

Hymnal Dedication Sunday To Be Held Feb. 2 at PCW

WESTFIELD — The Presbyterian Church in Westfield invites the community to special services this Sunday, February 2, to dedicate the new church hymnal. Hymnal Dedication Sunday will take place in the chapel at the 8 a.m. service and at the 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary at 140 Mountain Avenue.

"We have been using the new hymnal 'Glory to God' for almost a month now after Session's unanimous vote to adopt it," said Ed Alstrom, director of music and organist at the church. "The hymnal has been very well received, offering us not only many options for new hymns, but the inclusion of many old favorites omitted from the old hymnal."

The hymnal features 853 musical selections, with current songs "Open the Eyes of My Heart," "In Remembrance" and "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" and traditional hymns like "Rock of Ages" and "Be Still My Soul." "These services promise to pro-

vide a soul-stirring morning of joyful song by the Chancel Choir and the congregation in praise and thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we enjoy at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield," Mr. Alstrom said.

For more information about the church in general, visit westfieldpc.org or call the church during business hours at (908) 233-0301. For specific information about dedicating a hymnal in honor of a loved one, contact Mr. Alstrom at eastrom@westfieldpc.org or church administrator Lou Ann Kaplonski at lkaplonski@westfieldpc.org.

Four services are scheduled weekly at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield: Come-as-You-Are Traditional Service in the chapel on Saturdays at 5 p.m.; traditional service in the chapel on Sundays at 8 a.m.; the Contemporary service Wired4Worship in Westminster Hall on Sundays at 9:45 a.m., and the Traditional Service in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 10 a.m.

Hadassah Meeting to Focus On Health and Wellness

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold its next general meeting on Monday, February 10, at noon at Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. The program for the meeting, entitled "Health and Wellness," will feature two guest speakers.

Elise Lawrence from Genesis Health Care will discuss strategies for stress management. Robin Straus, Outreach and Education coordinator at the Adler Aphasia Center, will present information about the communication disorder aphasia and offer techniques in assisting people with aphasia and their families in dealing with this problem.

Ms. Straus runs the advocacy group at the Adler Center and leads a program for visiting medical students and residents. She also trains other medical personnel as well as lay members of the community.

Hadassah members as well as the

general public are welcome to attend. Attendees are asked to bring a lunch; dessert, coffee and tea will be served. The next general meeting will be held on Monday, March 17, and will be preceded by a book discussion at 10:30 a.m. "Three Daughters" by Letty Cottin Pogrebin will be discussed. For additional information, call Roni Epstein at (908) 654-5508.

Caregivers Meeting To Be Held Monday

WESTFIELD — A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

The group will meet next on February 3. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.



Photo courtesy of Linda Gordon

A FAMILY UNITED... Glenn Gordon enjoys Christmas dinner with his family, including, pictured left to right, his wife, Jackie; his daughters, Danielle and Nicole, and his niece, Chaylin, of Westfield. Relatives and friends are helping to raise funds for the Gordon family as Glenn, a former Westfield resident, battles stage IV bone cancer. Among the Gordons' supporters are 12-year-old Taylor Casey of Jackson, N.J. and her family. Taylor decided to help the Gordons — family friends of the Caseys — as her bat mitzvah project.

Campaign Underway to Help Ill Former Westfield Resident

WESTFIELD — Relatives and friends are rallying around former Westfield resident Glenn Gordon and his family as they continue their battle against Mr. Gordon's recent diagnosis of stage IV bone cancer.

The Gordon family, which besides Glenn includes his wife, Jackie, and daughters Nicole, 12, and Danielle, 9, relocated in October 2012 to Weatherly, Pa., where they had been enjoying life together in their new community. The family gained a new member with their adoption of a golden retriever, and their circle of friends grew in their new town.

The Gordons were struck with the devastating news of Mr. Gordon's illness several months ago after he broke his pelvis and tests revealed that he had stage IV bone cancer.

