

Fatima To Visit St. Fabian

The famed statue of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima that is owned by Rev. Patrick Peyton will be brought to St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington for special services Tuesday, May 4.

The statue also will be in the Blessed Sacrament Monastery, 2675 Farmington Road, Farmington, for mass and rosary Monday, May 3. The schedule in St. Fabian, located at 32170 12 Mile, includes mass at 6:30 a.m., mass for school children at 10:30 a.m. and May crowning and recitation of the rosary and hymns at 12:15 p.m. Departure will be at 3 p.m.

The statue was presented in 1955 to Father Peyton, head of the church's Family Prayer Crusade, by the Bishop of Fatima.

St. Matthew's Plans Supper

The Worship Commission of St. Matthew United Methodist Church is sponsoring a pancake supper Wednesday, May 5, at the church, 3090 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Proceeds will go toward purchase of an organ for the sanctuary. Pancakes will be served from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m., and tickets may be purchased at the door. Donations will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12.



PARTICIPATING in Youth Week at the Livonia Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

Day Saints, were Bert Young (left), Daryl Mann, Bill Belcher and Rita Young. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe.)

Livonia Ward Has Youth Week

Youth took over for a week in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Merriman and Six Mile in Livonia.

The young people of the Livonia Ward were in positions of responsibility in the church from April 18 to 25, climaxing their program by conducting the church's weekly sacrament meeting on the final Sunday.

In the Mormon church, each ward consists of 500 to 1,000 members, headed by a bishop and two counselors who run the organization by enlisting help from nearly every member in some capacity.

THERE IS a priesthood organization for all male members under 12, and a relief society organization for women and girls over 12.

The church organization also includes mutual improvement associations for young men and women between the ages of 12 and 21 and a primary organization for children four to 12.

It was these groups that took charge of the Youth Week activities, with Stan Grist as first counselor and Bill Belcher as second counselor.

Belcher also took over for the week as teacher of the young people 16 to 19 and meets each weekday morning from 6 to 8:45 a.m.

OTHER YOUTH starts taking part in the youth week program April 25 were Dan Kimbler, Dave Donocuse and Bob Every, who had served as Sunday school superintendent; Daryl Mann, Judy Belcher and Marsha Snow, relief society officers; Rita Young, Dana Harrison and Mary Kay Tanner, of the primary organization; Bruce Hildreth, Tom Viland and Jim Ryan of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association; and Dawnie Warren and Jan Emids of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association.

ECUMENICAL REELECTIONS

By THE REV. PAUL S. THOMPSON
First Baptist Church of Plymouth

In response to the article of March 27 issue by my respected colleague Dr. Henry Walch, I would like to offer some observations and comment. I do agree that part of the Church is doomed because for some reason a slow death has taken place.

The Church should not be simply an organization, but should be a living organism with the power of God at work in the lives of people.

It is dangerous to make a generalization that "all churches and all denominations are dwindling" because that is not the case.

Baptists, Pentecostals, and other Evangelical Denominations have had a steady increase for the past few years. Our own church has more than doubled in the past three years.

The Free Methodist Church on Five Mile has had a steady increase and Calvary Baptist Church has increased about 15 per cent and mission giving has increased 20 per cent, to mention a few in Plymouth.

So, whereas some churches in our community might be experiencing a decrease, there are many others that are growing in a healthy way.

DR. WALCH seemed to indicate in the article the activity of the church centered around social events and the collecting of pledges.

If the church becomes a social organization under the disguise of Jesus' teachings and does not communicate the heart of the Gospel - "The Good News" of Christ whereby they can be transformed by the power of God's love, then that church cannot help but die.

It is like a man who has lost his own heart. I think Dr. Walch put his finger right on the problem when he said, "We have become more liberal." I believe that is why the Church per se is failing and losing its voice in society.

PEOPLE ARE STILL searching for an answer. They are still searching for peace; they are still searching for meaning in life.

Jesus Christ said, "I am come that you might have life and might have it abundantly," that is a rich and meaningful life. He also said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

The Bible says that Christ is not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance.

I believe if a church would begin to preach the simple

truth of the Bible in the power of God it will not have to worry about dwindling congregations and slumping budgets.

Christianity, according to the Bible, is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is not a faith or a theology or a doctrine or a set of rules. It is a dynamic, personal experience with God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

THE BIBLE says that God put into effect a different plan to save us; He sent His Son to die in our place.

The Bible also says that if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation.

