

Choirs Sing Yule Cards

"Season's Greeting, Our Christmas Card to You" is the title of the concert program to be put on at 8 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, by the choirs of St. Paul United Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Giant cards have been drawn to decorate the social hall, and the scene will be enacted by the church and junior choirs and girls' ensemble, directed by Mrs. Patricia Hutson, and the chancel choir, led by Norman Cramer.

Following the program, there will be refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus.

The card scenes include a Peanuts scene, drawn by Paul Zimmerman, carolers by Barbara Jerolman and a snow scene by Martha Hudson.

Kitty Bertoli drew a nativity scene card, and Bill Bowman a snow scene.

CHRISTMAS CARDS that will be the theme of the holiday concert in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster in Livonia, are shown by Bill Stacy and Elaine Aron. (Observer photo by Harry Mauteh)



3 Choirs In Concert

Three choirs of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington will join in a 7 p.m. Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 17.

The chancel choir, directed by Michael Rasmussen, will sing excerpts from Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" and several other selections. Diane Kirkland and Sally Mammuelier will sing solos and join in a duet.

Marge Cook is director of the Carol and Wesley choirs. Their offerings will include solo work by Carolyn Clayton and a double trio in which she joins Debbie Begian, Tedi Goshorn, Claudia Cook, Margie Begian and Barb Miller.

Instrumentalists Margie Begian on the flute and Lisa Carr on the drums will provide accompaniment.

Epiphany Sets Folk Service

A folk service devised and led by youth of Epiphany Lutheran Church will feature the 10:30 morning worship hour Sunday, Dec. 17, in the church, 41390 Five Mile, Plymouth.

Lead guitarists will be Julie Vance and Mike Boye of Plymouth.

Peter Bedford will sing the Lord's Prayer and Nicene Creed in contemporary folk style. A special rendition of "Pass It On" will feature Miss Inquiries about keeping a horse there.

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St. Matthew Celebrates Anniversary of Merger

The 10th anniversary of a Livonia church merger that was forerunner of a denominational merger is being marked in St. Matthew United Methodist Church this weekend.

The church located at 30900 Six Mile was scene of a reception and anniversary banquet with four former ministers present Friday. Completing the celebration, United Methodist Bishop Dwight E. Loder will speak at 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 17. Also part of the anniversary is a Saturday prayer vigil sponsored by the men's club.

THE MERGER of the Livonia Methodist Church and Hope Chapel Evangelical United Brethren Church took place in 1962, several years before the parent denominations effected a nationwide merger that resulted in formation of the United Methodist Church.

The first combined service of the two congregations was held Dec. 16, 1962, and the moves that led up to it were chronicled in a church history given by Mrs. Donald Lyon in a slide-illustrated talk at the banquet.

She was at that time secretary to the Rev. James Lange, pastor of Hope Chapel, located at Midvale Belt and Six Mile, and she noticed a barn near the church and made inquiries about keeping a horse there.

It was then she learned that the property had been pur-

chased by the Livonia Methodist Church, which had sold its building at Seven Mile East and Livonia and was planning to build on the Six Mile location.

CONVERSATIONS then started between Rev. Lange and the Rev. John Grenfell Jr., pastor of the Methodist church. They felt a merger should be considered, since the two church buildings would be located so close to each other and since a denominational merger was in the talking stages.

It was worked out by a committee with members from both churches. Until the present church home was built in 1964 and 1965, services were

held in Hope Chapel and extra space was rented in the Wilcox School.

Rev. Lange and Rev. Grenfell served for a time as co-ministers. Both were back for the weekend celebration, along with the Rev. Paul T. Hart and the Rev. Halton Ferris, who took over in 1958.

Now serving the church are the Rev. William Rickard, who became senior minister succeeding Rev. Hart in January of this year, and the Rev. Jerome Smith, who succeeded Rev. Ferris and was named associate minister in 1971.

Ted Strasser was master of ceremonies for the anniversary banquet.

Ensembles, Choir Join In Concert

Two vocal ensembles and the 45-member senior choir will take part in the annual Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church of Plymouth, 43065 Joy Road.

Instrumentalists will be Carol Thompson and Stephanie Sanocki, violinists; Elaine Betiner, Allison Foster and Susan Gardner, pianists; and Dewey Gardner, organist. Featured soloists will be

Peggy Williams, Pat Williams Allison Foster, Kevin Renas and Rick Williams.

Highlighting the evening will be a candlelight processional and the senior choir's presentation of John W. Peterson's cantata, "A Song Unending." The choir is under the direction of Tom H. Hovermale. Pastor G. Douglas Routledge will narrate the cantata. The public is invited.

