

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian/Altheist Debate
Farmington Hills Church of God at 25777 Power Road will host a live satellite simulcast 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. The Great Debate: Altheism vs. Christianity, a discussion between a Christian and the altheist who sued to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Michael Newson, who filed the controversial lawsuit over the pledge, will face off against Christian author and speaker Cliffe Knechtle. For more information, call (248) 477-9144.

Hanging of the Greens
First Presbyterian Church of Farmington celebrates Advent with Hanging of the Greens starting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. Adults and children can create crafts to be used to decorate the church and at 6 p.m. a potluck dinner will be served. A performance of *The Grumpy Shepherd* will follow dinner.

at 7 p.m. The church is located at the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Farmington Road. Call (248) 474-6170.
B'nai Youth Homecoming
The Michigan Region of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will hold its annual alumni homecoming @ 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30 at Langan's Bowling Center in Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 788-0700.

Live Christmas Scenes
Members of Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills will portray scenes from the Christmas story along the outer edges of the church parking lot 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. All are welcome to drive the road to Bethlehem and experience the Christmas story with music, pantomime, and live animals. Call (248) 626-3620.

Christmas at Nardin Park
Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills presents, Christmas at Nardin Park Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Call (248) 476-8860. The ten choirs of Nardin Park will perform new and traditional holiday music along with bell ringers and dancers. Tickets are \$5. The church is located at 25887 W. 11 Mile. Call (248) 476-8860.

Advent Concert
First Presbyterian Church of Northville presents *Messiah* at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. The Northville Concert Choral, an auditioned chorus, draws members from the entire metro area and is featured in this Advent concert. For ticket information call (248) 349-0911. The Church is located at 200 East Main Street.

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.

Aglow
Aglow International, a community light-house for women, meets for dinner and discussion at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Best Western Executive Hotel, 3125 W. 12 Mile in Farmington. For information or reservations call (248) 476-1053.

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fish, but I don't remember all their names."

Finally, at the urging of another reporter, I called Wilfredo Vargas, 58, of Livonia. "Oh, I'm going to be grateful for everything," he said, his Puerto Rican accent still evident after 43 years in this country. "I'm grateful for my family and my job. I always thank God every day, every minute."

Vargas went on to tell me about his four grown children - Yolanda, Alice, Wilfredo Jr. and Carmen - and what "good kids" they are. He loves his grandchild and is looking forward to another one. Finally, he summed up his gratefulness by saying, "I love the way God has treated me." I couldn't have said it better. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Renee Skoglund is a Health and Community life staff writer for the Observer.

WEDDING

Gallagher-Benivegna



Jill Benivegna and John Gallagher were married July 27 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Beverly Hills.

The bride is the daughter of Ronald and Susan Benivegna of Farmington Hills. She is a graduate of Farmington High School and Western Michigan University and is employed at Benivegna Building Company.

The groom is the son of John and Carol Gallagher of Beverly Hills. He is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and is currently attending Lawrence Technological University studying engineering.

A reception was held at Pine Lake Country Club after which the couple honeymooned in the Caribbean. They make their home in Wixom.

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