

All Saints' Announces Start Of New Sunday School Year

SCOTCH PLAINS - The All Saints' Episcopal Church will begin a new season of Sunday school on September 17, with the focus this year on stories from the Bible. Programs for all ages will be available, including classes for pre-kindergarten/kindergarten, grades 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6. Classes will begin at 9:55 a.m. and be held during the 10 a.m. worship service. Participants will study a different story each week - from the Old Testament in the fall, up to the season of Advent in December, and from the

New Testament thereafter. Classes will include arts, crafts and music, among other activities. There also will be a Confirmation class for older youth. The youngsters join the worship service at the Offertory so that they are present to share in Holy Eucharist.

Sunday school meets weekly except on the first Sunday of each month, when the children are in church for the entire service, reading lessons and participating in other ways. Special programs and events also are planned during the year. Registration will take place this Sunday, September 10, during the coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service. This also will be an opportunity to meet the teachers and learn more about the Sunday school program.

The All Saints' Episcopal Church is located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. Beth Wojcio is Sunday school director and the Reverend Jane Rockman is Rector. For more information, please call the church at (908) 322-8047.

Benefit Chinese Dinner On Tap Tomorrow

SCOTCH PLAINS - A Chinese Potluck Dinner and program will be held tomorrow, Friday, September 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

The event will raise funds to enable a baby in a Chinese orphanage to have corrective surgery for a cleft lip and cleft palate. Attendees are asked (but not required) to bring a quart of their favorite Chinese dish.

There also will be a mini-concert by the Chinese American Music Ensemble and a slideshow presented by congregation member Amylin DiDario, adopted from China as an infant, highlighting her recent visit with her family to the land of her birth. A \$12 donation is requested. To make a reservation, or if unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please call Judy Murphy at (908) 322-5706.

'Why Catholic?' Slated For October at IHM

SCOTCH PLAINS - A small, discussion-based program entitled "Why Catholic?" that is meant to review what people believe as Catholics will begin again next month at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

Meetings will be held on various weekdays beginning the week of Sunday, October 8, and concluding the week of Sunday, November 12. Participants will discuss the public life of Jesus, Jesus' death and resurrection, the Holy Spirit and the church. They also will explore diverse roles in the church; Mary, mother of Christ and mother of the church, and everlasting life.

These sessions are designed to help individuals connect their beliefs to everyday life and to deepen their faith understanding as well as to offer inactive Catholics and non-Catholics alike a fresh look at what Catholics believe.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is located at 1571 South Martine Avenue. Interested persons are invited to sign up during the weekend of September 16 and 17 at any one of the masses or to call the Parish Center directly at (908) 889-2100 to request a registration form and any further information.

Botanical Gardens Trip To Feature Sculptures

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Area "Y" will offer a trip to see the work of artist Dale Chihuly at the New York Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, October 4. Interested persons should register by Saturday, September 16.

The bus will leave from the Robert and Virginia Bauer Family Branch, located at 422 East Broad Street in Westfield, at 10:45 a.m. Participants will leave the gardens at 3:30 p.m. and return to the Bauer Branch by 5 p.m.

The exhibition will feature huge glass sculptures, made from thousands of hand-blown parts, throughout the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory and in other settings.

This trip is open to members and non-members and will feature self-guided tours. There will be half-hour tram tours every 40 minutes. Lunch will take place at one of the cafés. The cost is \$68 per person and includes coach transportation, entry to the exhibit and a \$10 lunch voucher.

Registration may be done at the main "Y" facility at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. For more information or questions, please call Anne Baker at (908) 233-2700, extension no. 414, or e-mail abaker@westfieldnj.org.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, HELEN...Family members surround Helen Whitcomb, a former resident of Westfield for 85 years, as she celebrates her 100th birthday at a party at The Breakers Hotel in Spring Lake. The event also was a Whitcomb family reunion. Pictured, from left to right, are: Miss Whitcomb's great-nephew Mark Whitcomb; his daughter, Hanna, her great-great niece; Miss Whitcomb and Mark's wife, Kerry.

