

Love For Both God and Country Is Reflected In Patriotic Spirit

By REV. KENNETH G. HETZEL

I completed a 20-year military career before accepting a call into the ministry. During that military career, I spent nearly 13 years living overseas. And while being in foreign and exotic places is attractive, I missed not being home in the United States, home in "my country."

I can recall attending a local national festival. There was a display of flags and I recall searching them all until I finally found the American Flag. Oh, and wasn't I proud; my flag was up there. It was deserving, in my opinion, of a much bigger, more prominent display, but it was there nonetheless.

No matter my travels, I would expect to see the American Flag, and I was disappointed when all I could find was the local nation's symbol. My flag was somehow my home, and somehow represented all that I was missing. What I am saying is that my patriotism is deeply seated in my personality. I am proud to be an American.

Early this summer, I had to undergo back surgery. My entire summer was immediately changed. I reflected with my wife, will we be able to go to the Fourth of July parades? Will we go to a picnic? Will we miss the fireworks and the patriotic displays?

Based on the speed of my recovery, will I be able to display our flag at home, and all the other smaller flags I normally put up around the yard? Suddenly, being incapacitated at a time of our national anniversary, I realize again how much I love my country.

As a pastor of a church family, I am well aware that the place of my birth and the nationality it provided is and continues to be a blessing from God. Religion is neither mandated nor

prohibited. Acts of worship may be public or private. Religious values are seen as positive contributions to the general society. I can speak my values freely in the body politic. I can look at the flag and see both national and religious symbols without contradiction. I can, and do, invoke God's blessings upon this nation, of which I am a part.

As a citizen, I understand the cautions which seek to separate church and state. I do not always agree with the degree or extremes to which the arguments are stretched, but the intent seems to be largely sound.

As a minister of faith, I understand my first loyalty to my God, yet do not understand a total isolation of God from country. As an individual, I cannot separate faith from citizenship. I cannot live in two isolated worlds.

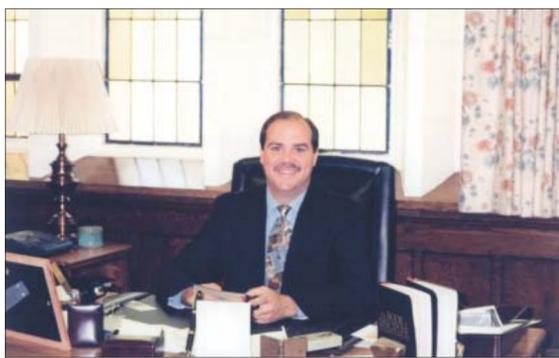
My solution is to see and accept the gracious blessing of God in my native country. My obligation is to honor that blessing by living responsibly before God. In this way, I might most fully realize the blessings for myself, my family and my fellow citizens.

Do not withhold my love of country from my faith, nor do I withhold my faith from my love of country. At the very heart of how I live, and what I believe, is a truth that my faith informs my patriotism, and that my God blesses us all. Happy Fourth, I say, and God has blessed, even as God will bless this wonderful nation of ours.

Reverend Hetzel is Pastor of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.



Rev. Kenneth G. Hetzel



NEW ASSIGNMENT...The Reverend Edward H. Carll, pictured above, has been appointed by the First United Methodist Church in Westfield as its Senior Minister. He previously served at churches in Tuckerton, Englishtown, Spotswood and Highland Park.

Rev. Edward H. Carll Joins FUMC as Senior Minister

WESTFIELD - The First United Methodist Church in Westfield has announced the appointment of the Reverend Edward H. Carll to the position of Senior Minister of the church, which was effective Monday.

Reverend Carll has relocated to Westfield from Tuckerton, where he was the minister of the First United Methodist Church since 1988. Prior to that, he served churches in Englishtown, Spotswood and Highland Park.

He holds Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Princeton Theological Seminary. Reverend Carll is also a graduate of Western Maryland College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Religion.

He is married to Gabriele H.L. Carll, an elementary school teacher. They have a son, Christopher, who attends New York University.

First United Methodist Church, located at 1 East Broad Street, is currently on its summer schedule. There is an informal Seekers Service at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings and a more traditional Morning Worship at 10 a.m. The parking lot is accessible from Ferris Place Road.

All Saints' to Begin Summer Schedule

SCOTCH PLAINS - The All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, will begin its summer worship schedule this Sunday, July 7.

There will be one worship service, a Choral Eucharist, celebrated at 9 a.m. on Sundays during the summer, through September 1. Holy Eucharist is celebrated as well on Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

The Reverend Jane Rockman is the Rector at All Saints' Episcopal. The church is air conditioned. For more information, please call (908) 322-8047.

Obituaries

James A. Scott, 77, Retired Engineer; Had Been Awarded the Purple Heart

James Anthony Scott, 77, of Fanwood died on Sunday, June 23, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, he was a Fanwood resident for 28 years.

Mr. Scott had been an engineer at the American Sugar Company in New York City, where he was employed for 30 years before retiring.

He was an engineering graduate of the Pratt Institute of New York City and earned a master's degree from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken.

