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# Highland Park Church of God

A New Life Fellowship

*“Connected in Christ, Serving in Spirit, Growing in New Life Together”*

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## April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*2-4 PM Tetelestai Hispanic Church Service in Fellowship Hall			1 (2 Samuel 5) SHAN Sandwiches	2 (2 Samuel 6) SHAN Pick Up <b>7 PM Maundy Thurs. Foot Washing and Communion</b>	3 (2 Samuel 7) Noon-3 PM District <b>Good Friday Service</b>	4 (2 Samuel 8)  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
5 (Your choice.) Choir Songs No Evening Worship 	6 (2 Samuel 9) 6-7:30 PM Youth Cleanup Crews Fundraiser	7 (2 Samuel 10) 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	8 (2 Samuel 11) Ladies to Keswick (Departure time TBA)	9 (2 Samuel 12) 7 PM Grief Share	10 (2 Samuel 13) <b>Noon Joy Lunch</b>	11 (2 Samuel 14) 8 AM-1:30 PM Camp at Cannon Hill Workday
12 (2 Samuel 15) Choir Practice 7 PM Contemporary Worship Service	13 (2 Samuel 16) 6-7:30 PM Youth Cleanup Crews Fundraiser	14 (2 Samuel 17) 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	15 (2 Samuel 18)	16 (2 Samuel 19) Noon Srs. At Diner 7 PM Grief Share	17 (2 Samuel 20)	18 (2 Samuel 21)
19 (2 Samuel 22) Choir Songs 7 PM Growth Group	20 (2 Samuel 23) 6-7:30 PM Youth Cleanup Crews Fundraiser	21 (2 Samuel 24) 4-7 PM Volunteer at Fairy Godmother's Boutique 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	22 (Galatians 1)	23 (Galatians 2) 7 PM Grief Share	24 (Galatians 3)	25 (Galatians 4) <b>Annual Ministerial Meeting</b>
26 (Galatians 5) Choir Practice 5:30 Youth to Resonate 7 PM Contemporary Worship Service	27 (Galatians 6) 6-7:30 PM Youth Cleanup Crews Fundraiser	28 (1 Kings 1) 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	29 (1 Kings 2)	30 (1 Kings 3) 7 PM Grief Share		

## A Note from Pastor Deb

I hope you have been experiencing a meaningful Lenten season, a season that has reminded you of how extravagantly God loves you...He loves you so much He sent Jesus into this broken world. Jesus chose to experience all of the challenges of humanity (hunger, exhaustion, rejection, pain, betrayal...) so that we could know that He understands the challenges we face every day. He took on a cross, beaten, humiliated, crucified, a suffering beyond imagination as He took on Himself all of our sin, all of our guilt, all of our shame and paid the price for it.

But that's not all is it?! We turn to Easter and we see Jesus defeating sin, defeating death and coming back to life, a resurrected life! A life He offers to us! Hallelujah!

Easter brings to us Resurrection Life, Resurrection Power, Resurrection Hope!

***Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know Who holds my future, life is worth the living, just because He lives!***

That is GOOD NEWS! GREAT NEWS!

Are we living like Resurrected People?

Are we growing in this new life?

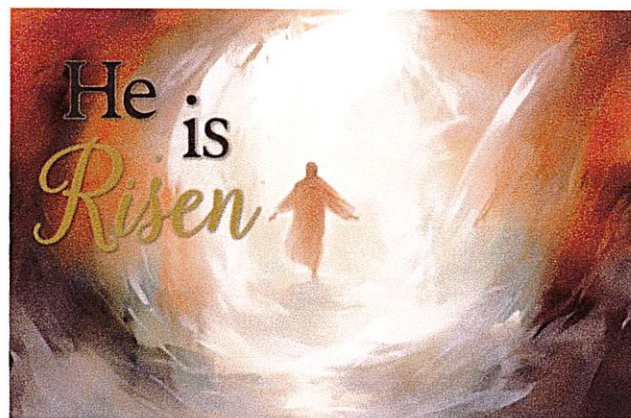
Are we displaying this Resurrected Life to the world around us?

