



SINGING IN WESTLAND BAPTIST — The Washington Bible College choir, under the direction of Prof. James Bos, will present a sacred concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, in Westland Baptist Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The choir is one of several musical groups that tour from the college located in the nation's capital. Its four-year course is designed to train men and women for missionary, pastoral, Bible teaching and other Christian service.

Teenagers Enjoy Mystery Weekend

A group of teenagers recently bedded down for the night on a bus in Plymouth and woke up to find themselves in Washington in the morning.

The mystery trip for 22 teenagers and their counselors from Calvary Baptist Church, Plymouth, was arranged by Bob Davenport, two-time all-American from UCLA, and now at Taylor University, Upland, Ind.

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his new bus "The Possum" which is fitted with sleeping facilities for 34 people.

When the trip was announced, the young people were not told their destination, other than that it would be a large city.

The group left on a Friday evening and spent Saturday touring centers of interest in Washington, Sunday morning, they participated in services in Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Md.

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day, just in time to leave for school.

Among those making the trip were Kim and Kevin Renas, Peggy Cummins, Pat

Blankenship, Pam and Brenda Edmonds, Penny Quinn, Bob Yerks, Patti Pe-

trio, Matt Hancock, Charlotte McGuire and Vicki Trout.

Caribbean Islands will participate.

The Rev. Oral C. Withrow of Columbus, Ohio, program chairman, said the 1971 convention, operating under a revised format, will consider resources available in dealing with important issues confronting the world during the 1970s.

Some 25,000 persons from all parts of the United States and Canada are to attend.

Key leaders from at least a dozen countries in Europe, Asia, South America and the

Caribbean Islands will participate.

THE GROUP traveled in



Bob Vernon Heads Kenwood Revivals

Bob J. Vernon, one of four brothers who televise "Homestead, U.S.A." will conduct services April 4 to 9 in the Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia.

His revival services, including Bible-based preaching and musical presentations, will be held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, April 4, and at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, through Friday, April 9.

Vernon also will meet with the Sunday morning Bible school, which offers classes for all ages from infant through adult. A nursery and a planned program for young children is scheduled during all the revival services.



BOB J. VERNON

"HOMESTEAD, U.S.A." is produced by the Christian Television Mission, operated by four of six Vernon brothers and based in Springfield, Mo. It is carried by 150 television stations.

In addition to producing the program, the Vernon brothers have several record albums on the market, some including their wives in the musical selections.

Bob Vernon also has made five vocal albums on his own and has written several songs and produced three movies. They are "Back to Jerusalem," "Moscow to Moscow," and "Eyes on the Cross." "Moscow to Moscow" is a film based on the brothers' trip to Russia.

In 1966 he and his daughter, Becky, were sent by the U.S. Defense Department to put on programs for the troops in Vietnam.

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's Religion Update

The record's title itself seems something of a grotesque grabber: "Jesus Christ, Superstar." And if this sobriquet does not appear sufficiently blasphemous, consider the format: The Passion of Jesus Christ—in rock and roll.

This initial reaction, plus the timid piety of some commercial electronic media, apparently motivated the Italian broadcasting company, RAI, to judge this recording as "too irreverent in tone."

But it was subsequently played on Vatican Radio—just as it is being played in churches throughout the U.S.

IT IS NOT irreverent. It is immensely moving; an eloquently serious rock opera by two young brothers, Andrew Webber and Tim Rice, which achieved a gold record (one million sold) within two months of its being issued in the States.

And in what appears to this writer to be a thoroughly sincere and respectful effort to express The Passion narrative in very modern idiom, "Jesus Christ, Superstar" seems no more irreverent than translating the Gospels into English for which men were once burned at the stake.

This opera will hardly displace Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," but despite Transcendental Music Co.'s Eastern Division buyer Woody Howard, Woody waxed up in writing: "The composer works of Bach, Beethoven, Handel and other composers suddenly become relegated to the class of mundane composition."

NOR WILL the classic beauty of the King James Version of the Bible ever be

superceded by any of the current rash of new translations, however valuable they modernize the Holy Scriptures. "Superstar," not being bound to the manuscripts, is able to modernize even further—in what can be recognized as a legitimate effort at a 20th Century version. For example:

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ONE HIGH POINT of the opera is the characterization of Herod, whose jaded and biting mockery comes alive in an inimitable rag: "So you are the Christ, you're the great Jesus Christ!"

Prove to me that you're not fool: walk across my swimming pool... Prove to me that you're divine: change my water into wine!... Feed my household with this bread—you can do it on your head!... Come on, King of the Jews!

The other planete is the hauntingly beautiful love song of Mary Magdalene—utterly devoid of the cheap sensuousness often accompanying the titillating theme of divine seduction. Rather it is akin to generations of women who suffered the emotional agony of falling in love with a priest who is loyally devoted to celibacy:

"I don't know how to love him... Should I bring him down? Should I scream and shout?... Should I speak of love—let my feelings out?... He scares me so... I want him so... I love him so..."

