

Farmington Church Breaks Ground Easter

Easter Sunday will be a memorable day for the 35-year-old University Hills Church, a community ministry in Farmington.

In addition to the traditional celebration of this important date in Christianity, Sunday will also mark the start of a new and unusual church building for the congregation.

Many community dignitaries will join Dr. J. Harold Ellens, pastor of University Hills Church, and his 40-family congregation, for the 10 a.m. groundbreaking.

PARTICIPATING in the ceremony will be Judge John Feikens of the U.S. District Court; Dr. Roderick Smith, Farmington superintendent of schools; Dr. Joseph E. Hill, president of Oakland Community College; and Dr. Kenneth Armstrong, president of John Wesley College.

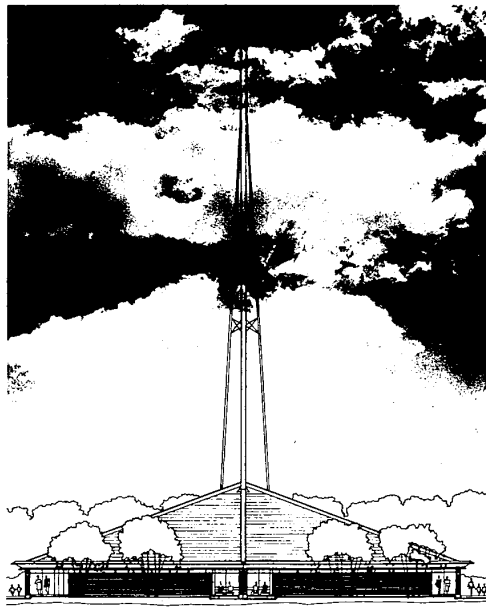
Others are James Manilla, provost of Orchard Ridge Campus, OCC; the Rev. Carl Kaitreider, a Lutheran pastor; the Rev. Stephen Becker, a Catholic priest; and Clifford Strasser, Quaker town councilman.

The new University Hills Church will be on a three-acre site overlooking the I-96 Freeway at Farmington Road, C.H. Haberkorn & Co., Orchard Lake general contractor which will construct the \$200,000 church, deeded the site this week, preparatory to Sunday's ceremonies.

Erection of the steel and masonry church was made possible through dedicated and energetic work by members. Financing was arranged by the sale of bonds.

CARL H. DROPPERS, AIA, Cleveland architect and author of a book titled "Christ and Architecture," was commissioned to design the church.

The new church is an equilateral triangle 120 feet



EASTER GROUND-BREAKING — This is an artist's sketch of the new University Hills Church to be erected in Farmington at Farmington Road and the I-96 Freeway. Work will begin after ground is broken Sunday, April 11.

along each side and rising 40 feet high.

It will provide central seating for 320, flanked by Sunday school classrooms for 160 children. Choir and office space will be included in the new building.

A 125-foot, weathering-steel tower topped by a cross will be placed on the building, pinpointing its location for miles around.

Erection of the tower will be a highlight of the six-month construction schedule. C.H.

Haberkorn III, president of the contracting firm, said the tower will be lifted into place about June 15.

The new church, including a parking area for 70 cars, is scheduled for completion in mid-October.



THE REV. THEODORE HESHBURGH, CSC

MRS. JOAN GANZ COONEY

Originator Of TV Series Gets Award

Mrs. Joan Ganz Cooney, president of the Children's Television Workshop which produces "Sesame Street," will be presented to each of the recipients on a red, white and blue neck scarf.

The President's Cabinet consists of alumni and friends who have a vital interest in the future of the university.

Top Pledge

Sue Carvell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Carvell of Farmington and sophomore at Western Michigan University, has been voted pledge mistress and outstanding pledge for Kappa Phi, Methodist sorority on the WMU campus.

It was Mrs. Cooney who began a study of potential uses of TV for preschool education. Her findings led to the proposal for an experimental TV series and "Sesame Street" was the result.

