



CIRCA 1889...Members of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Fanwood wore Victorian-era costumes as part of the 110th year celebration of the Old Stone Chapel held last weekend. Pictured, left to right, are: Judy Murphy; Wilma Sinnock, the coordinator of the celebration; Sandy Kling and Paul DiDario, story tellers for the event; Barbara Chippenden; and Elaine Lee.

Willow Grove Marks 110th Anniversary Of Old Stone Chapel

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Victorian-era costumes, photographs, stories and household items filled the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, in Scotch Plains, last Saturday as the congregation celebrated the 110th anniversary of the Old Stone Chapel.

According to stories told by church members, Sandra Kling and Paul DiDario, The Stone Chapel, originally built in 1887, was constructed with field stones donated by area farmers on land donated by John Lambert, who owned a nearby grist and cider mill.

The Chapel, which was originally constructed to be used as a Sunday School for area children, had its first day of official use recorded as Christmas Day, 1888.

Ms. Kling, who also teaches at The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, stated that 10 years ago, during the 100th celebration, there had been many strands of ivy removed from the old stones to let church members and the community "see the beauty of these stones."

Ms. Kling went on to say that the total cost of the chapel was \$1,500, excluding things that were donated such as the stone and the land, and money raised over the years from bake sales and church dinners, similar to what is done today.

According to church documents, the \$1,500 does not include the furniture or the shed in the back for parking the buggies.

She pointed out that the original memorial window, which stands as a reminder of the original start of the chapel, was donated by Rachel DeCamp, in memory of her parents, Simeon and Frelove Lambert. It was her brother, John, who donated the land.

At the conclusion of the story, Mr. DiDario rang the chapel bell, which is the original bell donated in 1887 by Dr. J. Ackerman Coles as the "Lee Memorial Bell." This bell still rings every Sunday morning before each church service.

Downstairs, members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Historical Society displayed Victorian Era clothes and household items so that guests could see what life was like at the time of the construction of the chapel.

Ginger Bishop and Connie Klock,

Israeli Film Festival Continues at Temple

WESTFIELD — Temple Emanuel in Westfield will conclude its second annual Israeli Film Festival on Monday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple, 756 East Broad Street, Westfield.

"Intimate Story," the concluding movie in the series, will focus on Loah and Yaacov, a childless couple married nearly 10 years, who are living on a kibbutz. The story tells of their attempt to escape the growing problems in their marriage and their feelings of inadequacy while living in the close community of the kibbutz.

A short discussion will follow the film. Admission is free.

NCAAD Needs Volunteers

WESTFIELD — The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union county (NCADD) is seeking volunteers of 50 years of age and over with a positive attitude toward aging for two to five hours a month.

An eight-week training class will be held by the NCADD for volunteers who want to participate in the "Wellness Initiative and Senior Educators" program.

The program is designed to train the senior volunteer to work in an educational capacity with other senior citizens or young people who are at risk for substance abuse.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning on March 17 at the NCADD office at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield. The training is free and lunch will be served. For further information, call (908) 233-8810.

both active members of the Historical Society, explained that the Victorian era ran from 1849-1901, when Queen Victoria was in power. It was an important era because of the Industrial Revolution.

Mrs. Bishop, who is the current curator of the Osborn Cannonball House, stated that one of the rooms in this house was decorated in the Victorian-era style and features some of the new machines that were coming out at that time.

Also featured during the open house were foods made from Victorian-era recipes and crafts for the children.

Wilma Sinnock, Chairwoman for the 110th anniversary weekend, stated that the Old Stone Chapel is currently again used by children for Willow-Grove's Preschool program.

She noted that the non-profit, Christian nursery school, licensed by the State of New Jersey, is sponsored by the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, and serves children from 2 and 1/2 to over four years of age.

The celebration continued last Sunday when Reverend Kenneth G. Hetzel conducted his service, following the typical format of the 19th century.

High School Chorale Concert Slated at First Congregational

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, will conclude their Mid-Day Musicales series of free, half-hour concerts on Wednesday, March 24, at noon, with a program by the Westfield High School Chorale.

The Chorale is a 26-voice ensemble specializing in chamber music. The group is directed by William Mathews.