WHAT IS PARTICULARLY remarkable in this Passion Play ending with the death of Jesus—there is not even a hint of the Resurrection. This serves to change the Gospel ("the good news") into one act tragedy; a Superman that went out; the light that failed. And while tragedy is a basic theatrical art form, there should be some reason for such a significant remembrance—particularly in consideration of Anatole France's poignant story of Pontius Pilate in retirement. When asked if he remembers Jesus whom he crucified, Pilate replies:

"There were so many crucifixions."

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CONGREGATIONAL

MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

30330 Schoolcraft Road - 425-7280

Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School

Minister: Rev. Richard Campbell

Helen and Jack Trudgeon

Director of Music

CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Christian)

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

(CHRISTIAN CHURCH)

35475 Five Mile Livonia

Bible School 9:30 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided)

6:30 a.m. (Nursery provided) and evening worship

Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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LUTHERAN

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN RADIO HOUR WABX 95.5 FM

Sunday 11 a.m.

In Livonia - St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

17810 Farmington Rd. Pastor: William G. 425-8174

Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Plymouth - St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

1343 Penman Avenue Pastor: William G. 425-2383

Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Farmington - St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

14750 Killebrew Pastor: William G. 425-8555

Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Westland - Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church

Warren at Farmington Rd. Pastor: William G. 425-8119

Worship Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

CHRIST LUTHERAN

14350 Warner Road, Redford

Pastor: Donald H. Grandt

Worship 10 a.m.

Sunday School 9 a.m.

St. John

23225 Glen Road, Farmington

Worship 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Nursery

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Phone 476-3818 or 531-6555

St. John

34580 Seven Mile Road, Livonia

Pastor: William G. 425-8119

Family Worship 10 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Phone 476-3818 or 531-6555

St. John

8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Pastor: George F. Schaefer

Worship: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

421-8451

Worship: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Sunday, Dual Worship: 8:30 and 11 a.m.

St. Andrew's, Livonia

16360 Hubbard Road

421-8451

Worship: Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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Rev. Stuart Talks During Holy Week

The Rev. H. Richmond Stuart, a social worker in Windsor, Ontario, will be the guest lecturer for Holy Week services in Village United Presbyterian Church, 26350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford Township.

Rev. Stuart was born in England and started his career as a news reporter on the Isle of Guernsey. He also was a parish minister in England and later in Canada and was a management consultant in Detroit. Currently he works for the Essex County Social and Family Services.

Rev. Stuart will be his first talk which will be given at 9:30 and 11 a.m. April 4. Later the same day he will speak at a youth rally at 7 p.m. on "The Mystery of the Man in the Linen Sheet."

On Monday evening at 7:45 p.m., Rev. Stuart will talk on "Love Me—Love My Dog."

Rev. Stuart will be at 12 noon with the Redford Baptist Church and at 1:30 p.m. with the Redford United Methodist Church.

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Area Deaths

MARIAN H. MOORE — Services for Mrs. Moore, 64, of Lakeland, Fla., were held in the Schaefer Funeral Home, 14000 W. 15th Ave., on Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m.

Born in England and came to this country in 1925. She was a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Shindler, Mrs. June Gifford and Mrs. Patricia Foster; one son, Mr. R. H. Moore; and 10 grandchildren.

MARY M. DAVIS — Services for Mrs. Davis, 88, of 18801 Van Dyke in Livonia, were held in the R.G. and G.H. Burns Funeral Home, 14000 W. 15th Ave., on Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m.

She is survived by one son, James Davis; one daughter, Mrs. Ann Thomas; one sister, Mrs. Edith Bayfield; one brother, Fred Davis; and four grandchildren.

HELEN J. KNOLL — Services for Mrs. Knoll, 58, of 15100 Meridian Rd. in Livonia, were held in the R.G. and G.H. Burns Funeral Home, 14000 W. 15th Ave., on Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m.

She is survived by one son, Charles; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Ursam; one brother, Charles Knoll; and one sister, Mrs. Florence Knoll; and two grandchildren.

FRANK J. FUMST — Services for Mr. Fumst, 35, of Brighton and formerly of Livonia, were held in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 14000 W. 15th Ave., on Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; two children, Lon and Michael; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fumst; four brothers, Harold, George, William, and Robert; and three sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Fields, Mrs. Clara Bevilacqua, and Mrs. Rita Carr.

Arrangements were by R.G. and G.H. Burns Funeral Home.

FRANK A. SMITH — Funeral services for Mr. Smith, 87, of 17201 Somers, Redford, were held in the R.G. and G.H. Burns Funeral Home, 14000 W. 15th Ave., on Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m.

He was a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Pyle.

Mr. Smith, who was born in Detroit, died March 25. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Frank Smith Jr.

and on the following evening he will speak on "The Solid Majority."

His final talk will be at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, on "Doing Your Own Thing—On a Cross."

The Service of "The Passion and candlelight communion will be at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 8.

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