

Move with caution

The Rahway City Council is riding on the proverbial cloud nine after initially approving more than \$2 million in bonds designed to revitalize the downtown area.

The city is moving in, what we believe, a direction most municipalities should regarding the strengthening of its downtown areas. If you ask most people, they probably would say they prefer to shop locally and avoid the malls as much as possible. Shopping locally means better, more friendly customer service, fewer crowds and a chance to meet neighbors on the streets of their hometown.

It also boosts the local economy, which, in the end, means stable taxes to the property owner.

The plans for the proposed downtown improvements, however, could require the city to use its eminent domain authority and condemn certain properties to fulfill its goals, and that's something we urge the council to approach with caution.

The Dembrowski property, for example, is located on Irving Street at Milton Avenue, and the owner has stated that he really is not interested in selling his property to the city. The city is seeking to buy the property for \$1,375,000 and will demolish the existing structure to improve the visibility of the train station.

Three other properties also could be condemned by the city for it to move forward with its revitalization plans. Condemning property leaves a bad taste in the mouths of many people. It could create a perception, ironically, that the city is not business friendly, even though its intentions are to improve business in the downtown area. Negotiations to acquire these four sites have not truly begun. We urge the council and the Rahway Center Partnership to include in their negotiations a way that these people can stay in business and be part of the improvements. Rahway Partnership Executive Director Bill Fontana said these initiatives will affect Rahway for the next 100 years.

The council should find a way to include all businesses, current and future, in its plans to move Rahway forward.

What's your opinion about this subject? Call us at (908) 686-9888, enter Selection 800. Use our Infocore hotline to express your opinions about this and other local issues. Responses will be published next week.

Our thanks

What a turnout! When thousands of people attend the annual holiday festivities sponsored by Rahway and Clark, it's a sure sign that the two municipalities are on the right track regarding their constituents.

The holiday festivities on Dec. 7 gave pleasure to people of all ages, and introduced many residents to the season that has become synonymous with giving.

On behalf of the residents, we offer our thanks to the leaders of both towns who coordinated the events and encourage them to strive to make it even better next year.

Happy Hanukkah

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, will be celebrated by the Jewish community throughout the world beginning on the eve of Dec. 23 and will brighten Jewish homes for eight days by lighting a candle for each of those days.

Hanukkah marks the deliverance of the Jewish people in Palestine from the oppression of the Syrian-Greeks in the second century. The Greeks imposed heathen practices upon the Jewish population.

The Israelites, Judah and his four brothers, sons of Mattathias, led a rebellion against the Syrian-Greeks, and they were successful. The motivation for the rebellion was the insult by the Syrian-Greeks in connection with the temple in Jerusalem. They defiled and turned the temple into a pagan shrine.

The Israelites were successful in defeating the Syrian-Greeks and cleansed the temple and rededicated it. Hanukkah actually means rededication for eight days. The Menorah is considered the Festival of Lights, a symbol of religious freedom.

The Israelites had difficulty finding pure jugs of oil to be used for the temple Menorah. After much searching, they finally found one small unopened jar of oil still bearing the unbroken seal. It contained enough oil to burn for one day. The miracle was that it burned for eight days, leaving enough time for the people to prepare additional pure oil.

As the lights of Hanukkah brighten every Jewish home, their lives are even more brightened by the miracle of God. We wish our Jewish readers a Happy Hanukkah season.

"Freedom is lost unless it is continually fought for."

