



HOP, HOP, HOP...The Easter Bunny will be returning to Westfield this Saturday, March 26, for the 70th annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mindowaskin Park. The event, sponsored by the Lions Club of Westfield, begins at 1 p.m.

Lions Club to Hold 70th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

WESTFIELD — The Lions Club of Westfield will hold its 70th annual Easter Egg Hunt in Mindowaskin Park this Saturday, March 26, at 1 p.m. for children up to age 7. There will be an area set aside for toddlers to participate.

Participants and their parents are asked to assemble in the park by

Spring Fling Scheduled April 17 in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) is pleased to announce that the 11th Annual Spring Fling Westfield festival will take place in the downtown area on Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Over 300 vendors will participate in the annual festival to kick off spring, including over 150 arts and craft merchants, many area businesses, clubs, and organizations, and a wide variety of food merchants.

At this time, the WACC seeks volunteers to help the event run smoothly. Responsibilities may include assisting at the WACC booth, managing the kids' spring craft activity, attending the "Hole in One" PGA booth or monitoring the hospitality suite. Youth groups as well as individuals are welcome to participate. Hours of participation are flexible.

Please contact the WACC at (908) 233-3021.

12:45 p.m. as the hunt will start precisely at 1 p.m., weather permitting.

Under the direction of Hunt Chairman Mike Gordeuk, more than 1,200 plastic eggs will be hidden in the area around the gazebo. Immediately after the hunt, complimentary plastic bags containing gourmet jelly beans will be distributed to the children.

In addition, several of the Easter eggs will be specially-marked so that those who find them may receive a small prize from one of the merchants in town.

Prizes can be redeemed by bring each prize winning egg to the designated redemption table after the hunt, to receive a coupon good for that prize at the store.

Before the hunt, between noon and 12:45 p.m. and after the hunt, the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures with the children. In exchange for a \$3 donation to Lions charities, each recipient will receive a framed photograph.

In the event of poor weather conditions there will not be a rain date for the event. Instead the Lions will hand out jelly beans and plastic eggs under the gazebo, as well as having the Easter Bunny there for photographs.

The Westfield Lions Club would like to hear from anyone who has pictures of or a memory from the early years of the hunt, which started in 1936. The club may be contacted at P.O. Box 572, Westfield, 07091.

Big Apple Jazz Band Returns To Town for Easter Service

WESTFIELD — The Big Apple Jazz Band returns to First United Methodist Church of Westfield at 1 East Broad Street, to lead a Death-to-Resurrection Vigil service, this Saturday, March 26, at 8 p.m.

The service will include traditional readings from the scriptures, along with Dixieland Jazz accompaniment for the hymn-singing, and some flat-out, high-flying jazz favorites to celebrate the resurrection.

Dick Voigt and the Big Apple Jazz Band have been performing in the metropolitan New York City area for many years, and have struck up a special relationship with the First

United Methodist Church, through their summer concert series and Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras parties. Also featured will be tenor soloist and Senior Pastor, Rev. Ed Carll.

The church will continue its' celebrations of Easter on Sunday, with a Sunrise service on the front lawn at 6:30 a.m., a special Seekers service at 9:15 a.m., and a more traditional Easter celebration at 10:45 a.m. The community is invited to join the celebration.

Rosary Society Will Gather on April 4

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Rosary Society of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains will meet on Monday, April 4, following the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

Nominations for electing officers for the 2005-2006 year will be held. All women from the parish are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call (908) 322-5409.

Breakfast, Discussion Slated at Willow Grove

WESTFIELD — The Men's Group of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church invites males, ages 16 and up, from the community to join them on Saturday, April 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. for a free pancake breakfast and presentation, and discussion.

Scotch Plains Township Manager Thomas Atkins will give a presentation on the role faith plays in the life of public officials. He will share his views whether or not faith should influence the decision-making process and if that's a violation of the separation of church and state.

Mr. Atkins will also share his viewpoints on how a public official tries to maintain a delicate balance living in a "fishbowl" under frequent public scrutiny. Following the presentation, the floor will be open for questions, comments and discussion.