Each year the group sings a major work. Past performances have included Schubert's Mass in G, Vivaldi's Gloria and Britten's Ceremony of Carols.

The Chorale has performed in past Mid-Day Musicales at the First Congregational Church in "Sunday Serenades," at the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, at the Juilliard School of Music and as a guest ensemble with the Chorale Art Society of New Jersey.

On March 24, the featured work will be Bach's "Magnificat." The group will also perform Mozart's "Gloria in Excelsis," Britten's "This Little Babe," and Duke Ellington's "Come Sunday."

The program will be accompanied by pianist Kristine Smith-Morasso, music teacher at Edison Intermedi-

Holy Trinity to Present Cantata on March 21

WESTFIELD — The Holy Trinity Choir and instrument ensemble with soloists will present the cantata "Jesu, Joy and Treasure" on Sunday, March 21, at 4 p.m. by Dietrich Buxtehude at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

The cantata will be in the context of Evensong sung to Gregorian chant. Organ works will include the Partita on "Jesu, Joy and Treasure" by Johann Gottfried Walther, and the "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" by Buxtehude.

Rives Cassel is Director of Music and Organist. The public is invited to attend the program, which is being presented free of charge. The church is located at Westfield Avenue and First Street.

Photo Event Slated With Easter Bunny

SCOTCH PLAINS — Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1610 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, invites children, including infants to 12-years-olds, to meet and take photographs with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Reservations are suggested. For more information, contact Ashbrook Activities Director Pat Ray at (908) 889-2586.

First Baptist Church Offers Slide Lecture, Choir Cantata

WESTFIELD — The First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, will offer a special slide lecture on the life of Jesus Christ and a choir cantata on the crucifixion Sunday, March 21.

The lectures by Dr. Dee Dee Turlington will be illustrated with slides of Renaissance religious art. It is scheduled in the church lounge 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

During the 10:30 a.m. worship service, the Chancel Choir of the First Baptist Church, directed by Minister of Music Bill Mathews, will sing Sir John Stainer's cantata "The Crucifixion." Based on the Biblical accounts, the cantata retells the last week in the life of Jesus, using solos, duets, choruses and hymns for choir and congregation.

In addition, Dr. Turlington and

Mr. Mathews will offer a joint presentation on the passion and resurrection of Christ on Wednesday, March 24, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Turlington will introduce slides of religious art that illustrate classical numbers played on the organ by Mr. Mathews. The March 24 program is part of the church's "Lift High the Cross" worship series, which continues with a service of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. and reflections on the crucifixion on Good Friday, April 2, at 1 p.m.

The church's annual Good Friday Day Camp is also available to the public, Pre-K through 5th grade, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 2.

Call the church office at (908) 233-2278 for more information on the events.



SCOUT SUNDAY...Leaders and Scouts from Troop No. 104 of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) joined the parishioners of Scotch Plains Baptist Church for worship on Boy Scout Sunday, February 7.

Scotch Plains Baptist Church Celebrates Boy Scout Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scouts from Troop No. 104 of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) joined the parishioners of Scotch Plains Baptist Church for worship on Boy Scout Sunday, February 7.

The scouts, under the command of Senior Patrol Leader, Steven Cole (Life Scout), served as a color guard and posted the flag of the United States of America, along with the

Christian Flag at the beginning of the worship service.

The congregation joined the scouts in the pledge to both flags. The scouts also served as greeters and ushers for the service.

John Podlas is Scoutmaster of the troop.

Assistant Scout Master, Cleveland Bowser, serves as Head Usher for Scotch Plains Baptist Church. Mr. Bowser has been involved in boy scouting for 20 years, serving as both Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster.

Steve Pagano, one of the scouts, also attends Scotch Plains Baptist Church. Last summer, he attended the BSA High Adventure Trek in Philmont, Colorado, a week-long hike and camping experience.

The troop meets on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. On the fourth Mondays they meet at Scotch Plains Baptist Church at 333 Park Avenue.

For membership information, call (908) 232-7391.

Patient Care, Inc. Expands Services With New Facility

Patient Care, Inc., a home health care company headquartered in West Orange, has expanded its range of services to include geriatric care management through its new division, Care Management Solutions.

Care Management Solutions, managed by Director Amy Bloom, specializes in assisting older adults and their families with short- and long-term care arrangements.

A wide range of services is available, including arranging for placement in a nursing home or assisted living facility, coordinating community resources and assisting with application for entitlements, counseling services for individuals and families, crisis intervention, acting as a liaison to families at a distance, monitoring personal bills and insurance claims, and making referrals to specialists regarding financial, legal and medical issues.

Patient Care provides clients with home health care services, including companions, chore/errand services, certified home health aides, and nursing visits.

Care Management Solutions assists adult children of the ailing/elderly who need a professional evaluation of their parent's care needs, followed by a thorough investigation of alternatives and a plan of implementation.

Ms. Bloom is a licensed social worker with expertise in assessing, coordinating and arranging all appropriate services for her clients, according to Christina Hall, Director of Corporate Communications for Patient Care, Inc.

Services are highly personalized and designed to meet individual needs. Continuity of care management reduces miscommunication, time, stress and costs to clients, Ms. Hall stated.

Commenting on her company's new division, Patient Care President

Elaine Boardman noted, "Care Management Solutions is an invaluable service, particularly for adult children who are unsure of what their parents need in terms of care."

"We provide the support services necessary for the elderly to maintain their quality of life; in addition, this service relieves the burden of stress on adult children, many of whom are already overwhelmed by the demands of balancing work and family," she added.

Patient Care, Inc., accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, provides home health care services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through a network of branch offices in the tri-state area.

The Westfield branch is located at 120 Elm Street. For further information, please call (908) 654-5656.

Care Management Solutions, a member of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers, is located at 443 Northfield Avenue, third floor, in West Orange. For information, please call (973) 731-6900.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three "Our Fathers, Hail Mary's and Gloria's." Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. This Novena must be said for nine consecutive days. - S.K.C. & J.V.C.

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Oratorio Singers to Present Special Musical Concert

WESTFIELD — The Oratorio Singers, Soloists and Orchestra of Westfield, conducted by Trent Johnson, will perform Norman Dello Joio's "To St. Cecilia," Giuseppe Verdi's "Four Sacred Pieces," and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

The boy alto for the Bernstein "Chichester Psalms" will be Alexander Glasser of White Plains, New York. He studies piano and recently sang the alto solo from the "Chichester Psalms" with the Rottenberg Chorale, the largest adult Hebrew choir in the United States, at New York City's Merkin Hall.

This year's performance continues a 19-year tradition of presentations of major choral works by the Oratorio Singers, which has been led for the past five years by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson is the Director of Music and Arts at the First United Methodist Church, and is a graduate of both the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland and The Juilliard School in New York City.

He has conducted many large choral works from the Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods, as well as the 20th century.

Most recently he has conducted the Oratorio Singers in performances of Bach's "St. John Passion," Mozart's "Great Mass in C Minor," Poulenc's "Gloria," Haydn's "Creation," and Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus."

In addition to his activities at the First United Methodist Church, Mr. Johnson has played the organ at recitals at major churches on the East Coast. He is also a composer, having written works for chorus, organ, piano, art songs and chamber music.

General admission tickets to the concert are \$15, while students and senior citizens will be admitted for \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Ltd. and The Music Staff, all in Westfield.

For further information, please call the church office at (908)233-4211.

This Arts Program is made possible in part by HEART Grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Nicholas P. Scutari, Chairman



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MARCH 21: BRAHMS REQUIEM — The Chorale celebrates Summit's 100th Anniversary in this third annual combined concert with Central Presbyterian's Motet Choir, part of the Sounds of Summit series.

APRIL 25: CALVARY QUARTET — Soprano Andi Campbell, mezzo Sharon Morrison, tenor Russell Weinberg, and bass Jason Iannuzzi in a diverse concert of opera, lieder, Broadway, and more.

MAY 23: HAYDN MASS IN TIME OF WAR — The season concludes with the Chorale's performance of Haydn's powerful and moving Mass.

ALL CONCERTS ARE SUNDAYS AT 4 P.M.

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