

Nurses to Learn About SARS During Upcoming Program

SCOTCH PLAINS - An educational program for registered nurses and guests entitled "SARS: Emerging and Here-To-Stay Pathogens" will take place on Monday, September 22, at 7:45 p.m. at the Parish House of the All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

The two-hour program, featuring speaker Marie Kassai, will be presented by LEARN (League for Educational Advancement for Registered

Nurses).

Ms. Kassai is currently Manager of Customer Satisfaction, Infection Control at General Hospital Center at Passaic (Atlantic Health System).

She is responsible for management of infection control programs and for the orchestration and administration of the patient satisfaction program.

LEARN is a not-for-profit professional organization for New Jersey registered nurses, which offers eight programs per academic year on current nursing topics.

Each program provides Continuing Education Contact Hours through the New Jersey State Nurses Association, accredited as an approver of Continuing Education in Nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This program has been approved for 2.4 Contact Hours. In addition, for school nurses, the New Jersey Department of Education, Professional Standards Board, has granted this program Professional Development Hours.

Annual LEARN membership for registered nurses is \$40. Guests may attend at a fee of \$10 per program.

For a membership application and/or information about upcoming programs, please write to LEARN, P.O. Box 6, Scotch Plains 07076, or call Betty, Program Coordinator, at (908) 272-7239 or Beth, Membership Chairwoman, at (908) 754-9499.

St. Agnes to Present Respect Life Seminars

CLARK - St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, located at 322 Madison Hill Road in Clark, will present a series of talks next month offering insights into the Catholic beliefs on all aspects of life.

These Respect Life seminars will take place on four consecutive Mondays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the church auditorium. They are free and open to the public. A question-and-answer period will follow.

The program schedule is as follows: "Stem Cell and Cloning" on October 6; "Post-Abortion Healing" on October 13; "Euthanasia and End-of-Life Issues" on October 20 and "Death Penalty" on October 27.

A Mass will be offered each Monday night at 7 p.m., immediately preceding the evening's program. For further information, please call Mary Thoden at (732) 382-2749.

New ALPHA Course to Begin On Sunday at First Baptist

WESTFIELD - A new ALPHA course will begin this Sunday, September 14, at the First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street.

ALPHA, a comprehensive look at Jesus Christ and Christianity, is open to both those familiar with the faith and those who are not, as an opportunity for education or enlightenment.

The Christian claims explained are those shared by most denominations. There is no fee and no prerequisites or obligations involved.

Supper will take place at 5 p.m.,

followed by a lecture and discussion groups, which will end at 7:45 p.m. The course will be held on Sunday evenings through November 23, but participants need not attend all classes.

This Sunday's presentation, entitled "Who Is Jesus?" will be given by the Reverend Dr. Dee Dee Turlington, Senior Pastor at First Baptist. It will address the claim that Jesus is divine.

For more information, please call (908) 233-2278 or email firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Newcomers Reveal Calendar Of Activities For September

WESTFIELD - The Newcomers Club of Westfield has posted several activities that will take place later this month.

The Welcome Committee has planned a New Member Wine and Cheese event for Thursday, September 18, at 8 p.m. at a member's home, for all members who joined Newcomers within the last 12 months.

Several activities have been organized by the Children's Committee, starting with a Play Date in the Park Bagel Breakfast on September 18 at 10 a.m. at the Westfield Avenue Park.

An Exercise Play Date in the Park is set for Friday, September 26, at 10 a.m. at Tamaques Park in Westfield.

Jewish Friends to Meet

FOR Bowling Sept. 21

AREA - The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will meet on Sunday, September 21, at 3 p.m. for a night of bowling at The Brunswick-Edison Bowling Lanes, located at 1695 Oak Tree Road in Edison.

The cost is \$2, plus the price to rent shoes and cost per game. For more information, please call Roberta at (908) 668-8450. Interested individuals are asked to respond by Monday, September 15.

Mountainside PAL Sets

Annual 5K 'Cop Trot'

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Police Athletic League has scheduled its Fourth Annual "Cop Trot" 5K (three mile) Run/Walk for Saturday, October 11 at Deerfield School on Central Avenue. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 9:30 a.m.

There will also be a "Tot Trot" for ages six and under. The race starts at 8:30 a.m. For additional information, please call (908) 232-1596, extension no. 531.

People With Disabilities

Fishing Derby to Be Held

UNION COUNTY - The annual fall fishing derby for people with disabilities, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Newark Bait and Flycasting Club, will be held on Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Warinanco Park in Roselle.

Participants can enjoy fishing with their own equipment or they can borrow a pole. Fishing gear will be provided for those who need it.

The event is free, but pre-registration is required. All those who are pre-registered will be treated to lunch and will receive a gift to take home with them.

In the event of rain, the derby will be held the next day, Sunday, September 14. For more information and registration materials call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900.