A United States Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Brian Jean-Joseph, 23

Brian Jean-Joseph, 23, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, June 23, in a drowning accident in Bridgewater.

Born in Jersey City, he had lived in Cranford before relocating to Scotch Plains in 1994.

Mr. Jean-Joseph was enrolled at Kean University in Union, in preparation to begin study there.

Earlier, he was in the pre-med program at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and also worked part-time at Wegman's in Bridgewater.

He graduated in 1997 from Seton Hall Preparatory School in West Orange.

Surviving are his mother, Marie E. Edmond; his father, Ludovic Jean-Joseph; a brother, Patrick Jean-Joseph, and his grandmother, Leonie Forbes.

A Mass was offered on Saturday, June 29, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Rossi Funeral Home in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Christine Johnson Scott, and a sister, Mary Ann Herbert.

Private funeral services were arranged by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

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Richard A. Hoyler, 56

Richard Arthur Hoyler, 56, of Scotch Plains died on Friday, June 28, at his home.

Born in Orange, he lived in Scotch Plains for many years.

Mr. Hoyler worked as an electronic technician for various hospitals for many years.

Surviving are his parents, Hermann F. and Marjorie Hoyler of Freehold; a brother, Donald F. Hoyler of Spring Lake, and a sister, Dorothy A. Belinski of Reading, Pa.

Private graveside services were held yesterday, Wednesday, July 3, at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

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Iris M. Jensen, 73

Iris M. Walker Jensen, 73, of Westfield died on Friday, June 28, at her home.

Born and raised in Westfield, she had lived in Decatur, Ill. for six years; Huntingdon, Long Island for six years and St. Joseph, Mich. for six years before returning to Westfield in 1983.

Mrs. Jensen had been a buyer for Haynes and Co. in New York City, retiring many years ago.

She and her husband were longtime members of the Couples Club and the Chapter 13 Circle of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Theodore F. "Ted" Jensen; two daughters, Keren Sonnenberg of Sawyer, Mich. and Kristine Jensen of Westfield; two sons, Ted Jensen, Jr. of Doswell, Va. and David Jensen of Manalapan, and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Interment will be at the Revolutionary Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield 07090.

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Graduation Gowns Wanted For CSH's Camp Chatterbox

MOUNTAINSIDE - Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) is seeking graduation gowns for youngsters attending Camp Chatterbox, a camp offered by the hospital for children with communication disabilities.

The gowns will add to the spirit of the camp's 2002 "Wizard" theme and can be returned to their owners immediately after the camp ends, if requested.

Camp Chatterbox will be held Sunday to Sunday, August 18 to 25, in Worcester, Pa., about 25 miles north of Philadelphia.

The camp is designed to give special needs children a chance to inter-

act with other youngsters using augmentative and alternate communication device (AAC) systems, while learning to use their devices in functional activities. Parents participate in camp activities with their children.

Interested individuals are asked to call or e-mail Sharon Pachler in CSH's Educational Technology Department at (908) 233-3720, extension no. 5181, or SPachler@childrens-specialized.org.

CSH has facilities in Mountainside, Fanwood, Toms River, Elizabeth, Newark and Union, as well as outreach programs in many communities.



CHECK FOR CHILDREN'S...Rex Riley, President of Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH), accepts a \$25,000 donation from the hospital's Auxiliary. Funds were raised in April at "The Spring Party - A Progressive Dinner," which was co-chaired by Liz Loland, center, and Susan Doherty. On the right is Janet Jackson, President of the Auxiliary, which has donated a total of \$50,000 this year to CSH.

Union County Grant Given To Visiting Health Services

WESTFIELD - Visiting Health Services (VHS) of Union County, Inc., based in Westfield, recently announced the receipt of a grant from the Union County Division on Aging, to provide services to Union County senior citizens.

Under the terms of the grant, VHS will be able to provide Certified Home Health Aides, housekeepers and personal emergency response systems to help support family caregivers in their efforts to take care of their loved ones.

The grant is funded by the National Family Caregiver Support Initiative, Title IIIIE of the Older Americans Act.

"We are delighted that we will be able to provide services to family caregivers, expanding on a range of existing programs. Family caregivers give so much of themselves and so selflessly, it is a privilege to be able to offer these services," stated Dr. Anita Weinberg, Executive Director of VHS.

Certified Home Health Aides and housekeepers can provide respite from care giving for families. The Personal Emergency Response systems allow caregivers to leave the home, knowing that their loved one can secure help in case of an emergency.

VHS also participates as a provider in the State Respite Care program and offers the In-Home Caregiver Education and Support program, which provides professional training at home to help caregivers improve their skills and effectiveness.

For more information on these and other services, families and caregivers may call VHS at (908) 233-3113.

A non-profit agency, VHS is licensed by the State of New Jersey and accredited by the National Association of Home Care.

The agency offers at-home assistance to all residents of Union County, regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic background, disability or religion. Incorporated in 1953, VHS is a United Way and United Fund member agency.

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Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

Deuteronomy 28 : 6, 7

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