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NEW MINISTER...The First Congregational Church of Westfield announced the appointment of the Reverend Dr. Christopher Atwood as Senior Minister. Dr. Atwood is shown with his wife, the Reverend Jodi Atwood, and their children, Elizabeth and Benjamin.

First Congregational Church Names New Senior Minister

WESTFIELD — The First Congregational Church (FCC) of Westfield has announced that the Reverend Dr. Christopher Atwood has been named as new Senior Minister. His appointment completes a one-year search following the retirement of the Reverend Dr. John Wightman in August 1998.

Dr. Atwood has been Senior Minister of the Brecksville United Church of Christ in Brecksville, Ohio, since 1996. There, he was instrumental in re-energizing the church, strengthening attendance and stewardship, and initiating a capital campaign.

He began his pastoral ministry at the First Congregational Church of Gibraltar, Mich.

With his wife, the Reverend Jodi Atwood, he was Co-Pastor of the Guild House Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Born in Houston, Tex., Dr. Atwood was raised in the Roman Catholic Church.

He graduated from the University of Texas and earned his Master of Divinity Degree with honors from Vanderbilt Divinity School. He completed his Doctor of Ministry in Preaching Degree at the Chicago Theological Seminary in 1997.

He and his wife have two children, Benjamin, age 3, and Elizabeth, age 1. "I am delighted to be called to my duties as Senior Minister of such a thoughtful and committed congregation," said Dr. Atwood. "This church is a warm, welcoming community of real people, with a strong sense of both humor and purpose. It is an honor and inspiration to serve God among them."

First Congregational Church is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, a denomination of approximately 1.5 million members nationwide. It is located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield.

Visitors are welcome and child care is available. For further information, please call the church office at (908) 233-2494.

B'nai B'rith Announces Dinner, Special Auction

SCOTCH PLAINS — The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) are holding two special events in October.

The group will be meeting for dinner at the Portuguese Manor Restaurant, 310 Elm Street in Perth Amboy on Sunday, October 10, at 5 p.m.

Ketubah Unit welcomes and encourages prospective members to come. For reservations, please call by Friday, October 8.

The Unit will also host its Annual Vacation and Goods and Services Auction on Saturday, October 16, at the Old Bridge Civic Center, Route 516 in Old Bridge.

The doors will open at 7:15 p.m. and the auction will begin at 8 p.m. The price of admission is \$3 per person, which includes refreshments and beverages. The auction is open to the public.

For further information about the auction, please call Ed at (732) 264-6604 or Larry at (973) 736-5729.

The Public is Invited to Submit Topics for Area's Candidates Forums, Debates

Scheduling is under way by *The Westfield Leader*, *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* and the League of Women Voters for televised forums and debates by candidates for local offices.

Separate events will be held in the middle of October and at the end of the month for candidates in Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Topics for discussion will be determined in advance and given to the candidates so that they can prepare.

The public is invited to submit topics desired for discussion to this newspaper by Tuesday, October 5, by e-mail at press@goleader.com; fax at (908) 232-0473, or by mail at *The Westfield Leader*, P.O. Box 250, 50 Elm Street, Westfield, 07091.

Please include a name, address and phone number for confirmation.

Local Chamber of Commerce Slates 'Clean Sweep' Project

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the "Clean Sweep" project in downtown Westfield on Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mayor Thomas C. Jardim and the Westfield Department of Public Works will be working with the volunteers as everyone pitches in to help clean up the downtown.

The "Blue Machine," the new sidewalk sweeper, will be out cleaning the main sidewalk areas. Volunteers will be given gloves and garbage bags, and will be assigned to areas that need some sprucing up.

Susan Brand, of Brand Travel, is spearheading the "Clean Sweep" effort for the Chamber. Participants will come to Brand Travel with brooms and rakes and receive their clean-up area assignment.

Scout troops, Westfield organizations, school groups, and church and temple groups are all invited to be a part of the "Clean Sweep." Landlords are invited to join the effort by cleaning up the parking areas and alleyways behind their buildings.