—P.B.S. Pinchback
Army officer
c. 1860

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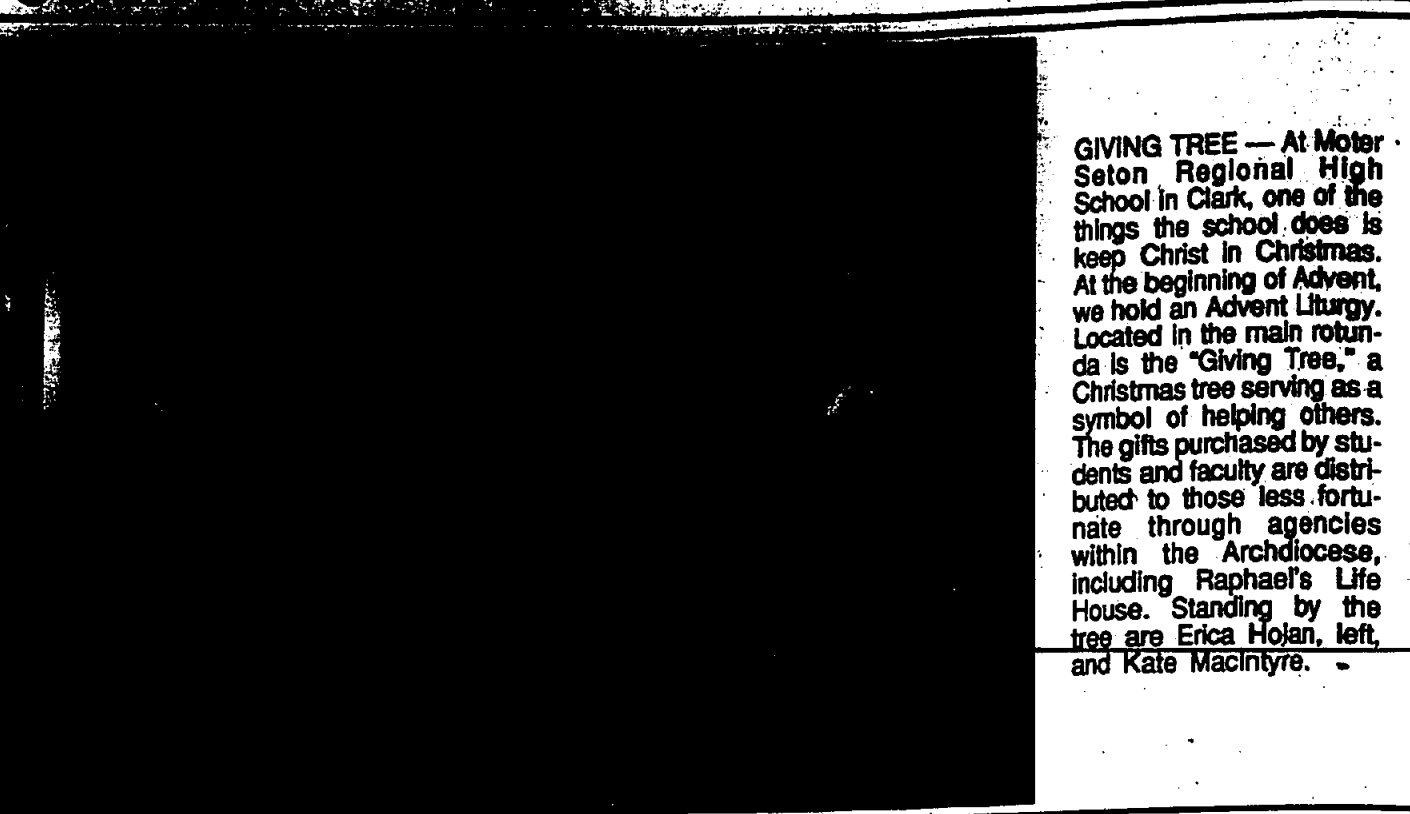
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COMMUNITY

GIVING TREE — At Motor School in Clark, one of the things the school does is keep Christ in Christmas. At the beginning of Advent, we hold an Advent Liturgy. Located in the main rotunda is the "Giving Tree," a Christmas tree serving as a symbol of helping others. The gifts purchased by students and faculty are distributed to those less fortunate through agencies within the Archdiocese, including Raphael's Life House, serving the poor. Gifts are Eric Holan, left, and Kate McIntyre.



In time, lessons of life become more clear

Interjections

By Diane Stone Ingle
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to give something back to an organization that has given so much to me. The name of the organization is A Better Chance, and that's exactly what it gave to me.

When the alarm went off at 6 a.m. that Sunday, I woke up to find myself in a hospital bed. I had just finished a marathon week, both at work and at church. Three nights of revival at church drained most of my energy, while deadlines and schedules at work basically killed the rest. And I didn't even mention the kids.

When I told my mother what time I had to get up to make it to the program, on time, she laughed. But, I was determined to do this thing. It was time for me to give something back.

A Better Chance is an organization that sends gifted, financially deprived, inner-city minority students to some of the most prestigious secondary schools in the nation. I was one of those students.

More than that, it takes them away from the negative influences that often arise in urban situations. The program allows them the chance to develop and refine their talents and gifts.

