

Gruskin-Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gruskin of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Gail Diane to Steven Jeffrey Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Levin of West Bloomfield and the late Alvin Fisher.

The bride-to-be earned her degree in physical therapy at University of Michigan. Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Michigan and University of Detroit Law School.

An August wedding is planned in Congregation B'nai David.



Bidigare-Bryant

Mr. and Mrs. John Bidigare of Curtis Street, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter Cynthia Louise to Thomas Gerard Bryant, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Thomas Bryant of Heritage Hills Drive, Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be graduated in 1977 from Stevenson High School and is employed by League Insurance Co. Her fiancé graduated from North Farmington High School in 1974 and from Michigan Technological University in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He works for Livonia's Cadillac Motor Car Division, General Motors Corp.

The couple plan an April 23 wedding in St. Coletta Catholic Church.



Conference goal is decisions for peace-making commitment

The Rev. William Sloane Coffin will speak at the "Developing A Vision of Shalom" conference Thursday and Friday, May 12-13, in Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 Maple, West Bloomfield.

The conference is being developed for those stirred perhaps by Ground Zero or Nuclear Freeze or the peace messages of the churches.

The conference is designed to offer a theological setting for participants to organize their thoughts, to consider their priorities, and to determine the meaning for their lives of the Christian calling to be peace-makers.

Coffin, senior minister of Riverside Church in New York City, will speak of "The Vision of Shalom" as a hope that enables people to blend faith and their concern for the future.

Joseph Sittler, professor emeritus at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, will present the biblical basis for peace.

Rick Cassidy, director of the Office of Justice and Peace of the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, will look at how Christians have lived the message of peace from the time of Jesus to that of Augustine.

Erik Kolbell, chaplain at Oakland University in Rochester, will examine American Christianity and the effect of civil religion upon it.

Barbara Wall, chairwoman and professor of philosophy at Siena Heights College in Adrian, will speak to the question of whom to trust.

Gretchen Eick, associate for policy in the national Office for Church in Society of the United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C., will explore how act in view of nuclear reality.

The final presentation will address the prophetic role of Christians in society.

Roman Catholic, United Methodist, American Lutheran, Lutheran Church in America, Episcopal, United Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Church of the Brethren, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Interfaith Council for Peace (CALC), and Pax Christi.

Registrations are due by May 4 and checks are payable to School for Ministry, 1501 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor 48103. The price is \$15, with food available for \$7. For further information, including housing possibilities, call the Rev. James Trent at 835-0880.

INCLUDED IN the conference will be personal reflection time, small group work, occasions for corporate liturgical life, and films. All are offered as supports to internal clarification and to building relationships and trust with others. The goal is to help people decide their peace-making commitments and actions.

The conference is sponsored by School for Ministry, an ecumenical educational agency. The steering committee is made up of representatives from

Friends for Sobriety opens new chapter here

The first Michigan chapter of "Friends of Sobriety" (FFS) meets at 8 p.m. every Sunday in Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. The church is at 85301 Halsted in Farmington Hills.

A spokesman for the group said Friends of Sobriety is not in competition with other alcohol recovery groups, and in fact, urges its members to attend meetings of other groups between meetings.

"We do no place emphasis on a dependence on God," the spokesman said, "although if members of the group wish to discuss the subject, they are

free to do so. We believe in the human spirit and the dignity and potential of every human person. Our meetings are conducted in that spirit."

The Friends of Sobriety program is based on the booklet "Nine Steps to Sobriety," which is used by all FFS chapters. Meetings open with a statement of purpose, followed by the topic for discussion and an exchange of problems and supportive suggestions. Each meeting closes with the FFS humanistic affirmation. Meetings seldom last more than an hour.

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