

# CHURCH

## 'Black Experience' Set For July 27

Many in Observerland are vitally interested in a Black Experience in Music and Drama which will be presented in the ballrooms of Merry College of Detroit Conference Center, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Tuesday, July 27, at 8 p.m.

The evening of entertainment, sponsored by the Central City Interfaith Center for Racial Justice, will include a performance by Detroit's Concept East Theatre and music by the African Folk Ensemble.

CO-SPONSORS FOR the evening include the North



REV. WARREN TYLER

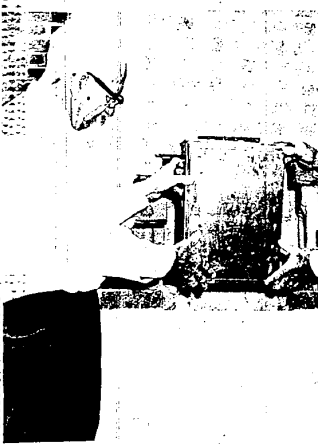
## Rev. Tyler Assumes New Post

The Rev. Warren B. Tyler has assumed the duties of pastor at the Plymouth, Assembly of God, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail.

Rev. Tyler was pastor of the Wyandotte Assembly of God for seven years. He has also held pastorates in Carleton and Peru, Ind. He has been a member of the Assemblies of God clergy for more than 20 years.

The Tylers have taken up residence in Plymouth. They have one daughter, Valerie, still in high school, and three other children, Michael and Pamela, who are married, and Elaine, a student at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo.

At a recent meeting of the Plymouth church, the new pastor outlined plans for the evangelistic outreach of the assembly and invited all interested to attend the services of the church.



THE CORNERSTONE of the new First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, N. Territorial west of Sheldon, contains a sealed box with records and pictures of church activities. Placing it in the cornerstone during the ceremony were (from left) Joseph Witwer, chairman of the board of trustees, and Loren Gould, chairman of the building committee. The new sanctuary is scheduled for completion early next year. (Observer photo by Doug Johnson)



THE MAJESTIC SINGERS from Rockaway, N.J., will present a program of Gospel music on Wednesday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Livonia Wesleyan Church, 14560 Meridian. The singers are made up of two couples, Curt and Elaine Day and Art and Diane Ross. Elaine sings alto and Curt, manager of the group, sings baritone. Art plays the piano and Diane sings lead. They have produced several albums and have made many tours. The public is invited.



THE REV. LEONARD KOENINGER

## Rev. Koeninger To Take Cruise

The Rev. Leonard J. Koeninger and Mrs. Koeninger received the gift of a Caribbean cruise from the congregation of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Plymouth, last Sunday.

The gift came as Pastor Koeninger celebrated his 25th year in the ministry. He also received a new pastoral gown from the congregation.

Some 325 persons attended the service of thanksgiving at the church, with the Rev. Edward Zell of Lola Park Lutheran Church delivering the sermon, and Pastor Koeninger's son, Philip, conducting the liturgy.

Guest speakers also included the Rev. Karl Kraus from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lansing, where Pastor Koeninger served for many years, the Rev. Art Wacker and the Rev. Fred Zimmerman. A dinner and program were held after the service.

Pastor Koeninger graduated from Northwestern College in Watertown, Wis., in 1942 and went on to receive his theological training at the Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis.

In July 1946, he was ordained and installed as Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor. Seven years later he accepted a call to Immanuel Church in Lansing, where he served until coming to Plymouth in February, 1969.

Along with his ministerial duties, Pastor Koeninger currently serves on two Wisconsin Lutheran Synod boards, the board for world relief and the board for world missions.

The Koeningers have two children, Philip, who attends the Lutheran Theological Seminary, and Kristine, who will attend Central Michigan University in the fall.

The school, called Summer-Children's Festival, will be from Aug. 2 to 6 and Aug. 9 to 13. Classes will be from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m., except for the last day when it will run to 12:30 p.m.

## Parish Plans Sr. Citizens' Luncheon

Senior citizens of the area will be entertained at a luncheon in the parish hall of St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Thursday, July 22.

