

## Mothers' Center to Present Open House at Area Church

AREA - The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, which includes members from various local communities, will hold an Open House on Monday, September 16, at 9 a.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

Attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about the Mothers' Center, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization run by mothers for mothers of children of all ages. All are welcome.

The Mothers' Center seeks to enhance parenting by offering daytime discussion groups, parenting education workshops, playgroups, social activities and library resources.

Group discussions, held in the fall, winter and spring, meet once a week for about six to eight weeks per session. Topics range from feelings about motherhood to scrapbooking to strategies for dealing with various situations.

Every group is run by trained facilitators who ensure each participant has an opportunity to be heard. Experienced babysitters are available to care for children in the infant

### Sukkot Celebration To Be Held at JCC

SCOTCH PLAINS - Members of the public are invited to attend the annual Sukkot Dinner on Tuesday, September 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey's Wilf Jewish Community Campus.

Attendees will have an opportunity to visit the Sukkah, a temporary dwelling for the celebration of Sukkot; dance to traditional music and dine with family and friends. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children (ages 2 to 13) and senior citizens.

Interested individuals are asked to respond by Tuesday, September 17, by calling Tina Jacobs at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 218. Space is limited. The Jewish Community Campus is located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

## Senior Clergy Plan Service Commemorating Sept. 11

WESTFIELD - Members of the senior clergy of Westfield have met to plan a worship service marking the first anniversary of the tragedies of September 11.

The service will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The intent of the commemoration is to bring members of the community together in an interfaith appeal to God for comfort, forgiveness and renewal of hope.

The service will not include speeches or sermons, but will call on participants to worship through

and toddler rooms while mothers meet in group sessions.

Twice a year, the Mothers' Center sponsors a consignment sale. These sales are the largest fundraisers for the organization and almost all members donate their time to the event.

The Fall Sale will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 to 26, at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, located at Watchung Avenue and East 7th Street.

For more information, please call (908) 561-1751 or send an email to mcnj@westfieldnj.com.

### Program at Church To Focus on Issues Of Stem Cell Research

WESTFIELD - Members of the public are invited to a discussion of the "Promise of Stem Cell Research: Life or Death?" on Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

The discussion will be facilitated by the Reverend John A. Mills, Director of Wisdom's Light, a ministry of public religion and science discussions.

The session will describe the science of stem cells and the promise of medical healing offered by the research.

Participants will then have the opportunity to discuss the ethical and moral issues raised by the harvesting of stem cells and their subsequent use.

Topics will include the controversy of when life begins; issues related to human dignity and government regulation of the research. Specific religious issues regarding God's image, sacrifice and God's purpose will also be discussed.

This session is a program of Wisdom's Light. There is no registration fee. For more information about this ministry, please visit <http://wislit.home.att.net>. Directions to the church are available on the site. Anyone with questions may call (201) 768-7285.

prayer, readings from scripture and other sources, special music and a candle-lighting ceremony in memory of the Westfield residents who died in the attack on the World Trade Center.

The sub-committee finalizing plans for "September 11: Remembrance and Hope" includes the Reverend Monsignor Joseph Masiello of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church; Rabbi Douglas Sagal of Temple Emanu-El; the Reverend Edward Carll of the First United Methodist Church and the Reverend Leon Randall of St. Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

## Hadassah Keepers of the Gate To Be Honored at Luncheon

COUNTY - The Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah's Keepers of the Gate will join with the Southern New Jersey Region of Hadassah to be honored at a luncheon at National Hadassah, 50 W. 58th Street in New York City on Tuesday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Keepers of the Gate, now in its seventh year, has raised more than \$2 million for gene therapy and breast cancer research through the efforts of more than 2,200 Keepers from around the country.

As a Keeper of the Gate, each Hadassah participant pledges a minimum annual donation of \$1,000. This year, Hadassah has embarked on a \$28 million campaign to benefit the new Center for Emergency Medicine at Hadassah Hospital in Israel.