The "Clean Sweep" program creates "Pride in Downtown," a continuing theme for the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, according to Executive Director Debbie Schmidt.

The Mayor and council have approved the recommended purchase of 100 new garbage receptacles to be placed throughout the downtown in the near future. They have also approved the recent privatizing of the downtown garbage collection to provide expanded service for downtown, which will also help to continue the clean-up effort.

"It's important for everyone in Westfield to be a part of the 'Pride in Downtown' effort to make our downtown look its best," said Ms. Brand.

Groups may register by calling the Chamber office at (908) 233-3021.

Nature Club to Hold Meeting; Sets Events

WESTFIELD — The 1999-2000 season meetings of the Greater Watchung Nature Club will begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, at a new meeting place, the Courthouse of the Mountainside Municipal Building on Route 22 East and New Providence Road.

The October meeting program will feature Jeffrey Hall who will present "The Color of the Rainforest" of Central America. His program highlights not only colors, but also the plants, animals and other aspects of this natural area.

On Saturday, October 9, Gerry Breitenbach will lead a trip to Warren Green Acres to look for fall migrants. This is a half-day trip, with the group meeting at 9 a.m. at the site on Mountain Avenue, 1.3 miles west of Stirling Road.

Guests are welcome.



GUEST SPEAKER...Dr. Mark I. Miller of Associates in Urology in Westfield spoke to Westfield Rotarians last week on the subject of erectile dysfunction. He was accompanied by representatives of Pfizer U.S. Pharmaceuticals, manufacturer of Viagra, a relatively recent addition to a number of corrective medications and means of overcoming the problem. Pictured, left to right, are: Pfizer representatives Maggie Finnerin, Jason Whiteside, Michelle Saverd and Joe Remes; Dr. Miller, Pfizer representative Jeff Eglow and District Manager Mark Reading; Rotarian Jane Sentivan and Westfield Rotary Club President Dr. William B. Bonsall.

Westfield Old Guard Slates Fall and Winter Activities

WESTFIELD — The Old Guard of Westfield, an organization that provides activities, informative and entertaining programs and fellowship for retired and semi-retired men, has announced its programs and events for the remainder of 1999.

- Thursday, October 7 — A slide presentation entitled, "A Trip To Ireland," with Dr. Arthur Bilenker, a Cranford dentist, will be offered.
- Thursday, October 14 — Christopher Veal will discuss "Long Term Care Insurance."
- Thursday, October 21 — Retired Union County Judge Richard Muscatello will present the topic, "Historic Legal Cases."
- Thursday, October 28 — Glen Owens, a retired employee of the Union County Prosecutors Office, will present a discussion entitled, "Forensic Evidence."

Other activities scheduled during the fourth quarter of 1999 include:

- Wednesday, October 13 — Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for luncheon and stage production. This trip is fully booked.
- Thursday, October 21 — "Bring-a-Friend" to the meeting at 9 a.m. for refreshments and to greet Old Guard members. Mr. Muscatello will give a presentation on "Famous Trials."
- Monday, November 1 — VIP Trip to Atlantic City and the Taj Mahal. This trip is fully booked.
- Tuesday, December 7 — Trip to Drumthwacket Governor's Mansion for a tour and viewing of the Christmas display.

• Tuesday, December 14 — Christmas Luncheon for Old Guard members and their wives or friends at Pantagis Renaissance in Scotch Plains.

The Old Guard of Westfield, organized in 1933, meets every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Westfield Y. The Westfield chapter, with an average weekly attendance of 80, is one of 22 in New Jersey and also serves Scotch Plains, Cranford, Fanwood, Clark, Roselle, Roselle Park, Kenilworth, Springfield, Mountainside, Garwood and Rahway.

Weekly meetings provide guest speakers, films and other interesting programs in addition to committee updates.

There are also regular group activities such as golf, bowling, bridge, day trips, luncheons, ladies events, the Merryman (a chorus group that performs regularly at charity functions, public gatherings and formal concerts) and shuffleboard.

For more information, please call Don Finter at (908) 233-1407.

