

## Willow Grove Presbyterian Church Honors the Late Walter Murphy

On Sunday morning, May 19, 2002, Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains will be celebrating an important new and lofty addition to its rooftop by dedicating the Walter J. Murphy Memorial Steeple.

During the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the Reverend Kenneth Hetzel, church pastor, will describe the lasting impact made by Mr. Murphy upon the lives of his family, friends, co-workers, community neighbors, church friends and even strangers. It was through the love gifts of these people that funds were secured to erect the steeple.

Walt Murphy, a senior executive with A.T. & T, had lived in Fanwood since 1974 with his wife Judith, and his three sons: Jamie, Todd and Matthew. He had served in various leadership capacities as a church Elder at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, and he was deeply involved in volunteer work within the local area, particularly with the Scotch Plains/Fanwood YMCA.

In early April 1996, A.T. & T. delegated Mr. Murphy to be its representative on the International Trade Commission trip to Croatia organized by Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, under the direction of President Bill Clinton. A number of other senior officials from premier American businesses were part of that group, whose mission was to help jumpstart and invigorate the economic infrastructure of war torn Croatia. Tragically, all the delegates were killed in a plane crash on April 3 in the Croatian mountains. Walt Murphy, age 52, was among them.

His death left a huge void in the lives and hearts of countless people. Pastor Hetzel stated: "This beautiful steeple is a fitting tribute to Walt's devout Christian faith, and will serve as a constant reminder of how he pointed others to look up to the Lord for help, wholeness and fulfillment."

After the worship service, members of the congregation, friends and visitors will adjourn to the church

## Garage Sale Set For Avon Team

WESTFIELD - A team of Westfield women will walk in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-day Walk for a Cure. The walk in October, challenges each team member to raise \$1,900.

A garage sale is planned for Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 19, at 502 Alden Avenue in Westfield. Proceeds will go to the cause. Anyone with items to donate is asked to call Meg at 908-233-4940.

This year the American Cancer Society estimates that 182,000 women in the US will be diagnosed with breast cancer and over 40,000 will die.

## Arboretum Announces Active Beehive Display

SUMMIT - The Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit has a new wildlife habitat—an active beehive conceived by Fanwood resident Diane Sheaffer to teach adults and children about the interdependence between plants and animals. Five thousand Russian honeybees moved in during the Arboretum's "Celebrate the Earth" festivities on April 27.

The Arboretum is a 12.5-acre suburban conservancy located at 165 Hobart Avenue in Summit, just off of Route 24. It is open to the public from dawn to dusk. On most days, admission is free.

lawn (weather permitting) for the official dedication of the Walter J. Murphy Memorial Steeple. Mrs. Murphy, along with a church committee, will be hosting a luncheon reception downstairs in Ryno Hall. There will be pictorial memorabilia, and a video of the raising of the steeple.

For further information, or to make a reservation for lunch, please phone the church office at (908) 232-5678 by Friday, May 17.

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road, across the street from the Scotch Plains Southside Firehouse. The facilities are fully handicapped accessible, and wireless headphones are available for individuals who desire hearing assistance.

## Gardenaires Announce Monthly Meeting Date

SCOTCH PLAINS - The monthly meeting of the Gardenaires will take place on Wednesday, May 22, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located on Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

This month's speaker will be Ray Jones, the owner of Bullfrogs and Butterflies on South Avenue in Fanwood.

The general meeting of the Gardenaires is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Refreshments are served and there are no geographic limitations.

## Master Gardeners to Hold Fair Sunday at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE - Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County will present its 13th annual Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale at the Trailside Nature and Science Center this Sunday, May 19, from noon to 5 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. Parking, entrance and admission to the exhibits are all free. Arts and crafts, along with homemade baked goods, will also be offered.

The Master Gardeners will sell bedding plants, vegetables, perennials, shrubs, hanging baskets and houseplants. Free lectures will be held on kitchen gardening at 1 p.m., United States Eastern Gardens at 1:45 p.m., easy vegetable gardening at 2:30 p.m., and Hydroponics: Growing Plants Without Soil, at 3:15 p.m. Soil test kits will be available for sale.

"This event is our only fundraiser, and also gives us an opportunity to showcase our organization, encourage new people to join, and use the services we and Rutgers Cooperative Extension offer," said Patti DeBlass, President of Union County Master Gardeners and Co-Chairwoman of the fair.

For children, there will be planting and craft activities, face painting, nature walks and storytelling. Container gardening will be a new



WE LOVE TREES...Kindergarten students from Anna Rowe's class at St. Paul's Day School marked Arbor Day this year by planting a cherry tree on the school grounds. The youngsters earned money to buy the tree by doing chores at home.

