



The ECHO

Newsletter from St. John's & Nursery School

OCTOBER 2014 ISSUE

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

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

Hats Off to Our Volunteers!



Recently, I attended St. John's for a fundraiser pasta dinner for Thomas Fox. I didn't know many people but I was very impressed by the wonderful, caring service I received from our volunteers. They could not do enough to serve everyone. I had a nice conversation with a couple of them. They made sure you had everything you needed to complete and enjoy your meal. I also had the opportunity to say hello to Thomas and wish him well. I really felt the warmth and eagerness of the volunteers to make this event a success. I enjoyed the spaghetti and meatballs I was served and the delicious chocolate cake was homemade by one of the volunteers who greeted me at the door. It was one human being caring about another. I hope to experience more of this love in the world. May God bless all our volunteers!

Sincerely, Ellen Annunziato

FALL FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, October 18TH 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join us again for this fun-filled family event featuring a DJ, Petting Zoo, Pumpkin and Face Painting, Live Music, Entertainment, Kids on the Go amusements, Bake Sale, Fire Truck, Kids Crafts, and more. Shop many New Merchandise Vendors and Assorted Crafters. A nice lunch menu will be available and early birds can enjoy bagels and coffee. Homemade jams, pies, cookies & cakes will be available to purchase! Spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Volunteers are need to bake and help out during the day in different areas. If you are able to help, please call the Church office 732.264.1236.



Sunday, October 19th

For more information please call 1-888-CWS-CROP
or visit our website www.cropwalk.org

Walk With Us or Donate!



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.

Genesis - 2nd & 3rd Grades, Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

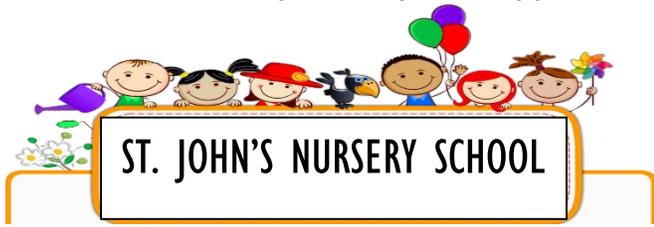
Club C.O.O.L. -Program for children Kindergarten - 1st Grade, Wednesdays, 4:00 pm



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.

Thank you for your Support



What a wonderful beginning to our new school year! What a blessing to welcome 138 children to the St. John's Nursery School family. The staff enjoyed the gift of a bouquet of flowers from our Nursery School Board sending blessings for a great school year. Many thanks!

Our October theme verse is "God made everything beautiful", Ecclesiastes 3:11. We will celebrate the beauty of fall with many great crafts, projects, and fall walks. The children will also enjoy many special events this month: trips to Dearborn Farms and Huber Woods for pumpkin picking; a visit from the Lizard Guy; a visit from the Hazlet Fire Dept.; and school pictures will be taken.

Our month concludes with Halloween fantasy and fun! The children love to wear their costumes and pretend to be princesses and super heroes. We will celebrate with a special parade! For more information about our Nursery School please contact us at 732-888-7886.

Elizabeth Valentin, Director Melanie Pfleger, Assistant Director

St. John's Fish Bake – October 24th - 6 p.m.

Theme is "God Bless America and Salute Our Troops"

God Bless America and Friday Fish Bakes at St. John's! Whether you eat in or take out, what a fantastic meal for \$8.00. Dinner consists of fruit cup, tasty fish (or chicken), baked potato, delicious coleslaw, beverages and yummy dessert. Food and fellowship, a great combination! This month's fish bake will take place on Friday, October 24th at 6p.m. Our theme will be "God Bless America and Salute Our Troops." You will have a chance to hear about the Operation Jersey Cares Program that was started in 2007 and has already sent 450,000 lbs. of product to our troops. It is an amazing program and one that merits our support as a church community. We hope you can make it to share a special patriotic night. This fish bake project has raised funds for kitchen refurbishing and repairs as well as installing new windows and purchasing tables. The goal is to continue updating the kitchen with new stoves and ovens, hot water heaters, flooring, commercial dishwasher and a fire suppression system. We can always use more volunteers. The set-up is Thursday evening putting up the tables and chairs and setting the tables for 200 people. Friday we have food preparers, prep cooks, cooks, waiters/waitresses, dishwashers and clean-up, breakdown of the

What's Happening

- 10/6 Finance, 7 p.m.
 - 10/7 *Prayer Group, 10 am
Outreach, 7 pm
*Bible Study, 7:30 pm
*Sisters in Christ, 7:30 pm (outside location)
 - 10/8 *Club COOL, 4 pm
*Genesis, BLAST, 4:30 pm
*Wesleyan Bells, 6:30 pm
*Alpha, 7 pm
 - 10/9 Nursery School Board, 7 pm
*Bethany Bells, 7 pm
*Chancel Choir, 7 pm
 - 10/10 Women of Faith, 7:30 pm (outside location)
 - 10/11 United Methodist Women, 9 am
Leadership Meeting, 9 am
 - 10/12 DBS IV, 11:30 am
 - 10/13 Columbus Day – Church Office Closed
 - 10/14 Prayer Shawl Meeting, 7 pm
 - 10/16 Bridges, 5 pm
Staff Parish Meeting, 7 pm
Nursery School Picture Day-10/16 & 10/17
 - 10/17 Bridges
 - 10/18 FALL FEST, 10 am
 - 10/19 Crop Walk
 - 10/20 Church Council, 7 pm
 - 10/24 FISH Bake, 6 pm
Women of Faith, 7:30 at Church
 - 10/26 Wesleyan Café, 11 am
 - 10/27 Nominating Committee, 7 pm
10/30 & 10/31 Nursery School
Halloween Parade
- *Repeats Weekly*

From the Outreach Committee...

Thursday, October 16 we will be meet in the kitchen at 5 pm to make sandwiches for Bridges. Anyone is welcome to come and help! This month we are in need of lunch meat, snacks, fruit cups, apples, also drinks, juice boxes etc. Please leave in silver refrigerator in kitchen marked Bridges. We thank you for your support!

tables and chairs. You can volunteer for 1-2 hours (or more) once a month for the good of St. John's. Please come and support the Fish Bake. *Thank you for your help and God Bless America!*

