

## Rev. Porter to Be Honored Sunday at St. John's Church

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Reverend Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, will celebrate 39 years of ministry at the church this Sunday, October 2.

The guest speaker for the 10 a.m. worship service will be Reverend Porter's brother, the Reverend Nathaniel Porter, Pastor of the Memorial Church of God in Christ in Haverford, Pa.

During the 4 p.m. service, the special guest speaker will be Bishop Donald Hilliard from Perth Amboy's Cathedral International Ministries.

Reverend Porter has been a fixture in Scotch Plains not only as Pastor of St. John's Church but also as an instrumental figure in many areas in local, state and national religious and community activities.

He holds a Doctor of Divinity degree from Trinity Hall University in Springfield, Ill. and bachelor and

master's degrees from New York University.

Pastor Porter and his wife, Shirley Green Porter, have been married since 1953. They have three children, Curtis, Lance and Lisa; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Porter, and three grandchildren.

The community is invited to attend the services at St. John's Baptist Church, located at 2387 Morse Avenue. For more information, please call the church at (908) 232-6972.

### Suicidology Association Recognizes CONTACT

WESTFIELD – CONTACT We Care, Inc., located in Westfield, has been awarded certification for three years by the American Association of Suicidology (AAS), Chief Certification Examiner Joan Wright announced on September 10.

The agency, which operates a 24-hour crisis hotline, will be honored for this achievement during the annual meeting of the Association that will take place in April 2006 in Seattle, Wash. CONTACT will join 194 other crisis agencies in North America so honored for their compliance with AAS standards.

Certification signifies that an organization has been evaluated by an on-site examination and other procedures, and has met or exceeded specific standards in the following areas: administration, training, general service delivery, services in life-threatening crisis, ethical issues, community integration and program evaluation.

"Certification takes on added significance as consumers and providers become more aware of their rights and responsibilities regarding crisis services," said Ms. Wright.

"Certification helps assure citizens in a community that, when in crisis, they have available properly trained staff providing quality services," she concluded.

### Synagogue to Conduct Rosh Hashana Service

COUNTY – Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah will hold a special community-wide mini-service for Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, on Tuesday, October 4, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. at the synagogue, located at 111 Valley Road in Clark.

The service, to be conducted by Rabbi Michael Klayman and Cantor Steven Stern, is open to the entire community. There is no cost and no tickets are necessary.

"We believe that everyone who desires a Rosh Hashana experience in a synagogue should have this opportunity," said Rabbi Klayman.

"Unfortunately, there are those in the community who for various reasons don't have this access. This mini-service offers them the opportunity to share in the Rosh Hashana ritual in a warm and welcoming environment," he added.

For more information, please call Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah at (732) 381-8403.

## Mothers & More Meeting Set Next Week In Fanwood

FANWOOD – During the Wednesday, October 5 meeting of the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More, speech language pathologist Kirsten Pantalena will lead a discussion about childhood developmental milestones, techniques to enhance verbal and non-verbal language, and reading readiness.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Recreation Center, located in Forest Road Park in Fanwood. Refreshments will be provided.

Mothers & More is a national, non-profit organization that champions the value and necessity of all mothers' work to society, both paid and unpaid, within and outside of the home.

Mothers & More provides its mem-

bers with opportunities to connect with like-minded women through evening meetings, mom-and-tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups and a book club, among other activities.

Additionally, Mothers & More will host a special "open house" highlighting its activities for prospective members on Wednesday, October 19. For more information about this meeting or the open house, please call Stacy at (908) 928-9841 or Marilyn at (908) 568-2633 or visit [mothersandmore.org](http://mothersandmore.org) on the Internet.

See it all on the Web!  
[www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)



THE GREATEST GENERATION... Robert Peyton, right, and his daughter, Annie Peyton, both of Westfield, stand in front of a World War II vintage B-17 bomber which was on display at Essex County Airport in Caldwell on September 6. Robert Peyton's father and Annie's grandfather, Joseph Peyton of South Orange, center, piloted a B-17 in World War II during 30 missions over occupied Europe. Joseph Peyton was given a ride in the aircraft. The national tour of the B-17 was coordinated by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

## Ms. Rajoppi to Give Talk On Courthouse Centennial

WESTFIELD – Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk, will be the guest speaker at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society at noon on October 5 at B.G. Fields Restaurant, located at 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

As Chairwoman of the Union County Courthouse Centennial and Cornerstone Committee, Ms. Rajoppi will discuss the many exhibits and events that have been featured since the Centennial and Cornerstone Capsule Exhibits debuted on February 28.

