

Methodist Bishop to speak at anniversary celebration

Bishop Judith Craig, first woman bishop of Michigan United Methodist Church, is the featured speaker at Farmington First United Methodist Church's 160th anniversary celebration Sunday, Oct. 15. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a worship service.



Bishop Judith Craig

vice in the sanctuary of the church, at 33113 Grand River Ave.

"Farmington First United Methodist Church is one of the many churches founded over a century and a half ago whose continuous ministry stands as a testimony to the vitality of the Christian tradition," Craig stated in a recent interview.

Bishop Craig was elected to the office and assigned to the Michigan area in 1984. A native of Missouri and adopted Ohioan prior to her assignment to Michigan, her background includes serving as director of Christian Education in a variety of churches, pastoring several congregations, and serving as council director for the East Ohio Conference.

Farmington First United Methodist Church celebrates its 160th anniversary during 1989. Months of preparation and celebration culminate Oct. 15. After the worship service a coffee hour is planned for meeting and greeting old friends and new. A buffet style dinner will be served at noon in the Farmington Vacation Center, which is directly across Thomas Street from the church.

Dick Carvell, chairman of the 160th Anniversary Celebration Committee, says tickets for the dinner may be purchased through the church office, 474-6573, at a cost of \$6 each. Tickets must be purchased

prior to the dinner; none will be available at the door.

FIRST UNITED Methodist Church began with home meetings in 1829 under the direction of Rev. John Baughman, a circuit rider from the Ann Arbor area. By 1840 the first church building was begun; it was completed in 1844 and enlarged in 1876. The congregation grew, and in time it became necessary to relocate. A new church was built on the present site in 1921 and dedicated in 1922; the educational unit was added in 1958.

Emily Butterfield, the first licensed woman architect in Michigan, collaborated with her father, Wells Butterfield, in the design and oversight of the construction. The four stained glass windows in the front of the sanctuary were donated

by Gov. and Mrs. Fred Warner. (Fred Warner was the first Michigan governor to serve three terms, and the only governor elected from Farmington).

The church became the cultural and community center of Farmington and served in that capacity for many years. Facilities incorporated into the back of the sanctuary included a theatrical stage and a projection booth for movies. The building also served as the site of several graduation exercises.

Farmington First United Methodist Church is pastored by the Rev. Arthur L. Spafford who celebrated 40 years in the ministry in August of this year. The congregation prides itself on its mission outreach, music program, community involvement and its shared history with the community of Farmington.



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Art competition gets under way

The Eighth annual Helen DeRoy Art Competition Reception and Awards Presentation is scheduled 7-9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10 in Smith Theatre Lobby. The art show is open to all residents of Oakland County 18 years or older, and all former or present students of Oakland Community College.

Entries must be submitted by Oct. 27 along with a nonrefundable \$15 entry fee which entitles the artist to submit up to two pieces of work.

Sculpture, painting, drawing, ceramics, photography, glass, weaving, and prints (not reproductions) are eligible. All two dimensional entries must be framed and suitable for hanging.

The sum of \$2,500 is available for purchase and cash awards. A qualified juror will be selecting the winning entries.

The show will be displayed in the Smith Theatre Lobby from Nov. 10-22.

For additional information contact Bev Versels, 471-7700 or write to Kegham Tazian at OCC, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, 48018-4995.

The Smith Theatre, on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, is at 1-696 and Orchard Lake Road.

'Hallowed or unhalloween' tape offered

Restoration Christian Fellowship offers a free tape called "Hallowed or Unhalloween?" which tells the pagan background of most of the Halloween activities.

Call 471-1801 for a free copy of the tape to be mailed to your home or it can be picked up at Ministry Center, 24380 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 106.

The fellowship's time of Sunday morning worship service for the fall schedule is 10 a.m. and the evening services with "Equipping the Saints" classes begin at 6 p.m. in Power Middle School on Gill Road between Eight and Nine Mile.

Raven Homecoming Concert Oct. 13-14

The Smith Theatre will present The Raven Homecoming Concert at Orchard Ridge campus, Oakland Community College.

Josh White Jr., Anne Hills and Michael Smith will perform together at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14.

There will be an optional dinner package Oct. 13 for \$14. Dinner reservations must be paid for one week in advance (made 48 hours before) and \$15 at the door. The Smith Theatre is at 1-696 and Orchard Lake Road. For reservations, call 471-7700.

WHITE HAS recorded numerous albums and has performed at some of the finest concert halls throughout the United States, including Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. He has also performed more than 2,000 college concerts.

Hills is receiving tremendous at-

tention with the release of her new "Flying Fish" album. "Woman of a Calm Heart." Reviewers are suggesting that her voice inspires comparisons with Joan Baez and Judy Collins. She performs the best of the new songs by some of America's finest songwriters and continues to captivate audiences wherever she appears.

Smith is best known for "The Dutchman," recorded by the late Steve Goodman, Liam Clancy and dozens of others. He has written literally hundreds of songs that have been performed and recorded by some of today's top folk, country and popular artists.

Smith is currently receiving national attention for the musical score he wrote for the international premiere of the theatrical presentation "The Grapes of Wrath" by Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre.

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