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Special service at Unionville Presbyterian

Unionville Presbyterian Church (meeting at William Berczy School, Unionville) is holding a special service February 16, 11 a.m.

A Communion Service is planned, the West Hill Community Singers will provide music, and the minister, Rev. Jost Kreplin, begins a sermon series on the 1 AM sayings of Jesus as recorded in the gospel of John.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Father John Fraser comes as Lenten guest homilist to St. Patrick's Church, 157 Wellington Way W., Markham.

Born in Scotland, a priest of the Society of Comboni, missionary for 23 years in Africa, Father Fraser now serves with the Pontifical Mission Aid Society.

The Lenten series run Wednesday, evenings from February 19 to March 19 inclusive, beginning with mass at 7 p.m. Scheduled themes include Our Father, Abba; Thy Kingdom Come 1986; Our Daily Bread; Forgive Us; Deliver Us.

Stations of the Cross will be presented every Friday night during Lent at the 7 p.m. mass.

Share Life, an organization supporting development and peace in Third World countries, Pastoral

Missions Aid Fund, St. Augustine Seminary, Covenant House and a variety of Catholic Charities, runs its major fund raising event of the year with an in-church collection on Feb. 22, 23, and a house to house parish collection on March 2.

Unionville Alliance

An International Conference on Prayer for Revival and Spiritual Awakening will be conducted at Bramalea Baptist Church (9050 Dixie Road) Feb. 14 to 17.

In conjunction with this conference Rev. Richard Siple, one of the key speakers, will speak at Unionville Alliance Church (Unionville Public School, 300 Main St. N., Unionville) Sunday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m.

Rev. Siple, an author, is in high demand as a conference speaker. For more information regarding the conference call 477-1104.

Unionville Alliance Youth is presenting a series of prophetic films Wednesday nights Feb. 5 to 26 inclusive, 7:30 p.m. at Markham Baptist Church, 110 Church St. Markham.

Film titles include A Distant Thunder; Prodigal Planet Part 1 and 2. For information call Pastor Doug Doyle, 477-1104 or 640-6530.

Springvale Baptist Church

The Psalms and the Seasons, a multi-media slide presentation sponsored by The World Home Bible League, will be shown Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. at Springvale Baptist Church, situated at the corner of Kennedy Rd. and the Stouffville-Gormley Rd.

Gormley Missionary Church

The Antone Family, longtime friends of Gormley residents, George, Connie, Albert and Jean Yake, will present a concert of gospel music Sunday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. at the Missionary Church, Gormley.

Markham Baptist Church

Sunday, February 16 is the annual Association Pulpit Exchange. Rev. Jim Newman from Aurora Baptist Church will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m.

Worship Service, following which everyone is welcome to stay for soup and a sandwich.

Come to a Family Winter Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 22. Meet at Bruce's Mills Conservation Area at 2 p.m. for skiing, tobogganing, and skating. Then return to the church at 5 p.m. for chili and hot dogs.

All are welcome to join the following regularly scheduled programs of Markham Baptist Church: Explorers Girls, 8-12, Tuesdays 7 p.m.; Ladies Share-a-Morning, Wednesdays 10 a.m.; Boys' Brigade, Wednesdays 7 p.m.; Bible Study and Prayer, Thursdays 7 p.m.; Youth Group,

every second Monday for Bible Study and twice monthly for a social.

The church is located at 110 Church St., Markham. Information: call Rev. Doug Sherwood 294-5830 or 294-9194.

Memorial Christian Church

Ladies interested in quilting, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, cross-stich can see them demonstrated Monday, Feb. 17 at Memorial Christian Church, 185 Main St., Stouffville.

Drop in between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation.

Babysitting is provided Centennial Baptist Church

Cross country skiing in planned for the Youth Group (High School age) of Centennial Baptist, Feb. 22. Meet at the church at 10 a.m.

Central Baptist Seminary chorale will present the Sunday evening program Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.

The Church looks ahead to its Missionary Conference beginning Wednesday, Feb. 26 and running through to Sunday, March 2. More details will be given in next week's column. The church is located on McCowan Rd., 1/2 mile south of Hwy 7.

Church Focus

Judith Gooding 294-6035



A history of Buttonville

It has been suggested that since next week has been proclaimed Heritage Week, it would be a good time to better acquaint people with the colorful history of Buttonville.

