



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Daughter makes parents proud

Our clan passed another milestone last month when our first-born, the Rev. Mary Elizabeth Miller, was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church.

Joe and I and sister Barb were on hand in the bleachers of the University of Maine auditorium as our own "Rev" moved through the final steps for full membership in the UMC Maine Conference. Besides participating in the moving service, we had opportunity to meet friends and supporters and to kid the new elder about "looking pretty good for an old preacher lady."

Then, after Barb had flown home from her weekend visit to Maine for the big occasion, Joe and I took our places the next Sunday in the congregation of the church to which Mary has been appointed — Old Orchard Beach United Methodist. She has been co-pastor there for three years, but now the friend who has shared that ministry is moving on to a different church and Mary has a full-time appointment.

IT HAS BEEN a long and sometimes slow path that has taken our daughter to ordination. None of us, probably least of all Mary, would have predicted it as she grew up and attended school in Farmington and later studied music and then journalism at the University of Michigan.

She started following her parents' footsteps with a job on a North Dakota daily newspaper. She commented later in the autobiographical information she compiled for ordination: "I enjoyed the work and the people but was not ready to commit

myself to a career in newspaper work."

Eventually she made her way to Boston University School of Theology. She received deacon's orders — the first step in United Methodist ordination — in 1980 and graduated from seminary two years later. On her way to her present charge, she also served several years as student co-pastor of a church in Massachusetts.

AS PARENTS on the sidelines, we've watched for years as her talents developed, and last month we could see how she is using them. Her fine writing comes out well in sermons and articles and parish newsletters. Her music is a joy to her congregation, and her sensitivity and compassion will be a mainstay in the life work she has chosen.

We felt pride as many told us how her ministry is appreciated. We felt gratification to see a daughter accepted readily into a profession that even in our generation was mainly male. In fact, it was interesting to note that of the 18 ordinands in the service we attended, 10 were women.

But mostly we just rejoiced to see an offspring well established in work that offers fulfillment. To parents, retired or otherwise, there can be no greater satisfaction.

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Some ways to enjoy Michigan Cherries

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The following recipes provide several other ways to enjoy cherries.

FREEZER CHERRY PIE FILLING
8 cups tart cherries
2 1/2 cups sugar
5 tbs cornstarch

Wash and pit cherries. Drain. Combine sugar and cornstarch. Stir in cherries; let stand until juices begin to flow, about 30 minutes. Cook

over medium heat until mixture begins to thicken. Pour into freezer containers. Seal, label and freeze. Yield about four pints.

POACHED MICHIGAN CHERRIES
1 1/2-2 pounds Michigan cherries
1 cup sugar
2 cups water
1/4 cups Kirsch or to taste

Stem the cherries and pit them if desired. Combine sugar and water and bring to a boil. Add cherries and cook till heated through. Add Kirsch and let the cherries cool in the syrup.

FRESH CHERRY PARFAIT SALAD:

1 3-ounce package lemon flavor gelatin
1 pint pineapple sherbet
2 cups sweet cherries, sliced
1/4 cup chopped walnuts

In medium saucepan over medium heat, heat 1/4 cup water to boiling. Add gelatin, stir until dissolved, add sherbet, by spoonfuls, stirring until well blended. Fold in cherries and nuts. Pour into four cup molds. Chill until set. Unmold. Makes six servings.

4 get ready for week at Camp Sun Deer

Four area youngsters have been chosen to receive a free week at Camp Sun Deer, sponsored by the American Lung Association for asthmatic children.

Among the 70 campers in Michigan will be James and Robert Mur-

phy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy of Farmington; Amy David, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim David of Farmington Hills; and Renee Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lauriant Matthews of Farmington Hills.

At Camp Sun Deer, near Battle Creek, campers are encouraged to participate in traditional camp activities. Trained medical professionals constantly supervise the wide variety of activities that let campers enjoy a week of summer camp filled

with adventures that they normally wouldn't have.

The program is co-sponsored with Michigan Society of Respiratory Care, the Center for Asthma, Emphysema and Allergic Disorders and the Borgess Medical Center.

Information directory for disabled available

The Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and Adults, a non-profit organization serving the handicapped since 1938, is distributing the fourth edition of its directory for the disabled.

The highly directory contains information on various services for the

disabled, including government aid, orthopedic shoes, equipment, housing and recreation together with other topics of interest to the motion impaired.

A copy of this directory may be obtained by or for a disabled person

free of charge by contacting: Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 267 North Avenue, Mt. Clemens 48043. The phone number is 465-5522.

Persons requesting the directory should be prepared to give information regarding the disabled person's

name, address, telephone number, date of birth and disability.

Copies are also made available to service organizations serving the motion impaired. A copy may be bought by people who are not handicapped for \$10.

6-part quit smoking program starts July 29

FreshStart, a six part quit smoking program, will be offered in St. Mary Hospital.

The series, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be given in the first floor nursing class-

room in the hospital beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.

There is no charge for the six-part program, but pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, call 464-4800, Ext. 2813.

FreshStart deals with smoking as a chemical addiction, as a habit, and as a psychological dependency. The program will give strategies for conquering smoking in thought, feeling and action.

FreshStart also gives ways to handle the two biggest obstacles for many new ex-smokers' weight control and stress management. St. Mary Hospital is at 36475 W. Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia.

club circuit

WESTSIDE SINGLES meet for a dance party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday in Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster. Admission is \$4 at the door.

The group is taking reservations now for a three-night-four-day cruise around Nassau, scheduled for Nov. 14-17. Westside Singles hotline is 562-3160.

OAKLAND COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS will wear their craziest hat when they meet for a Mad Hatter's Party beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow night in Tapperoony's.

Inquiries are taken by calling the club's hotline, 543-5757.

MOONDUSTERS, a dance club for singles over the age of 30, meet for a party from 9 p.m. until midnight every Saturday in Livonia Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Admission is \$3.50 at the door.

RECOVERY groups in this area meet at 10 a.m. every Monday in St. Colman Catholic Church, 32500 Middlebelt, and at 10 a.m. every Thursday in Farmington Community Center, on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

Inquiries are taken by Recovery Inc. headquarters, 561-2521.

FARMINGTON KIWANIS CLUB meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner Tuesday, July 29, in Farmington Elks

Lodge on Orchard Lake Road north of Grand River.

After-dinner speaker for the evening is Darwin E. Heister, trustee of Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and a former member of Wayne State University teaching staff. He will talk about child care in the Kiwanis wings of Michigan hospitals.

The meeting is open to guests who are invited to call Lloyd Smith, 474-2431, for dinner reservations.

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD-TROY SINGLES meet for a Meet-the-One Night Moves dance party at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Somerset Inn, 2801 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Music for dancing is furnished by the "Gold Tones."

Admission is \$3 at the door.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER WOMEN'S CLUB invite guests to tour Sunset Terrace, on the grounds of Meadowbrook Friday, Aug. 1. Reservations must be made on or before Wednesday, July 30, by calling the center, 477-8404.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.



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