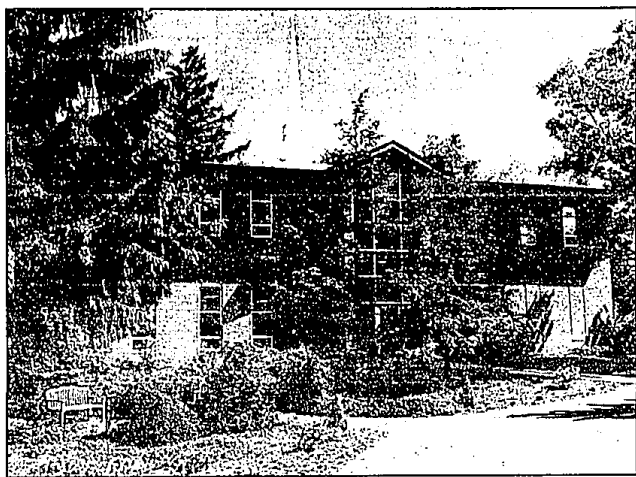


## SPREADING THE WORD



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Since 1954: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington was organized 46 years ago and presently serves 286 families.

## First Presbyterian offers many programs

The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington was organized in 1954. It is located at 26165 Farmington Road on the northwest corner of 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

There are 286 families in the congregation. The Rev. Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose is pastor; the Rev. David Noble is associate pastor. Special programs offered include Logos, from October to April for children in kinder-

garten to high school; JOY program for adults; adult bible studies; Tuesday morning and Tuesday evening groups; Men's group; Thursday morning group; 8 women's circles that meet at various times throughout the week; youth groups that meet weekly and participate in a mission trip each year; Stephen ministry; two adult vocal choirs; a children's choir; brass choir; and a hand bell choir. The

church is strong in its belief of community and world outreach.

A Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop and a Girl Scout troop meet in the church. It also supports Farmington Presbyterian Nursery School.

Worship services are at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. with an education hour at 10 a.m. Nursery care is provided for all services. Summer worship services start on June 18 with one service at 9:30 a.m.

Vacation church school runs June 19-23 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The church welcomes all members of the community to worship and participate in all activities.

Call Helen Thomas at 626-5244 for more information.

## COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL

A Bible Study group will meet Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "The Incomparable Jesus" at Community Congregational Church, 27800 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village. The study outline is prepared by the Willow Creek Church in Chicago. The study group is open to the public, with no previous background required. For further information contact the Church office (248) 557-0044.

## ST. ANASTASIA

St. Anastasia Singles Group will host a discussion on "Spirituality and the Single Life," with speaker Father Ken Kauchek, at St. Anastasia Parish Social Hall, 4571 John R., between Washtenaw and Long Lake roads in Troy, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 2. Kauchek is pastor of St. Anastasia, vicar of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy Vicariate and member of the Marriage Tribunal, Archdiocese of Detroit.

For information, call Mary at (248) 853-7672.

## ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal Church, 355 West Maple, Birmingham, holds *A Festive Spring Concert* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4, featuring the choirs of St. James Church. The evening of choral and handbell music includes a jazz-rock gospel mass. An ice cream social follows.

For more information, call (248) 644-0820.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP — HOLY NAME

Holy Name Church continues *Theology on Tap* with a four-week June series, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at Dick O'Dowd Irish Public House in downtown Birmingham.

Monsignor Zenz and the Rev. Chip Farrar return as hosts, and are joined by the Rev. Tim Laboe of St. Vincent Parish in Pontiac. The theme is "Both/And," exploring how the Catholic faith invites one to be as inclusive as possible instead of separating in

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terms of either/or.

On June 6, when the topic is "Saints and Sinners," Zenz reflects on how everyone is imperfect and yet deeply loved by the Lord. He discusses why the Pope has challenged Catholics to a year of Reparation for faults and failings of the past.

He will also be willing to address whether Judas, Hitler, or Stalin could be in heaven.

No registration required. The program is free and open to the public.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP — ST. ANASTASIA

St. Anastasia Parish, Troy, offers a spring session of *Theology on Tap*, 7 p.m. Wednesdays through June 28, for young adults in their 20s and 30s, married or single. The sessions will be at Marinelli's Restaurant, 18 Mile and Rochester roads in Troy.

The discussions on faith issues will be presented by the Rev. Ken Kauchek, pastor of St. Anastasia.

Upcoming topics: June 7: "For Better or Worse — Understanding the Second Vatican Council"; June 14 — "One Community — Many Religions"; June 21, Open Forum Night; June 28 — To be announced.

For any further information, call (248) 669-8380.

## EILU V EILU

Eilu v Eilu, the adult Jewish learning project of the Michigan Conservative movement, offers ongoing programs. For more information on Eilu v Eilu, call (248) 737-1931 or e-mail eilulearn@aol.com. Website: <http://www.cbahm.org/eilu.htm>.

"Swimming in the Sea of Talmud" is at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, June 8. It is a monthly lunch and learn series with Rabbi Lee Buckman, head of the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit at La Difference Restaurant in West Bloomfield. \$15. Advance reservations required.

## INSTITUTE OF DIVINE METAPHYSICAL RESEARCH

The Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research, a non-profit religious and scientific research organization, holds free public lectures 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays, and 8-10 p.m. Thursdays, at John Grace Community Center, first floor, 21030 Indian Street, off West Eight Mile, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Southfield.

There are over 160 branches of the IDMR throughout the world. The web site is [www.idmr.net](http://www.idmr.net). For more information, call (248) 365-9464.

## BETHANY

Bethany, a Catholic non-profit organization, provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced and separated Christians through peer-to-peer ministry.

Bethany Rochester meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the lower level of St. Andrew Parish Center, 1234 Inglewood, Rochester. Contact Steve at (248) 623-1364. St. Andrew's is in the Oakland County Pontiac Vicariate.

Upcoming South Oakland meets the fourth Thursday of each month at St. Dennis Church Office, 12 Mile and Stephenson Highway, Royal Oak, at 7:30 p.m. Contact Betty Jean (248) 524-9274. St. Dennis is in the Southeast Oakland Vicariate. Bethany has no formal membership or yearly fees.

## UNITARIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

Program for June 4: Rev. Bob Renjilian presents "Summer Reading," which books are you planning to bring to the beach or up to the cabin? This service will give suggestions, including the work of a few Unitarian Universalist authors, and a movie title or two. Services and Sunday School at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River) Info: 248-478-7272 or [www.wwnet.com/~uucf](http://www.wwnet.com/~uucf)

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