



# Ward Presents 'Amahl'

Members of the congregation and choir at Ward United Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington, Livonia, will present a Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," Dec. 23, at 7 p.m.

The opera will be presented in the church and there is no admission charge.

"Amahl" is a simple tale of a crippled boy and his mother. They live in poverty among shepherds. One night the three kings, on their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn Christ Child, stop for shelter at the crude hut where Amahl and his mother live.

They are given hospitality and are entertained by the neighboring shepherds. The mother envies the gold and other gifts being brought to this child the Kings do not even know.

In the early dawn she steals some of the gold and is caught. When she explains to the kings that she needs it for her starving child she is forgiven. After they tell her about their Child and the new light he will bring into the world, she repents and returns the gold.

# WORLD OF RELIGION

## Unity Candlelight Service Features Tudor Singers

The Tudor Singers of Frost Junior High School in Livonia will sing Christmas music for the candlelighting service of Unity of Livonia, scheduled Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7:15 p.m.

The service, an annual one for the church, is the first to be held in Unity's new sanctuary, located at 2866 Five Mile.

The Rev. Gene Sorensen will speak on "Light for Your World," and the youth of the church will join him in the candlelighting ceremony.

The Tudor Singers, directed by Hank Naasko, will be accompanied by Shirley Portman, Unity organist.

The group is well-known in the area, having performed for church and civic organizations in Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Detroit and Dearborn.

Winner of 16 straight superior ratings at the District Four Junior High Choir and Glee Club Festival, the Tudor group sang for the Music Educators' national conference in Ann Arbor in 1970 and now is preparing for competition next summer.

**GRAND RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
34500 SIX MILE, LIVONIA  
(1/2 mile West of Farmington Road)  
Sunday, December 23  
9:30 a.m. Family Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship. Special Christmas music.  
Sermon: "JESUS THE BARE AND JESUS THE JUDGE."  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant, "The Colors of Christmas" utilizing lovely pictures, choirs and living art.  
(Inquiries provided for both services)  
**MONDAY (CHRISTMAS EVE)**  
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
Beautiful special music, carols, baptism and message from God's Word, "God's People Live in Light."  
Rev. Errol D. Bosley, Pastor

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PLYMOUTH**  
45000 N. Territorial 455-2300  
**December 19**  
Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Candlelight & Carol Service 7:00 p.m.  
**December 23**  
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.  
Christmas Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
"The Inquirers" 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.  
**December 24**  
Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.  
"Twas the Night Before Christmas"  
**December 30**  
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
"No Time To Run" 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
**December 31**  
New Year's Eve Service 10:30 p.m.  
(Communion)  
1/2 mile west of Sheldon Rd.

**SACRED HEART BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
29125 W. 6 Mile Rd., 427-2100, LIVONIA  
Father Don G. Freude  
**CHRISTMAS EVE—9:00 A.M.** Royal Hours of Christmas  
7:30 P.M.—Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
11:00 P.M.—Night prayer & morning prayer of Christmas  
**CHRISTMAS DAY—12:00 Midnight & 10:00 A.M.**  
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

**First United Methodist Church of Plymouth**  
45201 N. Territorial 453-5280  
(near Sheldon)  
Rev. Paul M. Cargo  
Rev. Dean A. Klump  
Sun. Dec. 23  
9:30 and 11 a.m.  
"Send Back The Song"  
Christmas Eve Services  
7:30 and 10 p.m.  
Choirs—Congregational Carol Singing—The Christmas Story Celebrated in Joy

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
30650 Six Mile Rd. 427-1414  
Livonia  
Pastor  
William C. Lindholm  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Services  
7:30 and 11 p.m.

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
13542 Mercedes, Redford Township  
(1 1/2 E. of Inquirer, 1 1/2 S. of Schoolcraft)  
Dec. 23 5:00 p.m.  
Children's Christmas Celebration  
Christmas Eve  
Family Service 8 p.m.  
(CANDLELIGHT)

**PLYMOUTH First Presbyterian Church**  
701 Church St. 453-6464  
The Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee, Minister  
The Rev. Theodore D. Taylor, II, Assistant  
Dr. Henry J. Walsh, Emeritus  
Mr. Fred Nelson, Director of Music  
Mr. Robert W. Jones, Assistant Director of Music  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
9:30-11:00 a.m.—Festival Worship  
Mr. Magee's topic:  
The Poetry and Prose of Christmas  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
7:30 p.m.—Family Service of Lessons and Carols  
11:00 p.m.—Communion  
Mr. Magee's topic:  
What's Going On In The Backyard?"