Jesus said, ***"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."***  
***(John 10:10b)***

Let's grab hold of that amazing gift of life and live that life in such a way that all who see us will come to seek and find our Resurrected/Resurrecting Lord!

Wishing you a BLESSED Easter!

Pastor Deb



Dear Church Family,

What an exciting March we had! I am so thankful for the love, support, and involvement of our congregation. The joint service with the Spanish church was an amazing time of fellowship together.

I want to also thank you for the continuing support of our youth group. We have had wonderful conversations expressing excitement for the upcoming experiences for our young people. As we continue to prepare for IYC in June/July, as a youth group fundraiser, we will be offering our services to serve our community of faith. Spring cleanup work, no problem. Just sign up for a time slot for work, and we will be there! Whether it's cleaning, dusting, or organizing inside, it sounds good to us. If it's cleaning up your lawn and garden to prepare for summer, we can do that, too! Flower beds and planting flowers for spring? Of course! We are requesting a \$50 donation per time slot. We also ask that you would provide the materials for mulching and planting. The sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the narthex, and we look forward to helping you. Additional contact information will be on the sign-up sheet to coordinate with our youth leaders.

As we approach the Easter season, may we let the steadfast love of Christ shine through us this Holy Week! It is a time to love, a time to serve, and a time to bring people together to share with others the miracle of what Christ has accomplished.

*"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 3:13, 14*

For the Glory of Jesus Christ Our Lord,

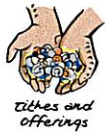
Bill Dilks



**Youth Fellowship!!**

**Monday Evenings thru April  
"Spring Cleaning Crews"**

**April 26, 5:30 PM Resonate!**



## Giving Summary

### February:

Budget \$14,129  
 Loose \$416  
 Capital \$1,085  
 Sunday School \$222  
 Flowers \$32  
 Speaker Sale \$140  
 District Valentine \$331  
 Bread Box \$8.45  
 Missions Trip \$800  
 Youth \$20  
 Attendance Average 55

### January:

Budget \$7,798  
 Loose \$117  
 Capital \$820  
 Sunday School \$127  
 Flowers \$140  
 Bread Box \$5  
 Arlene Burkhardt Memorial  
 \$1,000  
 Christmas Eve \$197  
 CBO \$75  
 Attendance Average 51



## **Chapter-A-Day 4-Year Bible Reading Program**

**April 2026**

2 Samuel 5-24  
 Galatians 1-6  
 1 Kings 1-3



Just Older Youth

**Luncheon**

**Noon, April 10**

*Contemporary Service!*

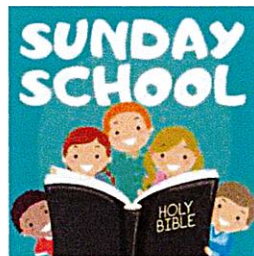
Featuring: Highland Park Project  
 Sundays at 7 PM April 12 and 26  
 No Evening Service on Easter



**Counters:** Don & Cori

**Greeters/Ushers (Center Aisle):** Gloria & Charles

**Assistants (Side Aisles):** Laura & Joe



**Sunday School K-3:**

4/5: Chelsea  
 4/12: Autumn & Aiden  
 4/19: Lauren P.  
 4/26: Heather & Sean

**Sunday School 4-6:**

4/5: Cori  
 4/12: Bruce & Joe  
 4/29: Cori  
 4/26: Billy & Nathaniel

**Nursery Workers:**

4/5: Linda & Holly  
 4/12: Heddy & Rose  
 4/19: Sandy & Connie  
 4/26: Lisa G. & Debbie P.

