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churches as their place of worship.

The Salem church, known as "the German church" for years, merged with two sects in 1957 and formed the United Church of Christ.

The church has two bells from two different churches, the pastor noted.

"We're partially Lutheran and Presbyterian," said Maki, who has been pastor for more than 16 years. "We're not part of the Church of Jesus Christ."

To celebrate the special anniversary, the church put up a banner, issued a 100th anniversary

sary calendar that contains historic photographs, had its front steps redone and displays historic items in its library. They include a hand-held hearing device that was one of several attached to some of the pews circa 1920, a copy of the church's first English hymnal, a German bible from 1902, and a communion set with silver cups and a wooden holder from about 1900.

"We still use these for special occasions," Maki said.

What makes a church special, though, is its people, he added. The church, which seats about 160, has about 300 adult mem-

bers and 50 children.

Parishioners "like the intimate connection here," he said of Salem's appeal. "I know everyone's name, there's very few fringe members. To be a member here you have to be actively involved. Many people make this place run."

"It's the most loving congregation I've been in, that's what makes me want to stay."

Maki noted parishioners also give to help others.

"Mission was we gave \$30,000-\$40,000 a year out the door," he

said, adding area food kitchens and numerous other help agencies benefit as well.

Farmington City Councilwoman Mary Bush said she has been a lifelong member.

Her parents were married in the church, she noted.

"I like the quaintness of it," she said. "I like what it has to offer parishioners. I think its longevity means a lot. It's very much a part of my life and a special place."

Judges from page A1

planning commission chairman and an attorney in private practice;

■ Jim Brady, magistrate of the 47th District Court and attorney;

■ Barry Brickner, Hills city councilman and attorney in private practice;

■ Larry Leib, partner in the law firm Leib, Leib and Kramer, P.C.;

■ Alan Vosko, an attorney with a prior private practice and currently in-house counsel for AAA;

■ Sydney Kraizman, a private practice attorney who is also a special education hearing officer;

■ Annette T. Raczowski, a private practice attorney. She is the sister-in-law of State Rep. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills.

Given 1.5 minutes to respond to opening and closing statements and questions, the following are some highlights of the candidates' answers to the questions:

Question: What is the most important issue facing a judge in the 47th District Court?

Brady: Domestic violence. "We have to say domestic violence is not acceptable."

Brickner: Making sure everyone has his or her day in court. "I would make sure everyone is treated fairly."

Kraizman: Starting a drug treatment program.

Leib: Start a sobriety court. "Make people get treatment as part of the process. Drug courts save taxpayers money."

Raczowski: Get tough on juvenile crime.

Vosko: Bring an alternative dispute settlement option to people with civil cases.

Blizman: Focus more attention on domestic violence, drunk driving and substance abuse cases.

Question: What personal qualities are important for being a good judge?

Brickner: Being out in the community.

Kraizman: Help the deaf and

hard of hearing.

Leib: Having strong family values, being fair.

Raczowski: Make sure people understand the judicial process, listen to all sides.

Vosko: A judge should know the laws, know the rights of the community at large.

Blizman: Be fair and honest and on time.

Brady: Make sense out of a confusing system that is difficult to understand.

Question: What role does a judge play in the community?

Kraizman: Be a leader, talk to students about the system.

Leib: To teach and be an example to the community.

Raczowski: Be an example, a cornerstone in the community, be active and approachable.

Vosko: Go to schools to speak and make the courts accessible and understandable.

Blizman: Participate in the community, let people know what is involved in being a litigant.

Brady: Speak to youth groups, hold court in high schools.

Brickner: Show you are approachable, go to schools.

Question: What specific change, if any, would you make in the court?

Leib: Introduce a drug court.

Raczowski: Look for new ways to better manage the case workload.

Vosko: Find alternative ways to take care of civil disputes.

Blizman: Focus on substance abuse and domestic violence cases better.

Brady: Better scheduling, introduce a therapeutic court that handles drug and domestic abuse problems.

Brickner: Harness Internet technology to make the court easier for people to pay for civil infractions.

Kraizman: Use mediators to settle small claims disputes.

The Aug. 6 primary election for the six-year term will narrow the race to the top two vote-getters for the November general election.

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families one parent stays home and the other works and doesn't get to see the child. Jeff sees her a lot."

Burns quickly learned new skills not every mother has to master - like how to hold Rosie while taking orders and waiting on customers.

"One time there was a line of customers," Burns said. "I didn't know them all. We were short staffed. The one at the front of the line asked, 'Can I hold her?' I said, 'Sure.' Then the next person would order and then the next person and they would just pass Rosie down the line. From day one she's been held by a lot of different people."

As the couple celebrates Burns' first Mother's Day, they have an extra reason to be joyful. Just being her cheerful, quick-to-smile self, Rosie puts a smile on customers' faces as soon as they walk through the door.

Bad moods seem to disappear and voices take on a higher pitch as customers instantly chatter baby talk to Rosie, waving as she waves back.

"Rosie has a lot of grandmas here," Burns said.

"There she is," customer Dorothea Rogge exclaimed as she walked through the door. "I think this is the best idea there can possibly be. She makes everybody happy. You can't see a baby without smiling."

Some customers plan their trips to the bakery when Rosie is there, Burns said.

Marion Tobkin who owns Three Oaks Furniture in Farmington said he regularly comes in for the Old World Bread. He, too, likes seeing the baby in the bakery, because for him, it's a familiar experience.

"My children have come to work with me since they were little," Tobkin said.

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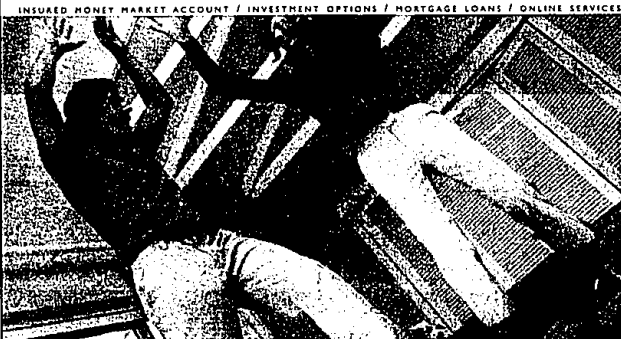
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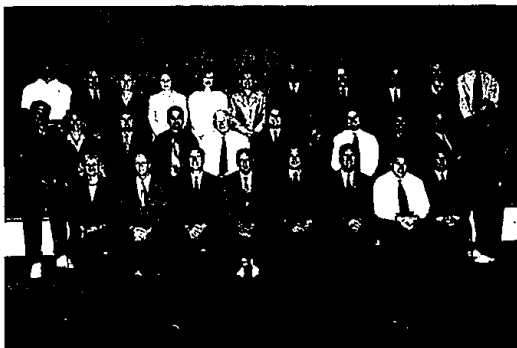
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