

Bess Bonnier Trio in concert Sept. 24

In a continuing effort to raise funds for a new grand piano at The Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills, a benefit concert by the Bess Bonnier Trio will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24. Pianist Bonnier will present her smooth keyboard styling in the comfortable setting of the center's living room.

The concert is the third fund-raiser that The Community Center has staged this year to raise monies for its new grand piano fund. The staff hopes to replace its 1926 Weber piano with a \$12,000 grand piano. Funds raised to date have placed the center nearly halfway to its goal.

Known as Detroit's First Lady of Jazz, Bonnier has been a stellar jazz and classical pianist for 30 years. She is a soloist at the Detroit Institute of Art's Crystal Gallery as well as at other well-known Detroit metropolitan area night spots. Bonnier was also one of the featured musicians at the 10th Detroit Montreux Jazz Festival.

AT THE CONCERT, Bonnier will perform along with Paul Keller on bass and Walter Szykman on trumpet and flugelhorn horn. The trio will play selections by composers such as Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Rogers and Hammerstein, Duke Ellington and Herbie Hancock. "I have performed at The Community Center in years past and it is always a very gratifying experience for me," said Bonnier. "The setting is wonderful for a concert. The people in the audience are right next to the performers and there is a great reciprocity between the listeners and the musicians."

Tickets for the Bess Bonnier Trio concert are \$10 per person. To make reservations, call 477-8404.

The Community Center is at 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. There is no charge for parking.

The Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills is an independent, non-profit organization that provides programming and services for adults and youth. The center is also available as a rental facility for business and social occasions.

St. Leo parishioners are called

All former parishioners of St. Leo parish of Detroit are asked to be part of the 100th anniversary celebration. Liturgy in the church begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. A dinner dance is planned, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Cobo Hall Reverfront Ballroom.

General chairman for the dinner dance is Anita Rutherford Orr, 863-9841.

Calls will also be taken by Sister Mary Ellen, 894-0357, or Sister Magdalen Louise, 898-7283.

Greeting cards sold by charities to be published

There are less than 90 shopping days left until Christmas, and even less time to order Christmas cards.

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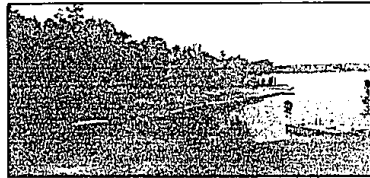
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A six-week class on "Christian Parenting" begins at 9:15 a.m. Sept. 24.

At 11 a.m. Oct. 8 the subject is "Dealing with Terminal Illness," on Oct. 22, "Growth from Divorce," and on Oct. 29, "Grief and Healing."

These classes will meet in the church parlor. There will be an informal discussion opportunity during each session. For inquiries, call the church office, 626-3620.

Fun and Fitness starts

A cooking demonstration, recycling ideas, and talking with children about death are some of the programs that will be featured during the nine sessions at Faith's Fun and Fitness.

The series, offered at Faith Covenant Church, 14 Mile and Drake Roads, begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Sept. 21 and runs weekly until Nov. 16. A half-hour exercise program followed by an hour of speakers or crafts is scheduled.

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