

ACTIVITIES AT
CHURCH

Lenten services include religious study groups

Whiteland United Methodist Church, 309 Main St., has planned weekly weekday services during Lent.

The church will host Word On Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday through April 12. The services will include dinner, worship and small study groups. Nursery care will be provided. Study groups are: The Wired Word, led by pastor Nancy Blevins, focusing on understanding current events through scripture; Improving Communication in Marriage, led by Linda Birdcall, and Table of Delight, taught by Ginger Murphy, which focuses on seeing God in difficult situations.

Information: Nancy Blevins, 535-4287

Church to begin preschool enrollment

Concordia Lutheran Preschool, 305 N. Howard Road in Greenwood, will accept enrollment for its fall classes beginning at 9 a.m. March 1.

The preschool offers morning and afternoon classes for children who have had their third and fourth birthday prior to Aug. 1. Classes begin after Labor Day. Classes for 3-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes for 4-year-olds meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A nonrefundable registration fee of \$50 is due with the enrollment form. If registered before May 1, the \$20 supply fee, due on the first day of class, will be waived. Monthly tuition includes most field trip costs. For information or to receive an enrollment form, call the church office at 881-4477.

Retreat combines physical, spiritual pampering

Mount Pleasant Christian Church invites stressed-out women to a Spiritual Spa from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 4.

The spa is a one-day retreat designed to offer women a day away to reconnect with God and be refreshed.

The program includes speaker Judy Hampton, author of "Under the Circumstances: A Woman's Guide to a Surrendered Heart," and catered lunch by Piper's.

Two overnight stays at Brown County's Cornerstone Inn will be awarded.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available through Sunday at the church, 381 N. Bluff Road in Greenwood.

Information: 881-6727 or www.mount.org

Southsiders begin new campaign to help the poor

First Baptist Church in Franklin is undertaking a new ministry to help the homeless achieve financial stability.

The national ministry, Bridge of Hope, uses a partnership between a local church mentor group, a professional staff person and a homeless or near-homeless single mother and her family. The goal is for the family to achieve permanent financial independence through employment.

Staff from the national office in Pennsylvania will speak at a meeting to establish a local affiliate at 7:30 p.m. March 15 at the church, 201 E. Jefferson St. in Franklin.

Representatives from other far-southside churches will attend the meeting. The ministry is intended to work in conjunction with Christian Help, a local organization that provides the homeless with shelter and other necessities.

Husband-wife musical team make oldies sing

Duo perform to give people trips down memory lane

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Dressed in chiffon, Debi Macy smiles often across the piano at her tuxedo-clad husband, Roger Smith.

Together, they belt out yesterday's classics such as "Side by Side," "Sentimental Reasons" and "All I Ask of You."

"We're evoking memories of an earlier time," Smith said of their music choices, which range from the 1940s to the 1980s.

Macy and Smith, who live in Franklin, met in 1994, when they both started performing on weekends at The Pinebox Theatre in Nashville.



STAFF PHOTO BY SHERRI EASTBURN/seastburn@thejournalnet.com
Debi Macy, left, and her husband, Roger Smith perform music from the 1940s to 1980s. The couple wed last year.

For all of those years, they worked with only four other musicians.

Bob Hamontre of Nashville, who co-owned the theater with his wife, Romilda,

operated stage lights and sound in the theater, with cabaret seating for 150.

Romilda Hamontre, Macy and Deanna Demes of Bloomington sang and danced.

Smith played piano and sang. Garry Pottenger of Nashville played drums.

Performing two-hour musical revues, scrambling through several costume changes and juggling 40 weeks of performances around their regular lives somehow became a manageable part of their schedules, said Macy, who works as a secretary at Community Congregational Church in Franklin.

Performing year after year with the same close-knit group of people and getting to know "the regulars" from Brown County and surrounding counties made the theater feel like a second home even though lots of tourists also filled the seats, Macy said.

When the Hamontres retired in Decem-

ber, so did The Pinebox Theatre. A few weeks before Christmas, the theater closed.

"It's bittersweet," Macy said of the closing. "I'm going to miss it."

Last year, the longtime friendship between Macy and Smith, minister of music at Grace United Methodist Church, blossomed into romance. They wed in late November.

Now that The Pinebox Theater is closed, Macy and Smith started a new musically inspired journey.

