

Many Services Greet Christmas

Candlelight and carol singing will usher in Christmas Eve in churches throughout Overland.

Family services early in the evening of Dec. 24 and pre-midnight rites to greet

Christmas day are planned by many. "Because of the birth of our founder, we will be open Christmas Eve," announced Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in

Livonia in an advertisement for its 7 and 11 p.m. Dec. 24 services. Both will be preceded by organ recitals by Steven Egler and Mary Morgan, and the music for the two services will

be furnished by the church's Chancel, Westminster and Children's Choirs.

IN SALEM United Church of Christ, one of the oldest in Farmington, Christmas Eve

will begin with a 7 p.m. Sunday-school program, with youth of the church from ages three to 18 joining in telling of the Christmas miracle.

The Salem choir will lead in worship in a traditional service that begins at 8:30 p.m. so that the congregation can be celebrating Christmas in song and scripture as Christmas arrives at midnight.

Traditional Christmas also will be observed in Evangelical Covenant Church, 2431, Eight Mile, when the chancel choir under the direction of Leon Anderson will sing and the Rev. Edwin T. Clemens will speak on "God's Greatest Miracle."

"Where Do We Go From Here?" will be the sermon topic for the Rev. Kendall B. Dahlstrom, Evangelical associate pastor, at the 10:45 service Dec. 26. Church school will meet at 9:30 a.m., and an original candlelight service presented by youth of the church will conclude Christmas worship that day.



THE NATIVITY SCENE displayed by Madonna College is the subject of this picture by

Observer photographer Bob Woodring. A special printing process gives the unusual effect.

Ecumenical Reflections Is Commercialism All Bad At Yule?

By THE REV. WILLIAM A. RITTER
Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia

For years, ministers have been characterized by the way they attack the "commercialism of Christmas."

It is somewhat traditional to talk about putting Christ back into Christmas, implying that any time He gets too close to the market place Christmas somehow gets corrupted.

Certainly, the season is sometimes "cash registered" to death, for its message goes far beyond armloads of gifts.

GOOD SHEPHERD Evangelical Lutheran Church in Redford Township plans a folk mass communion service at 7:30 p.m. and a candlelight service at 11 p.m.

In St. John Episcopal Church in Redford Township, there will be a family service at 8 p.m., candlelighting rites at 9:30 and a Finnish Christmas service at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 25.

Candlelight vespers are planned in Covenant Community Church, Redford, at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, and Garden City Presbyterian will have choral candlelighting rites at 8 and 10 p.m.

Festive Eucharist services are scheduled at 7 and 11 p.m. in St. John Episcopal Church of Plymouth. Christmas Day services there will begin at 10 a.m.

Her program will include "I wonder As I Wander," "No

hills the streets. If the setting be different, does it mean that the word goes unheard?

Thinking in this vein, it interests me that the most striking and moving song of the holiday season is one done by the New Seekers. Its refrain goes something like this:

"I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony. I'd like to hold it in my arm, and keep it company."

"Good Christmas thought," you say. Of course! But do you know how it began. It was first heard as a television commercial for Coca-Cola!

THE BOTTLING COMPANY gathered a world-wide youth chorus somewhere in Italy to record the commercial, only later to realize that the song was better by itself than with a commercial message attached.

A Christmas message comes from the world of "hard cash!"

It makes us ask, "what is gospel -- what is commercial?" Perhaps our real need is two-fold -- not just putting Christ back into Christmas, but learning to identify Him when He is already there.

CONGREGATIONAL

MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
30330 Schoolcraft Road - 425-7280
Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. Worship and Church School
Minister: Rev. Richard Campbell
Helen and Jack Trudgen
Directors of Music

APOSTOLIC

SPECIAL SERVICES
Sunday Night Only
APOSTOLIC FAITH
Clothing of Power Ministry
7:30 p.m.
American Legion Hall
31715 Grand River
Farmington - 478-7264

LUTHERAN

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches
WISCONSIN LUTHERAN RADIO HOUR WISN 53.1
Sunday 11 a.m.
In Livonia --
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
17510 Farmington Rd.
Pastor: Walter Schmitt 422-3814
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)
LIVONIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
36075 5 Mile Rd. 422-7188
Pastor: Rev. Donald Mosley
Church School 9:30 a.m. (First-Juni)
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

LUTHERAN IN AMERICA

CHRIST THE KING
3900 Farmington Road
421-0749 464-2908
The Rev. John A. Root
Worship Services 9:15 and 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST

Masson Street
42520 Ave Arbor Road
(Mid-141 City of Plymouth)
Rev. Kenneth E. Zielke
453-5212 453-1099

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

(Missouri Synod)
Middlebelt at 8 Mile Rd.
474-0675
J. W. Peterson, Pastor
8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship Services
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:40 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Missouri Synod)
12 Mile at Farmington Rd.
474-0210
Rev. Victor H. Meserbian
Worship Services 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
(Nursery Provided)

