

CHATROOM

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themselves well past their "prime." It's all a matter of perspective.

Being unemployed taught me some of the most invaluable lessons I've learned so far. The value of true friendship, how shaky the future can be if you're not actively participating in your own life and the value of money and what needs are really important.

Believe me, new shoes and a vacation aren't even options when you're wondering how you're going to fill your gas tank to get to the next job interview. When I finally got a new job two months later, I wound up in a far better place for me. I was hired by a global advertising agency where I did have room for growth. I found people who were creative like I was and could more easily assimilate my zany personality.

My references for what was possible, truly possible, exploded. And I've met several people who I can turn out to be lifelong friends. My life experiences were enriched exponentially.

Also during this time my entrepreneurial thirst was whetted. After getting something called a grapho-deck (which was a deck of cards with descriptions of handwriting traits and their illustrations) as a gift, I found

myself completely fascinated by the accuracy of handwriting analysis. Slowly but surely, I found my range and abilities as a person being expanded by discovering what made a person tick. Finding out what I could guide my passion towards was like having the power of life go from being a pop gun with poor aim, to a sophisticated, guided laser. Until that happened, any effort I made had an isolated benefit. Is it good to want to improve and to actually do something to improve yourself like reading an inspirational book? Of course. But if you have a specific direction in which your new skill set will serve you, it will affect multiple areas of your life.

Am I suggesting you wait until you find your purpose, or passion, until you begin to positively change your life? Not for a second. In my humble opinion, if you are looking into positively changing your life, you are moving closer to realizing what that purpose may be.

This is because you're searching. And when we seek, it's a certainty we will find. So don't wait by any means until you start to manifest improvements. You just have to believe you can get what you want, then you inevitably will.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (248) 477-9722 or write: Religion Calendar, Farmington Observer, 3340 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First United Open House
First United Methodist Church in downtown Farmington will host an open house weekend of events to celebrate the completion of its beautiful additions and renovations. Activities begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 with the Farmington Community Band performing. The church invites all to a day of musical entertainment and fun-filled family activities 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. Services are at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29 with a consecration service at 2 p.m.

Message of Humor
Shirley K. Trout will be at Hardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills for a series of events including *Humor in Your Home Doesn't Mean Your Home is a Joke*. This seminar runs 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. Parents of teenagers can attend *Give 'Em Their Heads, But Hold Tight to the Reins* 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29. For more information call (248) 476-8860.

St. Gerald Mission
St. Gerald Catholic Church is hosting a Parish Mission Oct. 12-17. Rev. Dan

Havron OFM will be the presenter. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions begin with 9:15 a.m. mass with evening sessions at 7 p.m. The church is located at 23300 Farmington Road. Call (248) 477-7470.

Prayer Service
The PINE Missionaries (Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions), presents *Feast of Faith, Unity Through Prayer* at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Mercy High School Auditorium. This prayer service is designed to promote dialogue, understanding and peace. For more information call (313) 342-4066.

CLASSES

Basic Christianity
The Rev. Ben Bohnsack, pastor at Hardin Park United Methodist Church, will teach a class called *Basic Christianity* 7:30-9:30 p.m. on five Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 1. The class is designed for anyone wanting to understand basic concepts of the Christian faith. Free and open to the public. Call (248) 476-8860.

Perspectives on the Middle

East
St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills invites the community to a new adult forum titled *Israel and the Middle East: A Christian Perspective* at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings through Nov. 6. The church is located at 23225 Gill Road. All are welcome. Call (248) 474-0584.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Universalist Unitarian
Rev. Alex Riegel presents *Reflections on Suffering*, Sept. 29 at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. Services, Sunday School and Nursery at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 25301 Halsted. Call (248) 478-7272.

St. John Lutheran
St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, in Farmington Hills, invites the community to its fall worship services. Traditional worship services with communion are offered every Sunday at 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. A contemporary communion praise service is at 11:15 a.m. A supervised nursery is open all

morning. Sunday School for preschoolers is held at 9:45 for preschoolers through second grade. Christian education is available for older children 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information call Pastor Cave at (248) 474-0584.

ONGOING

Widow/Widower Support
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. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at ages 4-11. (248) 348-0115.

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