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St. John Church hosts Ascension Day retreat

The congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church will host four other congregations from the Westland cluster for an Ascension Day Retreat from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 27.

The event is open to the public. A \$2 fee is charged. The church is at 2225 Gill in Farmington.

Principal speaker for the day will be Mary Lou Brown, pastor and director of the Glorious Freedom Mission, at 411 Third Avenue in Detroit's Cass corridor. From three store fronts and a sturdy 18th century home, she and her assistants minister to the many needs of the surrounding community. She is known for "feeding the hungry, patching up the beaten, counseling the despondent, encouraging the struggling, and loving and teaching children."

In the eight years she has been there, Mrs. Brown has expanded her facility from two rooms to 54 rooms, and from a one-woman operation to a full-time staff of six, plus another staff of part-time volunteers.

Twenty-one years ago Mrs. Brown was managing a fashion modeling studio in California, following a modeling career of her own. She was converted to Christianity when she gave up modeling to teach grooming at a small college in Nebraska.

SHE FEELS THAT she was led by God to go into the sales field, and did, but "hated every minute of it." Looking back, however, she says this training in business and meeting people was invaluable in starting her mission.

She came to Detroit and was ready to settle down as "a nice comfortable Christian," but God, in whom she had so much faith, "had other ideas for her," she said. Feeling called of God, she dismantled her apartment and moved into Priscilla Hall, a church-affiliated residence for women at Second and Ledyard. She began her work in the community by going house to house, asking the residents what she could do to help them.

A few months later she rented a two-room shop on Third Avenue for \$40 a month. For three months she carried out refuse from the store. By the time she was ready to move in, she was down to her last \$20.

"It was from that time she has 'prayed in' all her needs and she has never gone without a meal or late in paying the rent since."

A SIGN ON HER door at 411 Third Avenue reads, "Feel free at any time to come in for a sandwich and we will be happy to talk about your 'god'."

There are no advance tickets on sale.



MARY LOU BROWN

Assn. remembers the ladies

"Remember the Ladies," as Abigail Adams admonished John in a letter, is the theme of the spring luncheon sponsored by the Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. The event gets under way at noon, May 18, in the church at 26165 Farmington Road.

The program will explore, in multimedia fashion, the contribution of women to American history, using slides, skits and music.

The luncheon will be a mild, warm-hearted, including low-calorie specialties. Among the women to be recognized will be colonists Anne Bradstreet and Anne Hutchinson, and the courageous Sacajawes who guided Lewis and Clark through the Northwest.

From the Revolutionary War period comes Abigail Adams, Mary Kathryn Goddard who even then refused to reveal her sources of information in her published works; Mercy Otis Warren, patriot and author; and Phillis Wheatley, a black poet.

WOMEN IN EDUCATION include

Emma Willard, who championed public funds for education; Mary Lyon, who founded Mount Holyoke College; and Providence Crandell, who established a school for black women, when the community refused to allow her to enroll a black in her school for girls.

Margaret Whitman was the first white woman to travel west of the Rockies, and was murdered by Indians at her husband's mission, but her death influenced President James Polk to make the Oregon country a territory on his last day in office.

Elizabeth Blackwell fought prejudice from all sides to become America's first woman doctor. Her courage was matched by her two sisters-in-law, Lucy Stone was one of the early women to graduate from Oberlin College, the first school to accept students from all races and both sexes. And Antoinette Brown, who also attended Oberlin, went on to become America's first woman minister.

FOURTEEN DEX spent the last 40 years of her life demanding proper care for the mentally ill. In 1889 she called the Wayne

County Poor House and asylum at Elmore the "worst place" she had seen.

Jane Addams worked to achieve reform in child labor laws.

Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic in the Brownville section of Brooklyn in 1916. For this she was jailed eight times, but continued her fight to make protection against pregnancy legal.

Other women to be honored are the Grimké sisters, Angelina and Sarah, daughters of a South Carolina plantation owner who were the first women to publicly speak out in favor of freedom for slaves.

Harriet Tubman, an escaped slave guided more than 300 blacks to freedom through her underground railroad. Sojourner Truth was a freed slave, who equated the plight of slaves and women and argued for both emancipation and women's rights.

Cost of the luncheon and program is \$1.75. Seater service is available at 50 cents per child. Reservations may be made by calling the church office, 674-1170 before May 16.