I am a product of this program, and believe I am a success story. Unfortunately, that success came at a very high price and during a period of 10 years.

My mother would tell me, "so what if they don't like you. Just stay away from them. Who cares if they don't like your color? They're ignorant!"

Well, maybe so, but tell that to my 14-year-old heart that needed to be accepted and loved by its peers.

Those years were my most vivid, first memories of blatant racism. It was also my first introduction to subtle racism, because they didn't use racial epithets or burn crosses on my lawn. They were just condescending.

So, after four years of a few blatant incidents underscored by thousands of subtle incidents, I graduated with honors — with a big chip on my shoulder.

I wanted nothing to do with white people. I even picked the location of my college based on the number of African-Americans in the city. University in Atlanta. I prayed to God to just keep me away from "those" people. I even asked God to give me a black roommate.

And when I walked into my dorm room at Emory, my worst nightmare was sitting on the bed waiting to meet me. My blond-haired, blue-eyed roommate from Texas, of all places, was "happy to meet" me.

As I looked at her pretty little, Southern self, I thought I must have committed some horrible sin. Yes, that was it. God was punishing me. But, I did survive Emory and Tammy Jo from Texas.

Don't get me wrong, several people were nice to me. I had many friends, and even more positive acquaintances. But, that doesn't erase the scars.

The time has come to learn on our federal representatives, Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Torricelli as well as Congressman William Pascrell, actually represent New Jersey's interests in a very important issue.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, best known as the bad guy in "Ghastly," has decided to warn New Jersey that it must reduce "emissions," a euphemism for property.

The bottom line will be more costs for Jersey drivers and fewer jobs but, the air will look nicer.

The EPA warning is outweighed on so many counts it is difficult to decide where to start. Let me begin with the fact that major road arteries into the New England area run right through our state. The fact is clear that the EPA wants New Jersey drivers to suffer the use of oxygenated fuel and radical emissions tests on privately owned vehicles because we receive an inordinate amount of auto and truck exhaust from transient vehicles.

The car driving from Florida to Boston must not have to suffer the stringent emissions testing New Jersey cars will. It can fill up in Philly with non-oxygenated fuel and pollute to its heart's delight. We will be bending over backward for the environmental fascists because they see only borders and arbitrary air quality standards within those borders. There are no marks on the curve to reflect reality.

The Libertarian candidate for governor, Murray Sabrin, made a few very good points during the campaign, one of which was right on the money here.

He pointed out that the proposed auto emissions testing would cause New Jersey car owners to trash their vehicles after a few years in many cases. That's right if you are rich, no problem. If you need to drive from house cleaning job to house cleaning job in an old wreck, you should think about a career at MacDonald's.

This is all for a utopian dream of a pure environment. New Jersey will not, in the foreseeable future, ever be as clean as Wyoming. It is unacceptable for Washington to finance this state will be cleaned up. If the federal regulators start restricting factory production in our state for this single issue pipe dream, real jobs will be lost and real people will suffer.

The petrochemical industry began in New Jersey, which is why our coast-downs are almost irretrievably polluted. The highways were designed to run through the shortest route — saving gas, please note — which in our section of the country is coastal New Jersey. Why should we be penalized for historical and geographical realities?

They help our people pay the rest of mortgage, more than the EPA does for New Jersey.

"Restrictions" is another covering word. Why not be accurate and call this government imposition, or sacrifice of freedom. That is what EPA does for New Jersey.

Letter writers
Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor expressing views on topics of interest. Letters should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than 2 1/2 pages. The deadline for letters is 9 a.m. Monday. For purposes of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number. Unsigned letters will not be published.

VIEW POINT

QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Should towns have an ordinance that prohibits elected officials from getting jobs with the town after they are done serving?

Responses will be published next week.
Polls close Monday at noon.
Calls are free. Touch tone phones only.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS
Are you finding the new area code changes difficult to handle?
NO RESPONSE

Woman reports attempted purse snatching

POLICE BLOTTER

On Dec. 13, police received a report of an attempted purse snatching. The victim was alone and walking up the stairs to her residence when the suspect approached her from behind. He began pulling on her purse.

The victim screamed and the suspect fled. The victim's husband heard the screams, called the house and began to chase the suspect on foot. The suspect fled through back yards on Seneca Avenue toward W. Grand Avenue. The victim's husband saw him in the area of W. Grand Avenue and Oliver Street.

