

FCC Adult Studies to Offer Films and 'Gifts of Spirit'

WESTFIELD – The First Congregational Church of Westfield will resume its adult studies series next week with its annual Lenten film series and a program on the Seven Life-Affirming Gifts of the Spirit. All these evening programs will be free and open to the public.

The Lenten film series will begin Monday, March 5, with a viewing and discussion of *The Sunset Limited*, starring Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones. Based on a play by Cormac McCarthy, *The Sunset Limited* is a two-character drama about the conflict between faith and despair.

Subsequently, the series will feature *The Power of Forgiveness*, a documentary featuring Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh and spiritual writers Marianne Williamson and Thomas Moore.

The four-week series will continue

on consecutive Mondays through March 26, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the church's Coe Fellowship Hall.

On Tuesday evenings beginning March 6, the church will present "The Seven Life-Affirming Gifts of the Spirit," a follow-up to its last program on the seven deadly sins. During this four-week class, participants will examine the seven gifts of the spirit that Paul names in his letter to the Galatians, among them patience, goodness, gentleness and self-control. The course will continue on Tuesdays, March 20 and 27 and April 3, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the church's Chapel Lounge.

The First Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, is located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. For additional information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or access the church website, fccofwestfield.org.



Ms. Sherryl Pascal and David Schmidt

Ms. Sherryl Pascal To Marry David Schmidt

On a romantic fall afternoon at the Fountain in Central Park, serenaded by a passerby singing "Imagine" by John Lennon, David Schmidt began to read Sherryl Pascal a poem he had written for her; toward the end of his declaration of love, he got on one knee and proposed.

The wedding will take place in October of 2012. The ceremony will be held in Summit, N.J., where Ms. Pascal's two sons, who attend the

Marine Military Academy, will walk their mother down the aisle in full dress blues after performing a Military Cadence. The reception will follow, taking place in Manhattan at The Boat House in Central Park.

Ms. Pascal is the reigning Ms. North America Globe, an actress, model and mother of three. She is well versed in community service, specializing in the charitable works of dyslexic awareness, healing abused women and thyroid cancer survivors.

Mr. Schmidt is a profound landscape architect. In addition to his many talents, he currently is completing a children's book series on some very charming characters.

The couple cherishes being a part of each other's careers and common interests; they prefer to be together 24/7. They believe in the strength of their love, honesty and commitment. The couple resides at their home in Westfield.

Camp Registration Set Tonight In Fanwood

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Recreation Department will hold a Summer Camps Registration Night this evening, Thursday, March 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Forest Road Park Recreation Building.

This will be the earliest opportunity for people to register for the Fanwood Recreation Summer Park Program and the Fanwood Recreation Tweens and Teens Travel Camp. Information on other Fanwood summer camps and programs also will be available.

After March 1, registration materials for the Summer Park Program and the Travel Camp can be downloaded from fanwoodrecreation.org.

Baseball Writer Schlossberg To Visit Temple Emanu-El

WESTFIELD – The Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El invites members of the community to hear one of America's top baseball writers, Dan Schlossberg, give an insider's view of what to expect during the 2012 baseball season.

He will speak on Sunday, March 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the temple. This program also will include bagels, eggs and other refreshments, all for a fee of \$5. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Mr. Schlossberg, who has written 35 baseball books and is working on two more, will have just returned from covering spring training and will give baseball-starved fans the lowdown on how their teams are shaping up for the new season. He also will give attendees an insider's view of the winter meetings, which he attended in December in Dallas, and host a trivia contest with free prizes for baseball fans.

Mr. Schlossberg has spoken at the Babe Ruth Museum, Baseball Hall of Fame, Bergen County (N.J.) Board of Education gala and the Yogi Berra Museum, as well as school, synagogue and public dinner functions;

seminars for travel journalists; and cruise ships, for which he created, coordinated and hosted two dozen baseball-themed cruises. His contacts in both the baseball and travel fields, as well as the media world, have been nurtured for more than 40 years.

In addition to his work as a baseball writer, he is President Emeritus of the North American Travel Journalists Association (NATJA), which he co-founded in 1991, and travel editor of the Maggie Linton Show on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. The Schlossberg byline appears often in AAA publications, *USAirways Magazine*, websites, newspapers and magazines. For more information about the author and speaker, visit DanSchlossberg.com.

St. Bart's to Offer Four-Part Mission

SCOTCH PLAINS – St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church will host a four-part mission entitled "Overcoming Temptation and Sin," sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Archdiocese of Newark.

It will take place on consecutive Mondays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The topics will be as follows: "The Fall of Mankind," March 5; "Temptation in the Desert," March 12; "The Inward Struggle," March 19, and "Spiritual Warfare," March 26.

St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church is located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. All are welcome. There will be no charge and no reservations are necessary. For more information, call the rectory at (908) 322-5192.

Furniture Assist: How You Can Help With Our Mission

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Our biggest expenses, almost two-thirds of our budget, are storage facility fees ("the sheds") and truck rental fees. Trucks are rented once a week to do pickups within Union County.

FA is fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers, including board members, churches, community organizations, corporations, independent volunteers, high schools and those doing community service for

non-violent offenses. We recently attracted volunteers through Meetup.com.

More help is needed to continue our mission. Volunteers would be appreciated for greeting and logging in donations, sorting donations, organizing distributions, grant writing, publicity and donation pickup. Perhaps your employer would like to sponsor volunteers at FA or maybe your business could donate truck and driver time.

Another fun and easy way to help is to come to our fund-raising event on Sunday evening, March 25, at Patria Restaurant in Rahway. It will feature a raffle with lovely items, such as gift baskets, theater tickets, two nights in a bed and breakfast, as well as great food and conversation. To join us, mail a check for \$60 per person to Furniture Assist, Inc., 398 Chestnut Street, Union, N.J. 07083. If you have questions, call Jennifer Scott at (908) 578-9036.

To volunteer or help in another way, call (973) 868-6007 or visit our website, www.furnitureassist.com. If you wish to make a monetary donation, including a memorial or holiday remembrance in honor of a loved one, please send it to the address above.

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