Marlene Post, immediate Past President of National Hadassah and

### Registration to Begin For Story Times

### At Township Library

SCOTCH PLAINS - Registration for the Fall 2002 Story Time at the Scotch Plains Public Library will take place beginning Tuesday, September 17, and will continue until each class is full.

The maximum number per class is 20 children. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Children's Room desk.

"Pre-School Story Time" will run on Tuesdays, October 8 to November 5, from 10 to 10:30 a.m. or from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Children must be three years old or older before the date of the first program.

"K-First Grade Story Time" will also run on Tuesdays, October 8 to November 5, from 3:30 to 4 p.m.

These programs are offered for Scotch Plains residents and library card holders. For further information, please call the Children's Room between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (908) 322-5007.

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A HOUSEFULL OF HAPPINESS...Three teams from the St. Helen's Youth Ministry in Westfield gather outside a home in Preston County, W. Va., where they recently performed roof, gutter and siding repairs as part of their annual visit to the community to help those in need. The young people also did work for several other families in the area. The owner of this home is pictured standing at left in the second row.

## St. Helen's Youth Ministry Lends a Hand to the Needy

WESTFIELD - Youth Ministry members from St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield recently returned home once again after spending a week in Preston County, W. Va. helping those in need.

The group set out on July 7 and returned July 14. Their theme this year was "United Together - Serving the Lord." This is the fifth year that this group has traveled to West Virginia to help improve the quality of life for people living in Preston County.

A Mass was celebrated by the Reverend Don McLaughlin the evening before they left, followed by a gathering of all the families for a send-off dinner and a special blessing.

Comprised of students from Westfield, Scotch Plains and Cranford, the team was made up of Ashley Alvernes, Melissa Bakunas, Brian Doyle, Mollie Gibbons, Jay Kennedy, Andrew McCloskey, Darcy O'Brien, Megan O'Shea, Brandon Pantano, Evan Pantano, Maggie Reynolds, Fred Schmidt, Kelly Schmidt and Andrew Streaman.

Accompanying adults included Gary Gadek, Patti Gardner, Laura Krasnor, Marga Reynolds, Al Roig, Alex Schmidt and Antonia Ugenti.

During the week, the group broke up into three work teams. Group One was

assigned to a family living in a trailer home that needed their roof repaired and a railing built for the steps into their home.

Group Two worked on a family's trailer home that needed the entire bottom (underpinning) of the trailer ripped off, rebuilt and painted. Group Three built two sets of steps for the family for whom they were working, so they would have access in and out of both sides of their trailer home, then painted the entire home.

The week's activities culminated with the three groups coming together to work as a team on roof, gutter and siding repairs at the home of a local resident.

The Youth Ministry team began preparing for this service project in March. They raised funds for this trip by holding bake sales, a pancake breakfast and a sponsorship drive. Team members met every other week to discuss meals and work on daily prayer services that were held the week of their trip.

The team stayed at Camp Galilee in cabins by a lake, where they were able to enjoy recreational activities after their long hours of work.

During the year, these young people are also active with Habitat for Humanity in Plainfield and with weekly visits to the Ozanum Family Shelter run by Catholic Charities in Edison.

## Free Rabies Clinic on Tap At Scotch Plains Firehouse

SCOTCH PLAINS - A free Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs, sponsored by the Scotch Plains Health Department, will be held on Saturday, September 28, at the Northside Firehouse, located at the rear of the Municipal Building.

Cats must be contained in a "cat carrier" or a box and accompanied by an adult able to control the animal. If this is the animal's initial vaccination (which includes those animals with an unknown vaccination history), the inoculation has a one-year duration. Cats will be vaccinated from 8 to 9 a.m.

Subsequent booster vaccinations have a three-year duration if the animal is age six months or older. Cat licenses for 2002 will be available at \$5 per cat.

