

The ECHO

Newsletter from St. John's & Nursery School

Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. <i>Nursery Care available</i>
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 1st

Serving from 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men



The Outreach Committee thanks everyone for their help during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. With all of your help we were able to give over \$1000 in gift cards to the Keyport Ministry. We partnered with the Salvation Army to help 60 children (majority Union Beach children from Sandy) and 34 children from the pantry. We distributed 42 food baskets for Thanksgiving and 53 baskets for Christmas. Thank you all!

ROOF REPAIRS IN PROGRESS



The Board of Trustees has worked diligently to maintain the St. John's facility. After much research and examination.....the sanctuary roof is finally getting its new shingles! We have had leaks and puddles for a while but the repairs are under way and the new roof looks beautiful. Our insurance policy is covering the expenses. In the near future, the education wing roof will need improvements. The trustees have been exploring the best solution for the aging flat roof. Thank you for your patience and continued support.



A Ten Week Practical Course

Introduction to the Christian Faith

Starting Wednesday February 25, 2015

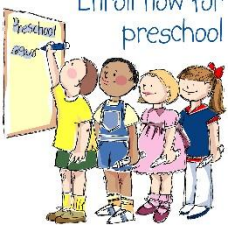
DINNER PROMPTLY AT 7:00 IN WESLEY HALL

St. John's UMC 2000 Florence Avenue, Hazlet, NJ 07730

To attend or for more info, please call 732-264-1236 or 848-218-0252 or go to "Alphausa.org" We will also offer courses Life Worth Living & Challenging Lifestyles. Child care provided

Enroll now for preschool

St. John's Nursery School is now accepting early registration for the 2015-2016 school year. For more information please contact Liz Valentin or Melanie Pflieger at 732-888-7886. The administrative staff



All Are Welc

Regardless of denomination or affiliation, all are welcome 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

SHINE is the name of the Evangelism/Membership Committee and you are invited to visit us every 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm. Our focus is to "shine" Christ's light by reaching out to those who cannot come to church due to health issues and also to the community with events that are open to the public. First event is a **Pancake Dinner for Tuesday, Feb. 17th, 6 p.m.**, the evening before Ash Wednesday. Flapjack flippers wanted! Teens welcome, too! Any questions, call Lisa Smith at 732.264.5984.

would like to thank St. John's for their support as we enter the second half of a very successful school year.



Safe Sanctuaries

St. John's has a Safe Sanctuary Policy that provides safeguards for all children and vulnerable adults. Adult volunteers who work in many of our ministries -- Christian Education, Mission, Outreach -- must be familiar with the policy and must undergo a background check. Over the next few months, we will be updating the policy and conducting the background checks. Please check the bulletin for dates when you can attend a short briefing session. If you have any questions, please contact Barb White (732-859-6843) or your ministry leader.



Homemade Chicken Pot Pie Dinner **Friday, February 27, 2014**

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Cost of the dinner will be \$8/pp. The proceeds collected will go to upgrading St John's kitchen. We look forward to enjoying fellowship while serving you!!

Jersey Shore Workcamp June 28 - July 4, 2015

Our 7th free home repair mission project is quickly approaching. Applications are available for Bayshore area homeowners who need help with interior and exterior painting, winterization and roof repairs. We will build wheelchair ramps and restore steps and porches. The Workcamp is full with 450 youth and adults from all over the United States and Canada who will extend the love of Jesus to our neighbors. If you need an application or know someone who could use our help, they will be available in the Narthex and the church office. For more information please contact Bill 908-692-2039 or dokbill44@verizon.net or Gail 732-567-0044 or mrsb105@verizon.net.

BRIDGES

Thanking everyone who helped to make sandwiches in December for Bridges. On Thursday, February 19th we will be making the bag lunches again. We will need drinks and lunch meat. If anyone can donate or would like to help we would greatly appreciate it. We meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19th in the kitchen.

St. John's



Friday, February 20th 7:00 p.m.

St. John's United Methodist Women

Pajama Party!

On January 7th the UMW held its first meeting of the year! We had a pajama party! A hearty buffet breakfast was served and after that we discussed the activities and events for the upcoming year. Volunteers signed up to help with various tasks to make these activities successful. Hats off to our many volunteers. We discussed the new book "Whatever Happened to Dinner" and planned to discuss this in the book club at the end of the month.

Lisa DiNitto, our president asked if anyone made a new year's resolution. I was happy to raise my hand and say I joined a gym and I would send a gift donation to various charities throughout the year. It is a good feeling to help someone and to avoid procrastination.

We proceeded to play a game of charades. Some women acted out a song and some imitated a star performer. We discussed a trip as some of the women were interested in the "Sight and Sound" Theater. Overall the meeting was interesting and enjoyable. Looking forward to participating in some new events for 2015. Wishing all a happy & healthy 2015. Sincerely, Ellen Annunziato

Mark your February Calendar!

Tuesday, 2/3 Jersey Shore Workcamp, 6:00 p.m.

Outreach Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2/5 Evangelism Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 2/7 UMW, 9:00 a.m.

Nursery School Registration, 8:00-10:00 am

Sunday, 2/8 New Member Class, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, 2/9 Church Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/10 Prayer Shawl Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, 2/16 Trustees, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2/19 Bridges, 5:00 p.m.

Staff Parish, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for coffee, fellowship and games. All are welcome to attend. For more information please see Lisa Smith.