

## Bible Study and Workshops To Continue During Lent

WESTFIELD – The First Congregational Church of Westfield, located at 125 Elmer Street, will continue its series of Bible study and spirituality workshops with a program of classes for the Lenten season. Courses will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings through April 10 and are free and open to the public.

On Monday evenings beginning March 12 and continuing through April 2, a program will be presented entitled "From Jerusalem to Golgatha: Jesus' Final Days."

This program will explore the events that led from Jesus being hailed as a king while entering Jerusalem to being hung on the cross. Led by Joy Mounts, director of Youth and Family Ministry, participants

will examine the interaction among Jesus, the apostles, the Roman authorities and the religious leaders that resulted in Jesus' crucifixion. The class will meet on consecutive weeks from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge.

On Tuesday evenings beginning March 13, a spirituality workshop entitled "Blessed are Who? The Beatitudes Then and Now" will examine the verses in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels.

Led by Dr. Mark Boyea, senior minister at the First Congregational Church, the course will explore what the Beatitudes meant for their time and how people today might better understand and live by them. The class will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on March 13 and 20 and April 3 and 10 in the Chapel Lounge.

The First Congregational Church is a member of the United Church of Christ. For more information, please call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or visit [fcofwestfield.org](http://fcofwestfield.org).

### New Members Sought By Fanwood Squad

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Rescue Squad, headquartered at 123 Watson Road, is seeking to increase its ranks. Currently 37 members strong, the squad offers thorough citizens opportunities to provide important services to their fellow residents.

The organization operates on an "as-available" basis, where members respond to calls for the squad's services based upon their availability. While the squad is seeking all who are interested in serving, it is particularly hoping to recruit additional members for normal workday hours.

The squad will provide at no cost to the volunteer Basic First Aid and CPR/AED (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillation) training through the American Red Cross, followed by the required EMT-B (Emergency Medical Technology-Basic) training.

Anyone interested in joining the squad, or further discussing membership, is asked to call the squad office at (908) 322-9000 or send an e-mail to [fanwoodrescue@comcast.net](mailto:fanwoodrescue@comcast.net).

## Professor Markos to Speak About 'Spirit of Hellenism'

WESTFIELD – Louis Markos, an English and Classics professor at Houston Baptist University, will present a lecture on "The Spirit of Hellenism" on Friday, March 16, at 8:15 p.m. in Bouras Hall of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road in Westfield.

The roots of Western civilization are Judeo-Christian and Greco-Roman. Professor Markos' lecture will trace the rise of Western civilization through the founding of Greek democracy, the enlightenment period, the defeat of the Persians and the ushering in of the Golden Age of Greece.

He will discuss how, while the war with Sparta proved disastrous, the Hellenic Spirit rose again with the conquests of Alexander the Great and how it proved pivotal to the Roman Empire and Christianity. Professor

Markos will cover the impact of the Byzantine Empire, the Ottoman Empire and the Greek War of Independence on the Hellenic Spirit.

Professor Markos grew up in Mountside and was very active in the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. He has published extensively, is a lecturer for the Chantilly, Va.-based Teaching Company and is listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

He earned a Doctoral degree in English with a minor in Classics and a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Michigan and graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History from Colgate University. The lecture is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.



A SONG IN THEIR HEARTS...Elizabeth Willard, a longtime Westfield resident and former school nurse for the Westfield school system, is shown after being serenaded on Valentine's Day by the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ari Brafman, Ken Friedlander, Sam Cohen and Joe LaCompte. Prospective chorus members may call Mr. Brafman at (908) 233-0399 for information.

## Spring Craft Fair to Be Held This Weekend at St. Helen's

WESTFIELD – The "Unique Boutique" spring craft fair will be held this Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11, at St. Helen's Parish Center, 1600 Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

Sponsored by the Youth Ministry Program to support its many outreach projects, the event will offer visitors the opportunity to view and purchase various seasonal, decorative and useful handcrafted items.

Among the featured items will be wooden cutting boards; baskets and boxes; spring floral arrangements and wreaths; a variety of handmade beaded, glass and semiprecious stone

jewelry and painted glass and gourds.

Also featured will be handmade belts and bags, sweaters and baby blankets; original art prints and photographic prints; handmade cards and rosary beads; painted birdhouses; lighted wine bottles and an assortment of homemade gourmet foods.

Ample onsite parking is available and the building is handicapped accessible. An assortment of breakfast and lunch foods will be available and there also will be a home baked goods sale throughout the weekend.

There will be a \$1 admission fee for adults that will entitle entrants to a door prize drawing. The show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For further information on the event or table space availability, please call Anne at (908) 709-2011.