## Temple Sisterhood to Hold Installation of Officers

CRANFORD - Installation of officers for the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim will be held on Tuesday, May 21, at 8 p.m. at the temple, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

Sandra Springer, Past President of the Sisterhood, will install the following incoming officers: Myra Stein, President; Roslyn Greenberg and Esther Lieb, Vice Presidents in charge of Membership; Jessica Gottschalk and Roberta Rich, Vice Presidents in charge of Fundraising;

Liela Bernstein, Treasurer; Lenore Klein, Financial Secretary, and Lois Waldman, Corresponding Secretary.

Karen Platt will conduct the proceedings for current officers wrapping up their terms. The program will feature friendship and song presented by Mrs. Bernstein.

Mollie Sperling and Greta Polonitz, Co-Presidents, will preside at a short business meeting. Dairy refreshments will be served by Hospitality Chairwoman Linda Kendler.

Harriet Scheiner, Judaica Shop Chairwoman, will have the shop open to make purchases. All are welcome. For information, please call the temple at (908) 276-9231.

## St. John's to Celebrate 93rd Anniversary

SCOTCH PLAINS - St. John's Baptist Church, located at 2387 Morse Avenue in Scotch Plains, will celebrate its 93rd anniversary this Sunday, May 19, during the 11 a.m. service.

During the celebration, attendees will recall the late Reverend Grant H. Hamlette, who founded the church. The Reverend Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., Senior Pastor, has been the church's spiritual leader for the past 35 years.

The Reverend Keith Marshall, Pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Trenton, will be the guest speaker. He will also conduct the Spring Revival, to be held Monday through Wednesday, May 20 to 22, at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call (908) 232-6972.

## Meeting to Spotlight Devices To Assist Hearing-Impaired

AREA - The Tuesday, May 21 meeting of SHHH (Self Help for Hard of Hearing People) will feature a talk on "Special Helps for the Hard of Hearing."

The meeting will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Madison Public Library, on the opposite side of Keep

Street from the YMCA. Attendees will learn about the various devices that are available to assist those with hearing difficulties.

Visitors, either hearing-impaired or with normal hearing, are welcome to attend SHHH meetings. For more information, please call J. H. Pickin at (973) 377-3929.

## Book Sale Planned Saturday At Scotch Plains Library

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library, in conjunction with the Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club will hold its annual used books sale this Saturday, May 18, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the library.

"In addition to selling all kinds of books, we will also be selling videos and books on tape," said Friends President Ted Czarnowski, adding that these items will be sold for \$2 each.

## Philanthropic Group Elects New Officers

WESTFIELD - Mrs. W.A. McCracken of Warren was elected President of the Westfield Chapter U.P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) at a recent meeting held in the Mountinside home of Mrs. J. H. Olson.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a worldwide philanthropic educational organization dedicated to promoting educational opportunities for women. It was founded in 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

The educational and philanthropic purposes of P.E.O. are accomplished through international, state and local projects.

The new officers of Chapter U were installed by Mrs. W.R. Tyson, a chapter member who served as New Jersey P.E.O. State President from 1994 to 1995.

They include Cindy McCracken, President; Lee Mumford, Vice President; Sara Miller, Treasurer; Betty Evans, Recording Secretary; Midge Hogan, Corresponding Secretary; Virginia Toenes, Chaplain, and Charlotte Broadwell, Guard.

Mrs. McCracken and Mrs. Olson were elected as delegates to attend the New Jersey 60th annual P.E.O. convention that was held May 3 and 4 at the Double Tree Hotel in Somerset.

"Many area residents have already donated dozens of videos - many of them never even opened," he added.

Children's entertainer Toni Downey will be on hand at 11 a.m. to provide free entertainment for youngsters. In addition, there will be a free drawing for children under 12, with books and videos as prizes. Free balloons will be available for the younger children.

The book sale will feature fiction and non-fiction selections, reference materials, paperbacks, children's books, cookbooks and how-to books.

Hardcover books will be sold for \$2 each, while paperbacks will be 25 cents and 50 cents each. A large selection of "coffee table" type books will also be offered at bargain prices.

The Junior Women's Club will sponsor the event, which has done for more than 20 years, and will hold a bake sale as part of the day's activities. As co-sponsor for some five years now, the Friends plan and promote the sale and help staff the event. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue.

## Poster Contest Set For Memorial Day

FANWOOD - Fanwood's Memorial Day in the Park, on Monday, May 27, will offer new and traditional rides, including a special train ride for children. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., after the parade.

A poster contest will be held for Fanwood and Scotch Plains students, kindergarten to grade 5. The theme is "America the Beautiful...the Bold...the Brave."

Posters should be dropped off at the park by 11 a.m. Winners will be announced at 1 p.m. All who submit a poster will receive a prize.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the celebration may call (908) 889-6215.

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