As the victim's husband was returning to his residence, the suspect approached him and struck him in the head with an unknown object. He was transported to Rahway Hospital and admitted with non-life threatening head injuries.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall, early 20s, wearing dark clothes and a knit ski cap rolled up on his head.

Anyone with information should contact Det. O'Leary at (732) 827-2115. The suspect did not get the purse.

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Babalan is honored as ALJ top student

The Student of the Month for December at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark is senior Brian Babalan.

Babalan is a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies, the Key Club, Student Council and the Lance Staff. He has held roles in the school musicals, "They're Playing Our Song" and "Into the Woods" and is a member of the Drama Honor Society. He can also be seen on Channel 1 as a TV anchorman and also doubles as a cameraman. Babalan is on the varsity soccer and baseball teams.

Babalan was named the alternate to Boys State as a junior, and was recently named an Edward J. Bloustein Scholar. He has garnered numerous

commendations in Honors Biology, Algebra 2, Computer Science 1 and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

A member of Boy Scouts Troop 330, he is an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has been involved in feeding the homeless, cleaning the Rahway River, and the Scouting for Food Drive. Outside of school, he has worked as a summer recreation counselor, babysitter, tutor and part-time carpenter's helper. He is currently a cashier/stock person at Paper Chase Paint & Wallpaper. He also enjoys skiing.

After graduation, Babalan plans to attend college and major in communications, with a concentration in

Students' artwork on display

By Liase Stone Ingalls

Staff Writer

Several students from across Union County are participating in the 1997 Union County TEEN ARTS Exhibit sponsored in part by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

The exhibit is touring the county. It is available for observation at the Elizabeth Public Library at 11 South Broad St. The library will host the exhibit through Dec. 30.

The exhibit consists of 26 pieces of art selected from the 513 visual art works shown at the 1997 Union County TEEN ARTS festival in March at Union County College. Students from 47 schools throughout the county participate in this annual event, which is coordinated by the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Twenty-eight students from Union County took part in this exhibit. Students from Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Elizabeth, Hillsdale, Linden, Montclair, New Providence,

Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit, Union and Westfield are represented.

Linda Stender, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, said the county is pleased to recognize these student artists and to give the community an opportunity to experience the excellence of the work being done in the schools.

The Teen Arts program is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, hosted by Union County College, and sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Additional support is provided by several

other area programs and businesses.

The art work covers a range of different classifications. There are oil paintings that display angels, while there are photographs highlighting contrast in black and white photos. Cartoon sketches were also displayed in the exhibit.

Unit seeks volunteers

The Union County unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for its Road to Recovery Program.

Contact Carolyn Fabrizio, service director, at (908) 354-7373 for additional information on joining the lifesaving crew of volunteer drivers.

Correction policy

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, please write Tom Cassano, editor, 1291 Snijman Ave., Union, 07083, or call him at 686-7700 weekdays before 5 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 P.M.

Hillsdale United Presbyterian Church
1147 South Main St. and Co. St. Hillside
908-354-7935

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be presented "Christmas on Main Street"

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
308 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey

ADVENT MISSION DECEMBER 14, 15, 16, 1997
7:30 PM REV. FRANK MCNUITY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CHOIR CONCERT
DECEMBER 21, 1997 5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:00 PM CHILDREN'S (FAMILY) LITURGY
6:30 PM

12:00 AM (CHOIR WILL BEGIN TO SING CAROLS AT 11:30 PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM (SPANISH)
Please note - WE WILL NOT HAVE A 9:30 AM OR A 5:00 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

DECEMBER 25, 1997 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 26, 1997 - 5:00 PM MASS

JANUARY 1, 1998 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM (MASSES)