Youngsters at Seton Nursery & Day Care Center get ready to welcome visitors during open house from 4-7 p.m. May 15. The nursery is located in Laboure Hall, part of the Sarah Fisher complex, on Inkster Road between

Northwestern and Twelve Mile. Tours through the buildings and grounds, a table of flower flats, and a spaghetti dinner are all part of the open house activities. (Photo by Cyd Abbott)

County groups join drive for storm warning system

By ALICE COLLINS

Individuals and agencies from throughout Oakland County have joined the drive to get a unified tornado alert system using civil defense and fire sirens.

But there are disagreements as to what the specific system should be and who should direct it.

During April, many of Oakland's 61 governmental units adopted plans to sound the sirens as weather warnings—but the plans differ from each other and do not follow a procedure suggested by Oakland Civil Defense and Disaster Control Director John Dent.

The effort started with a telephone in the hands of Sue Kuhn of Beverly Hills after the tornado struck West Bloomfield on March 20.

It soon reached the desks of county, state and federal officials, the U.S. Weather Service, civil defense and fire departments.

OAKLAND COUNTY EXECUTIVE Daniel T. Murphy said last week that he had received about 40 letters, some with petitions signed by 200 and 300 persons requesting a unified warning system.

"It should be a county project," he said, adding that his office is studying tornado alert systems in other parts of the country.

"We don't know where the funding will come from, but we're working on it," he continued. Murphy said that within the next month or so "we'll have something to talk to the board (Oakland Board of Commissioners) and the people about."

Civil Defense Director Dent has asked all communities to sound a 35-minute steady blast for a tornado "watch." The U.S. Weather Service declares a "watch" during the existence of threatening weather conditions which could produce a tornado.

The plan also calls for the same sound each hour during a prolonged watch, and again for a tornado sighting.

IN RESPONSE, the Farmington City Commission voted to sound the city's sirens only when a tornado is actually sighted and to take no action for the tornado watch.

West Bloomfield voted to sound its sirens for both watch and sighting. Royal Oak approved sounding its sirens for watches and sightings.

Bloomfield Township, according to Fire Chief Volly Yanuszeki, decided two years ago to sound its fire sirens for actual tornado sightings.

"But the only two times we could have used them—on March 20 and last week—we didn't get any official warning until it

was too late to sound them," Yanuszeki said.

PONTIAC LAST WEEK agreed to sound its alarms for watches, prolonged watches and sightings.

Troy residents are to be warned of approaching tornadoes by a continuous blast on the city's five fire sirens.

Other communities like Beverly Hills have agreed to adopt a unified plan when one is decided upon and when its civil defense sirens is repaired.

"It's all very confusing the way it is now," said Pontiac Fire Chief Albert Rayner. "We've got a meeting of Oakland fire chiefs later this month. Maybe we can all reach an agreement then."

Dent will discuss his proposal at the meeting attended by professional and volunteer fire chiefs in the county. It is scheduled for May 27 at the Bloomfield Township fire hall.

In the meantime, Sue Kuhn has meetings scheduled with a committee of the Oakland Board of Commissioners which is considering a resolution to abolish the county's civil defense and disaster control department and place those responsibilities under the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, and with representatives of the Michigan State Police and district representatives of the United States civil defense agency.

City kids go rural at Upland Farms camp

City kids can get a taste of rural life this summer at Upland Farms through the sponsorship of the Farmington Community Center. Sessions will run from June 21 through Aug. 13, with campers signing up for two, four, six or eight weeks.

The day camp is situated on a 260-acre site in Oxford. Rolling farmland occupies one section of the camp and a wooded wilderness in another offers nature study and hiking opportunities.

In addition to the usual camp experiences, such as art, music, dance, drama, creative writing, horseback riding, hiking, campouts, and fishing, campers at Upland Farms try out a rural lifestyle.

Harvesting grain, carding wool, knitting, weaving, learning to drive a lawn, and feeding farm animals are a few of the realistic farm activities available.

The camp literature reads in part, "Each day brings a new view of the wonders of nature unfolded before your child's eyes."

"Tender sprouts bursting through the soil, the gradual ripening of corn, the growing confidence of a newborn calf, chicken or piglet, supplemented by the careful interpretation of skilled educators, will make your child's stay unforgettable."

Brochures are available in the center, and early reservations are suggested to provide the preferred time periods.



AT UPLAND FARMS

the camisole dines out... bare of shoulder, lean of line, soft of silhouette. Hubert de Givenchy, master Paris couturier, adds a triangle scarf to drape at shoulder, hip or any way you wish, and a tie belt that's optional. Navy or black. Sizes 6 to 12.

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