Since then the family has been facing not only everyday living costs but also mounting medical bills. Mr. Gordon, a Westfield High School graduate and a Navy veteran with relatives still living in Westfield, cur-

rently requires round-the-clock care.

Family and friends have been working to raise funds to help offset these expenditures. Among the Gordons' most ardent supporters has been 12-year-old Taylor Casey and her family, of Jackson, N.J. She decided to help the Gordons as her service project for her bat mitzvah, which will take place this June at Beth Am Shalom in Lakewood. Taylor's mother, Ricki Casey, and Jackie Gordon have been friends since childhood and the two families remain close.

The Caseys created a web-based donation page for their friends and wrote the narrative for it. The goal is to raise \$50,000. Donations may be made by clicking on the link gfwd.at/KaMwhN or by accessing giveforward.com, entering Glenn Gordon and pressing the GIVE NOW button.

See it all on the Web!
www.goleader.com



POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Tuesday, January 21, Joseph Nieves, 18, of Elizabeth was arrested as the result of a motor vehicle stop on Brightwood Avenue near Brown Avenue and charged with possession of prescription legend drugs and distribution of same. Nieves' vehicle was impounded and he was released with a summons and a Union County Superior Court date.

Thursday, January 23, after being stopped for motor vehicle violations on the 300 block of East North Avenue, Tony Velasquez, 24, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding Elizabeth warrant for \$107. He was processed and released on his own recognizance.

Friday, January 24, Jarrett Jackson, 18, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Westfield criminal warrant for \$1,000 pursuant to a pickup at the Somerset County jail. Jackson was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on posted bail.

Friday, January 24, Arthur Towns, 31, of Union was arrested on an active Westfield warrant for \$197 pursuant to a walk-in report. He was processed and released after posting bail.

Friday, January 24, a 14-year-old Westfield resident reported being the victim of a strong-arm robbery, theft and an assault. The victim was walking in the area of Windsor Avenue and Ripley Place with two other juveniles from Westfield when they were confronted by six assailants, according to police. The suspects began to physically assault the 14-year-old male, at which point they stole his iPhone and one of his sneakers, before fleeing the scene in a black van. A check of the area by responding patrol units yielded negative results.

Approximately two hours later the suspect vehicle was observed in the area of New Street near Central Avenue. A traffic stop was executed in the area of West North and Central Avenues; further investigation revealed the occupants of the vehicle were the suspects from the strong-arm robbery. During the investigation, the victim's iPhone was recovered from the van, according to police.

The driver of the vehicle, Mark Kotulski, 20, of Clark, was arrested along with a 16-year-old from Clark, a 16-year-old from Garwood, and two 15-year-olds, one 16-year-old and one 17-year-old from Plainfield. All the suspects were transported to police headquarters, processed and charged with second degree robbery, third degree theft and simple assault, a disorderly person's offense. The juveniles were released to adults pending appearances in court. Kotulski was released after posting \$50,000 bail, with no 10-percent alternative. He also was issued a mandatory court date in Union County Superior Court.

Saturday, January 25, Terence Gmelin, 19, of Summit presented himself at police headquarters to satisfy a Scotch Plains warrant for \$89. He posted bail and was released.

Saturday, January 25, police arrested two men following a motor vehicle stop on the 600 block of West South Avenue. Jordan Payne, 41, of Shirley, N.Y. was brought to police headquarters to answer for an active warrant for \$600 from Denville Township. His brother, Demian Payne, 37, of Brentwood, N.Y. was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was processed and released on his own recognizance.

Saturday, January 25, Joseph T. Barmakian, 56, of Westfield responded to police headquarters to satisfy two Westfield traffic warrants. He was processed and released after posting \$140 cash bail.

Scotch Plains

Wednesday, January 22, the manager of a Park Avenue store reported that a customer took approximately \$20 in merchandise and left without paying.

Wednesday, January 22, the owner of a South Avenue store reported that sometime overnight someone entered the store through a rear window and, once inside the store, removed an undetermined amount of cash.