PRECIOUS IS THE CHILD

Christmas Eve 4:30 PM
Sunday School Worship

Christmas Eve 7:30 PM
Candlelight Communion

Christmas Eve 11:00 PM
Candlelight Communion

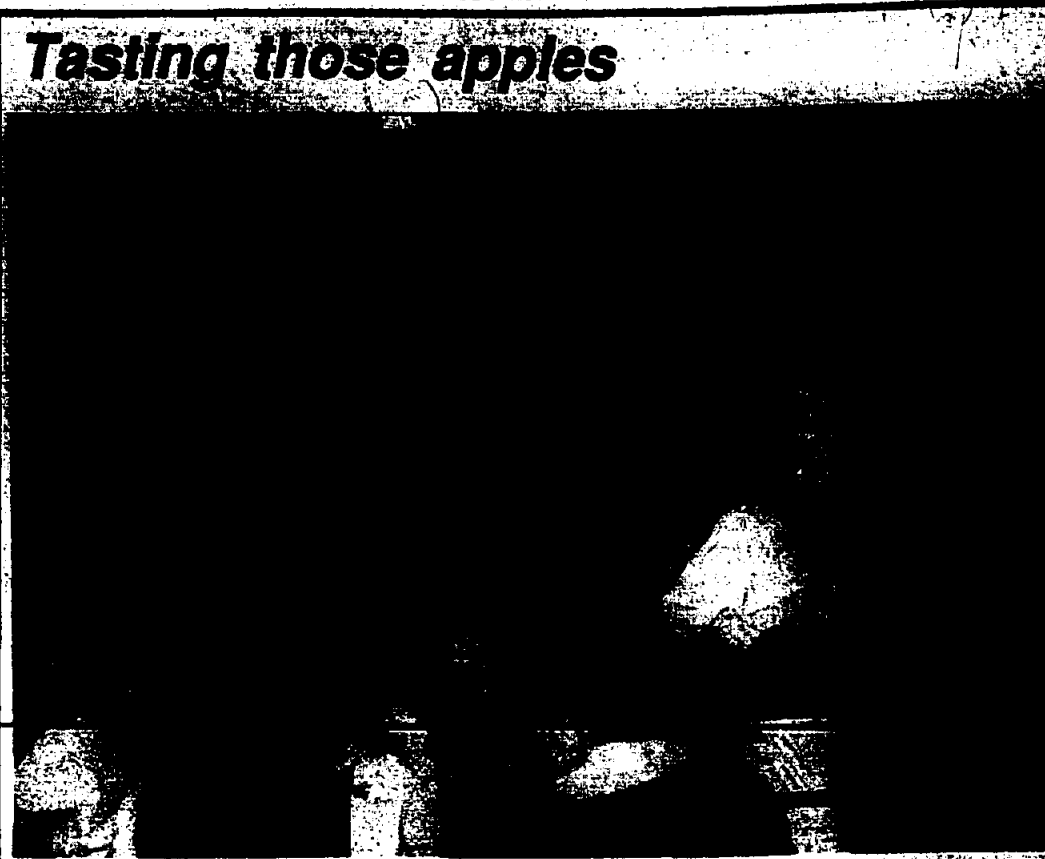
Christmas Day 10:30 AM
Candlelight Communion

New Year's Eve 7:30 PM
Candlelight Communion

Share with us the glory of God in the coming of His Son Jesus this CHRISTMAS

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOLS
2222 VAUXHALL ROAD UNION, NEW JERSEY
Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School 9:15 A.M.
REV. DONALD L. BRANNO, Pastor
(908) 686-3965

Tasting those apples



Fourth-grade students at St. John the Apostle School in Clark help kindergarten students with apple tasting. Students at St. John the Apostle, like students at every other Catholic school, are preparing for the Christmas season. This is an example of students in the holiday spirit — giving the gift of sharing.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The following is the lunch menu for Dec. 15 to 24 in the Clark public schools.

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School
Today, pork roll and cheese on bun, potato salad, pineapple tidbits.
Tomorrow, Nacho chip rounds with chili and cheese sauce, seasoned corn, blueberries and cream.
Monday, Holiday dinner: Cheese ravioli with meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, Christmas cookie.
Tuesday, chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, French bread, ham and cheese on rye, seasoned corn, almond pecan.
Wednesday, winter recess begins.

