

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 Congregation Church at 848-1750.

Program begins at 1 p.m. Free admission.

Nardin Park Hearts & 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 Acton, 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 Rockham Symphony Chorus.

The long term plan was to hold a concert in a different church every year 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 — houses 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, Steve Kosinski, also of Farmington Hills, and Amy Malaney of Farmington.

Musical selections will be from *Man of La Mancha*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Funny Girl*, *La Boheme*, *Barber of Seville* and other shows. Barbara Wiltzie, 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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ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

"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.uufarming-ton.org.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

On March 7, Farmington Musicale 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 Baxtresser, trumpet (accompanied by Mary Behnau, pianist) and Tom Kocielko, trombone (accompanied by Bev Notequine, pianist). Sharon Carduccia, vocals, (accompanied by Bev Notequine, pianist and Terry Jenkins, clarinetist). Program begins at 1 p.m. Free admission.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Lenton 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 Track: "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 Track: "Parables: Stories in God's World". An in-depth examination 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 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 Yuhns at the Ecumenical Institute: 248-557-4522.

historical and contemporary church debates and the use of the Bible. Topics included will be slavery and race, women's rights 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 474-6170 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 jay 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 Greene of the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life at the Social Action Shabbat on Friday, March 9. For the past 18 months, she had 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 Rabenowitz, committee chair, through the Temple office at 661-0040.

FARMINGTON AOLLOW

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 Evangel Christian churches in metro Detroit. Monday, March 12, at Best Western Hotel, 31525 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.

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