

Food bank struggles

There is hunger in "them there hills," according to the head of the Oakland County Food Bank.

It occurs even in cities like Farmington Hills and Auburn Hills as the Food Bank of Oakland County struggles to keep up with the demand for its services, executive director Jim Macy said.

By Dec. 31, 1989 the Food Bank is expected to have provided nearly one and one-half million pounds of food this year to its 63 member agencies serving the needy from Hazel Park to Holly and South Lyon to Oxford.

A recent fact sheet published by the Oakland County Hunger Task Force cites sobering statistics on the scope of hunger in Oakland County, which has grown with the expanding population:

- 305,800 meals are provided per month to more than 15,000 people at nearly 80 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters
- Food stamps serve only 26.4 percent of those in need.
- School lunch programs reach only 47 percent of needy children.

The extent of the problem reaches from Eavetsburg in rural north Oakland County (Neighbor for Neighbor) to Royal Oak (Open Hands) to Clawson (Guardian Angels).

• Oakland County is one of 11 counties statewide with higher-than-acceptable low birth weights of babies, one indicator of poor nutrition.

MACY POINTS OUT that approximately five percent of the county's residents fall on or below the poverty level.

"We are talking about people who have enough food to make it through three weeks of every month and who may need supplemental help to feed themselves and/or their families once all their bills have been paid."

Today, the changing faces of hunger — not necessarily the homeless, but the working poor, single mothers, the unemployed and the underemployed — are swelling the ranks of the needy and taxing the resources of the Food Bank, Macy said. Since opening its doors in 1983, the Food Bank of Oakland County has distributed over six million pounds of food thanks to the generosity of county residents and corporate donors.

"Oakland County is blessed with the resources to fight this growing problem," said Macy. "People have been very generous in helping their neighbors in need. We are confident we can communicate the need and that people and companies will respond."

OU center receives national approval

It's built on land that once held chickens.

Now, the Lowry Early Childhood Center at Oakland University has earned national accreditation. It already was accredited by the state of Michigan.

Located since 1975 in what had been chicken coops on the old Wilson estate, the Lowry Center has evolved through many renovations. It currently has enrolled 220 children ranging in age from 18 months to 6 years.

OU officials say that probably less than 20 early childhood programs in Michigan are accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs, a division of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Center coordinator Stephanie C. Riley and faculty director Gerald Freeman say the center staff undertook the two-part program which included a self-study and then a visit by accreditation examiners. The goals were to look at what had already been cited as a model program to see what might be done even better, and to obtain the national accreditation.

ACCREDITATION IS going to become more and more important as more parents begin asking just what kind of facility they are enrolling their children in, OU officials say.

There is currently no legislation requiring early childhood programs to earn accreditation from a national certifying body although a Michigan accreditation is required.

The center serves as a training ground for students in the master's program in early childhood education and as a lab experience for selected undergraduates.

The original design for the center was the master's project of the late Matthew Lowry who was enrolled as a fellow in a three-year federal grant obtained by George Coon and Ronald Cramer, professors in the Department of Reading and Language Arts in the School of Human and Educational Services.



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 - Swedish Meatballs
 - Roast Pork w/Dressing
 - Baked Pork Chops
 - Pepper Steak
 - Fresh Roast Turkey w/Dressing
 - Chicken Cacciatore
 - Salmon Patties
 - Chicken-ala-King

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Services December 24th
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Family Holy Eucharist
10:45 p.m. Carol Sing & Eucharist

Services December 31st
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Service December 25th
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
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36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

CHRISTMAS EVE — THREE SERVICES

6:30 p.m. Special Family Worship Service.
Carols and Candlelighting. Nursery provided.

8:30 p.m. Worship Service with Carols and Candlelighting.

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service with Carols and Holy Communion.
Special music by Choirs, Organ and Handbells.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Salem United Church of Christ
33424 Oakland Avenue
"the heart of downtown Farmington"
Rev. John E. Maki, Pastor

7:00 p.m. - Vesper Service
11:00 p.m. - Candlelight and Caroling
Barrier-Free Sanctuary
Nursery provided

Northbrook Presbyterian
22055 W. 14 Mile Road
at Labser Road
642-0200

Sunday, December 24
Worship & Church School
Nursery Provided
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Coffee at 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 p.m. Family Worship Service
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service & Communion
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service & Communion
Singing of Christmas Carols at All Services
Nursery Provided for 5:30 p.m. Service Only

First United Methodist Church
43112 Grand River, Farmington
Rev. Arthur L. Spafford, Pastor

Dec. 24 - 10:00 a.m.: Family Christmas Worship
"Home For Christmas"

Dec. 24 - 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Lights.
"It's a Boy!"

Nursery provided, 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30450 Farmington Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI
(between 15 & 14 Mile Roads)
626-3620

5:00 p.m. - Carol Service for Young and Old Youth Choir.

Pastors: Paul F. Blomquist
James E. Greer II

Director of Music: Jan Brachel
Christian Education: Sandra Prince

CHRISTMAS EVE

9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Regular Worship Service
5:00 p.m. - Traditional Family Service Children's Cantata
"Deck the Mall" Candlelight Closing
9:00 p.m. - Traditional Worship Service Chancel Choir
- Christmas Eve Meditation Candlelight Closing
11:00 p.m. - Quiet Service of Meditation Holy Communion
Candlelight Closing

Nursery for Crrib thru 2 years old at 5:00 p.m. only Christmas Eve.

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
29887 West Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING SERVICES
Festival Music by The Nardin Park Chorus 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.
"When No Place Becomes Some Place"
Dr. William A. Ritter

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICES
A Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday Evening, Dec. 24, 1989 • 4:30, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Please come and join us for the Special Music by
THE NARDIN PARK CHOIRS
Meditation by...Dr. William A. Ritter
"In The Still of The Night"

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1669 West Maple 644-2040

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. - Carol Service for Young and Old Youth Choir, Scriptures Congregational Carols
11:00 p.m. - Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Meditation:
The Reverend Roland Perdue
"A World Whirled and Staggered"
Isaiah 7:10-17, Matthew 1:18-25

*Child care available at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. services only.

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We invite friends, neighbors and sojourners to join us in joyful worship this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, St. Dunstan's Chapel
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Crèche Filling
8:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist
Nursery Care provided at 5:00 & 8:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Give your kids a gift that lasts forever.

No one loves Christmas more than kids. It's a time when we all get caught up in gift giving and getting. Yet, how many of these gifts will we take with us when we check out?

Kids need God in their lives. Growing up in today's world can be a very confusing experience for kids of any age. They often get conflicting messages and examples from parents, peers and the media. Knowing about God helps them make the right choices early on, and throughout their lives.

Meeting the needs of today's parents and children is our top priority at Maple Hills Church. We're a new church. We're friendly. Our service is very informal. And we're living proof that attending church can be an enjoyable, uplifting experience for kids of any age. In fact, some of our kids even have grandchildren.

1-Hour Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 P.M.
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