the correct answers fast."

The booklet, which the CYO first published in October 1970, contains all the facts anyone needs to know where to go and whom to see to discuss all phases of a man's rights, responsibilities and opportunities under Selective Service. The book is also a useful compilation of general information about the draft law and about the alternatives.

THE PUBLICATION of the revised booklet is part of the continuing effort of the Youth Leadership Division to provide young men with an opportunity to gain all the information they need to make their choice of alternatives under the draft law. The CYO also assists schools and commun-

disturbed children. The division has 10 professional training units and five non-professional units, plus 15 university students who are doing their field work in social work. Its budget last year was about two-thirds of the entire CYO budget.

(Notword, two sons, John and Paul N., both of Monroe; two brothers, Jeff of Plymouth and Walton of Chicago, a sister, Edna Wilma of Bradenton, Fla., and five grandchildren.)

WANDA M. DAUGHENBAUGH, funeral services for Mrs. Daughenbaugh, 49, of West Branch, who was born in Farmington, died May 17 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, of leukemia. She had moved from Westland to West Branch about two years ago and was a machine bench hand for Burroughs Corp. Survivors include: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kellogg of Farmington; and five grandchildren.

CLARA L. WALDBERT—Services for Mrs. Waldbert, 53, of 1815 Park Lane Dr. in Livonia, were held in the St. Raphael Church, 112 of West Branch, brother, Cecil Kellogg of Farmington; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Waldbert was a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools, a member of the St. Raphael Church, and a member of the Women's Guild of St. Raphael Church and of the Women's Guild of St. Raphael Church.

She is survived by her husband, Lee, two sons, Joel and Barry, and brother David W. Leach of Hingham Woods, and one sister, Mrs. Sam Siroff of Oakton.

Survivors include his wife, Irma.

A 1913 graduate of Plymouth High School, Mr. Richards served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy during World War I. In 1937 he formed a partnership with S. J. Norton in a certified public accountant firm.

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CYO Helps Inner City Youth

"We're the minute men of the struggle against poverty, injustice and decay. We are ready to move on short notice against any grievous social evil. This is a relatively new concept in social services. It's a good one. We've tried it, and it works."

That is the way L. Peter Lewandowski, director of the Detroit Catholic Youth Organization, describes the work of his division. His workers go where the trouble is. They cooperate with the people in the community and with representatives of other agencies to try to find the right answers.

They are assigned to a 25-square-mile segment of the inner city of Detroit, southwest of Hamtramck, an area with more than 275,000 residents. In 18 months, they have helped establish a drug-abuse

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