

All Saints' Episcopal to Hold Christmas Worship Services

SCOTCHPLAINS—The All Saints' Episcopal Church will present three worship services in celebration of Christmas. Although the services will be different from one another, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at all three.

On Monday, December 24, the church will hold its Christmas Eve Family Service with traditional "Lessons and Carols" at 5 p.m. Readings from the Bible will be interspersed with familiar Christmas music for the whole congregation to sing.

All Saints' Youth Choir will provide music for this service, under the direction of organist and Choirmaster Sohyun Ahn. The Christmas story will be presented, followed by Holy Eucharist.

A Festival Eucharist will take place on Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m. The All Saints' Choir will offer special music, singing both chorus music and solo pieces. The Reverend Jane

Rockman, All Saints' rector, will preach and celebrate Holy Eucharist. The service will conclude with a candlelit singing of "Silent Night."

On Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day will be celebrated with a Christmas Eucharist at 10 a.m. It will feature a sermon by the rector.

All Saints' Church is located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, across from Park Middle School. Parking is available behind the church, accessed via School Place. For more information, call (908) 322-8047.

Blood Drive Dec. 28 To Honor Bill Crosby

FANWOOD—The Fanwood Rescue Squad's winter blood drive will be held on Friday, December 28, from 3 to 8:30 p.m. at the squad's headquarters at 123 Watson Road. The annual blood drive is being named in honor of the late Bill Crosby, who died July 5.

Mr. Crosby gave 50 years of service to the borough through its rescue squad and fire department. For many years, he was in charge of the squad's blood drives and, in doing so, was responsible for the donation of 2,500 units of blood.

Blood donors must be over 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in generally good health. Donors will need a photo or signature identification and knowledge of their Social Security number. For eligibility questions and appointments, call NJ Blood Services at (800) 933-BLOOD. Walk-ins are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Pet Blessings to Occur At FUMC This Sunday

WESTFIELD—Area residents are invited to bring their pets to be blessed this Sunday, December 23, at 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield.

This outdoor service will take place by the manger in the front (Broad Street side) of the church. Everyone is welcome.

Each person is responsible for his or her pet's leash or container during this service. Parking is available off Ferris Place behind the church building. For more information, call the church at (908) 233-4211.

Tax-Deductible Donations Will Help Ill WHS Alumna

WESTFIELD—Friends and family of Westfield High School alumna Michele Marron-Meyerhoff are continuing a drive to raise the \$250,000 needed for her to have a life-saving operation. Ms. Marron-Meyerhoff has scleroderma, a disease that has caused her severe lung damage and left her in need of oxygen 24 hours a day. She presently lives in Cranford.

The operation involved is a little-known procedure in which her stem cells would be removed, cleansed and reinfused into her body. Her insurance carrier has refused to pay for the procedure, maintaining it is experimental.

Any donation made between now and the end of the year for Ms. Marron-Meyerhoff's operation will not only help her but will be tax-deductible on the donor's 2007 federal income taxes.

Contributions should be sent to: National Foundation for Transplants, N.J. Stem Cell Fund, 2560 Route 22, Box 208, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076-1529. Payments may be made with a check or

Visa, Mastercard or American Express.

All donations will exclusively benefit Ms. Marron-Meyerhoff. Contributions also can be made online at www.transplants.org. Individuals are asked to click on Patients We Help and type "Marron" in the search box.

For more information, call Barbara O'Desky, Fundraising Chairman, at (732) 748-1485 or Gene Dillard, Publicity Chairman, at (609) 871-4267.

Jewish Friends to Hold 'Meet and Eat' Lunch

AREA—The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a "Meet and Eat" lunch on Sunday, December 23, at noon. It will take place at the Lox Stock and Deli Restaurant, Heritage Plaza, 228 Ryders Lane in Milltown. The cost is \$3 plus the price of a meal off the menu and gratuity. Those interested are asked to respond by calling Roberta at (908) 668-8450.



GREENING WESTFIELD...Rudolph isn't the only member of Santa's staff with a red nose. A dozen members of the Garden Club of Westfield braved a frigid December 7 to decorate the planters on the corners of Elm and Broad Streets, with the hope that they bring joy to shoppers in Westfield's downtown. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jennie Williams, Jane Curtis, Irene Ilaria, Rosemary Shire, Nancy Brandt, Jo Sheehan, Jane Maniello, Nancy Roff, Anna Heinbokel, Mary Ann Malloy, Anne Arkel and Ruth Paul.

Annual 'Family Night' Set New Year's Eve at Armory

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Recreation Department and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will host their annual "Family Night" event on Monday, December 31, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Westfield Armory, located at 500 Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

Activities will be geared towards families with children age 15 and younger. Among the featured attractions will be various Moonwalk-type climbers and slides; entertainers; a disc jockey and arts and crafts. Food will be available for a nominal fee and there also will be a "quiet room."

