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"Once it moved out here, the congregation basically started over," he said, though he noted about 80 of today's members attended the old church and many still drive from Detroit to attend services.

Because of the growth in the area, the building was expanded in 1965, 1973 and 1991.

"We're very connected with Methodist churches around the world," said Bohnsack.

Activities abound

Music is a strong focus at the Farmington Hills church, where eight choirs perform. The church hosts music series and concerts throughout the year.

Youth ministry is also a big part of the church, Bohnsack said, adding many programs for adults, youth and children take place.

There are 17 people on staff both full- and part-time. Doris Hildebrand, a member of

the original church, volunteers in the office on Mondays. In fact, her father, the Rev. Verner S. Mumbulo, Ph.D., was pastor from 1948-61 at the old church.

"He wanted to be pastor here because it had a strong position on missions," she said. "It's what drew him here."

She noted the church has quite a few of the original members.

"It's a place that has a lot of multiple generations attending," she said. "Others have moved here because of this church."

Membership is around 1,150 with 600 non-members who attend regularly. A church is only as important as its members, Bohnsack said.

"The purpose for living, what we do has to make a difference, to work to help people around the world," the pastor said.

The church hosts a shelter for the homeless once a year, and supports missions around the world.

"We reach out to other Methodist churches who are having difficult circumstances," he said, adding that the church does what it can to help Lithuania in reestablishing its church and in Africa as well.

Youth in the program travel to the Appalachian mountains to help repair homes of the needy.

"Our church covers the whole age spectrum," Bohnsack noted. "Most of the congregation are young families with young children. They are our future."

"We want an attitude that our doors are open to everyone," the pastor said.

The growing diversity in the community is reflected in the congregation, he said. "We encourage that."

The pastor most enjoys seeing people meet their spiritual goals.

"And we want them to find new excitement in their spiritual life, be it learning a new adven-

ture, attending bible study or joining a support group for others, such as taking food to people or going to another part of the world," he said.

As far what the future holds, Bohnsack said the church is constantly changing.

"I think the future is strong," he said. "We have an excellent reputation. We're a leader of other churches, many come and learn what we do. We're constantly finding new ways of doing things and reaching out to people."

He said one part of the church will always remain, to be true to its mission: to grow in Christ in inspiration, friendship and action.

Nardin Park United Methodist Church is located at 29887 West 11 Mile. Call (248) 476-8860.



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