

## 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, 3341 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## CLASSES

## Lifelong Learning

Universalist Unitarian Church presents the Lifelong Learning Forum, a free seven-week seminar series exploring the mind, body and spirit. Classes run 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 14. Topics such as Memory Wreath, Healing Techniques for Self and Others, and The Epic of Gilgamesh will be covered. Call (248) 476-1272.

## English Lessons

Farmington Hills Baptist Church offers English as a second language 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call (248) 951-0310.

## 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) 348-0015.

## Aglow

Aglow International, a community lighthouse for women, meets for dinner and discussion at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Best Western Executive Hotel, 31525 W. 12 Mile in Farmington. For information or reservations call (248) 476-1053.

## Adat Shalom hosts interfaith Thanksgiving service

Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills will host this year's Farmington-area Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27.

The service offers families of all faiths the opportunity to come together to jointly express gratitude for their many blessings and to offer prayers for our country. This year's program will include a special children's project. A collection for UNICEF will also be taken.

A dessert reception will follow the service. The entire community is welcome.

Adat Shalom is located at 29901 Middlebelt Road. Call (248) 651-5100.

## Alternative Christmas Fair will benefit charities

Over 20 local and international charities will participate in an Alternative Christmas Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

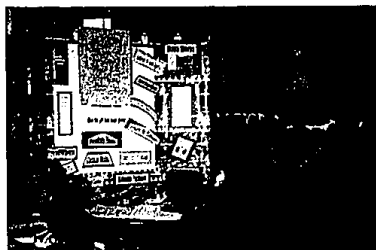
"This event provides opportunities for people to support charities right here in Metro Detroit, as well as around the world, by shopping for a cause," said Jessica Beamer, the event's coordinator.

An example of some of the gifts that will be available:

■ Candles and shirts to provide housing and legal aid for residents of Freedom House, an organization aiding those seeking political asylum in the U.S.

■ Cookbooks, Christmas cards and note cards sold by Lutheran Child & Family Services of Michigan.

■ Aprons and pins from the



Janet Hash (left) and Jessica Beamer prepare for their annual Alternative Christmas Fair.

South Oakland Shelter

■ Christmas cards and stationery sold by St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center.

Hope Lutheran Church is

located at 39200 W. 12 Mile Road, just east of Haggerty. Admission is \$1.

## SINGLES CALENDAR

## METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

## Single Mingle Dances

MSPs hold Single Mingle dances on Friday nights throughout the month. Call (248) 651-9909 for times and locations.

## Road Rally

Enjoy a fun-filled evening using your imagination and solving clues at the FSP Road Rally. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at Drake's Lanes in Farmington Hills.

## Book Discussion Group

MSPs book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

## Volleyball

Drop in and play volleyball 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the gym and fieldhouse at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quenton Road.

Euchre

MSPs play euchre 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the Brass

Point Inn in Farmington Hills.

## Social and Travel Club

For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club call (248) 435-5320 or go to [www.sssc.org](http://www.sssc.org).

## Fun &amp; Fine Dining Parties

Join MSPs every Thursday between 6:30 p.m. for socializing with dinner afterwards. Enjoy sampling some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area.

## West Side Singles

Friday dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft Service Drive, just west of Inquirer in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in non-smoking ballrooms with a D.J. and budget bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0509.



### Local youth in concert

The youngest musicians in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra family, who train under the tutelage of the DSO, will perform their first concert of the season at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Pictured (left to right) Farmington/Farmington Hills residents, Sam Gilbert, Clair Loewy, Braden Shrock, David O'Kelly, Zach Wasserman, Sara Chen, Ashley Hutchinson, Patrick Shureb, Christopher Chiles and Alaina Brown. Tickets for the event are \$5. Call the Orchestra Hall Box Office at (313) 576-5111.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Stanko-Larrategui

Lawrence and Catherine Stanko of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Lori Catherine, to Dr. Patrick A. Larrategui, son of Dr. Gerardo and Patricia Larrategui of Dayton, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed as a financial advisor with UBS PaineWebber in Troy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Michigan State Medical School and will complete his general surgery residency at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

A July wedding is planned at St. John's in Plymouth.



## Hooks

Thomas Hooks Jr. and Jill Renee Hooks of Wixom announce the birth of their daughter Lauren "Kennedy" June, born Oct. 17, 2002 at Providence Hospital. Kennedy joins her brothers, Kyle, 8 and Connor, 1.

Grandparents are Thomas and Carol Hooks of Farmington Hills and Byron and Bonnie Haymaker of Wixom. Great-grandmothers are Louise Haymaker of Farmington and Irene Hooks of Livonia.

## Jaycees need seasonal donations

The Farmington Area Jaycees will provide full Thanksgiving meals to needy families in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Each family will receive the usual Thanksgiving fare, from the turkey to the pumpkin pie. Donations of money and nonperishable Thanksgiving

foods can be dropped off at the downtown Farmington Library. Monetary donations can be mailed to: Farmington Area Jaycees, 2002 Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Project, P.O. Box 33, Farmington, MI 48332. Meals will be distributed to the clients of Farmington's Neighborhood House.

## Send us your holiday cards for a cause

There's a nip in the air, and the frost has settled on the pumpkin. That means people are making up their holiday card list.

If your organization has created special holiday cards, let us know. Starting Thursday, Nov. 14, we will print samples

of your cards in our Observer Life section for readers to order. Please send holiday card ordering information to Renee Skoglund, Holiday Cards, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoellercraft, Livonia, MI 48151; e-mail [rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net).



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