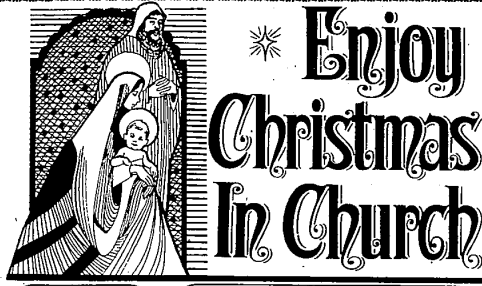
**Mt. Hope Congregational Church**  
30330 Schoolcraft 425-7280  
JOSEPH M. CIMBORA JR., Minister  
**Christmas Eve**  
Dec. 24 7:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Service  
May the light of joy and good will shine brightly in the hearts of all mankind, as on that "holy night" when the Prince of Peace was born.

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church**  
30900 Six Mile Road Livonia  
William D. Rickard, Pastor  
Jerome K. Smith, Associate  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
9:30 a.m. Worship, Nursery, Church School (All ages)  
11 a.m. Worship Services (Nursery Available)  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
6:30 p.m.  
Family Worship Service  
Communion Service

**ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church**  
27475 Five Mile Road Livonia  
**Christmas Sunday**  
December 23  
Worship 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
**December 24**  
Christmas Eve  
Family Service—7 p.m.  
Candlelight Communion 11 p.m.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
16360 Hubbard Road Livonia, Michigan 48154 421-8451  
**December 23rd—Advent IV**  
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Ministry to the Deaf  
11 a.m. Lessons and Carols  
**Christmas Eve**  
7:30 P.M.—Festive Family Eucharist  
11:00 P.M.—Carol Sing  
11:30 P.M.—Festive Choral Eucharist  
**December 24th—Christmas Day**  
10:00 A.M.—Family Eucharist  
**December 30th—Christmas I**  
8:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist  
10:00 A.M.—Family Eucharist  
**January 1st, 1974**  
Feast of the Circumcision  
10:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist

**FIRST BAPTIST Church of Wayne**  
36125 Glenwood 721-7410  
DEC. 23 7:00 P.M.  
**Chancel Choir & Youth Choral**  
will be featured in the musical presentation  
"God's Greatest Gift"  
The Congregation is also included in the singing of favorite seasonal selections.



**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
DEC. 23—6:30 P.M.  
Sunday School  
Christmas Program  
**CHRISTMAS EVE 6:30 P.M.**  
Christian Day School  
Christmas Program  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
with Holy Communion  
11 P.M.  
New Year's Day Worship 10 A.M.  
Christmas Eve Worship 10 A.M.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH of the RISEN CHRIST**  
Missouri SYNOUD CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
46250 Ann Arbor Road 453-5252  
REV. KENNETH E. ZIELKE  
Christmas Church Services  
SUN. DEC. 23—7 a.m. MON. DEC. 24 7:30 a.m.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 7:30 a.m. CANDLELIGHT and Carol Service  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
TUES. DEC. 25 10:30 a.m. Christmas Worship Service  
WED. DEC. 26 7:30 a.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion

**GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
1841 Middlebelt (Opposite Post Office) 421-7600  
Garoth D. Baker, Pastor  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 23**  
9:15 A.M. Carol Choir & Chancel Choir  
11:00 A.M. Chancel Choir  
**SERMON TOPIC AT BOTH SERVICES:**  
"A POWER TO GRASP"  
Crib Nursery at 11:00 A.M.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**  
8:00 P.M. Carol & Chapel Choirs  
10:00 P.M. Chapel & Chancel Choirs  
Everyone Will Participate in Candlelighting  
**YOU ARE INVITED**

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Robert P. Mueller, Pastor  
**DEC. 23**  
Sunday School Children's Christmas Service 7:00 P.M.  
**DEC. 24**  
Day School Children's Christmas Eve Service 7:00 P.M.  
**DEC. 25**  
Christmas Day Festival Song Services 10:00 A.M.  
**DEC. 31**  
New Year's Eve Candlelight & Communion Service 7:30 P.M.

**Ward United Presbyterian Church**  
Six Mile & Farmington Road 422-1150  
Celebrate With Us This Christmas  
9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Bible School Classes for all ages  
**"CHRISTMAS WONDER"**  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess, Preaching  
7:00 p.m.  
**CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
"Amahl and the Night Visitors"  
**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICES**  
Concert by Harpist and Vocalist, Onita Sanders, 5:00 p.m.  
Brass Ensemble—University of Michigan, 6:30 p.m.

