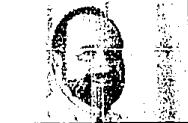


# Faith helps combat cynicism

**D**on't become cynical! Let me say that again, don't become cynical! When we become cynical it is as if our soul is being eaten away. If the saying holds true, that where there is life there is hope, than the opposite also holds true, that where there is no hope there is no life. Cynicism leads us into hopeless despair. So once again I say, don't become cynical.

I am not being naive when I tell you not to become cynical. I know that there is a great deal going on nowadays which calls for our cynicism. All one has to do is look to our political institutions to find more than enough fuel to feed the smoldering smudge pots of cynicism. If you were not already totally disgusted with the political process, the events of the last few weeks may

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have caused you to become so disgusted that you are simply tempted to turn your back on the whole thing. Are you more disappointed and upset by our president's bad behavior, or by our Congress, which instead of acting prudently and judiciously

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seems intent on turning the whole matter into a political football?

There is more than enough justification for cynicism, but there is never any good reason for cynicism. Cynicism de-energizes. Cynicism stagnates. Cynicism makes us prisoners of negativity and despair. Even when we feel justified in our cynicism, it serves no good purpose.

People of faith will rise above cynicism and look for ways to be constructive, as we return good for evil. People of faith will work to find ways to become a positive influence in our world, because that is the only helpful thing to do. People of faith will remain hopeful, knowing that hope is inspirational, while cynicism is only self-defeating.

As people of faith, we will first pray for all of our leaders that they may resist temptation and commit themselves to the high road. As people of faith, we will strive to be absolutely truthful in all of our relationships with our family, our friends, our coworkers, our boss, our employees, our customers and clients, and even with the IRS. When we all exemplify such truthfulness in our lives, it will become the norm that sets the standard for public leadership as well. As people of faith, we will place self-sacrifice above self service. In so doing, we will establish a standard for servant-based leadership in our land.

Instead of being cynical about what is happening in our country, may we use this difficult time as a time for learning and as a time for self examination, so that together we may spiritually grow as people of integrity and hope.

The Rev. Allan Eickelmann is the senior minister of the Congregational Church of Birmingham.

## BELIEFS & Values

### Something for everyone



Lots of goodies: Dolly Matoian (from left), Hermelene Kahayian and Virginia Melkonian prepare Armenian fare for this weekend's bazaar.

## Armenian Church holds bazaar

St. John's Armenian Church in Southfield will hold its annual bazaar with "Something for Everyone" from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11.

Lively Armenian music and ethnic foods, exotic pastries and a fine arts exhibition are the prime attractions. Additionally, a Kid's Klub, old fashioned country store, Giftarama, 50-50

raffle and much more will be featured. There is no admission fee.

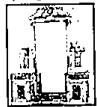
The "Church with the Golden Dome" is at 22001 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. The church is between 9 and 10 Mile for drivers coming off the Southfield Freeway, and between 9 and 10 Mile off of the Lodge Freeway.

The church telephone number is (248)569-3405.

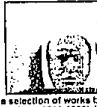
## Frank H. Boos Gallery

**AUCTION:** featuring property from the ex-collection of Daniel Rhodes, internationally esteemed painter, sculptor, teacher and author of many books on ceramics; brass bank wall desks from the State Savings Bank, Detroit, MI, designed by Sanford White, art glass, including Gallo, a Stouken desk and the Liqueur vase "Antinea"; a large selection of Orientalia, including furniture, rugs, swords, screens, graphics, ceramics and objects d'art; a papier-mache desk and chair, ceramic and bronze sculptures; turn-of-the-century nickelodeon and a Shulz-Marko symphonion; an Arts and Crafts ceiling fixture; clocks; an Aubusson tapestry; African and American Indian artifacts; decoys; military; an Art Deco dining room suite and a fabulous Century Company heavy carved Georgian style assembled dining room suite; American, leather office furniture; a model of the tubtop "Freedom"; scientific instruments; a French wax child mannequin head; jewelry; a 19th century Renaissance Revival dressing table; porcelain; silver; including works by Montagu Dawson, Dimitri Borek, Michael Keane, Francis Cotes, Gunnar Widfors, Robert Parker, Frederick Waugh, David Barr, Italo Scanga, the Roux Family and many more; graphics by R. Lindner, P. Max, A. Vargas, O. Buerner, J. Friedlander and many more.

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Friday, October 16 - Noon - 8 p.m.  
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Thursday, October 22 - 6 p.m.



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## Children's Directory 1998

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

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### NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Rev. Marilyn L. Manning was installed as associate pastor at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills during a Sunday, Sept. 20 service.

The Rev. Manning is the third associate pastor to help in the ministry and mission of the growing church.

### NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

Glenn Miller has been appointed new director of music and organist at Kirk in the Hills. The fall music season at the church will include a program at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, in which Gerre Hancock, organist, St. Thomas Church, New York City, will play works by Franck, Brahms, J.S. Bach, Sowerby and an improvisation. The church is at 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

### AGLOW

Farmington Aglow International will hold a special evening with Phyllis Hyslop at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the Farmington Hills Library. Hyslop is

the South East Michigan Area Board President for Aglow International. She is a singer with the organization's state, national and international Aglow praise teams, and ministers to hurting women in all walks of life. Refreshments will be served.

### MANRESA SPEAKERS FORUM

The Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 1998-1999 Manresa Speakers Forum features "Jewish Life Today" from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, with speaker Rabbi Amy Bradsy from Temple Kol Ami, West Bloomfield. Participants will learn about the beliefs, traditions and religious practices in contemporary Judaism.

The Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is at the northwest corner of Woodward and Quarter roads in Bloomfield Hills. Admission to the program is \$5. For further information call (248)644-4933, or (313)661-6455.

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