### Rabbi to Hold Program On Leading a Seder

WESTFIELD – Rabbi Leah Doberne-Schor will conduct a Passover seder-leading workshop this Sunday, March 11, at 11:15 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El. The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Participants are invited to learn and share ideas about leading an exciting and engaging seder. To respond, please call Carol at (908) 232-6770.

Non-members are welcome. For more details, please contact Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770 or [cshane@tewnj.org](mailto:cshane@tewnj.org), or visit the temple's website at [tewnj.org](http://tewnj.org).

### Parkinson's Group To Meet on Monday

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, in the lounge of the Parish House at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 140 Mountain Avenue. Individuals with Parkinson's disease and/or their caregivers are invited to attend.

Elizabeth Schaaf, coordinator at the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) Information and Referral Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, will discuss Parkinson's disease and available APDA resources. She also will highlight upcoming APDA programs and events.

The meeting is free of charge and light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Barbara Ringk at (908) 322-9214 or the church office at (908) 233-0301.

## Golden Agers' Club Reveals Trip For St. Joseph's Feast

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Golden Agers' Club has invited all to attend "La Festa di San Giuseppe," a celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph, on Thursday, March 29, at The Tides in North Haledon.

Tickets are \$54 per person and include musical entertainment, an elegant lunch and bus transportation from the Scotch Plains Municipal Building parking lot at 430 Park Avenue. The bus will leave at 10 a.m.

The menu for the occasion will feature Chicken Siciliana, roasted loin of pork, pasta marinara and con sarde, a vegetable medley and popular accompaniments. An Italian dessert table will follow. A one-hour open bar will precede the luncheon and soda and beer will be available during the event.

The Golden Agers' Club offers senior citizens a chance to meet with their peers, share ideas, interact and gather useful information to enhance daily living. The club meets weekly on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Birthday celebrations, bingo and social opportunities are a regular part of weekly meetings. Members are invited to offer suggestions for activities, and free luncheons are provided at least one week each month. Special speakers give presentations

on health issues and other topics.

Membership, theater outings, musical reviews and fun activity trips are open to everyone. For trip details, please call Jean DeTorre at (908) 889-4121 or Mary DeJesso at (908) 654-4512. Club information is available by calling Marge Van Duyn at (908) 889-4631.

### 'Y' Invites Community To Corned Beef Dinner

WESTFIELD – All are invited to enjoy a corned beef dinner with Irish entertainment at the Westfield Area "Y"'s Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch, located at 422 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The dinner will take place on Thursday, March 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. Attendees will be served by teenagers from the "Y." Pre-registration is required. Admission is \$6 for "Y" members and \$8 for non-members. Tickets will be available at the door.

More than 80 people attended last year's event. The building is accessible for people of all abilities. For more information on the dinner, please call Dave Mueller at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 415, or e-mail [dmueller@westfieldynj.org](mailto:dmueller@westfieldynj.org).



YUMMY...A Valentine's Day pancake breakfast was held February 14 at Children's Specialized Hospital's "A Special Place" Child Care Center in Fanwood for families to enjoy breakfast together. "A Special Place" is open to children of CSH employees, youngsters from the surrounding community and those with developmental delays who are enrolled in the hospital's Early Intervention Program or Pre-School Program for ages eight weeks to five years old. Pictured are Ava Mustacciolo and her mom, Paula, both of Fanwood.




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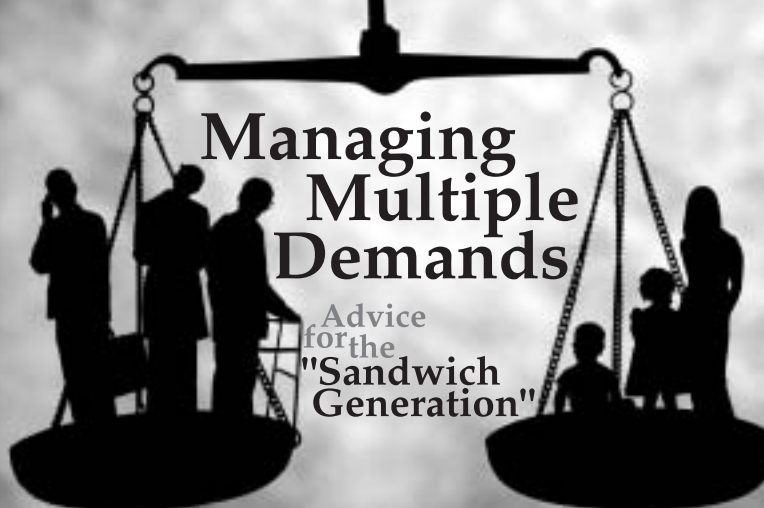


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