To attend make reservations by Thursday, March 31, although participants will be accepted without a reservation. For more information or to make reservations, please call August Ruggiero at (908) 889-5948 or the church office at (908) 232-5678 or e-mail wilgryv@netzero.com.

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road, across the street from the Scotch Plains southside firehouse, off Martine Avenue. The building is handicap accessible.

1st Congregational Sets Meditation Class Dates

WESTFIELD — Moving Meditation classes will be offered on three consecutive Monday evenings from April 4 through April 18 at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street, Westfield.

Classes are held at 7 p.m. in Room 21, on the second floor of the church's McCorison Christian Education building.

Moving Meditation is a simple, gentle, graceful, movement based on ancient Asian Qigong wellness systems. The exercise is performed standing up. Benefits include stress reduction and flexibility.

Group practice is led by Laura Berzofsky, a certified Integral Tai Chi and Qigong Instructor. The classes are designed for beginners and ordinary street clothing is appropriate.

The Moving Meditation program is sponsored by the church's Board of Christian Education. Free offerings are accepted to benefit the church's outreach programs. Funds collected this spring will be donated to Waysharers, a faith-based outreach program for adults with developmental disabilities.

For more information or to enroll, please call Laura Berzofsky at (908) 232-0169. Weekly drop in students are also welcome.

Blood Pressure Event Set at Local Library

FANWOOD — The Westfield Regional Health Department will present a free blood pressure screening event on Thursday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to noon.

It will take place at the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road, and all are welcome to attend.

The Easter message of "New Life" means more than eggs and spring flowers. Come to church this Easter Sunday, and find out why.



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March 24, 7:30 p.m.
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Good Friday

March 25, 7:30 p.m.
Service of Tenebrae

Easter Sunday

March 27,
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Holy Communion

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SALUTE THE FLAG...First grade Tiger Cubs from Cub Scout Pack No. 270 at Washington Elementary School in Westfield participated in their first official flag ceremony. All Cub Scouts, attending grades 1 to 5, learn how to participate and present a flag ceremony at every monthly Pack night.

First Congregational Church Schedules Easter Services

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church of Westfield will observe Holy Week with special services on Thursday, March 24, and Easter Sunday, March 27. Visitors are welcome to attend.

This evening, the church will mark Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. with a Tenebrae service (a service of shadows), the retelling of the Last Supper, and Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated with identical services at 9 and 11 a.m. Special choral and instrumental music will include Widor's *Toccata* and the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. A one-room schoolhouse will be offered for children ages 3 and older during both services and childcare will be available for infants to two-year-old children.

One coffee hour will be held for both services at 10 a.m.

First Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, is equipped with a wheelchair ramp and infrared audio system for the hearing impaired.

For more information, please call the church office at (908) 233-2494.

First Baptist Men Meet At Scotchwood April 5

WESTFIELD — The men from First Baptist Church of Westfield will meet for "Grub with the Guys" on Tuesday, April 5, 6:45 a.m. Newcomers are invited.

The group meets at the Scotchwood Diner on Route 22 East in Scotch Plains. For more information, please call (908) 233-2278 or e-mail firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Willow Grove Plans Dinner To Aid Tsunami Victims

SCOTCH PLAINS — Willow Grove Church in Scotch Plains will host an Italian Dinner to benefit victims of the tsunami in Asia on Saturday, April 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. The church is located at 1961 Raritan Road.

The dinner will include baked ziti, eggplant parmigiana, lasagna, salad, Italian Bread and Italian dessert pastries. During dinner, singer Karen Notare will perform arias from Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*.

The dinner is being held to raise

money for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund, which helps individuals caught in life-threatening situations, such as war, famine and hurricanes.

The cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and no cost for children under 5.

Reservations, which are appreciated, but not required, must be made by Thursday, March 31. To make a reservation, please call Barbara Couphos at (908) 322-7892.

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Easter Sunday

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For further information, please call (908) 233-2494 or
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