The land where Buttonville is located (Woodbine Ave. north of Hwy. 7) was part of the original crown grant to William Berczy settlers in 1794.

Then in the early 1800's, the Button family acquired land on the east side of the 4th Line and the Willcocks-Baldwin families had holdings on the west side. These families decided to sell off quarter and half-acre lots from a corner of their farms and the hamlet of Millbrook was founded.

The name of Buttonville was given to the hamlet when a post office was applied for and there was already a hamlet named Millbrook established in Cavan Township.

The first sawmill in Markham Twp. was built west of Woodbine Ave. on the south bank of the Rouge River, and a pond was made to power the mill's water wheel.

Later, the Venice Grist Mill

appeared on the north side of the river, closer to the road.

By 1850 there were 14 houses in Buttonville. There were carpenters, storekeepers, a weaver, a shoemaker, a painter, a brickmaker, a surveyor, a Lutheran Minister, farmers and laborers. Children living in the hamlet went to school section No. 5 at Brown's Corners on Hwy 7.

Then in 1872 a new brick school was built closer to the village. And by this time there were three churches (Lutheran, Methodist and Presbyterian) and three stores.

The village was named after Major John Button who was of a military family in the United States. He settled here in 1808 acquiring over 200 acres of land. He

became leader of the best organized cavalry troop in Markham Township which fought in the war of 1812. His men were known as Captain Button's troop of the Markham Dragoons. They were well equipped and had smart uniforms. They took the rebel side in the Upper Canada rebellion of 1837.

Of the Baldwin family mentioned (they were absentee landlords who sometimes lived here), Hon. Robert Baldwin was a father of responsible government in Upper Canada, around 1850.

This area's heritage is important and the hamlet of Buttonville, which has many of the original homes still maintained, should be preserved in spite of the changes in the Town of Markham.

Teens invited to film

Markham teens are invited to attend film nights put on by the Unionville Alliance Youth.

The 'Prodigal Planet' will be shown in two parts beginning Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Markham Baptist Church. The movie is about a band of fugi-

tives who struggle to survive as spectacular judgements of God are poured on the earth.

The conclusion will be screened Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the same time and location.

Everyone is welcome.

UNIONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
243 Main St. 479-0942
Pastor: Dr. Ray Reed
Asst. Brian Morris

Sunday
9:45 A.M.
Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 A.M.
The Peacemakers
6:30 P.M.
Ministry of the Word
Nursery and Children's Program
a.m. & p.m.

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CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
8252 McCowan Rd. South
Pastor Harvey Peters

SUNDAY
9:45 A.M.
Family Bible School
11:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.
The Cup Bearer Becomes A Wall Builder
7:00 P.M.
Life Storms; A Time For Growth

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UNIONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

11 a.m. Sunday Service
William Berczy Public School
120 Carlton Road

Nursery Care, Church School
Rev. Jost Kreplin 475-6233

MARKHAM PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
16th Ave. (east of McCowan)
294-6716

Rev. Dean Skinner Pastor

9:45 A.M. - Christian Education Hour. Adult Class - Chuck Swindoll Film Series "Strengthening Your Grip" Film 2 "Aging; refusing to shift your life into neutral."

11:00 A.M. - Women's Ministries Day
Guest speaker Mrs. Grace Sweatman - Administrator of a Senior Citizens Complex.

6:00 p.m. Evening Service of Praise Pastor Skinner preaching music by Dave & Donna Seward.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF UNIONVILLE

Worship 11:00 a.m. Sundays
Sermon Series: I Peter
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HERITAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE AUDITORIUM

17 Anna Russel Way - Off Eureka St. behind Unionville.
Church School Sun. 9:45 a.m.
Bible Study Wed. Evenings 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meetings Sun. Evenings 6:30 p.m.
Men's Fellowship Alternate Sat. at 8:00 a.m.

For information call 477-7497 or 477-2266
Nursery & Handicap Facilities

MARKHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

110 Church Street (opposite High School)
Pastor: Rev. Douglas Sherwood
SUN. FEB. 16/86
9:45 A.M.
Bible School
11:00 A.M.
Association Pulpit Exchange
Rev. James Newman
NURSERY PROVIDED
6:30 P.M.
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