SWOED of the SPIRIT

34543 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Pastor: William D. Wolfe
Family Worship 10 a.m.
Study for All Ages 11 a.m.
Phone 476-3818 or 681-6555

TIMOTHY

8820 Wayne Road, Livonia
Pastor: George Fleischer
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
427-2290 or 425-3184
Nursery Provided

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Christians)

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
35476 Five Mile Livonia
BIBLE SCHOOL 9 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP 10:15 a.m. (Nursery provided)
6:30 p.m. Youth meeting and evening service
Pastor: Carl Smith

EPISCOPAL

THE Episcopal Church
of Garden City
Holy Spirit, Westland
34645 Cowan Rd.
453-0190
St. John's Episcopal Church
30000 Five Mile Rd.
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
of Garden City
6443 Meridian Road
Phone 421-8628
Pastor: Rev. Glen Kellogg
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 a.m.
Infants through fifth grade
Nursery Provided

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

36000 Ave Arbor Trail
Pastor: William Ritter, Minister
Rev. Ben Bohmke, Asst. Minister
522-1527
Worship and Church School
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Plymouth

680 Church Street
453-5280
Pastor: M. C. Kemp and Dean A. Klump
9:30 Worship Service
and Church School
with Nursery Care Provided

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

30000 Five Mile Road
Holy Communion
Every Sunday
Worship 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
421-7240

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod)

39020 Five Mile Rd.
and Hagerty roads
Office Phone 464-0211
474-0210
The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor
Worship 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Nursery and Sunday School during both services

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

30450 Farmington Road
Between 13 and 14 Mile
9:30 and 11 a.m.
Worship and Church School
Eric S. Hartman 631-4664

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

20310 Middlebelt, Livonia CA 4293
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
Worship Services
11:15 a.m. Sunday School
Pastor: Rev. James A. Smith
Nursery Available
9:30 a.m. Church School (All Ages)
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF GOD

Riverside Park
Church of God
11771 Newburg Road
at Plymouth Road
Livonia 484-0090
Pastors: The Rev. Robert L. Misking
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
8:30 p.m. Evening Service

Livonia Church of God

19327 Middlebelt Rd.
Rev. J. L. Walker
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Night 7:30 p.m.
Church 476-7833
Pastor: Rev. J. L. Walker

WESLEYAN

Livonia Wesleyan
14560 Meridian Road
Between Schoolcraft & 5 Mile
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
W.C. Jones, Pastor
453-4786
We invite you to attend

BAPTIST

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
30055 Jay Road, Plymouth
Phone: 453-6749 or 455-0022
Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bible School 9:45 a.m.

Bethany Baptist Church of Livonia

24541 Five Mile Rd. N. W. Hwy 16
at Farmington Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. J. L. Walker

Main Street Baptist Church

24541 Five Mile Rd. N. W. Hwy 16
at Farmington Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. J. L. Walker

Grand River Baptist Church

34500 Six Mile Road
Livonia (1 mile west of Farmington Rd.)
Sunday Services
9:30 a.m. Family Devotion
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Children's and Youth Groups
Evening Worship
Special Christmas Music

Community Baptist Church

28237 W. Warren 532-2710
Rev. James B. Allen, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sun. Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Midweek Prayer Service 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

NANKIN MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor Trail and Hubbard Rd.
Rev. William E. Allen, Pastor
427-3690
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. Youth Hour and Gospel Service

Westland Baptist Church

35375 Ave. Arbor Trail
(Between Warren and Newburg)
Pastor: Rev. J. L. Walker
Church Phone 425-5585
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

You are cordially invited to attend Sunday SERVICES listed below. Sunday Schools are conducted by all churches, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age.

Wednesday Testimonial Meetings at 8 p.m.

FOURTH CHURCH, Detroit 11 a.m.
24400 W. Seven Mile near Telegraph

FIRST CHURCH, Garden City 11 a.m.
33111 Ford Road

FIRST CHURCH, Plymouth 10:30 a.m.
1100 West Ann Arbor Trail

FIRST CHURCH, Farmington 11 a.m.
33825 Grand River Avenue

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

FARMINGTON 36600 DRAKE ROAD
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship
Pastor: Rev. J. L. Walker

GARDEN CITY 1657 Middlebelt Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship
Pastor: Rev. J. L. Walker

PLYMOUTH 9301 Sheldon Rd.
Bible School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Wed 7:30 p.m. Worship
Pastor: Rev. J. L. Walker

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(CHRISTIAN REFORMED)
Worship with Us at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
at our New Church
Farmington Road 1.588
Dr. J.H. Ellis 477-1350

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Venue: 1 block E. of Ford Rd.
Rev. Paul Hagedorn
425-0280

Christmas Day
10 a.m. Worship
Sunday, Dec. 26
8 and 11 a.m. Worship Services

Christmas Eve
7 p.m. Christmas Carol Service

New Year's Eve
7:30 p.m. Worship

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