Performing as Macy-Smith & Co., they dust off the oldies and jog the sweet memories of yesterday during special events, private parties and milestone birthdays.

"People are always invited to sing along," Smith said. "We want them to relive nostalgia, relive memories."

"Our music takes them down memory lane," Macy said.

IN THE
MILITARY

Justin L. Wagner, son of Kim M. Stoneking of Whiteland, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District in Indianapolis.

Wagner will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He is completing his senior year at Whiteland Community High School.

Eric M. Bell, son of Michelle J. Morgan of Greenwood, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District in Indianapolis.

Bell will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He is completing his senior year at Pendleton Heights High School.

Air Force Airman **Cory M. Johnson** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He is the son of Mitch Johnson of Hudson Bay Drive in Greenwood, and Dana Magson of Deltona, Fla.

Nicholas L. Moore, son of Linda S. and Kurt W. Moore of Edinburg, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District in Indianapolis.

Moore will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's

Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 2005 graduate of Southwestern (Shelby) High School.

Robert A. Barger, son of Donna S. and Taylor Barger of Franklin, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District in Indianapolis.

Barger will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1997 graduate of Edinburg Community High School.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Travis A. Banks**, son of Rosalie K. and stepson of Theodore V. Stone of Greenwood, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Duane A. Boltinghouse, son of Devona Morgan of Whiteland and Duane Boltinghouse Sr. of Indianapolis, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve's split training program and will report for active-duty training May 29. He is a junior at Whiteland Community High School.

Joseph W. Hedrick, son of Newton G. and Susan L. Hedrick of Nineveh, enlisted in the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program and will report for duty July 20. He is a senior at Brown County High School.

SENIOR
OASIS

OASIS will offer the following classes at OASIS South, located at The Centre, 1675 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite B-3 in Greenwood

- "Beginning Exercise" — This class will provide a low impact workout, with stretching, chair exercises and some aerobics. 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays March 1 to April 12. Fee: \$14.

- "Beginning Plus Exercise" — This basic class will combine some chair exercise and low-impact aerobics. Strength conditioning and abdominal work complete this workout. 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays March 1 to April 12. Fee: \$14

- "Medicare Changes: Part D Prescription Drug Coverage" — Class will answer questions about new program. 1:30 to 3 p.m. March 1

- "International Folk Dance" — Learn ethnic dances derived primarily from villages in Eastern Europe. No partner is necessary. No experience is necessary. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays March 2 to April 13. Fee: \$14

- "HealthStages: ExerStart" — This

is a moderately paced exercise course that improves muscle strength, flexibility, balance and endurance. Exercises can be done sitting in chairs or standing. 2 to 3 p.m. Thursdays March 2 to April 13. Fee: \$14

- "Muscle Toning Class" — Designed to improve balance, posture, flexibility and strength. 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays March 2 to April 13. Fee: \$14

- "Creativity 101" — Experiment with drawing, writing, visualizing, problem-solving, puzzles and story-telling. Creativity in relationships and daily life stories will be reviewed. 1 to 3 p.m. Fridays, March 3 to 25. Fee: \$5

- "Yoga" — Students can learn to relax and focus through stretching exercises, relaxation and conscious breathing techniques. Bring a mat or blanket and wear comfortable clothing. 9 to 10:15 a.m. Fridays March 3 to April 14.

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Roncalli Salutes Our State Finalist Girls' Swim Team

The Roncalli Swim Team had a record-setting performance claiming the 2006 Franklin Central Sectional Championship. The girls scored a school record 381 points as they outdistanced the second place Flashes by 100 points. Lady Rebel Swimmers had 15 individual lifetime bests, broke one school record and had five Sectional Champions.

Lady Rebel Swimmers were represented in seven different events at the 2006 State Swimming Finals at the IUPUI Natatorium. Our State Finalist Swimmers and Sectional Champions included Emily Day (200 freestyle and 100 butterfly), Sara Robinson (500 freestyle and 100 backstroke), Lisa Elworth (50 freestyle) and Molly Clark, Kara Griffiths, Sam Clark, Tara Colwell and Erin Gahimer (relay team members) and Andrea Eriksson (100 breaststroke). Diver Elissa Mason also advanced to the Regional Championship.

The team finished 18th at the State Meet, the best season finish ever in RHS swimming history! Congratulations to Coach Ed Merkle and the 2006 Rebel Girls' Swim Team!

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