Willow Grove Posts Return Of 'Discovery Kingdom'

SCOTCH PLAINS - Beginning on Sunday, September 10, children are once again invited to participate in "Discovery Kingdom: God Made Us Special," a multimedia program now entering its fourth year at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

The curriculum teaches Bible lessons and the Christian way of life to youngsters through multimedia resources such as computers, music, science, puppets, drama, arts and crafts, puzzles, games and videos. This program is based on the Workshop Rotation Model (WoRM), an approach to Christian education that blends all the ways in which children learn, such as hearing, seeing and touching.

Youngsters will explore "The 'Found' Stories" from Luke 15:1-10. Through the use of video, they will begin their study this Sunday of how Jesus used parables to invite and introduce Gentiles to God and God's Kingdom. This theme will be reinforced over subsequent weeks using other media.

Following the Kids' Time during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, youngsters age four to nine will leave to attend a lesson applying the Bible story theme.

Additionally, "A Walk Through The Bible," a weekly study class for children age nine and up, will begin September 10 during the worship service following the Kids' Time.

Fellowship Time is offered every Sunday morning before and after the

worship service in Ryno Hall. Congregation volunteers provide nursery care for children under age four in the Children's Ark during the worship service.

The Adult Sunday school will begin September 10 and be held from 9 to 10 a.m. It will feature a study and discussion of the Gospel of Matthew.

Midweek Bible Study will start on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 14, at 10 a.m. These 90-minute sessions also will focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Both sessions will cover the same material.

Willow Grove is located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. All facilities are handicap-accessible. For more information, please call the church office at (908) 232-5678, e-mail info@willowgrovechurch.org or visit www.willowgrovechurch.org.

Scotch Plains Baptist To Remember Sept. 11

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Baptist Church has announced that its sanctuary will be open for prayer during a Day of Remembrance on Monday, September 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There also will be a formal service beginning at 7 p.m. Individuals of all faiths are welcome to stop in at any time. The Scotch Plains Baptist Church is located at 333 Park Avenue, two blocks south of Route 22.

Girl Scouts' Camp Hoover Reveals Successful Summer

WESTFIELD - For the 53rd summer in succession, Camp Lou Henry Hoover, the summer resident camp of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc., provided participants with an array of programs and events.

This summer, nearly 1,300 camper weeks were booked as the camp was at or near its capacity during its six weeks of operation. Located on 340 scenic acres in rural Sussex County, Camp Hoover is open to all girls entering grades 2 through 12.

Based in Westfield, the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council (GSWRC) has a 24-community juris-

diction that includes Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside, Garwood and Berkeley Heights.

Girls from within GSWRC's jurisdiction and beyond it participated in programs at Camp Hoover, which include such offerings as horseback riding, waterfront activities, an acting program and arts and crafts. Camp Hoover is American Camping Association Accredited.

While the camp is in full swing during Summer Resident Camp, it also is open year-round for site rentals to Girl Scout and non-Girl Scout groups. For more details and to inquire about availability, please call Coleen Hay at (908) 232-3236, extension no. 1213.

Founded in 1957, GSWRC serves nearly 11,000 girls and adults. Additional information about the council and its programs may be found online at www.westfieldnj.org/girlscouts and at www.camphoover.org.

Helen Whitcomb Feted For 100th Birthday

WESTFIELD - Former long-time Westfield resident Helen L. Whitcomb, who resided at 202 North Euclid Avenue for 85 years, turned 100 years old on August 28.

A Whitcomb family reunion coupled the celebration of her centennial birthday at The Breakers Hotel in Spring Lake.

Born in Bayonne in 1906, she lived with her mother and father, Royden and Mabel Whitcomb, in Westfield along with her brothers, Harvey and Richard.

After graduating from Westfield High School, she attended the Katharine Gibbs School and worked in New York City. Eventually, she became church secretary for The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, a position she held for 27 years. She retired in 1982.

Miss Whitcomb was active in the Woman's Club of Westfield, the Friends of Mindowaskin, the Westfield Adult School and various other organizations within the community. She also taught Sunday school at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Her father was instrumental in the building of the YMCA in Westfield.

For her 97th birthday, she took a hot air balloon ride.

She now resides at the Francis Parker Memorial Home in Piscataway and welcomes all friends and visitors.

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Friday, November 10, 2006



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