Wednesday, January 22, a resident of Hamlette Place reported that an unknown suspect withdrew several hundred dollars from his checking account without his authorization.

Friday, January 24, a resident of Green Hickory Hill reported that someone opened up a credit card in his name without his authorization. No purchases were made.

Saturday, January 25, Alexander Abreu-Rodriguez, 35, of Piscataway was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding \$350 warrant issued by the Bloomfield Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, January 25, Christopher Plummer, 46, of South Bound Brook was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on East Second Street on an outstanding \$865 warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court.

He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, January 25, a resident of Valley Avenue reported that someone has made numerous calls to his house and hangs up.

Sunday, January 26, a resident of Hetfield Avenue reported that someone made approximately \$800 in purchases on his credit card without his authorization.

Sunday, January 26, Eric Shaw, 21, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding \$1,000 warrant out of Easton, Pa. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and transported to the Union County jail.

Mountainside

Monday, January 20, officers responded to a dispute on Route 22 and met with two individuals who were involved in a grudge-match after the driver of one of the vehicles cut the other one off. According to police, the driver of one vehicle stated that the driver of the other vehicle cut her off on Route 22 in Union, so she threw a coffee cup at the second vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle then threw a water bottle at the first vehicle, and a back-and-forth verbal assault began while the individuals were driving, police said. The driver of the first vehicle pulled over on Route 22 near New Providence Road to assess if there was damage to her vehicle from the water bottle, and the driver of the second vehicle pulled over as well, at which time the driver of the second vehicle noticed the passenger of the first vehicle had got out of the car with a pair of pliers, so she got out an ice scraper to protect herself and struck the hood of the first vehicle, causing a dent, authorities reported. Police advised both parties of the complaint process and they agreed to work it out between themselves without filing charges.

Wednesday, January 22, a resident of Sawmill Drive reported that she has received several letters addressed to an individual she does not know from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Office. According to police, the individual is concerned someone is using her address to obtain citizenship.

Friday, January 24, a resident of Nottingham Way reported that he had received a phone call from an individual with a thick accent who stated the resident had won \$5,000,000 and needed to send a check in the amount of \$2,500 to an address in Illinois so his winnings could be processed. According to police, the victim recognized it was a scam and hung up, but the suspect called back approximately 10 to 15 times between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. The officers who responded to the scene told the victim it is a common scam and he should disregard any additional phone calls.

Saturday, January 25, a resident of Rolling Rock Road reported that someone illegally dumped paperwork and cardboard into his dumpster without his permission. According to police, several pieces of paperwork showed the name and address of an individual, and when police went to the address on the paperwork, a neighbor said the house was recently sold and the individual had moved.

Fanwood

Wednesday, January 22, Courtney Thomas, 31, of Linden was arrested following a motor vehicle stop at Midway Avenue and Russell Road on an active warrant out of Irvington. She was processed, posted bail and released.

Saturday, January 25, Jason Pompeo, 35, of Scotch Plains was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on the 300 block of South Avenue on an active warrant out of Scotch Plains. He was processed, posted bail and released.

Saturday, January 25, Lyle Dungee, 28, of Plainfield was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on the 500 block of North Avenue on active warrants out of Garwood, North Brunswick and South Bound Brook. He was processed and released by Garwood, North Brunswick and South Bound Brook.

Eating Disorder Groups To Meet on Saturday

AREA — Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (A.N.A.D.) of Northern New Jersey will hold its monthly support groups this Saturday, February 1, for individuals choosing to recover from an eating disorder and for their family members and friends who wish to support their recovery.

The groups are held at The Saint Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center, located at 200 South Orange Avenue in Livingston, across from the Livingston Mall. The groups run from 9:30 to 11 a.m. with on-site registration beginning at 9:15 a.m.

This program is professionally-led, is free and is open to the public. For more information, go to ANAD.org or call Coordinator Barbara Reese, LCSW, at (973) 783-2292, extension no. 3.

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