

Christian Church Convention Sunday

The Livonia Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will host the spring convention of the Christian Churches of the Detroit District Sunday, May 17.

An estimated 150 delegates will meet in the meetingshared by the Livonia Christian Church.

500 Days Judge's Topic

Judge Dunbar Davis of the Plymouth District Court will speak on "The First 500 Days of the District Court" at the May 22 meeting of the Grand River Baptist group of the Livonia Senior Citizens.

The luncheon meeting begins at 12 noon in the Grand River Baptist Fellowship Hall at 3450 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The "Chapel Trio" will provide the music on the program, while Rev. Howard Schoof, assistant pastor of Covenant Community church, will lead the devotion.

Reservations must be made by May 20 by calling the church office at 261-6950.

tian Church and the Pilgrim United Church of Christ on Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia.

THEME OF the meeting is "The First 500 Days of the District Court." This is the proposed merger of nine Protestant denominations into a single unit.

Featured speaker will be Dr. Ralph Osborn, vice president and dean of the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and a member of the Disciple's delegation to COCU.

He will speak at 4 p.m., and a question and answer period will follow the talk.

OSBORN knows as much about the plan as any other person because he was chairman of the organizing committee which drafted it.

A brief business meeting will be conducted after dinner, and then the convention will conclude with an address by Dr. Carl G. Howie, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit and chairman of the Detroit COCU committee.

This talk is scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m.



GLEN J.R. ESCHTRUTH, a United Methodist doctor who has served the south-ern Congo for eight years, will speak at 7:15 p.m. day, May 20, in St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

Do You Like Barbeque?

The Methodist Men of Lola Valley United Methodist Church of Redford Township will host a barbeque from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17. The church is located at the corner of Puritan and Delaware.

Carry-outs of complete meals or just barbeque chicken will be available, as well as facilities for eating on the spot.

Pentecost Service Planned Sunday

An ecumenical Pentecost service, similar to those conducted in the Farmington area in recent years on Thanksgiving eve, is scheduled at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

Clergy and laymen of Farmington area churches will participate in the service in Nardin Park United Methodist Church on 11 Mile Rd. near Middle Belt.

A combined choir made up of groups from several churches will present music representative of all the denominations participating in the service.

Directing the combined group will be Donald Zielinski, Our Lady of Sorrows choir director.

The service will be based on a formula developed by the Council on Church Union for use in inter-denominational worship.

Rev. James P. O'Hagan, pastor of St. Gerard Catholic Church and vicar of the Farmington-Southfield Vicariate, explained:

"Pentecost marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the initiation of the spread of Christianity to all the peoples of the world. The feast is a

significant time for the various Christian denominations to come together for common worship."

Thanksgiving eve ecumenical services have been attended by overflow crowds in Farmington in recent years. Fr. O'Hagan explained that it is hoped the Pentecost service will become a traditional observance in the spring.

Rev. Wolber Honored By Parish

St. Genevieve Catholic parishioners will honor their pastor, Rev. F.A. Wolber, at a reception Sunday May 17, marking his 30th anniversary as a priest.

A commemorative mass at 12:30 p.m., offered by Fr. Wolber, will be followed by the reception in the activities center from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A graduate of Sacred Heart Seminary High School and Sacred Heart Seminary College, he continued his studies at Mt. St. Mary's Major Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.



DR. THELMA JAMES and her favorite literature (Evert photo)

Dr. James Treats Bible As Study Of Literature

By MARGARET MILLER
Church Editor

A vast store of knowledge about the Bible—and countless other matters—has been coming to the Farmington Community Center each Tuesday in recent weeks.

It's brought by Dr. Thelma G. James, retired professor of English at Wayne State University, and nationally-known expert in the fields of folklore and Bible study.

Dr. James was guest lecturer in the center in a six-week series titled "The Bible as Literature," a course she has been teaching on and off campus for 40 years now.

IT'S NOT exactly the same course that she started teaching at Wayne in 1930, Dr. James is quick to point out.

"There have been dozens of new translations of the Bible as a result of new knowledge," she said, "and each of them increases our understanding and appreciation."

"As we add knowledge, our faith becomes more ecumenical. We also come closer to the true sources of Biblical material."

DR. JAMES TREATS the Bible as great literature and a source of knowledge of a great culture.

Dr. Cedric V. Fricke, professor of business administration at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus, will moderate the discussion following the lecture.

Walter Midener, internationally known sculptor and director of Detroit's Art School of the Society of Arts and Crafts, will speak in the final program Sunday, May 24.

The programs begin at 7:30 p.m. May 18, 19, 20 and 21 in the church at 5885 Venoy Rd., one block north of Ford Road.

PASTOR PAUL HAGEDORN said that the services will not be decorated with flowers but will provide the basic and clear teaching of salvation in Jesus Christ.

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"What I try to do," she said, "is get people reading the Bible. Once they realize it's not a forbidding book, they find they can study it the rest of their lives and it can be a fascinating experience."

She added that the Biblical writings have "tremendous relevance" to our lives.

"The experiences of man today are very similar to what he has known through the ages, and especially in Biblical times," she pointed out.

DR. JAMES said she did not at all try to push belief in what is to be found in the Old and New Testaments.

"That's for the churches to do," she said. "I want to help my students develop inquiring minds for Bible study."

She added that she has had every religious belief, you could imagine among her students—Moslem, Hindu, Jew and all divisions of Christianity.

IN THE Farmington Community Center class, as well as in most others she has taught off the Wayne State campus, Dr. James has found a few students who were in her classes at WSU.

"But actually I find my students 'all over the world,' she said. "Wayne students really get around."

Retired in 1967, Dr. James had made two trips around the world since then and also traveled several times to Europe.