**"THE NIGHT OF NIGHTS"**  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess, Preaching  
Bring the Family and Worship Together  
**DECEMBER 30**  
8:30 & 11 a.m.  
**"CHRISTMAS WEARINESS"**  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess, Preaching  
7 p.m. Youth Night  
**"WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE CAMPUS?"**  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
7 p.m. Film, "EMPTY CITIES"  
7:45 p.m. NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE & HOLY COMMUNION  
"MOVE ON"  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess, Preaching  
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING  
Pastors: Bartlett L. Hess, Ph.D.—Franklin Williams  
Robert J. Marlow, Minister of Music; Dr. Jerry J. Smith

**Sword of the Spirit Lutheran Church**  
34553 W. 7 Mile Rd. 453-5252  
Livonia  
William D. Wolfe, Pastor  
476-3818 551-9585  
His gift to you—Himself  
Your gift to Him—yourself  
Worship With Us  
Dec. 23 10 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Dec. 24 11:15 p.m.  
**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
39020 Five Mile Rd. 464-0211  
Livonia  
Rev. Fred W. Balke  
Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Communion Service 11 p.m.

**Good Hope Lutheran Church**  
28860 Cherry Hill Garden City, Mich. 427-3660  
**Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service**  
7:00 PM and 9:00 PM  
**Christmas Day**  
Holy Communion 10:00 AM

**Saint John's Episcopal Church**  
574 S. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth 453-0190  
**Dec. 24**  
Festive Eucharist and Sermon 7 and 11 P.M.  
(Nursery at 11 p.m. service only)  
**DEC. 25**  
Holy Communion 10 A.M.

**Nardin Park United Methodist**  
29887 West 11 Mile Rd. Farmington 476-8860  
**DR. WILLIAM D. MERCER**  
Senior Minister  
**THE REV. MEREDITH T. MOSHAUER**  
Associate  
**THE REV. JAMES F. THOMAS**  
Minister of Education  
**DR. VERNER S. MUMBULO**  
Minister Emeritus  
**GEORGE T. and INA SLATER STILL**  
Ministers of Music  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
Two services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Special Music  
DR. MERCER PREACHING:  
"The Triumph of the Skies"  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service—7 p.m.  
for all the family  
Nursery for children through 8

**Clarenceville United Methodist Church**  
20300 Middlebelt Livonia GR 4-3563  
Rev. Elsie Johns  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
Dec. 23 9:00 & 11:15 a.m.  
"THE GLORY OF THE LORD"  
Rev. Elsie Johns preaching  
Dec. 23 7:30 p.m.  
"THE NIGHT OF MIRACLES"  
by the Chancel Choir  
Dec. 25 11:00 a.m. Service  
Dec. 31 8:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.  
Watch Night Service

**EPHRAIM IS PEOPLE**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
10:30 a.m. Worship (Nursery Care Provided)  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
10:30 p.m. Communion  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
**EPHRAIM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
41390 Five Mile (bet. Haggerty & Bradner) 453-1191  
FRED PREUSS, PASTOR  
Communion offered to all baptized Christians

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Lahser Rd. near 9 Mile—EL 7-1848  
Rev. Donald W. Muehnickel, Pastor  
**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**  
9:00 P.M.  
Special Musical Program  
8:30-9:00 P.M.

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPISCOPAL)**  
34545 Cowan Road  
The Rev. John K. Hyden, Vicar  
Sunday, December 23nd  
10:00 a.m.—Advent Carols and Lessons  
Christmas Eve, December 24th  
7:30 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
11:00 p.m.—The Holy Eucharist and Sermon  
Christmas Day, December 25th  
10:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist and Sermon

**TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
8820 Wayne Road at Joy, Livonia 427-2290  
George A. Fleischer, Pastor  
**"WORSHIP THE LORD, PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME"**  
Wednesday, December 19  
7:30 PM—Advent Vespers  
Family Communion Service  
"Is There Still No Room!"  
Sunday, December 23  
\*8:30 and 10:45 AM  
Morning Worship, "The Marvel of Christmas"  
\*9:30 AM  
Matins, with Meditation and Discussion; Bible School for all ages.  
Monday, December 24  
\*7:30 and 11:00 PM  
Festive Worship Services with Carols and Candles, "The Joy of Christmas"  
Special Music, both services