

## Church Seeks Nominations For Marc Hardy Award

WESTFIELD – The First Congregational Church of Westfield is seeking nominations for the Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award for 2006. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 22 and participating in a Westfield-based organization, who have distinguished themselves in the area of human rights.

This award will be offered to a person who has shown: Openness and friendliness to people of all races, creeds and nationalities; involvement and leadership in organizations and activities committed to improving human relations; unusual personal dignity; the willingness to risk for what he or she believes is right; unqualified acceptance of others; respect for diversity; personal integrity; caring and willingness to listen, and the ability to lead by example.

Nominations should be type-written, no more than two pages in length, and should indicate the names of applicable organizations in which the candidate is involved, responsibilities and

examples/stories that illustrate the criteria set forth for nominees.

Nominations should be mailed to the First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090 or e-mailed to ucfc@verizon.net no later than Wednesday, November 30. Individuals are asked to include the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two references that may be contacted.

Presentation of the award, which will consist of a certificate and a monetary award, will be made in early 2006. All nominees will be acknowledged in appropriate ways.

Marc Hardy, a member of the First Congregational Church, was a national merit scholar as well as a singer and actor, and was very interested in human rights. He was killed in an automobile accident in 1990, one month before he was to graduate from Westfield High School.

For further information, please call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or Sharilyn Brown at (908) 233-5375.



**LITTLE FRIENDS...**The Westfield Day Care Center Friends will hold its fall children's outgrown clothing, book and toy sale tomorrow, Friday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, October 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Westminster Hall of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, located at 110 Mountain Avenue. The center serves children age 18 months through kindergarten, like those pictured above, and has NAEYC accreditation. Proceeds from the sale are used to provide tuition scholarships.

## Westfield Area 'Y' to Hold Single Parent Family Events

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Area "Y" has announced it will offer three events next month for single parents and their families.

On Friday, November 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the "Y" will sponsor a single-parent-family activity at its new East Broad Street Family Branch, located at 422 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Families will have an opportunity

### Temple Sisterhood Posts Meeting Date

CRANFORD – The next meeting of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim will be held on Thursday, October 27, at 8 p.m. at the temple, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

There will be a Torah Fund Program. Patty Werschultz, Past President of the temple, will speak on "And the Gates Opened: A Celebration of 20 Years of Women in the Rabbinate."

Karen Platt, Program Vice President, will introduce the program. Sisterhood President Lenore Klein will preside at a short business meeting. Hospitality Chairwomen Joan Finkelstein and Greta Polonitzka will serve refreshments.

Additionally, Harriet Scheiner, Judaica Shop Chairwoman, will have the shop open for purchases. For further information, please call the temple at (908) 276-9231 during business hours.

to enjoy pizza and dessert, a craft activity and gym games in the Multi-Purpose Room. The fee is \$5 per family and free to those attending a Westfield Area "Y" single-parent event for the first time.

On Friday, November 18, the "Y" will present a single-parent event, for adults only, at the Cranford Hotel in Cranford at 7:30 p.m. Attendees should ask the hostess where the Westfield Area "Y" group is seated or ask for Jill Brown.

On Sunday, November 20, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., divorced or single fathers and their children are invited to meet in the Rook Pool at the main "Y" facility at 220 Clark Street in Westfield for a family swim. Dessert will be served afterwards.

Advance registration is requested for all events and may be done by calling Jill Brown at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 415, or e-mailing her at jill.brown1@comcast.net.

### St. Bart's to Offer Anointing of the Sick

SCOTCH PLAINS – St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church has invited members of the community to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the noon Mass on Sunday, October 30. St. Bartholomew Church is located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information, please call (908) 322-5192.

## Presbyterian Church Plans Trip to See 'Jazz Nativity'

WESTFIELD – The Presbyterian Church in Westfield has announced a theater trip, open to the entire community, on Saturday, December 3, to see "A Jazz Nativity" at William Paterson University in Wayne.

This production will illustrate the Christmas story through jazz and will feature traditional as well as new Christmas hymns. Saxophonist Bob

Kindred, a New York jazz performer, wrote the show and is co-producing it with Ann Phillips at the college.

The student/faculty production will combine the talents and expertise of the jazz and theater departments at the university. Slide Hampton on trombone, Dave Valentin on flute and tap dancer Jimmy Slyde will appear as the three kings presenting their gifts. Clark Terry also will be part of the performance.

Buses will leave the church parking lot at 140 Mountain Avenue in Westfield at 6:30 p.m. and return around 11 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children age 12 and under.

Tickets are limited, with reservations being accepted until Thursday, November 3. Checks should be made payable to: The Presbyterian Church in Westfield - Jazz Nativity. Any questions can be directed to the church office at (908) 233-0301.

### Hacklebarney Trip On Tap This Sunday

WESTFIELD – The First Baptist Church of Westfield will sponsor its annual autumn hike through Hacklebarney State Park this Sunday, October 23, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Those who wish to carpool should meet at 11:30 a.m. in the church parking lot at 170 Elm Street.

After a stop at a cider mill, hikers will walk across moderately rough terrain through scenic fall foliage. Afterwards, they will be offered grilled hotdogs under the trees at picnic tables in the middle of the park. Visitors are welcome and all hikers are advised to wear comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes.

Individuals are welcome to attend the 10:30 a.m. worship service that day in their hiking gear. For more information, please contact the church office at (908) 233-2278 or firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

### Author to Spotlight Local Black History

FANWOOD – Author Ethel Washington will discuss the lifestyle and contributions of Black Americans in Union County during the Tuesday, October 25 meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Mrs. Washington's research formed the basis for a 2004 Arcadia Publishing Company book. The meeting, beginning at 8 p.m., will be held at the Fanwood train station at North and Martine Avenues.

All are welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the meeting. For more information, please call Historical Society President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.

## Dr. Johnson to Give Talk At Presbyterian Church

WESTFIELD – Dr. James Turner Johnson, a historian of just war thought, will speak on "The Role of America in the World and How We Respond as Christians" this Sunday, October 23, at 7 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Dr. Johnson is a professor in the Department of Religion and an associate member of the Graduate Department of Political Science at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

His research and teaching have focused on the historical development and application of moral traditions related to war, peace and the practice

of statecraft.

He is familiar with jihad tradition and its place in Islamic religion and culture, as well as just war tradition and its place in the religion and culture of the west.

Dr. Johnson's books include "Just War and Jihad: Historical and Theoretical Perspectives on War and Peace in Western and Islamic Traditions" (1991) and "Cross, Crescent and Sword: The Justification and Limitation of War in Western and Islamic Traditions" (1990).

All are welcome. There is no charge for this event. For more details, please call the church office at (908) 233-0301.



Dr. James T. Johnson

## Unitarian Church to Begin Film Series Tomorrow Night

AREA – A series of films on social justice issues, presented by the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield (FUSP)'s Social Justice Committee, will begin tomorrow, Friday, October 21 with "Ethics and the World Crisis."

Buddhist leader His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet is the focal point of this 2004 film, in which political, environmental and spiritual activists discuss dangers and dilemmas facing the global community at the dawn of the 21st century.

The Third Friday Film Series will

be held at the FUSP church at 724 Park Avenue in Plainfield. A potluck supper at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall will precede each 7:30 p.m. viewing, with a discussion afterward. The FUSP includes members from Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Other films will include *Bush Family Fortunes - The Best Democracy Money can Buy* on November 18; *The Corporation* on January 20 and *The Fourth World War* on February 20. For more information, please call (908) 756-0750.



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