

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the Farmington Religion Calendar to Katie McManus, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, 48335. To fax, call (248) 477-9722.

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 meet 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, 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) 661-9191.

LENTEN PROGRAMS
First United Methodist Church in downtown Farmington holds a one-hour Lenten program at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 17. The theme this year is Putting the Pieces Together. Child care is available. On Palm Sunday, March 24 and Easter, March 31, the Chancel Choir will sing at the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES
In addition to regular worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. First Presbyterian Church of Farmington celebrates the Lenten Season with a potluck dinner and worship service at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday evening through March 17. The theme of the worship services is Life on the Edge of Faith. Visitors are welcome. The church is located on the Northwest corner of Eleven Mile and Farmington Roads. Call the church office at (248) 474-6170 for information.

ENGLISH LESSONS
Farmington Hills Baptist Church offers free lessons in English as a Second Language. For more information call (248)

851-0310.

WOMEN TO MONS SALE
North Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, just west of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, will hold a sale of used toys, baby equipment, furniture and clothing, from 9 a.m. noon, Saturday, March 9. Admission is \$1.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED RETREAT

A spiritual weekend retreat for men and women of all ages, titled "Sons and Daughters of God—Moving Forward," will be held March 22-24 at the St. John Center in Plymouth. Presenters include Fr. Ed Farrell and Bishop Kevin Britt. The cost of \$100-\$115 includes lodgings and five meals. Registration must be received by March 15. Divorced of all faiths are welcome. For more information, call George (313) 886-7413, Mike (248) 662-3800, Barb (734) 463-0222, or visit the website at: <http://www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org>

STRONGER WOMEN

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills hosts Stronger Women, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, through March 21. The program includes exercise, crafts, food, fun and fellowship. The Church is at 35416 West 14 Mile. Call (248) 661-9191.

OUR LADY HOLDING MISSION

Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road in Farmington will hold its parish mission, 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, March 10-14. The topics will include baptism, confirmation, reconciliation, the cross of Christ and Eucharist. Call the church for more information, (248) 474-6720.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRADLEY
Celebration: Four year old Mujtaba Hameed celebrates with a helium-filled balloon.

Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Adha at Tawheed

Muslims in Farmington Hills and throughout the area gathered Saturday at the Tawheed Center on West 10 Mile to exchange gifts and social visits, celebrating Eid-ul-Adha with communal prayers.

The morning event included a social gathering, where participants exchanged embraces at the conclusion of prayers, and children enjoyed gifts and games.

According to Sohail Khan of the Tawheed Center, the day is set aside in remembrance of the sacrifices of the Prophets Abraham and Ishmael in the service of God. Eid-ul-Adha falls on the 10th day of Dhul-Hijjah, the last month of the Islamic lunar calendar.

The day also marks the com-

pletion of a month during which a pilgrimage to Ka'ba in Makkah is performed. About three million Muslims gather there from all over the world.

The prayers mark the beginning of the "Feast of Sacrifice" holiday, during which Muslims sacrifice animals to be distributed among the poor and needy, Khan said.

"During this holiday, Muslims greet each other by saying 'Eid mubarak', meaning 'blessed Eid,'" he explained in a written release about the holiday celebration.

Eid-ul-Adha is the second of two major Muslim holidays during the year. The first, Eid-ul-Fitr, comes at the end of the month of Ramadan.



Greeting: The celebration is a joyous time. Imam Sohail Kahn greets members of the Tawheed Center.

Sharon Will discuss pastels at Farmington Artist's Club

The Farmington Artist's Club will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 13 at the William Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills.

Sharon Will, the guest speaker, will demonstrate pastels at 8 p.m.

Will is an accomplished, award-winning artist who has been working in the pastel medium for more than 20 years.

Her awards include a Best in Show 2nd in the 15th annual Open International Exhibition of the Northwest Pastel Society

and two Best in Show Awards in the 1990's in the New Mexico Art League's National Small Painting Exhibition.

Her work had also been selected for reproduction of the New York Graphic Society Publisher. The meeting and program are open to the public.



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