Highlighting the menu will be roast chicken. Tickets for the luncheon, which will begin at 12 noon, may be purchased at \$2.00, may be purchased at \$2.00, may be purchased at \$2.00. Reservations may be made by calling the church.

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

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
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You are cordially invited to attend Sunday School as 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.  
Hours of Service

**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 A. - 1000

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST**  
**FARMINGTON**  
33000 Freedom Rd.  
Covenantal Ev. School  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Bible School 10 a.m.  
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship  
Bible Study, Minister  
582-5878

**LIVONIA**  
15431 Meridian Rd.  
Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Bible School 10 a.m.  
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Worship  
Bible Study, Minister  
427-8743

**See Herald of Truth**  
TV Channel 9 Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Call or write for Free Correspondence Course

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**Village United Presbyterian Church**  
25550 W. 6 Mile Rd.  
(1/2 mile E. of Beech Daly)  
524-7730  
Worship & Church School  
9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Nursery Provided  
Coke & Grape Juice  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study and Discussion  
Wed. and Thurs. The Youth Club Program

**WARD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA**  
Farmington and 10 Mile Road  
427-1190  
Worship and Bible School  
9:15 and 11:30 a.m.  
The Sunday School  
Three-fold Judgment  
Dr. William H. Lawrence  
pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Mich.  
7:30 p.m.  
"The Model Prayer"  
Dr. William H. Lawrence  
Wednesday Evening  
7:30 p.m.  
Mid-Week Service  
At Conditioned Sanctuary  
Nursery provided for all activities  
Rev. Henry J. Wain D.D.  
453-8464  
Rev. Lewis S. Brown Jr. D.D.  
453-8464  
Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Nursery and Kindergarten care

**ST. PAUL'S Presbyterian Church**  
27475 Five Mile Road  
GA 2-1470  
Telephone: Wabach  
Dr. William F. Whitledge  
Rev. Arnold S. Dattler  
Rev. William A. McGaughey  
Ministers  
Worship and Church School  
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

**ST. TIMOTHY**  
Presbyterian Church  
16700 Newburgh Rd.  
Carl Gundersen, Pastor  
10 a.m. - Worship and Church School  
(Nursery Care)  
261-4844 477-0745

**ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Hubbard at West Chicago, Garfield 2-0494  
Worship 8:10 a.m. - Church School 10 a.m.  
Richard C. Dunkelberger, Pastor  
Arthur Beaumont, Jr., William T. Lovick, Associate Pastors  
Vacation Bible School July 12-23

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By THE REV. PAUL T. HART  
(Pastor, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia)

The disciples had come to Jesus with the request that He teach them to pray as John had taught his disciples. There was no reliance upon the part of Christ to share with them the concept that God was not only His Father, but "Our Father."

There is no conception of God that needs to be more constantly in our minds or in the minds of people of all nations, than that of His fatherhood.

If we did not have the faith that back of all the terrible nightmare of hatred and suffering, brought by man upon man, there is a divine power endeavoring to impart to the mind of man another way to life; if we did not believe as did Jesus that a loving Heavenly Father is watching over us seeking our welfare with the same loving concern for people of all races and nationalities, then we should indeed be filled with hopelessness and despair.

THE GREATEST TASK today which faces the Church and all who profess faith in Christ is to work out the practical results that should follow saying and believing in "Our Father." That little word "our" makes all mankind akin to one another, children of the same Heavenly Father.

An experience on the battle

field of World War II is illustrative. A chaplain tells of a desperately wounded German soldier and an equally desperately wounded Englishman lying side by side on a field. They heard each other murmur "Mother" and "Mother" and, though ignorant of each other's language, they found in "Mother" a word that made them brothers. Soon they began to pray and lo - it was the same prayer, one saying "Unser Vater in Himmel" and the other, "Our Father who are in Heaven."

No words are as meaningful in the affairs of everyday life, in business, in the relationship of management and labor. The only Christian philosophy I know is the "Our Father" philosophy, not the kind that philosophically demands rights from others, but that in which we cheerfully and voluntarily share our privileges with our brothers.

THERE IS NO more convincing argument for sending missionaries to people all over our earth; where there is cruelty, superstition and fear. Missionaries in the field, and those struggling in the face of temptations many times throw up their hands and quit.

