

On the Spiritual Side

St. Anna to unveil cross, "Wishing Tree" Flemington church also marks 10th anniversary with gala

St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church in Flemington, N.J., will unveil the cross on top of its new church at 85 Voorhees Corner Road on Saturday, Sept. 22.

In addition, the church will unveil a "Wishing Tree" and prayer garden on the site of the church complex as part of its recent philanthropic outreach in support of Make-A-Wish New Jersey.

"Our community has seen its wish come true in building our new church and community center through the philanthropy, faith and hard work of many," said the Rev. Anastasios Kousoulas. "Our patron saint, St. Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, considered children a precious gift from God. It is only fitting that we commemorate our 10-year anniversary by doing something that will make a difference in the lives of children."

The prayer garden on the grounds of the St. Anna church

complex will serve as a place of respite and reflection for the entire community. The "Wishing Tree" planted on the site is a Cornelian Cherry, native to regions of Greece. It was grown in monastery gardens across continental Europe throughout the Middle Ages.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, St. Anna will continue the celebration of its 10-year anniversary by hosting the Granting Wishes Gala at the Short Hills Hilton.

Thirty percent of the net event proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish New Jersey to fund wishes granted to children with life-threatening medical conditions. Additional proceeds will benefit St. Anna and the continued construction of its church and community center.

Mike Emanuel, chief Congressional correspondent for FOX News will serve as master of ceremonies for the festivities,



Members of the Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA) of St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church stand with Kristina Maglietta, director of external relations of Make-A-Wish New Jersey at the Samuel and Josephine Plumeri Wishing Place in Monroe Township. Youth members toured the facility as part of their parish's support of Make-A-Wish New Jersey.

which will include a tribute to Anna K. Bouras, the late wife of the parish's grand benefactor, Nicholas J. Bouras. Special presentations will honor outstanding individuals who personify a philanthropic spirit and have helped the Greek-American community over the years. The community will also recognize the Rev. Lynn Mears and the Allerton United Methodist community for sharing their house of worship with St. Anna for the past seven years.

The gala will include international dance performances by the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey and the Barinok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble of New Jersey, as well as a silent auction. A cake provided by Carlo's Bakery in Hoboken N.J., setting of the hit TV show "Cake Boss," will be featured.

For tickets, donations and business sponsorship information, call the parish office at 908-782-9741.

Princeton Seminary professor to discuss life in the Congo

The First Presbyterian Church of Titusville hosts Dr. Elsie McKee, Archibald Alexander Professor of Reformation Studies and the History of Worship at Princeton Theological Seminary, for dinner and a conversation about mission work in the Democratic Republic of Congo on Sept. 26.

McKee, raised in Congo as the daughter and granddaughter of Presbyterian missionaries, will share

some of her experiences of growing up in the Congolese mission field. She will also discuss her advocacy work through the United Front Against Riverblindness, a nonprofit organization that works to control and eliminate onchocerciasis, and Femme Berceau de l'Abondance, or Woman, Cradle of Abundance, an ecumenical organization that supports women, orphans and people living with HIV/AIDS in Congo.

The evening will begin in the church's Heritage Room at 6 p.m. with supper and will continue at 6:30 p.m. with McKee's program, "Meeting New Friends in Congo."

The program will kick off the church's new Wednesday Night Live

series, which is designed to provide families and the larger community with opportunities for creative learning and fellowship. It is free, open to the public, and suitable for all ages.

There will be a suggested donation of \$5 per person to defray

expenses for the supper. Dinner reservations are suggested, but not required.

The First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, is at 48 River Drive, Titusville, N.J. Call 609-737-1385.

Perkasie church hosts benefit concert

The gift of hearing is something the majority of people don't even think about, but for Jared Beistline, a young Chalfont man who has been hearing impaired almost his entire life, it would be a dream come true.

The Presbyterian Church of Deep Run, where Beistline's mother served as choir director for a number of years, is determined to give Beistline the chance to hear.

The church is hosting a benefit

concert, And Let It Be Heard, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23. The concert will feature the church's chancel and bell choirs, flute and clarinet duets, the a capella group Voice Is, a women's chorus from Doylestown, the Love Notes, flute and tuba solos and choral director Donald Nally.

Proceeds will help Beistline pay for a cochlear implant, a new med-

ical device that helps people with profound hearing loss. Beistline's medical insurance will not cover the expense of evaluation or all of the surgical costs.

A free will offering will be taken and a dessert reception follows the concert.