Elementary schools
Today, hard or soft shell taco with chili, cheese and tomato. Bologna on white, sliced peaches.
Tomorrow, grilled cheese on white or whole wheat, egg salad on whole wheat, soup of the day, sliced peaches.
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HOLIDAY Services

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
1340 Burnet Avenue, Union
The Rev. Nancy E. Forsberg, Pastor
Mary Ann Yelovich, Organist
Sunday, December 21, 11:00 A.M.
"Advent Worship Service"
Wednesday, December 24, 7:30 P.M.
"Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service"
Robert and Madeline Pauli, Soloists
You are warmly invited to worship with us

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH THE CARPENTER
Corner of E. 3rd and Walnut Streets, Roselle
908-241-1250

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 P.M. Children's Liturgy
7:00 P.M. Family Liturgy
10:00 P.M. Concelebrated Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 NOON

Rev. George D. Giffen, Pastor
Associates:
Rev. Beau Ardouin, Rev. John Spino

Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church
Union

- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
- Adult Forum - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. (child care provided)
- Bible Study - Monday Night
- Support Group for Caregivers for the Elderly

CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30 PM and 11 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45 A.M.

MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

Our 11:00 am Sunday Worship Service on December 21 will include congregational Christmas music, a Christmas theme message by Dr. Gregory Hagg, and joyful celebration of Christ our Savior. With gladness of heart we welcome all.

A candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 24. This special service features a Christmas devotion by Dr. Gregory Hagg, Christmas carol singing, a dramatic monologue by Miss Jaime Bowers, and more. We warmly welcome all to our church, especially as we celebrate the great gift of God's Son to us, Jesus Christ.

DIRECTIONS: Mountside Chapel is located at 1180 Spruce Drive, Mountside. Take Route 22 West to Mountside and turn right onto Central Avenue (immediately after passing Manor Care). Take your first right onto Spruce Drive and bear left at the fork into the chapel parking lot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chapel office at (908) 232-0455.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1212 KELLY STREET UNION • PHONE 1-908-688-1232

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - December 24
5:00 pm Mass - Family Liturgy
8:00 pm
12:00 Midnight (Choir - 11:30 pm)
Christmas Day - December 25
7:30 am
9:00 am (Family Liturgy)
10:30 am
12:00 Noon

Christ Church Summit
Invites you to Christmas Services

Sunday, December 21, 9:00 and 11:00 am
Worship Service with Reverend Charles Rush
"Fantasia on Christmas Carols," by Ralph Vaughn Williams, performed by choir with guest soloists child care provided

Christmas Eve, December 24, 5:00 p.m.
Family Service, with a large cast of children performing the musical "The Case of the Missing Christmas"

10:30 p.m.
Organ Recital with Wayne Bradford

11:00 p.m.
Traditional candlelight service with much beautiful music, lessons, and carols

561 Springfield Avenue
908-273-5549

She's now the fairy godmother



Susan Dougherty, center, English teacher at Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, plays the fairy godmother in the Prince Street Players version of "Cinderella" at the Forum Theater in Metuchen Saturdays in December. Dougherty has taught journalism and drama in her 30-year career of teaching English in Clark.

HOLIDAY Services

Christmas Services

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Moravian Christmas Candlelight Service
Services are Open to Visitors and the Public

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 24 - 7:30 pm

Battle Hill Community Moravian Church
777 Liberty Avenue - Union
CALL (908) 686-1AMB

Peace on Earth

CHARISMATIC MASS
10 am Sunday

CHRISTMAS EVE 8 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY ST. ANTONINUS R.C. CHURCH
10 AM
337 S. Orange Ave., Newark, NJ
973-623-0258 Prayer Meeting 8 P.M. Wed. Night

St. James the Apostle Church
Rev. Robert B. Stagg, Pastor
45 South Springfield Avenue
Springfield, New Jersey 07081
973-376-3044

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
December 21, 1997 7:00 p.m.
A Festival of Lights presented by the High School C.Y.O.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 1:00-2:00 p.m. and
December 24th 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
Christmas Masses
December 24 5:30 p.m.
12:00 midnight
December 25 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon

Christ Lutheran Church
1359 MORRIS AVE. AT STERLING RD. • UNION
PHONE (908) 686-0188

CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Trinity United Methodist Church
1428 Main Street, Rahway
732-388-1328

Christmas Eve Services
7:30 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

We warmly invite everyone to join us in celebrating Christ's birth

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church
1482 Maple Avenue
Hillsdale
973-923-9321

Christmas Eve Worship
9:00 P.M.

Rev. Nancy L. Ruckert, Pastor
Please join us for worship

Orchard Park Church
"Sharing God's Love and Truth in a Meaningful and Relevant Way"

1264 Victor Avenue Union
908-687-0364

Christmas Events:
Christmas Concert with Robin Noel
Friday December 19 - 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
83 Galloping Hill Road, Elizabeth
(908) 351-0294
The Rev. Dr. F.G. Neiderhiser

Christmas Eve Service 10:30 p.m.