'AWESOME' EXPERIENCE...For their Summer Mission Trip 2003, 13 youth from the First Baptist Church of Westfield, pictured above with their leaders, recently participated in a Group Working Camp experience in and around Portsmouth, N.H. They spent a week working with 400 other youth from around the country, helping needy families to rebuild their homes and their lives. The First Baptist youth described the experience as "awesome" and one which brought them closer to God. Neighborhood churches there always welcomed work camp members back from their labors with refreshments. Leaders for the First Baptist group were the Reverend Jeremy Montgomery, kneeling at far left, and Pam and Alan Greenlaw, flanking students in the back row.

Calvary Lutheran to Mark 75th Anniversary Sunday

CRANFORD - The Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford, will observe its 75th anniversary this Sunday, September 14, with a Festival Service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Members of the community are invited to attend.

Immediate past Pastors Paul Strockbine and George Freyberger will be on hand, and past members, have also been invited to attend. The festivities will begin at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and cake in the church narthex. Calvary's current Pastor, the Reverend Carol Lindsay, will preside at the Anniversary Worship Service.

The Calvary Choir and a brass quartet from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University will provide music, with Andrew Lyman of Clark as trumpet soloist. Music will be under the direction of the

church's associate in ministry, Jaye Newbold.

Calvary Lutheran Church officially organized with 49 charter members on September 16, 1928, after a summer of worshipping in the Masonic Hall, then located in the building on the corner of Alden Street and Union Avenue.

The congregation moved to its present location in 1931 and purchased the building in 1936 from the Cranford Methodist Church. A classroom wing was added in 1954, followed by an education and office wing in 1964. The current separate sanctuary building and courtyard with Calvary's three signature crosses were dedicated in 1966.

The congregation now numbers over 300 families. Calvary Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Service League Announces Drawing to Win Scarecrow

SCOTCH PLAINS - Area residents are invited to visit the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League's Thrift Shop, located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, and enter a free drawing to win a life-size scarecrow.

Entrants just need to put their name and telephone number on a slip of paper and put it in the "drawing bag." No purchase is necessary and an individual need not be present to win.

The drawing for the scarecrow, which is on display at the store, will be held on Thursday, September 25. In addition, the Thrift Shop is stocked

with items for those who wish to make their own scarecrow.

All jeans are \$3 and shirts range from \$2 to \$4. Accessories, such as shoes, socks, hats and scarves, are also available. Other supplies, like burlap, felt, straw and glue, may be purchased at local craft stores.

The store hours are 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. For more information about the Thrift Shop or to inquire about becoming a volunteer member, call (908) 322-5420.

First Baptist 'Rally Day' On Tap For This Sunday

WESTFIELD - The First Baptist Church of Westfield will celebrate "Rally Day" this Sunday, September 14, when its full range of Christian Education programs will resume.

Children's and Youth Choirs, children's graded classes, and youth Sunday Night activities will begin meeting that day and continue through June.

Between 9 and 10:15 a.m., grade school children will be invited to venture "Into the Promised Land," with a labyrinth walk, discovery stations, a video segment on the parting of the Red Sea, songs, and classroom time spent getting acquainted with classmates.

Meanwhile, adults may attend a special forum on the Old Testament presented by the Reverend Lou Ruprecht, Minister of Adult Education.

The usual Sunday schedule will include Cherub (ages four to six) and Chorister (second to fifth grades) choir rehearsals at 9 a.m.; Sunday School using GROUP curriculum for preschool through high school, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.; Children's Church for primary students at 11 a.m. (second half of worship service), and Youth Choir for sixth to 12th graders at 5:15 p.m., followed by supper and Sunday Night F.I.G.H.T. (Following In God's Holy Truth), from 6 to 8 p.m.

The First Baptist Church is located at 170 Elm Street. Visitors are always welcome to sample its children's and youth programs. All are free and carefully supervised by qualified leaders. For more information, please contact the church office at (908) 233-2278 or firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Miller-Cory to Open Season With Apple Doll Program

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield will kick off its 31st season this Sunday, September 14, with an Apple Head Doll Demonstration presented by Laurie and Amy Mills of Fanwood.

This art form can be traced back 500 years or more to the Iroquois Indians, who lived in the eastern part of the United States and Canada. The program will be presented between 2 and 5 p.m.

Apple carving is patterned after the faces made for the Iroquois spirit doll "Loose Feet." The carved apple dries, shrinks and becomes wrinkled, resembling an aged face. To the Indians, elderly people represented wisdom, contentment and happiness.

Costumed docents will conduct guided tours of the fully-furnished, 1740 farmhouse and answer questions about life in early America. The last tour will begin at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, volunteer cooks will prepare a full meal using authentic 18th-century recipes and utensils. Taste treats will be available for visitors to sample.

The museum's gift shop will also be open, featuring a wide variety of Colonial reproductions, crafts, cookbooks and educational materials.

The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue. Admission is \$2 for adults, 50 cents for students and free for children under six.

On Sunday, September 21, Christine Glazer of Cranford will present a program entitled "Old Samuel Miller Had a Farm...18th Century Farm Animals." This program has been described as ideal for young children.

For information about the museum, its calendar of fall events or volunteer opportunities, please call the museum office at (908) 232-1776.

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