Family Bird Walk Planned by County

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that a Family Bird Walk will be held on Saturday, October 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. The rain date is Sunday, October 10.

Experienced birders from the Friends of Lenape Park will attend. Participants should meet near the Watchable Wildlife Signboard in the Trap and Skeeet Parking Lot in Lenape Park, located off Kenilworth Boulevard on the Cranford/Kenilworth border.

Please bring your own wildlife guides and binoculars.

To Help Flood Victims Please See Page 18

Senior Social Club Of Holy Trinity Sets Meeting on October 4

WESTFIELD — The Senior Social Club of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church will meet on Monday, October 4, at 1:30 p.m. in the gymnasium/auditorium of Holy Trinity Interparochial School.

The program for this meeting will be a talk by Richard Stone, the Program Coordinator for the Senior Council. A social period and refreshments will follow the meeting.

On Tuesday, November 16, the club will take a trip to the Cloisters, with dinner to follow. Future trips will be held in December to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse and in February to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark.

Financial Workshop Set At Scotch Plains Baptist

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains Baptist Church will host a money management workshop on Saturday, October 16, from 8:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The facilitator has been trained by Christian Financial Concepts, an Atlanta-based ministry that trains debt and budget volunteer counselors, and will teach using principles from this ministry and the Bible.

The workshop entitled, "Your Money Matters" will focus on debt and budget management, getting credit card debt in control and learning how to plan to spend one's resources.

The workshop is open to the public. Snacks and handouts will be provided at a cost of \$4 per person. Scotch Plains Baptist Church is located at 333 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

For registration or more information, please call (908) 322-5487.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE
To be said in cases despaired to

St. JUDE, glorious Apostle, faithful servant, and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church invokes you universally as the Patron of things despaired of; pray for me, who am so miserable; pray for me, that finally I may receive the consolations and the succor of Heaven in all my necessities tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with the Elect throughout Eternity — Amen.

St. Jude, Apostle, martyr and relative of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Mary and of Joseph, intercede for us. — J.V.C., S.K.G.

First United Methodist To Mark Anniversary

WESTFIELD — First United Methodist Church of Westfield will celebrate its Sesquicentennial (150th) Anniversary during the month of October.

In recognition of the anniversary, three former ministers of the church will return on consecutive Sundays to serve as guest ministers.

The Reverend Clark W. Hunt will present a sermon entitled "Friends" on October 3. He was the Senior Minister of the church from 1958 to 1974.

Area Minister to Be Honored For Religious Broadcasting

MOUNTAINSIDE — The Reverend Charles Brackbill of Mountainside was recognized for his professional contributions to religion in his own denomination and had very few counterparts in other denominations as well. He was simultaneously Director of Radio-TV for the New Jersey Council of Churches.



As Associate Executive Director of the Presbyterian Church's Division of Mass Media, he headed its radio and TV production for 12 years and was largely responsible for all marketing.

Later, Reverend Brackbill co-established the American Values Institute. He worked as a media consultant with NBC, ABC, independent producers, two government agencies, five denominations and several ecumenical agencies. Reverend Brackbill created the first national television spots dealing with racial justice for the Advertising Council.

Recently, he was Interim Minister for four years at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

Reverend Brackbill served ecumenical and denominational communication interests throughout the country and is recognized as the innovator who first applied radio advertising techniques to presentation of religious messages for secular audiences.

The luncheon honored retired religious broadcasters whose careers at some point involved meaningful interaction with the church and the broadcasting industry in the New York Metropolitan area.

A Presbyterian and a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Reverend Brackbill was Pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, where he began experimental production of 30- and 60-second radio spots, hoping to direct religious messages to a secular audience.

When he was named Director of Radio-TV for the New Jersey Synod, he was the first to hold such a posi-



WELCOMING NEW TEACHERS...The Reverend Michael A. Merlucci and Sister Louise Lauretti introduce the teaching staff of St. Bartholomew the Apostle School in Scotch Plains to new families of the school at a "Welcome Tea" which was held on September 9.

CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK