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club, then she modeled for Saks Fifth Avenue, which led to a spot on a Campbell Soup commercial.

"My mother (Donna Marguerite Cooper) was a strong influence in my life, because she was so positive," Dickerman said.

When the Depression hit, Dickerman decided she would help her family by teaching dance in their home. That was to be the beginning of a long and fulfilling career.

Referring to herself as a war bride, she tells a romantic love story about how she met and married Clarence Dickerman in 1942. The only time she's less than bubbly is when she explains that he died three years ago.

Waiting in the wings: Virginia Dickerman watches, for a moment, during a cable television taping of one of her shows.



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Associate pastor is installed

The Rev. Philip M. Trzynka was installed recently as associate pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

The Rev. William Morris, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Walz, Mich., delivered the sermon and the Rev. Glenn F. Kopper, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Redford, conducted the rite of installation. A reception was held following the sermon.

Trzynka was born in Fort Wayne, Ind. on Jan. 26, 1955. The son of Harold and Gloria (Glaymaker) Trzynka, he is one of eight children. His grandfather, Carl Trzynka, was a Lutheran parochial school teacher in New Haven, Fort Wayne and Huntington, Ind. His father, now retired, was a pastor and teacher in public and parochial schools and his mother is a homemaker. His parents live in Cecil, Ohio, a small town 30 miles east of Fort Wayne.

He attended St. Francis College in Fort Wayne from 1977-1981 and received his bachelor's degree in English and secondary education. Before entering the seminary, he taught English and Spanish for one year at Hicksville High School, in Hicksville, Ohio. Entering Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne in 1982, he spent two years on campus before vicarizing in Bloomington, Ill., under the Rev. Ernest Gerike.

After he graduated in 1986, he accepted a post as pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Imperial, Mo., about 20 miles south of St. Louis. In 1992, he served as associate pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Olivette, Mo., where he worked until he accepted his new post at Prince of Peace.

Trzynka will work in a team ministry with Prince of Peace's senior pastor, the Rev. T.R. Marcia. His ministry will be focused in the areas of evangelism, youth and education.



Rev. Philip M. Trzynka

Weight Watchers has healthy food seminar

The world's healthiest cuisine comes not from a health food restaurant, but from the sun-drenched countries surrounding the Mediterranean sea — Italy, Greece, Spain, southern France, Morocco and more.

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Since grains, fruits and vegetables get star billing, the Mediterranean diet is tailor made for those watching their weight.

Mediterranean cuisine will be available to those who join Food Advisor, Dianne Pisiali at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 25 at the Farmington Hills Weight Watchers center, 30078 Grand River Ave.

Pisiali will prepare "Pasta e Fagioli," a pasta dish made with a variety of vegetables, seasonings and olive oil.

"Olive oil is a healthier fat to use because it may help to lower blood cholesterol levels," according to Darlene Zimmerman, a Weight Watchers registered dietitian.

"But even though mono-unsaturated fats such as olive oil are healthier for your heart, all fats provide the same amount of calories so use them in moderation."

Food samples and several recipes will be available for those who attend. All events are free and open to the public.

For information, call (800) 487-4777.

Being a foster parent carries many responsibilities

If you are 21 years or older, enjoy working with children and would like to open your home on a temporary basis to a child who has been removed from his or her home because of abuse or neglect, the Foster Parents Program at Catholic Social Services in Oakland County can help you do that.

CSS/OC is in the process of screening, training, and licensing married couples and single people who are interested in becoming foster parents. Foster homes are needed throughout Oakland County.

Special emphasis is being put on individuals willing to accept sibling groups of two or three children; black and bi-racial children; crack-addicted babies; and people who are willing to accept children with mild to moderate behavioral and emotional problems.

Homes are urgently needed for children with special medical needs.

By becoming a foster parent you agree to serve as the primary care giver, role model, substitute parent, friend, motivator and disciplinarian for the child placed in your home.

You agree to serve as an advocate for the child, looking out for his or her best interest. In other words, you agree to care for and treat that child with respect.

To become a foster parent you must be at least 21 years old; be in good physical, mental and emotional health; undergo routine criminal record and background checks; have a legal source of income; complete and file the necessary paperwork; and participate

in state-mandated training to ensure that you are equipped to handle situations and issues that may arise once a child has been placed in your home.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, call Kelley Parkinson at (810) 333-3700.

BIRTHS

TOM and KELLY MORAN of Farmington Hills announce the birth of their son, SHANE THOMAS MORAN. He was born in Hutzel Hospital at 7:01

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