Sunday Church School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Come Join The Celebration Of The Newborn King.

St. Agnes to host the Pilgrim Statue

St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Clark will be honored with the special Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, Jan. 9, 1998. This is through the cooperative assistance of The Most Rev. Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark.

Rev. McCarrick has arranged for several pilgrims to be visited by the pilgrim statue. St. Agnes Parish will conduct a special service on the evening of Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

The service will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Eugene F. Marcone. Marcone said, "In preparation for the wonderful visit, we have arranged to view the film 'The Miracle of Fatima' on Jan. 4 at 3 p.m.

All are invited to attend this viewing.

Marcone pointed out that two parishioners, Pat Abernathy and Louise Venzio, were of great assistance in plans to greet the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the parish.

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Foodtown to donate portion of receipts

Foodtown on Westfield Avenue in Clark is once again supporting Johnson High School's Project Graduation. They will be donating a percentage of all receipts collected.

The Project Graduation Committee is asking all persons of Foodtown to save their Foodtown receipts and bring them to the main office of any school located in Clark. Or they can be mailed to ALJ Project Graduation, Arthur L. Johnson High School, Westfield Avenue, Clark.

THE TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SALEM ROAD
AT HUGENOT AVENUE
UNION

CHRISTMAS 1997

908-686-1028
Rev. Elmer Talcott

DECEMBER 24
8:00 P.M. Candle Light Service
7:45 P.M. Prayers Begin • Come Early
All Choirs Will be Singing

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AND PAGEANT
Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 pm
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
61 Broad Street
(On the heart of Historic Midtown Elizabeth, on Broad Street, half a block south of East Jersey Street)
Telephone: (908) 352-1218
Come and experience the joy of Christmas!
Refreshments follow the service

Community United Methodist Church
301 Chestnut Street @ East Grant Avenue, Roselle Park
Christmas Eve

7:00pm Family Worship
The Crusader Children's Choir presents "Check Out That Star"

10:30pm The Beautiful Music of Christmas
The Handbell and Sanctuary Choirs & Soloists join to provide uplifting music for this beautiful service.

11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Clark at Cowperthwaite Place: Westfield
(across from Roosevelt Intermediate School)
CORDIALLY INVITES THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO

CHRISTMAS EVE
Family Worship 6:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion 10:40 p.m.
Christmas Day Communion 10:00 a.m.
Handicapped Accessible

Shipping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to Associate Editor Jacqueline McCarthy, *Worral Community Newspapers*, P.O. Box 3189, Union, New Jersey, 07081.

ART SHOWS

ACCIDENTAL ENCOUNTERS, the work of New York City realist painter Fran Seeler, will be displayed at Union County College's Tommaso Gallery through today.

The gallery is located in the Mackay Library on the College's Cranford Campus. Gallery hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday, and 9 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

RONALD B. PALMER MUSEUM will display photographs by Martin Deutsch through today.

The museum is located at Springfield Public Library, located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call (908) 375-4050.

FLOWER POWER ARTS will be the next exhibition of photographs at Las Malas Gallery in Union. The exhibit will hang through today.

Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is located in Union Public Library at Friburger Park, Morris Avenue in Union. For information, call (908) 686-0557.

KENT PLACE GALLERY will display "Newspaper Woman of the Past" through today.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is located on the campus of Kent Place School, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. For information, call (908) 273-0900.

MOUNTAINSIDE LIBRARY will present works by Alice Bayan Hondu, "Color, Line and Form in Watercolor and Print," at MountainSide Public Library through Dec. 24.

The exhibit will hang in the library's reading room. For information, call (732) 233-0115.

UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS TOURING EXHIBIT is on display at Elizabeth Public Library through Dec. 30.

The library is located at 111 South Broad St., Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 375-4050.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL will present "Paintings to Reduce Stress" by Barbara Gander, reduced stress by Margaret Beach and several other people and animals by Roy, are on display through December and January.

Works are displayed in the East Wing, CSI is located on New Providence Road, Mountaintop.

ELIZABETH LIBRARY Main Branch will display model ships by Elizabeth resident Manuel Sfont through December.

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