The church is at 16 Irish Meeting House Road, Perkasie.

St. Philip's to install rector

St. Philip's Episcopal, on the corner of Chapel Road, north of New Hope, will celebrate the installation of the Rev. Michael R. Ruk as its second rector.

The ceremony takes place at the church 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 with a reception to follow. Members of the clergy are asked to wear a white stole. All are welcome to attend.

Ruk was born in Pittsburgh where he began his spiritual journey as a Roman Catholic, but found himself drawn to the Episcopal church in college. He was a school teacher before attending seminary and has spent time focused on working with the homeless and with outreach programs. He served two churches in Lower Bucks, All Saint's in Fallsington and St. Paul's in Levittown before the call came from St. Philip's.

St. Philip's was established as a mission in 1921 when the Diocese of Pennsylvania bought the one-

room school house, and in 1954 it became a self-supporting mission. Just three years ago under the leadership of the Rev. Peter Pearson, St. Philip's attained the status of a full parish. Pearson was called to serve in Scranton, and Ruk has been called to serve at St. Philip's.

HAPPENINGS

Join Sacred Paths for labyrinth walk

The Sacred Paths labyrinth walk at the Michener Museum is set for 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

The labyrinth offers a form of meditation that fosters personal intentions, growth and enlightenment.

In honor of the Full Harvest Moon, the September walk is centered around feeding the hungry of Bucks County. Guests are encouraged to bring food products for local food banks.

For information, e-mail SacredPathsHere@gmail.com.

Temple Judea slates Yom Kippur services

Temple Judea of Bucks County offers the following Yom Kippur events:

Sept. 25: Kol Nidre, 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown.

Sept. 26: very young children service, Temple Judea, 8:30 a.m.; family service, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 9:30 a.m.; adult service, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11:45 a.m.; text and study, Temple Judea, 2:30 p.m.; afternoon service, Temple Judea, 3:30 p.m.; Yizkor/Neilah Service, 5 p.m., followed by break-the-fast.

Temple Judea is at 300 E. Swamp Road, Doylestown. Call 215-348-5022.

Bucks coffee shop ministry returns

Karen's Place, the coffee shop ministry of Doylestown Mennonite Church, reopens Saturday, Sept. 22 with the blues-rock band Raging Grace.

Karen's Place is open from 7-10:30 p.m. and there is no admission charge. The coffee shop will continue to donate a percentage of its proceeds to the New Britain Baptist Food Larder, which assists more than 600 families each month in the area with food and personal needs.

Patrons are encouraged to bring a canned fruit, vegetable, or soup (no baked beans or tomato soup) to the coffee shop, which will deliver the canned goods to the food larder. In return, customers will get a free coffee or hot tea.

Karen's Place is located at the corner of Broad Street and Sandy Ridge Road, Doylestown. Call 215-345-6377.



BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church
Saturday, September 29
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Dine-In or Take-Out

Dinner includes 1/2 chicken (for adults), 1/4 chicken (for children 12 and under), Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce, Corn Bread & Dessert
Cost: \$14 for adults, \$9 for children (5-12 yrs), under 5 free.

Orders can be placed at forestgrovechurch.org or call 215-794-8575

13th Annual Peace Fair

Sat. September 22nd

Keynote Speaker: George Lakey
Founder & Director of Training for Change, Phila.

Peace Exhibits
Live Music
Children's Activities 10:50 AM to 4 PM
Craft Vendors Buckingham Friends School and Meetinghouse
Food 5684 Old York Road, Lahaaska, Pa 18931
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www.peacefair.org



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Unity
Spiritual Center

453 Bellwood Ave., Asbury, NJ 08802
www.unityspiritualcenter.org
908-730-8792
Rev. Audrey P. Bickford, Minister

Sunday Service at 10 AM
(in Pattenburg, NJ; take Exit 11 off of Interstate 78)

- Active Youth Program Offered •
- Daily Word • A Course in Miracles Study Groups •
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First Church of Christ, Scientist

29 N Church St,
Doylestown 18901
csdoylestown.org
215-348-2150

Sun. Service/Sun. School - 10:30am
Wed. Testimony Meeting - 7:30pm
CHILD CARE PROVIDED

St. John the Evangelist
Anglican Church

1150 Bristol Road
Churchville, PA
(Jesus Focus Ministry)
215-396-1970

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion
(With Morning Prayer 2nd & 4th Sunday)
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Mark E. Rudolph, Rector
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