"I go to see and learn," she said. "It's all part of the life experience. I've been so busy since I retired that I wonder sometimes how I ever found time to hold a job."

DR. JAMES also expressed deep concern over the tragedy at Kent State University and disturbances on other campuses.

"I'm really disturbed about the campus situation," she said. "and with such a situation I can't feel helping the thing at Kent State was bound to happen. I hold no brief for the police, but I feel something like that was inevitable on some campus."

She said it seemed professional agitators are responsible for leading many disturbances.

"I'm sad for these people and their unhappy lives, and especially for the majority of students who are so decent and fine and want to get on with their educations," she added.

"I think every qualified student—and I emphasize the word qualified—should be able to pursue a college education without such disturbances. For those not properly qualified, there are many other educational institutions where they can train for life work."

St. Matthew Announces Spiritual Renewal Talks

A four-night Lutheran Revival is the program for the Spiritual Renewal Week at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church in Westland.

The programs begin at 7:30 p.m. May 18, 19, 20 and 21 in the church at 5885 Venoy Rd., one block north of Ford Road.

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Guest evangelist and anchor man for the series will be the Rev. Rodney Lensch, a former Lutheran pastor who left the parish ministry to enter into full-time evangelistic work.

Other speakers will be: Pastor Donald Bates, a Methodist minister from Troy; Mel Kischchick, superintendent of education in the Michigan district of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and Evangelist Fred Hicks, a non-denominational preacher.

Pastor Hagedorn asks members of other denominations to "put down our doctrinal differences and praise the Lord with one united voice."

SPECIFIC topics are:

Monday—"The Spirit to the Churches Today"

Tuesday—"The Battlefield of the Christian Gospel" featuring a youth night for both young and old.

Wednesday—"Get Ready! Get Set! Go!"

Thursday—"Miracles—Today!"

The tone of the revival is non-denominational in that the services will be for Christians rather than Lutherans.

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LUTHERAN

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches
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In Livonia—
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
3518 Farmington Rd.
Pastor Edward Zell 522-8555
Worship Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Plymouth—
St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Ch.
1342 Pennington Avenue
Pastor Leonard Koenig 453-3393
Worship Services: 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

In Redford Township—
Lola Park Ev. Lutheran Ch.
1430 Kitchell
Pastor Edward Zell 522-8555
Worship Services: 8 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Westland—
Our Saviour Ev. Lutheran Ch.
Warren at Farmington Rd.
Pastor Jack A. Gabel 422-8119
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
12 Mile at Farmington Rd.
474-0210
Rev. Victor H. Mettenberg
Worship Service: 8 and 10:45 a.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
30000 Five Mile Road
Pastor Roger H. Schiefel
Worship 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Schools 9:30 a.m.
421-7249

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
(Missouri Synod)
Middlebelt at B. & Rile Rd.
474-0975
J. W. Borkowski, Principal
St. Paul's, Pastor
Services: 8:30 and 11 a.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday School and Bible Classes
9:40 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
1885 Venoy Road at Beechwood
Phone: 427-9200, Farmington
427-9200, Church
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Spiritual Renewal Week
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Powerful speakers will present the dynamic word of God!

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
39020 Five Mile Rd.
between Newburgh and Haggerty Roads
Office Phone 464-0211
The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor
CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christian)
KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST
18401 Middlebelt Road, Livonia
Phone 474-2222
Sunday Bible School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Ev. Service - 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Group - 8:30 p.m.
Lyle Balzer, Minister
Parsonage Phone 474-2084
Clementine
Sunday, 7:45, WBFO

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
FARMINGTON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
25301 HAISTADT ROAD
1/2 Mile North of Grand River
10-12 a.m.
Speakers from
Women's Liberation Coalition of Michigan

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CHRISTIAN REFORMED

University Hills Church
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
Oakland University College
Oakland, Michigan
Building "C" adjacent to east parking lot
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Church School: 9:30 a.m.
Nursery Available
Rev. L. H. Hildebrand 764-4846
Pastor Residence: 25242 Killebrew
Farmington, Michigan

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR
Reformed Ch. in America
38100 Five Mile Road
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Divine Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Study Groups: 7 p.m.
Nursery Care is Provided at All Morning Worship Services
464-1062 Rev. Luther Ratmeyer, Pastor 427-0122

CONGREGATIONAL

MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
30320 Schoolcraft Road - 425-7280
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School
Minister
Rev. Richard Campbell
Helen and Jack Trudgen
Directors of Music

BAPTIST

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
43665 JOY ROAD
(Two blocks east of South Main Rd.)
Livonia
Phone 457-0749 or 455-0022
SUNDAY
Bible School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Gospel Service: 7:30 p.m.
Family Night: 7:15 p.m.
Pastor: J. Clifford
Pastor: Stephen Howell
Minister of Education

NEWBURGH BAPTIST CHURCH
37055 JOY ROAD
between Main and Newburgh Roads
Livonia
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Worship School: 7:30 p.m.
Music Director: Mr. G. Wright
Education Director: (Wm.) Mr. Cline
The Rev. Earl Anderson
Nursery All Services

Community Baptist Church
21327 W. Warren
Livonia
Rev. James B. Allen, Pastor
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.
Mid-week Prayer Service: 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.
Where the deaf take part in every service

Westland Baptist Church
33375 Ann Arbor Trail
(Between Wayne and Newburgh)
Westland
Church Phone 424-5485
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service: 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
Mid-week & Wed. 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
16577 Middlebelt at Book
Garden, City - 424-8460
Minister, Robert E. Ashby
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Mid-Week & Wed. 7:30 p.m.

UNITY OF WEST SUBURBIA
30025 Curtis Road
421-7760
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Diagrams for Living - Tues. - 7:30 p.m.
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