The 10-carat gold President's Cabinet medals

AREA DEATHS

OTTO REAMER—Services for Mr. Reamer, 65, of 1330 Junction, Plymouth, who died suddenly April 4, were held in the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Henry J. Wach officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Born in neighboring Canton Township, Mr. Reamer formerly worked for the Oakway Manufacturing Co. and then the Burroughs Corp. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and of Plymouth Rock Lodge F. & A. M. 4.

Survivors include his wife, Marie, a daughter, Mrs. Elmer (Shirley Mae) Bandow, of Plymouth; a brother, Harry Reamer, of Fresno, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Emma Schaefer, of Plymouth; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

WILLIAM D. HAYS, funeral services for Mr. Hays, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hays of 17130 Floral, Livonia, were held in the Thayer Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Bruce Quinn of the Brighton-Madison in Detroit.

Mr. Hays, who died in Sinai Hospital on March 24 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident the same day, was a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School.

Survivors include: parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hays, brothers, Michael and Brent; sisters, Melinda and Deborah; grandparents, Mrs. Mame Hays of Plymouth and Carl Paul of North Carolina; and a sister, Mrs. H. Fairlie of North Carolina.

GERALD RICHARD HARTNESS — Funeral services for Mr. Hartness, 31, of 20556 Dayland, Redford, were held in Charles H. Stephens Funeral Home with burial in the last four hours of the day.

Mr. Hartness, an electrician for the Detroit Diesel Corp., had lived in Redford for the last four years.

Survivors include: wife, Mary Anne,

Sale Aids 3 Causes

The Women's Association of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, will sponsor a rummage and bake sale on Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24.

Proceeds will be shared with Boy Scout Troop 688, a troop of retarded boys at Cooper School Annex, the Community Commission on Drug Abuse and the FISH for Livonians volunteer group.

Hours for the sale will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Women's association members will be at the church Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to receive donated items.

Mrs. Thomas Patterson and Mrs. Fred Davis are co-chairmen for the project.

Even as screaming patients were still being dragged from the rubble of a collapsed Veterans hospital in San Fernando, the Rev. Donald Abernathy of Stone Mountain, Ga., was capitalizing on this disastrous earthquake, by announcing: "Los Angeles has exalted itself as the City of the Angels — and it's going to be brought down to its grave!"

The Rev. Mr. Abernathy attracted similar national attention in 1968 when his announced "vision" of the complete destruction of Los Angeles was taken so seriously by his flock in the Bible Apostolic Church of Bel Gardens, that they heeded his orders to sell everything and move as a group to Georgia.

MOST Californians will feel well rid of this voice-of-doom with his insufferable assurance that for no apparent reason, he has been placed in the Almighty's personal early warning system.

For even the late Father Divine (who publicly admitted that he was God) could be at least appropriate in such pronouncements. Just after this incredible, but affable and round black cult leader was sentenced to a ten-day jail term, the elderly judge who handed down the sentence sustained a heart attack and passed quickly and peacefully to his reward.

When the press descended en masse upon Father Divine in his cell and asked for a comment, Father frowned and replied in somber tones: "I had to do it!"

NATURAL disasters have always provided a goldmine for some religionists, although the Jehovah's Witnesses, who virtually drool over their eager expectations of the impending end of this world, have grown wiser through the years.

This sect's founder, Charles Taze Russell, assured his followers that the Second Coming of Christ was scheduled for 1874, with the precise date being successively advanced to 1914; then to 1918 and later to 1925.

These dates were later explained as having been "invisible Second Comings." The Witnesses have now learned the folly of being specific in this regard and have yielded to such tantalizing pronouncements as "The End is near!" or "At any time!"

ALMOST invariably when there are a handful of survivors of a plane crash or a mining disaster, one or more of them will proudly affirm that "God was with me!"