She also will tell of the difficult

search for the 102-year-old capsule that was eventually discovered and unveiled during the opening ceremony. The capsule had been sealed in granite on July 30, 1902 at the official ground laying of the Greek Revival Union County Courthouse building.

"The important historical value of the artifacts encased in the capsule, along with their one-of-a-kind status, made the unveiling very exciting," Ms. Rajoppi remarked. These exhibits will be on display until Friday, December 9, on the first and lower floors of the Courthouse Rotunda.

Ms. Rajoppi has been Union County Clerk since 1995. In fulfilling her responsibilities, she manages an annual revenue of over \$30 million.

A telephone committee of the Society will contact regular attendees of the luncheon to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others also may attend. Interested persons are asked to call (908) 233-6360 by noon on Monday, October 3.

### Caregivers Group To Gather Monday

WESTFIELD – A support group for caregivers of elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, October 3, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

Meetings take place on the first non-holiday Monday of each month. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

### Activist to Discuss Experiences In Iraq

COUNTY – Peace activist Cathy Breen will share her first-hand experiences during the invasion and occupation of Iraq at the Plainfield Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) on Sunday, October 2, at 12:30 p.m.

Residents of Westfield and Scotch Plains are among the members of the Plainfield Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, which meets at 225 Watchung Avenue in downtown Plainfield.

Ms. Breen, formerly of North Plainfield, lived in Iraq from October 2002 to April 2003. She returned to Iraq in the fall of 2003 for two-and-a-half months and more recently has met with Iraqi friends in Jordan.

She is a member of Voices in the Wilderness, a Chicago-based group that has been working for many years to change United States government policy towards Iraq.

A nurse by profession, Ms. Breen is a current resident of the Catholic Worker House in New York City, a house of hospitality for the poor and homeless. Her duties include cooking, helping out with the running of the household and receiving guests.

For more information on Ms. Breen's speech, please call the Meetinghouse at (908) 757-5736, or email [dkorfhage1@earthlink.net](mailto:dkorfhage1@earthlink.net).

## Evangelism Training Slated At Willow Grove Church

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Spiritual Growth Team at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains has invited members of the community to attend a free Knox Fellowship Evangelism Training Weekend from Friday through Sunday, October 14 to 16.

This event, to be held at the church, is designed specifically to teach and prepare individuals with the tools for effective evangelism and discipleship in their everyday lives.

Activities will begin Friday evening

with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a two-session program from 7 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, there will be continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a two-session program from 9 a.m. to noon. The training weekend will conclude Sunday with the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

A Knox Fellowship team, comprised of Bob Pitman, Margo Elliot and Bill Schahn, will lead the training weekend. Reservations for this weekend are encouraged; however, those without an advance reservation also will be welcome.

Babysitting will be available in the Children's Ark if requested in advance. Participants are asked to let the church know if they will need childcare and the ages of the children so appropriate activities can be planned for them.

Willow Grove Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road. Anyone interested in attending the workshop may call the church office during morning hours, Monday through Friday, at (908) 232-5678, e-mail [wilgrv@netzero.com](mailto:wilgrv@netzero.com) or visit [www.scotchplains.com/wgpc](http://www.scotchplains.com/wgpc).

### Labyrinth Walks Set To Begin Anew Oct. 2

CRANFORD – The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford will sponsor a series of open Labyrinth Walks, with the next one scheduled for Sunday, October 2. All walks will be held in Bates Hall at the church, located at 11 Springfield Avenue. Everyone is invited to participate.

Individuals may walk the Labyrinth anytime between 1 and 4 p.m., but are asked to begin their walk no later than 3:30 p.m. Subsequent walks will take place on the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation. The 11-ringed pattern, painted on canvas, is modeled after the 13th-century Labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. During Medieval times, walking the Labyrinth symbolized the Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem for those who could not personally make the journey.

For more information on the Labyrinth program or future walks, please call the church at (908) 276-8440.

### Hiking Club Offers Various Activities

COUNTY – The Union County Hiking Club offers regular hiking and bicycling activities, most of which take place in central and northern New Jersey. Membership dues are \$10 per year. For a complimentary, six-month schedule, please call (908) 527-4900.

## 2005 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM TOWN OF WESTFIELD

The changing color of leaves and the chill in the air remind us that leaves will begin to fall soon, and the Department of Public Works is busy making preparations for the Town's annual leaf collection program. With cooperation from all residents, and Mother Nature, the Town can continue to provide efficient and timely service.

### LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

As indicated on the map on the reverse side, the Town is divided into ten leaf collection areas: Areas 1-6 on the North side and 7-10 on the South side.

Collection will begin simultaneously on the North and South sides on **October 24** and continue through **December 9**, or longer based upon the need as determined by the DPW. During this timeframe two full passes of the Town will be made, with additional passes as necessary.

No leaves will be permitted in the streets until **October 15**.

Collection will begin in Area 1 on the North side, and Area 7 on the South side and proceed in numerical order.

### HOW RESIDENTS CAN HELP

We emphasize that the success of any leaf collection program is due, in large part, to the cooperation of residents. Following are the ways in which you can help:

Before raking leaves to the street, check the map to find out which area you are in and call the "Leaf Hotline" (789-4120) to determine when the crews will be in your area. This will minimize the amount of time leaf piles are on the street.

Residents employing landscapers are required to inform them of the collection schedule and must fill out the coupon on the back of this flyer so their landscapers can enter the Conservation Center. This permit can be used up until December 23. As mentioned above, **No leaves will be permitted in the streets until October 15**.

Tree branches, grass or other debris are **not accepted** at the compost facilities and piles containing anything other than leaves **will not be picked up**.

Leaves should be placed in **narrow rows** along the street, **leaving a space along the gutter for drainage**. This will help minimize local flooding during rains.

Do not pile leaves on or near drainage inlets, which can lead to local flooding.

Keep vehicles off the streets during collection days to avoid interference with leaf collection crews.

**CAUTION! Do not park cars over leaf piles.** Hot exhaust systems can ignite the leaves and cause a car fire. Also, leaves cannot be picked up if a car is in the way.

**RESIDENTS MUST HAVE ALL LEAVES OUT FOR FINAL PICK UP BEFORE DECEMBER 1.**

### OTHER LEAF DISPOSAL OPTIONS

In order to further maximize service, the Town offers residents two other leaf disposal options:

**On-Demand Pickup.** Residents will be allowed to place their leaves in paper bags at the curb for on-demand pickup. Residents may obtain the bags, **at no charge**, starting on **Thursday, October 13**, at the Conservation Center. The Center is open on Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Filled bags will be picked up at curbside by the Town DPW **within 24 hours of request by the resident, either in person or through the Leaf Hotline (789-4120).** After the recording, please leave your message.

**Conservation Center.** From **October 17 to December 23**, (weather permitting) the Conservation Center will be open, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for any residents who want to dispose of their leaves, loose or in the above-mentioned paper bags. Landscapers serving Westfield residents may also haul leaves to the Center during this period, provided they have the required coupon signed by the resident. The Conservation Center will be closed holidays (Columbus Day-October 10, Veterans Day-November 11, Thanksgiving-November 24 & 25).

**Please note:** During the months of **January, February and March**, the Conservation Center will be opened on **Alternate Saturdays Only from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. weather permitting.**

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| January schedule  | Sat. 7 & 21 |
| February schedule | Sat. 4 & 18 |
| March schedule    | Sat. 4 & 18 |

### Important Announcement

- Mandatory bagging of leaves will not be required in 2005.
- Collection to begin earlier than last year.

## ATTEND A FREE SEMINAR

### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIVORCE

The Law Firm of Dughi & Hewit, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Mario C. Gurrieri**, chair of its Family Law Department, **Richard A. Outhwaite** and **April L. Katz**, will present to the public a Free Seminar entitled "Everything You Need To Know About Divorce" in Summit, New Jersey on Thursday, October 20, 2005 and Saturday, October 22, 2005. Mr. Gurrieri, who has specialized in matrimonial law for thirty-two years, Mr. Outhwaite, for fifteen years and Ms. Katz, for twelve years, will review the law, explain the legal process and answer your questions concerning separation, divorce, custody, visitation, alimony, division of assets and post-divorce Court review of alimony and child support as well as the law governing Domestic Partnerships.

Information will also be provided on Divorce Mediation, an alternative to the traditional contested proceeding. Divorce Mediation offers the potential for significant savings while assuring that your rights are fully protected by avoiding the expense, stress and delay involved in Court proceedings.

If you are experiencing marital difficulties, contemplating divorce, or simply curious about your rights in a separation or divorce, this Seminar will be of value to you. If you are already divorced, the Seminar may be of value in explaining post-divorce rights and obligations of former spouses.

### DATES:

Thursday, October 20, 2005 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Please call for location  
Convenient to both downtown Summit and Route 24

Reservations required  
(No names needed)  
(908) 272-0200