

PRAYER SERVICES

Aron religious institutions will pay tribute to the victims of recent terrorist attacks across the country.

The Servant Church of St. Alexander and Plowshares Pax Christi will hold a candlelight vigil *Let Peace Begin With Me* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16.

The service will offer a time to reflect, remember, pray, heal and hope. Those attending are asked to gather at the gazebo. In case of rain, meet inside the church at 27835 Shilawasee

between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. There will be a special activity for children.

Call 474-5748 for more information. At William Tyndale, a Christian liberal arts college in Farmington Hills, two well-attended prayer services were held in the campus chapel earlier in the week. A Friday evening faculty meeting featured a moment of silence to honor the victims of domestic terrorism.

Judith Rood, a Tyndale professor who holds a Ph.D. in Mid-

dle Eastern religions, will preside over a series of informal discussions next week examining the various sects in the Middle East and their philosophies.

"Now people are saying why did this happen? Dr. Rood will try to help us understand their psyche, and how it evolves from their religious beliefs," said Ann Corwell, a college spokeswoman.

Adam Chalom, a rabbi at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills, said that Monday evening's Rosh Hashanah service will focus on recent events.

"The beginning of the Jewish New Year is a major event. If Jews come to synagogue just once a year, it's on those days," he said. "There will be a moment of silence to stand in respect. For us Monday night and Tuesday morning will be our major services."

St. Fabian's Church in Farmington Hills held a noon prayer service Friday. A spokeswoman said Friday morning that she had fielded a lot of phone calls from businesses in the area asking us about it. There's a tremendous amount of interest.

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, St. Fabian's will host a prayer service with Stephen ministers. The goal is to open dialogue with people who need to talk about it. The church is at 32200 W. 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

Faith Bible Chapel is planning a service at 11 a.m. Sunday.

"We will take special time to talk about what happened," said Pastor Mark Kieft. Call (248) 842-1146.

Friday at noon, the congregation held a special prayer service in the parking lot of the old VFW building across the street from Farmington High.

"It's a strange situation," Kieft said. "We rent a church building from the Seventh Day Adventists, but it's not available Friday. We bought the old VFW building but can't get in yet because of permit paperwork. So we'll meet in the parking lot to observe (tragedy) the president asked us to keep."

At 8 p.m. Sunday, Harvest Ministries Church will have a special candlelight service open to all. The church is at 23233 Drake Road in Farmington Hills. At St. John Lutheran Church, a spokeswoman said there were message and music changes made in the regular Sunday services at 8:15 and 11:15 a.m. The pastor's message will focus on recent events. The church is at 23225 Gill Road.

Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills held a special noon prayer service on Friday but wasn't planning any additional services this coming

week, a spokeswoman said.

Pastor Ben Bohnsack, of Nardin Park United Methodist Church, said: "Our Sunday morning services will be built entirely around the events of this week. It's a service of Psalms, hymns and prayers to commemorate the events of Sept. 11."

Services are at 9:15 and 11 a.m. The church is at 29887 W. 11 Mile, west of Middlebelt.

"An additional word is that it's built around the theme of remembering and recommitting. We also ordinarily have a Wednesday evening prayer service at 7 in our chapel. During this time, it will become more meaningful," Bohnsack said.

First Presbyterian Church at the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Farmington roads regular Sunday services at 8:45 and 11 a.m. will center on the themes of the past week.

"Before our church school at 10 a.m., the ministers will be talking to children and their parents," a spokeswoman said.

In observance of Friday's national day of prayer, First Presbyterian Church had the sanctuary open all day with the ministers addressing the congregation at noon and again between 6-8 p.m.

The Farmington Unitarian Church had no special services planned this week but kept the building open for an hour between noon and 1 p.m. on Friday for quiet meditation.

Rabbi Daniel Nevins of Adat Shalom Synagogue, said "Monday night we begin celebration of the (Jewish) New Year we will begin with special prayers of remembrance for the dead. The sermons on the holidays will reflect our anguish at this difficult time."

-list compiled by staff writer Mary Rodrigue

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