

BELIEFS & Values

Plan to learn at lunch

The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham will offer a winter series called "Lunch and Learn" starting next Monday with a talk on China.

Community members are invited to bring brown-bag lunches and for a \$1 have dessert and coffee in Calvin Hall.

The lunches begin at 11:30 a.m. and the speaker starts at 12:15 p.m. The program ends at 1 p.m. The church is at 1669 W. Maple.

The guest on Monday, Feb. 24, is Mike O'Donnell, a teacher at Birmingham Seaholm High School in the Flex program, a combination of English and social studies. His subject is "China in the 21st Century: A Bridge of Necessity."

Ten years ago, O'Donnell taught English at a medical college in Southwest China. Since then, he has made several trips a year to Beijing and elsewhere. In March, he is taking school board members to Beijing with the idea of setting up an exchange student pro-

gram.

In July, O'Donnell will take the first group of high school students for two weeks of study and travel. In October, he is taking friends to travel the Silk Road. He has made some trips through grants of Oakland University teaching Chinese to teach English.

O'Donnell will have slides showing the country and its people. No reservations are needed for this free program.

The rest of the Lunch and Learn program is:

▲ March 3, The Organ Music by Mark Wickens, DMA, director of music, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham.

▲ March 10, Eyewitnesses to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, by Weldon Petz, Ph.D., West Bloomfield, Lincoln scholar.

▲ March 17, Gaining Insights into How Values Influence Our Decisions, Carl Stewart, management consultant.

▲ March 24, Meeting the People of the Bible through Figures and Stories by Florence Purvis, Bible scholar.

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viewers begging for comedies rather than dramas — that Silow became aware of the need for more fun-filled social activities. Cafe Europa seemed to fit the bill.

Begun in Sweden, the cafe has spread to Jewish communities in Los Angeles, New York and Israel.

Silow is confident that Cafe Europa Detroit will meet with as much success.

The program is being funded by Detroit-based Sinai hospital, which also serves Oakland County, but supporters are looking for grants and sponsors to ensure that the cafe will remain an upbeat, social

gathering place at no cost to its guests.

Silow also plans to offer informative programs in addition to the entertaining ones.

"Our parents, through insurmountable odds, did a great job raising us on the whole, with no education, no profession, no family and no money,"

added David Oliwek, a board member of CHAIM.

"My feeling is that this is something that we as children owe, not only to our parents, but to our European heritage that was virtually erased."

For more information on Cafe Europa, call (810) 366-6668.

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