

NARDIN PARK

Nardin Park Methodist Church offers its Summer Music Series, "Wednesdays at Eight," for the ninth year.

The programs are free and held in the air conditioned sanctuary of the church, 29387 West Eleven Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills. Each concert begins at 8 p.m. and lasts about one hour. The philosophy behind the series is to welcome the community into the church for a relaxed evening of musical entertainment.

On July 5, Steven Kosinski, baritone, and Susan Nienhuis, pianist, will perform a program featuring a variety of Broadway show tunes, from the familiar to the obscure.

EILU V EILU

Eilu v Eilu, the adult Jewish learning project of the Michigan Conservative movement, offers a variety of day and evening adult Jewish learning opportunities.

A Roah Hodesh Women's Learning Mitzvah for women and girls is at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 9, in the library of the Applebaum Parenting Center at Congregation Shaarey Zedek B'nai Israel Center, 4200 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Welcome the new month of Tamuz with prayer and study led by women from Conservative synagogues throughout metro Detroit.

"The Experience of Exile," an eight-week program beginning July 10 with community educator Michael Weiss, is 8-9 p.m. Mondays at Congregation B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road,

West Bloomfield; and noon to 1 p.m. at the Mitzvah M. Fisher Building, 6735 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. \$60 per series or \$7 per session.

For more information on programs, call (248)593-3490, email ehilv@comcast.net, or visit the Eilu v Eilu web site, <http://www.ehilv.com>.

KIRK IN THE HILLS

Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills holds a Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to noon July 10-13. The theme is "Road Rally 2000 — In the Race with Jesus."

Registration forms are avail-

BELIEFS Values

Road, just west of Telegraph. All forms with \$5 payment per family must be received by June 30. Materials provided include an information packet, cassette tape of songs and a VBS Logo T-shirt.

For more information, call the church at (248)628-2515.

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL

The Bible Study Group continues to meet Thursday evenings 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 at (248) 657-0044.

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST

Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads, is holding SonZone Discovery Center Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21. The closing program is at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 23, and is a musical event that's fun for the whole family.

Advance registration is

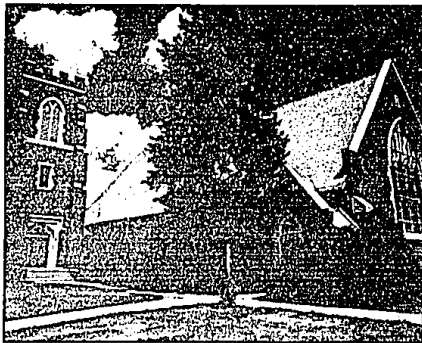
required, and ends July 7. \$12 per child, with a family maximum of \$24. For information and registration call (248)628-3620.

BETHANY

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

Bethany 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 requirements or yearly fees.

SPREADING THE WORD



Built in '22: First United Methodist Church in Farmington.

First United has long history in Farmington

The First United Methodist Church of Farmington, the oldest continuing Methodist congregation in Michigan, played an important role not only in the early spiritual life of local citizens but in the community as well.

Established in 1829, the congregation met in homes and built its first structure on the corner of Shawwassee and Warner streets in 1844. The first preachers were circuit riders in the early tradition of Methodism. The church was destroyed by fire in 1920. In 1922, the current building at Warner and Grand River was completed.

"The church building played a large role in community life during the 1920s, 30s, and 40s," said Pastor Wayne Large, who has led the congregation since June 1995. "Back then it was the largest building in town and the hub of civic life. It held gradu-

tion exercises, basketball games, school board meetings. Movies were shown every Saturday night."

The church has sponsored Boy Scout Troop 46 since 1930. Over the years, the troop has produced 39 Eagle Scouts. There are also three Cub Scout dens, which meet at the church. The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop held its monthly board meetings at the church until the shop moved out of downtown Farmington last year.

Community service

Continuing its tradition of community service, First United hosted the Good Friday community service this year involving eight other churches, as well as the Interfaith Thanksgiving eve service. Pastor Large was president of the Farmington Area Interfaith Association in 1998-99. The church also hosts the

Farmington area CROP Walk for Hunger annually.

First United Methodist Church counts 343 families, or 547 members. Summer services are at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. From just after Labor Day until mid-June, Sunday services are at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. The Rev. Sandra Willoboe is associate pastor; Carolyn Wik heads Christian education; and Jan Wassilak is the choir director. Longtime organist Joan Haggard retired last Sunday. Two part-timers will fill in until a replacement is found. A parish visitor, office administrator and secretary round out the staff.

Farmington First is a Christ-centered sanctuary actively committed to love one another, teach Christ, enjoy worship, heal the hurting, nurture families, serve where called and welcome all.

Pastor Large came to First United from 14 years of campus

ministry with the Wesley Foundation in Ann Arbor. He has spent 33 years in the ministry.

An addition to the sanctuary was added in 1958 and houses the education unit. A major renovation/building project is just getting off the ground. The \$1.2 million project will include barrier-free entrances and washrooms, an elevator to serve three levels, additional class and meeting rooms, and improved and larger youth activity areas. Facility improvements include insulated roofing, central air conditioning, electrical upgrades, enhanced sanctuary lighting and added storage space.

"We are meeting with the architect this week. We hope to have bids out by mid July and project completion a year from September," said Large.

For more information, call the church at 474-6573.

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