I believe the problem that exists in many churches today is that we have taken that dynamic truth and have watered it down to become a mere intellectual assent but our lives have not been changed by the power of God.

The word believe is not a matter of the mind, it is a matter of the heart. God's truth, being universal, can change and transform man just as much today as it did 2000 years ago. If that transforming power of Christ is not preached and experienced in the lives of people within any church that church is doomed.

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's

Religion Update

The Rev. Carl McIntire has become known in some quarters as "Cannonball Carl" due to his incessant demands for "total victory in Vietnam."

The far-right, ultra-fundamentalist pastor - founder of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, N.J. has attracted several reservoirs of printers ink and a small steady stream of media time in the press coverage of his assorted exploits.

He is at least colorful and undaunted - and thus rarely out of the headlines. Within three weeks of South Vietnam Vice President Ky's 11th birthday withdrawal from one of his "Victory in Vietnam" rallies, McIntire had pulled one of the most incredible coups in 20th century ecclesiastical history.

HE WAITED until there was a recess in the Pasadena convention of the American Council of Christian Churches (which he had founded - but from whose power structure he was recently ousted), then he and a few followers moved in. He grabbed the microphone and the elected him president. And despite several shouting matches, McIntire was elected.

"Piracy," the wily McIntire has been able to tie up \$40,000 of the council's assets. One month later, McIntire announced an infinitely more spectacular acquisition - the purchase of the Cape Kennedy Hilton, the adjoining convention hall and the nearby building. Estimated price: \$25 million.

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Just how he acquired the financial wherewithal for this substantial deal remains an intriguing mystery. Yet McIntire had somehow been able to buy a considerable segment of Cape May, N.J., where state officials recently cracked down on his Shelton College.

Perhaps with this land as collateral, he is moving to Florida where he may regard state educational authorities as more charitable about such incidents as the Shelton academic dean who was recently exposed as having bogus credentials.

IN CALIFORNIA, however, another clergy land baron who, by comparison, puts McIntire into the minor leagues. The Rev. William Rust, a Methodist, is president of San Diego's United States International University (USIU), which is a recent - and spectacular - expansion of the former California Western University.

This private (and tax free) Methodist-affiliated corporation owns eight campuses: five in the U.S., plus Mexico, England and Kenya. Just exactly how much of his land has been given outright, or with no competitive bidding by the U.S. Government to USIU (last week 1970: \$11.7 million) has been of special concern to Sen. Mark Hatfield (R., Ore.). For in both Wyoming and Oregon, USIU has been able to pick up former U.S. Air Force bases.

Salem, Ore. reporter Bud Morrison has reported a 1968 resolution of the USIU trustees, which gives to President Rust the power to buy and sell stocks, bonds and

securities for the university, and: "If he deems proper, to secure payments therefore with the property of this corporation, and 'at his discretion to cause certificates of stocks, bonds and other securities, held in said account, to be transferred to the name of any officer hereinafter named.'"

Morrison also quotes Salem attorney Richard Lee as noting: "It is wide open. Any of these officers could end up with the stock or money in his name."

LOS ANGELES' famed Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy told this writer that his jurisdiction's forthcoming conference in June will entertain a resolution that the Methodist Church serve all ties with USIU. Moreover, he confirmed reports that CPA Paul Lee, after investigating USIU for the church, reported that the Rust administration "was not supplying understandable financial reports."

In San Diego, President Rust was not available for comment. But Jack Reynolds, USIU director of public relations, commented angrily:

"We have asked the Department of Justice to come in - We are tired of slurs and innuendos from a small group!"

Since he abhors innuendo, would he name any member of this "small group?" Reynolds: "No comment."

But he then added: "Have you talked to any Methodists besides Bishop Kennedy?"

As a matter of fact, yes - but what other Methodists did he have in mind? Reynolds: "No comment."

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EVANGELICAL COVENANT
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24331 W. Eight Mile Road
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The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor
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1430 Redford
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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

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Worship 10 a.m.
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34563 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Pastor: William D. Wolfe
Family Worship 10 a.m.
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Sunday School:
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Bonhoeffer Subject Of Series

The life and teachings of German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer form the basis for a series of four Monday evening sessions in the Mercy Center Novate, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington.

Dr. Theodore Gill, author of the book, "Memo for a Movie: A Short Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer" will lead discussion for the four evenings, beginning May 3. The Rev. R.W. Fournier's adult education at Mercer is sponsor of the series. All meetings will be from 8 to 10 p.m.

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