This Christmas Tree Can Sing

A singing Christmas tree, about 15 feet tall and complete with evergreen boughs and choir members, is offered this season as a gift to the community by Bethel Missionary Assembly of God, 8900 Middle Belt, Livonia.

The lighted tree located on the church lawn will be the focal point for a 45-minute concert at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19, and Thursday, Dec. 21.

The Rev. Roger C. Thomassen, assistant pastor of Bethel and the project director, said the tree would be arranged on a three-level scaffolding construction.

"I SANG in a tree presentation like this at North Central Bible College in Minneapolis several years ago," he said. "Our tree and a larger one being built this year by Brightmore Tabernacle in

Detroit are the first I've heard of in this area." Rev. Thomassen said about 40 singers, mostly choir members and some youth, would participate.

"We'll cheat a bit - some will be standing on the ground," he said. The rest will be perched on the scaffolding's three levels, and evergreen branches will be used to hide the scaffolding."

THE PASTOR said all in the community are invited to pause in Christmas shopping and stop in the church parking lot to hear the music.

"We are doing this as a community service to help restore the true meaning and spirit of Christmas in a time when the rush of Christmas has all but obscured it," he said. Bethel Missionary Assembly of God is located just north of Joy.

Ward's Annual Concert Is Dec. 17

Selections from Handel's "Messiah" and songs by three youth choirs will be featured in the Ward United Presbyterian Church Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

The Handel music will be presented by the chancel choir under the direction of Max Davy.

"And the Glory of the Lord," "O, Thou That Tellest Good Tidings," "For Unto Us a Child is Born," and "Glory to God" will be sung by the choir.

Soloists will be Kenneth Cornwall, Mark Hultregre, Pat Cascaden and Randy Berry.

Morning services Dec. 17 will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. with Dr. Bartlett L. Hess preaching on "What Christmas Meant to Joseph."

The junior choir will sing "Baby Jesus" and "Glory in Excelsis," Mr. and Mrs. Vera Siebert are directors.

Tabernacle Plans Cantata

"Night of Miracles," John W. Peterson's Christmas cantata, will be performed by the quartet choir of Exalt Tabernacle Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Holy Child Newburgh School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia.

The choir will be directed by the Tabernacle's new minister of music, Joseph Lombardi, a recent graduate of Wheaton (Ill.) College and a music teacher at Southfield Christian School. Mrs. Marilyn Shika and the Rev. Irving M. Mitchell will accompany the choir along with a brass ensemble from the Southfield Christian School.

Covenant Plans Holiday Services

Several special services are planned by Covenant Community Church, 28800 Student, Redford Township, during the holiday season.

The youth and chancel choirs, accompanied by a church orchestra, will present a contemporary cantata, "The Night of Miracles," on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m.

A family service, a Covenant tradition, will begin at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24.

The chancel choir will sing special arrangements of two popular carols, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Joy to the World."

Trinity Sets Yule Services

The Christian Education Department will present a Christmas program immediately following the morning worship service Sunday, Dec. 17, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, W. Chicago at Inkster.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoner will host choir members Sunday evening at a holiday potluck in their home.

A candlelight service will be held Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. in addition to the regular morning worship.

Caned food contributions for Christmas baskets for the needy may be left in the Narthex through Dec. 20.

BIBLES BOOKS CHURCH SUPPLIES

33493 Seven Mile LIVONIA - 477-7720

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
23800 W. Chicago

Dr. G. B. Vick, Pastor

SUNDAY MORNING 8:30 a.m.

Speaker: 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

DR. HOLLAND LONDON from PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

LESSON: Esther 5

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MEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST (CHRISTIAN CHURCH)
35475 Five Mile Livonia

BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 a.m.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Youth Meetings and Evening Worship
Max Copeland, Minister
Mark McGivrey, Associate Minister

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Churches of the area cordially invite you to attend their services. Sunday School is conducted at the same hour as church, and care is provided for children of pre-Sunday School age.

Hours of Service

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

EIGHTH CHURCH, Detroit 10:30 a.m.
20511 Grand Road at Evergreen Rd.

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.
32825 Grand River Avenue

WEDNESDAY TESTIMONIAL MEETINGS HELD AT 8 P.M.

NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
12850 Farmington Road
Rev. William B. Bester, Minister
Rev. Beverly B. Bester, Minister
422-0149
Worship and Church School 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
41 Garden City
6443 Marquette Road
Phone: 421-8528
Minister: Rev. Glenn Kiebler
SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 Sunday School
Nursery through adults
10:30 Morning Worship
9:45 Children's Service
6:30 Junior & Senior High U.M.W.E.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Plymouth
4201 North Farmington
Minister: Paul M. Czapka and A. Klum
9:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Service
Church School
9:30 Nursery-Adults
11:00 Nursery - 5 year olds

ORCHARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30450 Farmington Road
Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Worship and Church School
Enc. 5 Member

STANFORDVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
20200 Middlebelt Ln. GR 4-3553
9:30 a.m. First Worship Service
10:15 a.m. The Church School
11:15 a.m. Second Service of Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Meetings
7:30 p.m. Evening Service
7:30 p.m. The Mid-Winter Service
Dorothy A. Johns, Minister
Nursery provided at all services

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(Reformed Township)
10000 Beach Day Road
(Between Plymouth and West Chicago)
653-7905
Minister: Wm. G. Wager and Wm. M. Smyth
Dir. of Education: Mrs. Theo Wright
MIDWINTER WORSHIP
9:30 and 11 a.m.
Church School 9:30 and 11
Baby care provided for all services

NARDIN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
23850 West 11 Mile Road
476-8860
Senior Minister
Walter D. Mercer
Associate Minister
Margaret J. Mankus
Margaret M. Mankus
The Steier and George T. Steier

Worship Service and Sunday School
9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"The Touch of the Master's Hand"

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Farmington
33112 Grand River GR 4-8673
Worship, Church School and Nursery
10:00 a.m.
Rev. John R. Howell
Rev. Howard F. Stahl

261-8600

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
30900 Six Mile Road
422-4538
William D. Rickard, Pastor
Jerome C. Smith, Associate Pastor
9:30 & 11 a.m. Worship
Nursery provided

9:30 a.m. Church School (All Ages)
Sr. High Fellowship Sunday 7 p.m.
Jr. High Fellowship Tuesday 7:30

REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR
38100 Five Mile Rd.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Dewey Workshop 10:30 a.m.
Evening Study Group 7 p.m.
Nursery Care is Provided at All Services
Morning Worship Services 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Rev. Ronald VanDerWort, Pastor
Minister of Evangelism
Rev. Mervyn Tapp

BYZANTINE (GREEK) CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church
29125 W. 6 Mile, Livonia
427-2100
Rev. Don G. Freude

7:30 a.m. Vespers
8:30 a.m. Matins
9:00 & 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy

LUTHERAN

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In Livonia -
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church
11810 Farmington Rd.
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Plymouth -
1345 Pennington Avenue
Pastor Leonard H. Heston-453-3293
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

In Westland -
Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church
Worship Services 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

In Livonia -
CHRIST THE KING
9700 Farmington Road
421-2749
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. Lindquist
427-1414
Worship, Church School and Nursery 9:30 and 11 a.m.

In Redford -
St. John's
Pastor Kato Kelo
328-3666
Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Nursery provided both services

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
30333 W. Westland
Gay W. Cowell, Pastor
474-5154
11:00 Sunday Worship
9:30 Sunday School
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Small Group Fellowship

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST
Mission Street
48200 Ann Arbor Road (MI-141) City of Plymouth
Rev. Kenneth E. Ziekle
453-5252 453-1099

Worship Services
every Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sole Eucharist 9:15 a.m. (Nursery Provided)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School (Missouri Synod)
Middlebelt at 8 Mile Rd.
474-0675
W. F. Rutherford, Pastor
Thomas A. Schaefer, Asst. Pastor
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Church School
Worship Service (Nursery Provided)

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
12 Mile at Farmington Rd.
474-0210
Rev. Victor H. Messingburg
Worship Services
9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Nursery Provided, Sunday Live Service

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
30000 Five Mile Road
Holy Communion
Every Sunday
Worship 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
421-2749

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (Missouri Synod)
39020 Five Mile Rd.
Between Newburgh and Haggerty roads
Office Phone 454-0211
The Rev. Fred Balke, Pastor
Sunday Worship Service
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Saturday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Nursery 9:00 Sunday School 10:30

SAIN'T MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST
23910 Milton Dr.
Farmington
Next Service
Advent Services
Dec. 17, 20 p.m.
7:10 M. West of Farmington Rd.
5 Homes North of 13 Mile Rd.
Phone 625-3557
Pastor Rev. C. A. MacKenzie

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

CHRIST LUTHERAN
14250 Wexner Road, Redford
Rev. Jerry Stroud
Family Worship
10:00 a.m.
Study for All Ages
11:00 a.m.
Nursery Provided

ST. JOHN
23228 Oak Road, Farmington
Pastor Charles Fox
476-0584 or 474-4499
Worship 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.
Nursery Provided

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT
34483 Seven Mile Road, Livonia
Pastor William D. Wolfe
Family Worship 10 a.m.
Study for All Ages 11 a.m.
Phone 478-2818 or 593-5555

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA
James Edmonds Church
8375 Sheldon Road
1/2 Mile South of Joy Road
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 a.m.
WORSHIP (NURSERY) - 10:00 a.m.
C.L. KRWIN, PASTOR
455-7427