

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schaefer Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

UPCOMING

QUEST SPEAKER

The Rev. Dale Meyer, former speaker on The Lutheran Hour radio show and host of On Main Street television program, will speak at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14176 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, for a 25th anniversary celebration service on Sunday, Feb. 10. The service, held at 9:30 a.m., will replace the normal 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday worship schedule. (734) 522-8830.

AUTHOR SPEAKS

Randall Balmer, author of *Growing Pains: Learning to Love My Father's Faith*, will speak at a conference, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Advance registration is \$20, \$25 at the door. Cost includes lunch. Balmer will speak at 10 a.m. Conference topics focus on evangelism. (734) 425-2800.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers weekend experiences designed to help married couples improve communication and learn the value of intimacy, Feb. 16-17 and April 6-7 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. Registration fee is \$50. (248) 528-2512 or (610) 286-5524.

RELIGION CLASSES

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills will host ALPHA, a series of classes that offer a practical introduction to the Christian faith. Classes run 6:30-9

p.m. Thursdays Feb. 21 through May 2. Some of the topics to be discussed will be: Who is Jesus? Why did He die? Does God heal today? Dinner and child care will be provided. Call (248) 681-9191.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

Claremontville United Methodist Church is offering special Lenten programs for both adults and children. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, with a sacrificial breakfast and a short worship service at 10 a.m. and then on Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. Each Sunday during Lent at 6 p.m. a special guest speaker or group will lead the Gathering Service. Children ages four through 12 will also meet at 6 p.m. Sundays for God's Great Gallery. The church is located at 20300 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Call (248) 474-3444.

SPECIAL MASS

The annual mass for divorced and separated persons is scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 24, at St. John Center's Main Chapel, located on Five Mile, east of Shelden Road in Plymouth. Bethany, a support group for divorced and separated men and women, sponsors the mass. (248) 373-1286.

AUTHOR SPEAKS AT TYNDALE

William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills will host a simulcast of Enlarge My Territory 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. The simulcast will feature Bruce Wilkinson, author of *Prayer of Jabez* and Rich Warren, author of *Purpose Driven Church Ministry*. The cost is \$25 per person. Call Jenni Knowles at (800) 483-0707 ext. 529. The college is located at 36700 W. 12 Mile Road.

ANTIOCH PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will host a preschool open house 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18. The church is located at 33360 W. 13 Mile

Road. Registration for the 2002/2003 school year is open for children three, four and five years old. Contact Sharon Detter at (248) 628-7908 for more information.

ON-GOING

MEMBERS SOUGHT

Canton Christian Fellowship is a multi-ethnic church seeking individuals and families who are interested in helping a bible-based, evangelical Christian church grow and meet the needs of the Canton community. We currently have 11 families that make up our church and we can use more help! If you are interested in the adventures of a start up church in Canton, please call Pastor David Washington Jr. at (734) 414-0856. Canton Christian Fellowship has been in existence for a year. The church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention of Michigan.

SUPPORT FOR WIDOWS

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. (248) 348-0115.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEONS

The Plymouth Ministerial Association sponsors prayer and soup lunches every Wednesday through March 20. Prayer is scheduled for noon, followed by lunch at 1:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth. (734) 453-6464.

FUN AND FUND-RAISERS

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Black jack, roulette, craps, bov-

erages, and pizza 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 9, at Our Lady of Good Counsel social hall, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. Age 21 and older. (734) 455-8628 or (734) 453-5655.

MARDI GRAS

St. Sabina will celebrate Mardi Gras 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the church activities hall, located on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail between Telegraph and Beech Daily, Dearborn Heights. \$10 admission includes

beer, hot dogs, chips. (313) 561-1977.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COFFEEHOUSE

Murage Becker's eight-piece band plays world music at The Red Door Room of the First Unitarian Universalist Church, at Cass and Forest in the cultural center, Detroit. Sylvia Inwood and Fred Vitale also perform. Doors open at 8 p.m. The show starts at 10 p.m. Admission \$5. Mike Whitty, (248) 594-7596.

VALENTINE CARD PARTY

Play cards and games of your

choice. Includes light meal and snacks, table and door prizes. 8:30-10 p.m., Feb. 8, Saints Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Tickets \$7. Call (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds benefit the building fund.

AGLOW DINNER MEETING

AGLOW International, a community lighthouse for women, will hold a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the

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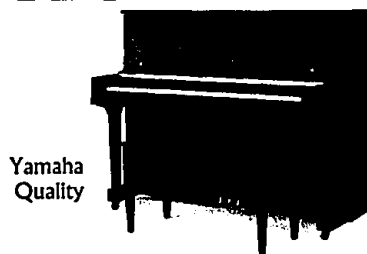
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