I am called upon so often to endeavor to comfort people who have loved ones. The shadow of a great sorrow has fallen over their pathway. They long for dear ones to be with them again. Most of us know from personal experience what that separation and sorrow means. How blessed is the thought that we can repeat to ourselves and to others, that Our Heavenly Father knows and cares, that He loves us far more tenderly than we ever loved those who have gone from us!

I counsel with so many who are fighting temptations which cause them to lose respect for themselves whenever they yield to them. We know that sin and evil are playing havoc in the lives of people every day. Dishonesty, impurity, selfishness, intemperance, hasty temper, bad language - the little evils are legion that try to trip us and other people and make us un-Christlike. What a message we have to tell. "Our Father" will bring the desired help. God is always with his early children, with His help, with Christ as our unseen but living companion and friend, every one of us can triumph over temptation.

There is a thought I often bring in praying or talking with persons in hospitals or with others who are facing difficult problems: We are never alone as Christians, for God is a friend, unfailing, and God is everywhere. He is with us when care is light and gladness is ours, but He is also with us as "A very present help in time of trouble." Clouds of sorrow cannot hide Him, for "Our Father" stands above the clouds keeping watch of His own.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Parkdale  
Assembly of God  
36516 Parkdale  
1 1/2 mi. S. of Plymouth & Livonia Rd.  
Rev. David K. Keel  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
425-0480 or 422-6000

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(Christian)  
**MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
(CHRISTIAN CHURCH)  
35475 Five Mile Livonia  
BIBLE SCHOOL 9 a.m.  
MORNING WORSHIP 10 a.m. (Reserves provided)  
Free Bible study and evening worship  
Miss Carolyn Kierulff  
Craig Fox, Youth Minister 425-6000

**LUTHERAN**  
**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Churches**  
**WISCONSIN LUTHERAN**  
8:00 hours worship  
Sunday 11 a.m.

**IN LIVONIA**  
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church  
17410 Farmington Rd.  
Pastor: Donald R. Koenig 422-8814  
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**IN PLYMOUTH**  
St. Peter & Ev. Lutheran Ch.  
1342 Pennington Avenue  
Pastor: Leonard Koeninger 422-3302  
Worship Services 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**IN WESTLAND**  
Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Ch.  
Warren & Farmington Rd.  
Pastor: Donald R. Koenig 422-8814  
Worship Services 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST**  
Missouri Synod  
48260 Ann Arbor Road  
(M-14 City of Plymouth)  
Rev. Kenneth E. Zielke  
453-5252 453-1059  
Mid-Week Church School  
evening 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Worship Service  
every Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
(Nursery Provided)

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School**  
(Missouri Synod)  
Middlebelt at 8 Mile Rd.  
474-0675  
J. Walther, Principal  
W. F. Rutkowski, Pastor  
8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Worship Services  
(Nursery Provided)  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Classes 9:10 a.m.

**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Missouri Synod)  
12 Mile at Farmington Rd.  
474-0210  
Rev. Victor H. Mesenbring  
Worship Service  
8 and 9:45 a.m.  
(Nursery Provided)

**LUTHERAN**  
**CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
In Livonia  
**CHRIST THE KING**  
9300 Farmington Road  
421-0749 464-2806  
The Rev. John A. Root  
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Church School 9:30 a.m.

**HOLY CROSS**  
30650 West Six Mile  
Pastor William C. Lenthgen  
427-1414 464-3908  
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Church School 9:30 a.m.

**ST. JOHN'S**  
13542 Mercedes  
Pastor Karl Karp  
427-4132  
Youth Service (evening welcome)  
6:30 p.m. Sat.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
9:45 a.m.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
30000 Five Mile Road  
Holy Communion  
Every Sunday  
Worship 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
421-7249

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
(Missouri Synod)  
39020 Five Mile Rd.  
between Newburgh and Haggerty Roads  
Office Phone 464-0211  
The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor  
Sunday Worship Service  
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery and Sunday School Open for Services  
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.

**EVANGELICAL COVENANT**  
**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH**  
24531 N. Eight Mile Road  
425-0229 425-3933  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
10 a.m. - Morning Worship  
and Sunday School  
7 p.m. - Evening Service