Admission is \$15 per person for children ages 2 through 17 and \$5 per person for adults age 18 and over. A height of 32 inches is required for all rides.

In-person registration at the Westfield Recreation Department is recommended. Payment also may be made by sending a check payable to the Westfield Recreation Department in an envelope marked: Family Night, c/o Westfield Recreation Department, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

Individuals should include their name, daytime telephone number, e-mail address, the number of adults and number of children and the amount enclosed. All tickets will be available at the door the night of the event. Early registration is recommended as this event sold out last year.

This event will be co-sponsored by the Westfield Recreation Department and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, and sponsored by "Top Hat" event sponsor, the Optimist Club of Westfield.

Activity sponsors include Always Home Drop In Daycare, Needle Point Homes, Century 21 Taylor and Love,

Cuccaro Landscaping, Protuff, PBA Local 90 and Robert Wood Johnson Rahway Fitness and Wellness Center. Friends of Family Night sponsors include Abrakadoodle, The Brick Oven, MRB, The Party Stop Costume Corner and Robert Treat Deli.

For more information, call the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce at (908) 233-3021 or the Westfield Recreation Department at (908) 789-4080. Upcoming events are listed online at westfieldareachamber.com.

Junior Women Post Wine Pairing-Auction

WESTFIELD—The Junior Women's Club of Westfield has announced that its Wine Pairing and Auction will take place on Saturday, March 8, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains.

The auction will benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) Foundation, CSH, the largest pediatric rehabilitative hospital in the country, serves families with special needs children from all over the nation. CSH currently is building its 10th facility in New Brunswick.

The Junior Woman's Club of Westfield is committed to helping this organization through various fundraising efforts. Previous fundraisers have allowed the club to donate more than \$300,000 to area charities.

The club functions explicitly for charitable, service and educational purposes and for promotion of the best interests of the community. For more information about the Wine Pairing and Auction or the club, call Daryl Caiola at (908) 654-7611.

Calvary Lutheran to Offer Christmas Services For All

CRANFORD—The Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford, will celebrate Christmas with services designed for all ages on December 23, 24 and 25. All are welcome.

The Reverend Carol Lindsay, Calvary's pastor, will preside and preach at all services. Music will be under the leadership of Gretchen Bilson, interim organist and choir director.

On Sunday, December 23, the church will bring the season of Advent to a close with the 10 a.m. worship service. The Sunday school children will present their Christmas program during worship, and the congregation will decorate the sanctuary immediately following the service.

On Monday, December 24, there will be three opportunities for family worship, starting with a young children's Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. This service will include simple carols, the reading of the Christmas story and the placing of the nativity figures by some of the children.

The 7 p.m. Family Service of Holy Communion will feature seasonal music provided by the SPIRYT Hand Bell and Singing Choirs. Instrumental accompaniment will include organ, trumpet, flute, oboe and viola.

A 9 p.m. Candlelight Service of Holy Communion will feature prelude music by the Calvary Hand Bell Choir and seasonal anthems and carols by the Calvary Choir, accompanied by organ and trumpet.

A Festival Service of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day, with music provided by soloists from the Calvary Choir, accompanied by strings and organ.

On Sunday, December 30, Calvary will offer a Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

Calvary will observe the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6, with a 10 a.m.

Service of Holy Communion and a visit from Dr. David Grafton. He and his family recently returned to the United States after many years serving as missionaries in Cairo, Egypt.

A member congregation of the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Calvary Lutheran has served the Cranford-Westfield area and surrounding communities for 79 years.

FCC Reveals Services Celebrating Christmas

WESTFIELD—The First Congregational Church invites visitors to celebrate the Christmas season with services on Sunday, December 23, and Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, in the sanctuary at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

The regular 10 a.m. worship service Sunday will mark the fourth Sunday in Advent with traditional hymns, readings and a sermon by the Reverend Mark Boyea, senior minister.

Church school for children in pre-school through eighth grade is conducted during the service. A crib room is provided for infants through two-year-olds.

On Christmas Eve, there will be a children's pageant at 5 p.m. based on the book "The Mystery in the Stable" by Lisa Flinn and Barbara Younger. The story tells of Christ's birth through the eyes of two curious young children.

A traditional candlelight service of Lessons and Carols will take place that night at 10 p.m. Both evening services will feature soloist Meredith Hoffman-Thomson performing "O Holy Night."

The First Congregational Church is a member of the United Church of Christ. The sanctuary is accessible by a wheelchair ramp and offers infrared listening devices for the hearing impaired.



You are invited to join us for

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve
6:00 p.m. Family Holy Communion
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Clark at Cowperthwaite Place
(Across from Roosevelt School)
Westfield, NJ

Whose birthday is it, anyway?

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