

Group Presents Play

A play will be featured at the annual Christmas program of Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago, Redford Township. The play, entitled "The Boy Who Wouldn't Play Jesus" by Bernard Kops, will be presented Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Richard Price is directing the Youth Group in the production.

A special Christmas Eve service will be held in the church at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24. The public is invited to both events.

4 Choirs Will Sing

Music by four choirs will be presented at a "Christmas Family Night" Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m., in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 W. Five Mile, Livonia.

The evening will also include tableaux, a handbell choir and instrumental music. Refreshments will be served, and Santa Claus will have candy for all.



Live Nativity Scenes Planned By 2 Churches

Two live nativity scenes are planned by church youth groups in the Observer area during the Christmas season.

Young people of Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, between West Chicago and Plymouth in Redford Township, will offer their manger scene in front of their church from 6 p.m. to midnight Christmas Eve.

A choral group will sing carols during the evening, inviting passers-by to join them.

YOUTH GROUPS of the Grand River Baptist Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, will act out the Christmas story from 6 to 9 p.m. each evening.

St. Genevieve Plans Special Carol Service Christmas music by a 35-voice choir and instrumentalists will be presented in a carol program at 11:25 p.m., Thursday, Dec.

from Sunday, Dec. 20, to Wednesday, Dec. 23. Wearing traditional costumes, made by Mrs. Lorene Wooten and Mrs. Alma Wilder, the participants will use a stable built by Frank Craver and John Parks.

The Biblical drama will be enacted in half-hour segments. The young people hope to have live animals as part of the scene.

MARY SHAW and Carrie Koczek will play the role of Mary, and Joseph will be played by Greg Vorbeck and Jeff Myers.

Other young people participating will be Terry Harder, John Shaw, Nancy Williams, Bill Gray, Jim

Craver, Linda Oster, Peter Shaw, Amy Bergquist, Debbie Walkowiak, Kathy Parks, Cheryl Harp, Terri Powless, Mary Powless and Doug Roemer.

The cast for the four evenings also include Debbie Welling, Dawn Welling, Sue Rau and Pete Shaw.

Sponsors of the youth groups putting on the nativity drama are Mr. and Mrs. William Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. James English, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harder and Mr. and Mrs. David Walkowiak.

The church is located just west of Stevenson High School and affords ample parking for all in the area wishing to stop and view the dramas.



CANDLES FOR CHANUKAH -- The children of the third grade in Temple Beth Am's Religious School presented Chanukah Services Friday, Dec. 18. Among the participants were (from left) Marjorie Zupmore, David Moscoe and Karolyn Case. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Temple Observes Chanukah

The celebration of Chanukah (festival of lights) will begin at sunset Tuesday, Dec. 22, and will last for eight days.

The holiday commemorates the victory of a small minority of Jews led by Judah Maccabee over vastly superior Syrian forces in the year 165 B.C.E. The Syrian rulers

were attempting to coerce the rebellious Jews into practicing the Hellenic religion.

The length of the festival is determined by the supposed miracle which occurred at the time of the rebellion which kept the Eternal Light burning for eight days on a quantity of oil which should have lasted one day only.

At Temple Kol Ami, students of the eighth grade in the religious school will conduct the Dec. 25 service under the direction of their teacher, Michelle Buck.

The service including Hebrew prayers, the story of Judah Maccabee, and a musical program, will begin at 7:45 P.M. and last only one

hour so the children and their families can rejoice in the ancient victory of freedom of worship by conducting the candle lighting ceremonies at home.

Kol Ami services are held at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine and Woodward.

Advertisement for Lutheran churches including: Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches, Christ the King, Holy Cross, Antioch, St. John's, Faith Lutheran Church and School, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Churches, Christ Lutheran, St. John, Sword of the Spirit, Timothy, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Christian Reformed, and University Hills Church.

Attend Church This Sunday At The Church Of Your Choice With Your Family

Grand River Baptist Church of Livonia 34500 Six Mile Road (Next to Stevenson High) Pastor Carl Kellie

Calvary Baptist Church 43045 Joy Road (Two blocks east of South Main) Pastor J. Clifford

Main Street Baptist Church 9421 Mt. Street, Westland Pastor W. Thibault

First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth 41233 Ann Arbor Trail Pastor Rev. Edna Dillow

Mt. Hope Congregational Church 3030 Schellville Road 425-7280 Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.

ECUMENICAL REFLECTIONS

(Reprinted from Life Line, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30500 W. Six Mile, Livonia)

By REV. PAUL T. HART When I was preparing for the Advent season, I read some thoughts, which I would like to share with you. I was studying some of the prophecies of Isaiah which were dated approximately 700 years before Christ made his appearance in the form of the "Babe of Bethlehem."

Yes, you and I are included in Christmas. Even in the old prophetic text of Isaiah we find that the us means US. Then, too, we cannot limit the announcement of the angel, as given to the shepherds alone - "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, A Savior."

And there is no doubt about it that we are included in the great text, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever reaches to you and me. We are included in Christmas."

is "real joy," all that brings joy to you, and all that gives joy to others. In the joy of Christmas, you're included, recipient and giver.

Isaiah and his people were continually looking and hoping for the Messiah who would lead them out of bondage into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of despair into joy and peace.

For the Christian faith, the great prophecy has had its fulfillment in the birth of the Jesus of Nazareth. I would like to share some of these thoughts with you.

THE NINTH CHAPTER of Isaiah, the sixth verse says: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulders, and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Now at Christmas time all hatred must be erased, all animosity must be forgiven, grievances and grudges must be dispelled; it is the time for loving and being loved, for forgiving and being forgiven, for letting the sunshine and the heavenly breeze drive away the smog.

Community Baptist Church 28237 W. Warren, Dearborn Rev. James B. Allen, Pastor

North Farmington Baptist Church (American Baptist Convention) 32300 W. Thirteen Mile

Bethany Baptist Church of Livonia 24241 Elm Hill Rd., W. Nine Mile W. of Farmington

is the clear air we shall see the star again, and hear the songs of the angels, and make our way to the stable where like the Wise Men of old we shall bow in worship, open our treasures and make gifts to our King.

For Information Call Miss Cathy Porter 422-3175. TO HELP RETARDED - Two members of Ordoño Alhambra No. 129 of Livonia look on as Marjorie Ann Buresh receives a check for \$500 from Olga M. Paprelli (right). Mrs. Buresh is coordinator consultant of the Mongoloid Achievement Foundation of Detroit. Mrs. Paprelli is the president of the Ordoño Sultana (wives' group), which raised the \$500 at a recent luncheon.