

## NORTH CONGREGATIONAL

North Congregational Church in partnership with Botsford Hospital presents a series of programs on health issues free of charge. North is at 36520 W. Twelve Mile, between Drake and Halsted on the north side. Refreshments will be served following each session and there will be a question and answer period. Call 848-1750.

March 18, 7-8 p.m. Women's Health Issues and Empowerment. Dr. Marsha Billes will speak on what women can do in each decade of life to keep healthy and understand options regarding testing, screenings, medications (particularly hormone replacement), nutrition and exercise.

■ Sunday, April 29, 7-8 p.m. What to Do in an Emergency When to go to the emergency room; when to do more than worry about symptoms; what options exist for crisis treatment? Dr. Mark Cynar and an emergency room physician, will help sort out signs and clues.

For more information, or to register, call North Congregational Church at 848-1750.

## FARMINGTON UNITARIAN

"The Facts About God -- Is This a Trick Question?" Sunday, March 4, Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. The power of religious language need not be left to fundamentalists or depend on facts. Guest speaker Hollis Huston will discuss uses of religious language for religious liberals. Services, Sunday school, and nursery at 9 and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted Rd. (north of Grand River). Information: 248-478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

On March 7, Farmington Musicals will present March Winds Blow, a concert at St. John's Lutheran Church, 23255 Gill Road, in Farmington Hills. The program will feature Lauren Erickson, flutist, accompanied by Noriko Ernst, pianist. Two scholarship winners will also perform: Bill Baxterser, trumpet (accompanied by Mary Behnan, pianist) and Tom Kociole, trombone (accompanied by Bev Notestine, pianist). Sharon Cardaccia, vocals, (accompanied by Bev Notestine, pianist and Terry Jenkins, clarinetist). Program begins at 1 p.m. Free admission.

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## ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

On Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m., the Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies and Adat Shalom synagogue will sponsor the annual model Passover seder. Members and guests of the Institute are invited to share a Passover seder with members of Adat Shalom located on Middlebelt north of Thirteen Mile in Farmington Hills. In addition to the tradition seder meal, guests will participate in readings, music, retelling of the story of Exodus, and have opportunities for conversation with Adat Shalom hosts. Individuals and families are welcome; this event is especially significant for church confirmation and study groups. There is a \$20 per person charge for the meal and educational materials. Reservations are necessary. For details, call Barbara Yuhas at the Ecumenical Institute: 248-657-4522.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Lenten dinners and Sunday adult education. The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington will celebrate the season of Lent with a potluck dinner at the church this Sunday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m. It is a time of fellowship and worship. We will be using "The Sermon on the Mount" as a basis for our worship. Families are welcome.

Three adult classes are offered each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. At this time they are:

Variety Tracks: "With God on Our Side: The Rise of the Religious Right in America." This study is based on a PBS documentary, chronicling the growth of evangelical politics since 1945. March 4 - April 29.

Bible Tracks: "Parables: Stories for Life in God's World." An in-depth exploration of the parables of Jesus, pointing out applications for our life of faith today. March 4 - May 6.

Tough Issues: "Social Debate and the Bible." A six-week exploration of

historical and contemporary church debates and the use of the Bible. Topics include what was slavery and race, women's roles in the church and society, anti-Semitism, marriage and divorce, and homosexuality. March 4 - April 8.

Visitors and guests are welcome. The church is located on the northwest corner of Eleven Mile and Farmington Roads. Call the church office at 474-8170 for further information.

## NARDIN PARK

LaRon Williams will entertain listeners of all ages at Nardin Park United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 4. All are invited to this free event. Williams mixes singing, acting, games and visual art into his tales. He uses traditional instruments such as the Djembe drum and Mbira from Africa, bones and the ancient jaw harp. With his voice, he might create thunder or the sound of water falling, while delivering traditional songs.

Nardin Park is at 29887 W. 11 Mile, just west of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more

information, call 476-8860.

## TEMPLE KOL AMI

Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield will host Catherine Greener of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, at the Social Action Shabbat on Friday, March 9. For the past 18 months, she has served as vice chair of the Michigan Inter-Faith Coalition for Creation, devoting her energies to the Global Warming Campaign. For more information, call Carole Rubinowitz, committee chair, through the Temple office at 661-0040.

## FARMINGTON AGLOW

Aglow International, a community lighthouse for women, welcomes Sherill Piscopo, conference speaker, radio teacher, television preacher and co-preacher with her husband, Jerry, at the six Evangelical Christian churches in metro Detroit. Monday, March 12, at Best Western Hotel, 31825 W. 12 Mile, at the corner of Orchard Lake. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Call Linda Boone at 476-1053. Upcoming: national day of prayer on Thursday, May 3, in Lansing.

## Nardin Park Hearts &amp; Voices concert will aid the homeless

The fifth annual Hearts and Voices for the Homeless concert will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Five years ago, Suzanne Aeton, chorus master for Michigan Opera Theatre, and singer Amy Malaney put their heads together to find a way to raise money for the homeless by planning a concert involving local singers and the Rackham Symphony Chorus.

The long term plan was to hold a concert in a different church every year and to try to have it move about metro Detroit in churches of different denominations to promote awareness of the homeless. The Doorstep

Shelter -- the largest shelter in the state housing over 300 women and children in Highland Park -- is beneficiary of concert donations.

Performers for the March 9 concert will include MOT veterans Jim Patterson of Farmington Hills, Elizabeth Parcells of Farmington Hills, and Amy Malaney of Farmington.

Musical selections will be from Man of La Mancha, Phantom of the Opera, Fanny Hill, La Boheme, Barber of Seville and other shows. Barbara Wiltsie, cantor at St. Fabian's church, will also be performing. There is a recommended donation of \$10 per person at the door. Everyone in the community is welcome.

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