



Saint John's ECHO

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APRIL 2014



Join us for a Formal Tea & Fashion Show.

Date: Saturday, May 31, 2014

Time: Noon – 3:00 p.m.

- B**ring your own Cup and Saucer,
- W**ear your finest Hat & Gloves,
- S**how off your Antique Jewelry!
- E**njoy the Fashions of the “1920’s”

Join us for salad, scones, tea sandwiches, sweets, tea, Victorian History, fashion show, tea tasting, gift baskets, good fellowship.

Tickets \$20pp. Sold during Coffee Hour or stop by the church office.

Sponsored by the Outreach/Mission Committee and United Methodist Women raising funds for outreach programs of this church.

Fashions by Jackie LaPolla.

**SPRING IS HERE! HIS IS RISEN!
RENEW YOUR SPIRIT**

Holy Week Services:

- April 13 PALM SUNDAY**
Children's Easter Egg Hunt – 9:00 a.m.
Worship service – 10:00am
followed by New Member reception
- April 17 HOLY THURSDAY – 8:00 p.m.**
- April 18 GOOD FRIDAY – 8:00 p.m.**
Service & “Crucifixion” Choir Concert
- April 20 EASTER SUNDAY**
Sunrise service – 6:30 a.m.
Worship service – 10:00 a.m.



ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES

\$16.50 per plant Deadline: April 14
Call church office 732.264.1236
to place your order

Church Staff:

Rev. Clark L. Callender, Pastor
Mr. Brian Schkeeper, Music Minister
Debbie Dura, Church Administrator





SPOTLIGHT on a Ministry

OUTREACH/MISSION COMMITTEE

Our goal is to reach out to others in our church and our community. We have a food pantry that is opened every Thursday 5:30-7:30. Bags of food are made up prior to opening. Every other month 240 bagged lunches are made for the Bridges Program and distributed to those in need in the Freehold, Red Bank and Keyport areas. Food baskets go out for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We assist another pantry by purchasing gift cards for the children for Christmas.

Each year we have a Fall Festival with homemade goodies, vendors, activities for the children and entertainment. Each Spring we have clothing drive collecting gently worn clothing and accessories that gets shipped to India, Poland, Africa, and South & Central America.

Family Promise comes every 11 weeks for us to host. Families (up to 14 people) that are in the program go from church to church each week to live. You can volunteer to make a meal, be a dinner or evening host, help with the children, sleep over or buy items that are needed for the week. This is a great volunteer opportunity.

Once a year a mission trip is planned for work locally or out of state. If you are adventurous we also have trips that go to Haiti.

JOIN US! St. John's Outreach/Mission Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

GUESS WHO

Answers in next issue.



Join us for our Annual Ham Dinner

Saturday, April 5, 6:00pm

**Come for the dinner & dessert,
Stay for the Games!**

Or shoot some hoops in our gym!

Free will offering.

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men's Group (UMMG) meets at 7:30 on the third Saturday of every month for a gathering breakfast, Bible study and business meeting. The group provides a dedicated ministry for building men spiritually and involving them in the total ministry of the church.

The funds they make at their various activities help support numerous programs at St. Johns: crèche, outreach, Sunday School, general treasury.

The men assist in preparing the crèche, poinsettia star, lily cross, delivering food baskets, transporting seniors to church, running a Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast, a Final Four basketball themed dinner & fish bakes all open to the community.

All our welcome. Our contact person is Larry Abela
email is: la3esh@verizon.net.



It's not too late...

To participate in the ALPHA Program, an opportunity to deeply explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over weekly sessions. Enjoy a dinner and ask any questions in a low-key, friendly, and fun environment.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County and Saint John's UMC offers ESL for adults who wish to improve their speaking, reading and writing of English through conversation and one-on-one classes. Our classes are on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. For further information please call Sue Johnston 732-778-5918 or Church Office 732-264-1236.

Happy 90th Birthday to "Sis" Mildred Laughlin



Pictured: Left to Right - Brian Zweiacher, Sis Laughlin, June & Norman Zweiacher & Greg Zweiacher

When the storm is raging 'round thee,
Call on Me in humble prayer,
I will fold my arms around thee,
Guard thee with the tenderest care,
In the trial, I will make thy pathway clear.

Anonymous



B.L.A.S.T. – Bible Learning and Spiritual Training
Mid-Week Program for 4th-6th Graders - BLAST meets each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

CLUB C.O.O.L – Mid-week program for children ages 4 through kindergarten. Meets every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Saint John's Nursery School & Extended Day Program - Established in 1966 as a weekday Christian education program for preschool children, we welcome all children in the community at large. We offer morning and afternoon classes for 2-1/2 through 5 year olds who have begun the toilet training process and are ready to start school. For more information call 732.888.7886.

ReHash the Trash Memories...

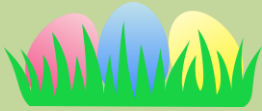


There were many happy faces and a few perplexed faces who attended this event. Deb Walling was hysterical as always! Join us next year.

Pictured Top: Joan Rhodes & Melanie Jacob, Vic & Joan Rhodes, Sheron Nordt, Deb Walling



Upcoming Events



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 12, 2014

9:00 a.m. – Noon - Continental Breakfast

\$5.00 Adult \$5.00 Child; 2 & Under Free

Reservations are need! Please call 732.888.7886

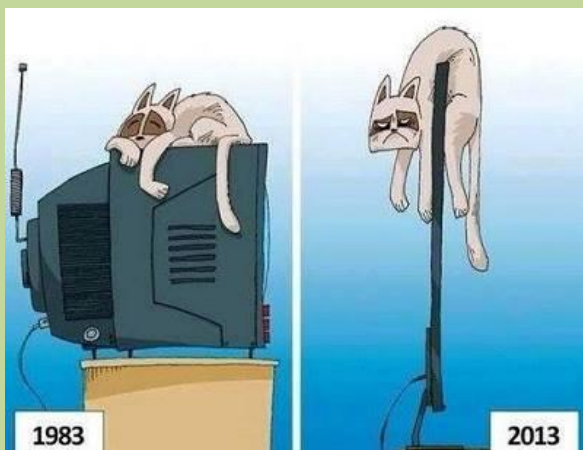
*Bring your Camera to take a picture
with the Easter Bunny!*



Saturday, May 3, 2014

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Outreach Clothing Drive @ Church. Please bring your gently worn, clean clothing and we will get 20¢ a pound, and the items do not get shredded! We are accepting all clothing, men, women & children, household linens, sheets, towels, comforters, curtains, belts, scarves, shoes, and stuffed animals. So bag it up, clean out your closets and bring to the Music Room. We will be waiting for you! Thank you for your support!



Visit us on
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St. John's United Methodist Church

Like us to keep aware of what's going on in our community. Post photos and your ideas. More importantly, let your friends know that we welcome all.

Did You Know...

Sermons are recorded and are posted on our website? Go to ww.stjohnshazlet.org and click MEDIA.

Coming soon: A Prayer Wall. Post your prayer requests for your concerns.



Get your Easter Bonnet Ready! Have you ever wanted to wear a nice floral, wide-brimmed hat, perhaps with a net across the brow? Or perhaps you have something given to you from a relative but never had the opportunity to wear it? Well, wait no more! Be brave and wear your haberdashery at Easter Service. Weather permitting; we will stroll outside in our own parade.

Sponsored by the Membership Committee.



St. John's Nursery School will be selling **OLD MONMOUTH CANDIES**, April 6th & April 13th during Coffee Hour. Please look for our table. All proceeds will go to St. John's UMC!