Touring 'Covenant' stops here to bring Gospel challenge

"Covenant," a group of young people touring the U.S. will stop in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for a concert and program at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 2. The church is located at the corner of 12 Mile and New Market, one block east of Farmington Road.

"The object of this group is to provide a message in music, creating an atmosphere which will enable its audience to more dramatically identify with and relate to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior," said the Rev. T. Richard Marcis, past of the church. "Included will be a sing-along and a personal word of witness in which "Covenant" will provide a challenge based on the Christian Gospel."

There are several teams of young people, similar to "Covenant," which give ministry programs under the auspices of Lutheran Youth Encounter, an evangelical movement that offers relational ministry resources to the church.

"IT IS BECAUSE of the growing needs for missions in our country that the "Covenant" team members accepted the challenge of touring the nation," Marcis said. "It is acknowledged that the need for missions elsewhere is obvious, but sometimes it seems that we in America hesitate to acknowledge or recognize the need for missions here, too. The musical and relational programs of the group provide the opportunity to meet this challenge of mission and share their awareness with others."

The concert is sponsored by the youth of Prince of Peace and open to all confirmants as well as all other youth from area congregations.

The youth counselors for the host church are Ginny Morris, Brian Bowditch and Lynne Anderson.

There is no cover charge, and refreshments following the program in the fellowship hall is complimentary. A free will offering will be received.

Black-white attitudes documented in quilts

One of the newcomers to the always impressive roster of speakers on American quilts and quilting at the Somerset Mall quilt show, May 15-18, will be Cuesta Benberry of St. Louis,Mo.

"I've been waiting years for her, she's so exciting," said Merry Silber, quilt show co-director.

Benberry, recently inducted into the Quilter's Hall of Fame, is student, writer and lecturer on Afro-American and Slave quilts.

"My study is an historical study," Benberry, a remedial English teacher, said.

She approached her study from several points of view and found herself gathering a wealth of material. One aspect of her study is how black people are and were affected by the images white people have of them. The other is the study of Afro-American quilters and quilts made by white people using black people as subject matter.

These latter, she said follow the historic view white people have had of black people — from stereotypical grinning black faces in earlier quilts to gradually increasing human view in the '60s and '70s to the present with a "serious interest in black American history."

FOR INSTANCE, she said, "I found an abolishionist quilt written about," adding that,"it was quite exciting," to later discover that it still exists in Boston.

It is a crib quilt, made in 1836 possibly for an anti-slavery project championed by William Lloyd Garrison, Massachusetts abolishionist. The quilt has an anti-slavery poem embroidered in the center.

Benberry said women often made quilts to be sold at fairs to raise funds for a project.

Benberry, born in Cincinnati, said she was raised by a grandmother who made "under the spread" or purely utilitarian quilts. It was through her husband's family from Western Kentucky that she was introduced to outstanding quilts and quilters.

"When I went to Kentucky, I found they called their quilts by names and they participated (in quilt competitions) in county fairs . . . I believe the quilts are really history — they do reflect attitudes," she said.

Very few slave-made quilts survive, simply because they were made to be used, not saved, she said. And only in isolated areas, parts of rural Mississippi, Alabama and the sea islands of South Carolina, is there much difference in the patterns made by whites and blacks. She said some of these were pieced in vertical stripes and "were a combination of American and improvisation," — mentioning "nine-patch" as one of them.

Benberry's lecture/demonstration program, "Afro-American Women and Quilts," will be 1-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 17.

For information on all of the programs and activities of the seventh annual "Quilts: An American Romance, send self-addressed stamped envelope to Calico Country, 21700 Northwestern, Ste. 900, Southfield, 48075 or telephone 642-4371 or 643-6360

club circuit

WESTSIDE SINGLES meet for a dance party from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. Friday in Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road. Admission is $4 for women, in observance of "Ladies Appreciation Month" or $5 for men. Admission is limited to singles over the age of 21.

FARMINGTON FAMILIES IN ACTION meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 1 in Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. The meeting is open to all persons interested in creating an atmosphere for young people where the use of alcohol and drugs is not the norm.

PLYMOUTH CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION offers a six week pre-natal exercise class beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 in Newburgh Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Registration is taken by calling the association, 459-7477.

HOBBY GREENHOUSE ASSOCIATIONmeet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road. The meeting is open to all interested persons.

Speaker for the evening is Don Hodges. His talk is called "Growing Water Lillies in Your Yard." Master gardeners will be available to answer questions on gardening or growing plants indoors.

INDOOR GARDENING SOCIETY OF AMERICA meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road.

Speakers for the evening are John Hambright and Joe Uzell who will talk on planning, planting and care of terrariums.

FARMINGTON HILLS SENIOR ADULT CENTER staff is taking reservations now for four trips. Reservation information is given in the center, located in Mercy Center complex, on 11 Mile Road, through Gate 4 east of Middlebelt Road. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

Seniors are invited to see Liberace perform during an overnight trip to Merrillville, Ind. Sunday and Monday, May 5-6.

A trip to Toronto is planned June 4-7 which includes tickets to the Detroit Tigers-Toronto Blue Jays game.

A buffet lunch and sing-along is planned for June 27 abroad "The Spirit of Lansing," a replica of a paddlewheel riverboat, followed by a tour of Michigan's Capital.

An "Alpine Holiday" through Europe to Austria and the Tyrolean Alps is scheduled for Sept. 12-23.

All club news and announcements for this column should be addressed to Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

Fund-raiser staged to aid abused infants

Friends of Barbat Human Services host an evening of swashbuckling to raise funds for the continuation of Respite Care Center for children up to five years of age in danger of abuse or neglect.

The evening begins at 7:30 Saturday, May 11, with a wine reception and dueling swordsmen from Wayne State University National Champion Fencing Team, on the grand staircase in State Theater, (formerly the Palms State) 2211 Woodward, Detroit.

A slide presentation on the history of swashbuckling is followed by Errol Flynn's swashbuckling epic, "Captain Blood."

The afterglow continues until 2 a.m. with dancing, dessert buffet, a cash bar, a drawing, the distribution of pieces of eight and a souvenir program. Master of ceremonies for the affair is Joel Alexander from WJR.

Tickets are $25, available from Fran Johnson, 646-5114.

"Our fund-raising effort will not only raise money to keep Respite open, but will bring attention to one of the hidden treasures of Detroit, the State Theater, and the promise of a revitalized theater district in the area to add to the recovering Orchestra Hall up the street," said Mark Johnson, general chairman of the event.

Friends of Barat are getting help for the fund-raiser from the 100-member Phi Mu Sorority at Michigan State University.

Barat Human Services is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. As Barat House, Barat Human Services originated in 1925 as a residential program for young women. After the acquisition of the Farminly Center in 1977 Barat became a multiservices agency called Barat Human Services.

The Respite Care Center opened in 1981 when Barat began to address the issue of child abuse and its prevention.

While most of the activities are designed for the individual programs, many of them overlap purposely with the intention of different age groups learning and growing from each other.

Friends of Barat Human Services is based at 5250 John R, Detroit.

Plant sale under way

Order blanks are now available for those who wish to order flats of flowers, vegetables or fruits, potted flowers or hanging baskets through Hill and Dale Garden Club. Order blanks will be sent on request by calling Rose Beres, 553-8131, or Carol Dehne, 851-3618.

The order forms list the variety and its description, number sold in a flat, cost, and in many cases choice of color. They must be returned to Beres before Friday, May 3. Pickup date is Thursday, May 23, on the grounds of the Beres residence at 34391 Lakehurst, which is in Colony Park West Subdivision in Farmington Hills.

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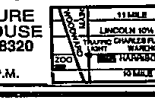

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