

Pastors Puzzle Over UW Bombing Sermons

Some Madison pastors are puzzled about how best to preach concerning Monday's bombing at the University of Wisconsin.

Their problem is concerned with what can be said that will help their congregations understand the situation in a Christian perspective.

THE REV. PAUL Z. Hoornstra, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, said the bombing will not be the subject of the Sunday sermon there.

"We talked about it and con-

cluded that, by the time this Sunday arrives, most people will have come to whatever opinions they could at this moment," he said.

"Later on, we hope to have something intelligent to say about the situation, but what more can we say right now?"

At First Methodist Church, the Rev. Clarence Wildes will be preaching. Mr. Wildes was out of town when this report was prepared but, ironically, the church's radio broadcast will be in someways relevant,

no matter what Mr. Wildes speaks about.

The broadcast is aired a week after the sermon is given, and last week the church's pastor, the Rev. Ellsworth Kalas, spoke about "Blessed Are the Peacemakers."

HE TOLD the congregation then that "not everyone who puts peace in the title of his organization is really making peace."

The Rev. J. Andrew Davison, pastor of First Baptist Church, will discuss "Vigilantes or Volunteers."

"We're going to discuss the fact that increasingly people are becoming vigilantes," he said.

"They go off for what they feel to be the common good, but they do so without knowledge."

Mr. Davison said the sermon will not deal with the bombing as such, but the bombing will be in the background of the general discussion.

THE REV. Rodney Johnson, pastor of Arbor Covenant Church, said, "I'm not really sure just what I'm going to say about it," but he indicated that his sermon will deal in some way with the bombing.

At Parkside Presbyterian Church, the Rev. J. Laing Burns will discuss "When Revenge Is Sour."

At First Congregational

Church, the Rev. Lawrence L. Gruman, pastor, and the Rev. Raymond Gillies, youth minister, will discuss "The Bomb That Fell on Madison."

Mr. Gruman will speak on "What Exploded Monday morning?" and Mr. Gillies on "Alternative Responses for the Church" during the two-part sermon.