



The ECHO

Newsletter from St. John's & Nursery School

NOVEMBER 2014 ISSUE

Sunday Services
10:00 a.m.
Nursery Care available

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship
11:00 a.m.

Handel's *Messiah*

performed by The American Choral Scholars and The Bayshore Festival Orchestra. A holiday classic, *Messiah* will be performed by a professional soloists, choir, and orchestra. Tickets can be purchased in advance during Coffee Hour or by calling the church office at (732) 264-1236.

Concert: Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014 7:00 p.m.
St. John's United Methodist Church

General Admission: \$20



Wesleyan

Wesleyan Café
will be held on the
4th Sunday of each month!

11/23

Serving Today!

MENU

Cheese Lasagna
Assorted Quiches
Salad
Rice Pudding
Beverage

Wesleyan Café will once again be open on Sunday, November 23rd after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The cost will be \$5.00. This includes Entrée, salad, beverage and dessert. The proceeds will go to the betterment of our church. We look forward to serving you and sharing God's gift of love, fellowship and bounty.

All are welcome to attend!



The Sharing Tree will be ready to give out names of children or request for gift cards from our local stores, Toys R Us, K-Mart, Sears, Kohl's on November 23. We collected over \$ 3500 in gift cards last year and we want to surpass that amount. Please see us in the Narthex and at Coffee Hour on November 23rd. Not to confuse everyone this is not the Bridges collection. We collected \$149 from the Fall Festival to start off. Please help us to help the children in our Bayshore area. Thank you all for your continued support!



All Are Welcome

Regardless of denomination or affiliation, all are to St. John's United Methodist Church. Feel free to attend services, bible study classes, and participate in many of its activities and ministries. For more information on these programs please contact our Church Office at 732-264-1236.

Adult Christian Education

Disciple Bible Study IV

Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Short Bible Study- 10 weeks

Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

Alpha & Marriage Course

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Dinner

Children's Ministry

B.L.A.S.T. -Program for 4th-6th

Graders Wednesdays 4:30 p.m.

Club C.O.O.L. -Program for

children Kindergarten - 1st

Grade , Wednesdays, 4:00 pm



St. John's United Methodist Church

LIKE US! Keep aware of what's going on in our Church & community. Listen to sermons, see photos, post comments and more importantly, **SHARE** and let your friends know that all are welcome here.

Bridges Christmas Ministry 2014

Last Christmas we helped 400 Bridges folks for the holidays. This year St. John's will be collecting kids pajamas, hats, scarves, mittens/gloves and gift cards for local food stores as well as Target, K-Mart, Sears, Dollar stores, etc. If you don't care to shop, you can purchase a gift card on Sunday morning after the worship service. During coffee hour, we sell gift cards and church benefits a percentage of the card amount. It's a win/win gift. You can help a Bridges child and our church will benefit. Please prayerfully consider sharing the joy of Christmas and the spirit of love. Your gift may be the only present a Bridges child receives. Please contact Gail Bechtoldt 732-567-0044 or mrsb105@verizon.net for more information.



Pasta Dinner

The pasta dinner will be held on Friday, November 21st from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women. The money received will be put towards the upgrade of the kitchen. The dessert will be assorted pies. Cost will still be \$8.00.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Sunday, November 30th – 4:00 p.m.

Join us in fellowship with family and friends as we create beautiful wreaths and light our first advent candle together. Bring your favorite covered dish dinner to share. Dessert and beverage will be supplied. Bring your own wire cutters or hard sheers (not necessary but helpful). Wreaths frames, greens and candles will be supplied. Please call the Church Office 732-264-1236 to make your reservations.

St. John's Workcamp – Saturday, November 8th, 8:00 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer and help out your community please contact Bill Bechtoldt at 732-671-0744. Thank you for your support.

Church Decorating Day – Friday, November 28th, 9:00 a.m.

If you would like to help out in decorating the Church please call the Church Office 732-264-1236.



December Events

Saturday, December 6th

9 – 10:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Clause

Limited Seating – Reservations are needed!

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Christmas Holiday Marketplace – Details to follow

Friday, December 12th – Fish Bake and Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 14th – Children's Live Nativity, 10 a.m. Worship

What's Happening

- 11/1 Alpha Holy Spirit Day, 1:30 pm
- 11/2 Family Promise Arrives 11/2-11/9
*DBS IV, 11:30 am
- 11/3 Finance, 6 pm
- 11/4 Outreach, 7 pm
*Bible Study, 7:30 pm
*Sisters in Christ, 7:30 pm (outside location)
- 11/5 *Club COOL, 4 pm
*Genesis, BLAST, 4:30 pm
*Wesleyan Bells, 6:30 pm
*Alpha, 7 pm
- 11/6 *Bethany Bells, 7 pm
*Chancel Choir, 7 pm
- 11/7 Men's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Women of Faith, 7:30 pm (outside location)
- 11/8 St. John's Workcamp. 8 am
United Methodist Women, 9 am
- 11/10 Church Council, 7 pm
- 11/11 Prayer Shawl Meeting, 7 pm
- 11/13 Nursery School Board, 7 pm
- 11/14 Coffee House , 7 pm
- 11/15 Men's Breakfast, 7:30 am
Charge Conference, 3 pm
- 11/16 New Member Class, 11 am
- 11/17 Trustees, 7 pm
- 11/18 Christian Education, 7 pm
- 11/20 Staff Parish, 7 pm
- 11/21 Pasta Dinner, 6 pm
Women of Faith, 7:30 pm at Church
- 11/23 Wesleyan Café, 11 am
- 11/24 Sharing of the Breads, Nursery School
- 11/25 Alpha, Last Class, 7 pm
- 11/26 Nursery School Off
- 11/27 Thanksgiving Day
- 11/28 Christmas Decorating Day, 9 am
- 11/30 Advent Wreath Making
The "Messiah"

**Repeats Weekly*

From the Outreach Committee...

A HUGE thank-you to everyone who made food donations for the bagged lunches and also the great group of kitchen workers who take time to make those lunches. In order to make something successful you need many people who care. We have them. Thanks again.

A.E.D. TRAINING

We are arranging training classes with Hazlet First-Aid for the auto external defibrillator. If you are interested please contact the Church Office 264-1236 or a sign-up sheet is available in the Church Office. Please be sure to leave a telephone number. Thank you.