Dogs must also be accompanied by an adult able to control the animal. Revaccination is not necessary for three years unless the dog is under six months of age, thus requiring vaccination the subsequent year (or if the animal's vaccination history is unknown). Dogs will be vaccinated between 9 and 10 a.m.

2002 dog licenses will be available at the clinic. The cost is \$6.20 if spayed or neutered and \$9.20 if not.

The New Jersey Department of Health recommends vaccination every two years and a license will not be issued by the township unless the vaccination is valid for the entire licensing period. For further information, please call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 1-309.

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## The Arc of Union County Sets Upscale Garage Sale

COUNTY - The Arc of Union County's Murray Hill Child Development Center's PTO will hold its 27th Annual Upscale Garage Sale on Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Municipal Complex, located at Springfield Avenue and Academy Street in New Providence.

Proceeds from the event will benefit infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Union County, a 501 (c) (3) association, provides programs and services to more than 700 individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Union County.

The Garage Sale will feature clothes, antiques, tools, baby items, electronics, hobby items and toys. Donations of new and slightly used items are welcome and may be dropped off on Friday, November 8, between noon and 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Municipal Complex.

### Mr. Riddle to Discuss Creation, Evolution At Evangel Church

SCOTCH PLAINS - Mike Riddle, an adjunct speaker for the Institute for Creation Research (ICR), will lecture on Thursday, September 12, at 6 p.m. at the Evangel Church in Scotch Plains. The church is located at 1251 Terrill Road.

ICR is a non-profit, research ministry of scientists who seek to show how scientific evidence harmonizes with the Biblical explanation of creation.

A speaker for the past 19 years on creation and evolution, Mr. Riddle holds an advanced degree in education. He will discuss the compatibility of science and religion; what the fossil record reveals about evolution and whether evolution is a proven fact.

Mr. Riddle is the President of his own company and has also served as a technical specialist for major corporations such as Microsoft, US Sprint and Unisys.

## Redeemer Lutheran Plans Service on September 11

WESTFIELD - The community is invited to attend a Christian worship service on Wednesday, September 11, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church and School in Westfield.

Entitled "Faith Without Fear," the service will commemorate the horrific events which occurred on this date one year ago. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude with a celebration of Holy Communion.

Lay readers will share several Bible passages, including Matthew 18:7, where Jesus is recorded as saying, "Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid." Jason Marks, a member of the

The Arc maintains 23 residential home programs, including a senior program in Murray Hill; five vocational and employment centers and five special needs day programs.

The day programs include an Adult Medical Day Care facility; two childcare development centers in Cranford and Murray Hill; a summer camp program, Camp Star in Rahway, and a private school, The Arc Kohler School. The school will relocate to 1137 Globe Avenue in Mountainside for the opening of the 2002-2003 year in September.

For additional information regarding the Garage Sale or services offered by The Arc, please call The Arc of Union County's Resource Development and Community Outreach Office at (908) 754-7826.

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### St. Bart's Rosarians Post Meeting Date

SCOTCH PLAINS - St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society will hold its first meeting for 2002-2003 on Monday, September 9, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Plans for the organization's Christmas Party will be discussed, as well as events for the coming year.

Tickets for the annual Communion Breakfast will also be available at this meeting. The breakfast will take place on Sunday, October 6, following the 9 a.m. Mass at The Westwood in Garwood.

All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served. St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church is located at 2032 Westfield Avenue.

congregation, will play his guitar and lead fellow worshippers in the singing of a new hymn called "I Will Rejoice Forever," based on Habakkuk 3:17-18.

Stefeny Krombolz, Redeemer Lutheran's Director of Music, will accompany other hymns, including Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress." Prior to the service, flutist Susan Marks will play Pachelbel's "Canon in D Major."

Redeemer Lutheran is located at the corner of Clark Street and Cowperthwaite Place. For more information, please call the church office at (908) 232-1517.

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