This, while the families of those who died are so dazed with shock and grief that they cannot cry out against such presumptuousness — and the idea that God was not with their loved ones who perished.

The concept of God as either a puppetmaster or the great celestial banker instead of a Father was denounced by the Book of Job as well as by Jesus Christ when he emphatically denied that a group of Galileans, who had

been slaughtered by Pontius Pilate, were thereby suffering for their sins.

Moreover, the hoary practice of ascribing every natural disaster to God appears to be undergoing progressive abandonment in the civil courts due to, among other reasons, a number of amusing litigations.

In Florida, for instance, when a court held that one plaintiff's injury was due to an "Act of God," he promptly filed suit against 23 churches and one synagogue, charging that they are "God's Agents." And in Oakland, California, a secretary filed suit against God, charging that "careless control of the weather" had damaged her house when it was hit by lightning.

ONE OF the most decisive responses to this kind of litigology, however, came from a legendary city editor. A young reporter telegraphed the following on-the-scene report of the Johnstown Flood:

3 Services For Aldersgate

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1000 Beech Daly, Redford Township, will have three services instead of the regular two on Easter Sunday.

The hours will be 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., with the four choirs, under the direction of Minister of Music Ruth Had-



REV. KINSOLVING

"God came out of the mountains today and set His ravages upon the City of Johnstown, Pa. As if from a huge pit, 20 million tons of water..."

At this point, the city editor immediately wired the young reporter a response which has become a journalistic classic:

"Forget the flood — get me an interview with God."

UNITED METHODIST		EVANGELICAL COVENANT		PRESBYTERIAN	
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Garden City 6443 Meridian Road Garden City, Mich. Minister: Rev. Glenn Kellogg SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m. Infants through 5th grade 11-11:30 Adults through 5th grade 11:30-12:00 High and Jr. High MORNING WORSHIP 10 a.m. only	NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 15000 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia Rev. Wayne R. Rye Minister: Rev. Rev. Thomas 422-0149 422-1271 Worship Service and Church School 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.	ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 10000 Beech Daly Road Between Plymouth and SUNRISE SERVICE 8 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Church School 9:30 a.m. Bible study for all services	EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH 24331 W. Eight Mile Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Livonia Farmington Road and Six Mile Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	ST. MARK'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 28701 Joy Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Plymouth 680 Church Street Plymouth Rev. M. J. C. 5025 Rev. M. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 30960 Six Mile Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3865 Five Mile Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 27475 Five Mile Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 16700 Newburgh Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Hubbard at West Chicago Garfield 2-0494 Worship 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Church School 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Richard C. Dunkelberger, Pastor Arthur Baunier, Jr. Associate Pastor William T. Lovick, Associate Pastor
KENWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST 20200 Meridian Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 43065 JOY ROAD Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH of Livonia 3441 Five Mile Road Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH 28237 W. Warren Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.
FARMINGTON CHURCH 33000 Freedom Rd. Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	GARDEN CITY CHURCH 1627 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	PLYMOUTH CHURCH 9300 Sheldon Rd. Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	NORTH FARMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.	LIVONIA BAPTIST CHURCH Livonia Rev. J. J. C. 5025 Rev. J. J. C. 5025 SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 7 p.m.

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United Presbyterian Church
36600 Cherry Hill
Livonia
Worship and Church School
10 a.m.
EASTER SUNDAY
Services
7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Lion M. Sullivan, Pastor
728-1088

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
of Detroit
EASTER SUNDAY
11 a.m. Worship Service
"Here and Now"
Special Baptismal Service
and Handfasting
at Handfasting Rd.
near 8 Mile
Dr. R. Merrill Jones, Pastor

Church Guild To Hold Party
The Women's Guild of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church will hold a spring card party on Tuesday, April 13, at 8:15 p.m., in the church hall, Evergreen near Ford Road, Detroit.
Donation is \$1.50. For reservations call Mrs. Helen Maruszewski, 6832 Faust, Detroit.