## Families can learn fire safety

Fire is always a threat to a family a safety.

"Families can escape safely by insking sure they have working smoke detectors and an ovacuation plan," says Elaine Paradice, home economist with the Oakland County Extension Service of Michigan State University.

A Family Fire Safety Class will be held 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Instructional Room of the North Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

There is no charge for the class but preregistration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 19. Space is limited.

The class will include these safety rules.

Each floor of the home should be equipped with a smoke detector, fire extinguisher and an escape ladder for the second floor.

A simple floor plan of the home can be drawn and marked with an escape route.

Each family member should

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Blach family member should know the proper procedures for emergency evacuation. Children as young as three years old can practice safe and speedy ways of getting out of the home.

By Monthly fire drills should be held so everyone knows what to do in case of a fire.

A common meeting place outside of the home should be designated so that all members of the family can be accounted for as soon as possible.

The Feb. 23rd class is designed to help parents present home fire safety information and practices in a simple and non-threatening manner. Fire drills can be put into a form of a game while stressing the importance of escaping outcily.

To register or for further infor-mation please contact Sandy or Elaine at 858-0895.



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rible violence in our society.

For years, our international policy of sending in the Marines with overwhelming firepower has reflected our domestic policy of making sure that cops get tough on young males. Now we even have police killing suspects.

This week a social worker told me that our nation has abandond the plight of children. There are more children in poverty in Detroit than any other city in the country. What results from these things is the growth of more violence.

Our schools have had to address violence. A few other peacoriented groups have tried to focus attention and action upon this problem. In contrast, our churches and synagogues are largely unwilling to effectively address the issues of violence.

It is precisely religion which should respond to how we hurt

tors, public health leaders, social agencies, police and community organizers who work to counteract violence. We need to identify national leaders who will model this non-violent approach to conflict.

Our president needs to make this a message of his builty publit. Every mayor of every city needs to become schooled in non-violent, conflict resolution. Spiritual leaders must be on the forefront on this issue.

We need to prevent violence by addressing the deeper causes. The book, "Deally Consequences" is a book that is worth reading and pondering until we are all launched into action.

The Rev. David Strong is pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Detroit. If you have a question or comment, call him at 953-2047, mailbox number 1878,

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