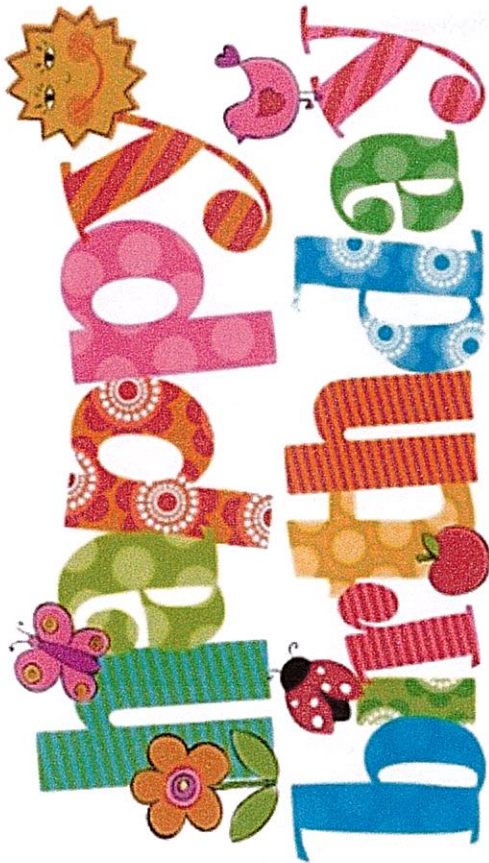


**Song Leaders:**

4/5: Don Conner  
 4/12: Arvin Skramstad  
 4/19: Denise Wooden  
 4/26: Paul Buford



**If you are not able to serve on your specific date, please contact Sandy or Pastor Deb ASAP.**



Jacob Cicchetti—April 3  
Roland Kelm—April 4  
Diane Goley—April 11  
Melissa Wiltsey—April 12  
Richie Barton—April 16  
Rick Gregg—April 17  
Amber Lannon—April 18  
Stefi Schepacarter—April 22  
Allison Dilks—April 23  
Ron Chicken—April 25  
Laurie Coates—April 25  
Bill Wiltsey—April 25  
Delaney McEneaney—April 28  
Jordyn Bylone—April 30

April 8—Ashley & Rich Barton  
April 24—Lew & Stephi Schepacarter

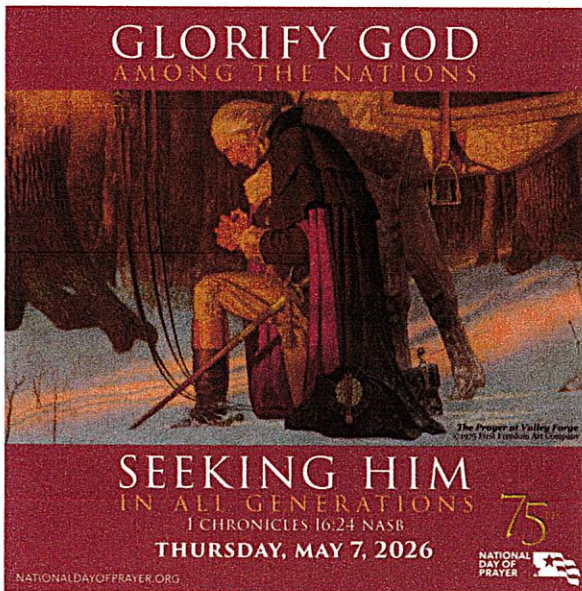




## Holy Thursday

April 2, 2026 / 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for a time of worship as we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. We are planning for this to be an interactive, meaningful time of worship. It will include feet-washing and communion. If you are not comfortable with feet-washing, you are still encouraged to come and be a part of the experience of recalling the important messages Jesus shared with His disciples on the last night they had together. Everyone will be meeting in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Deb. Hope to see you there.



**Mark your calendars!**

**Thursday, May 7  
6:30 PM**

**National Day of Prayer Service  
at Our Church**

## GriefShare

Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Thru May



The pain of grief is one of the most intense feelings we can face. The emotional damage cuts to the soul. It can be overwhelming. You don't have to do it alone.

Grief Share provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The group will meet weekly thru May in the fellowship hall and includes: a video featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion and a workbook to use for your own personal journaling and study. There is no cost to attend.

Grief Share participants from past sessions have built lasting friendships and discovered that "we are not alone" on this journey. There is help. There are resources. We have a BIG God who is the source of all true healing, and we can have the support of friends who walk with us.

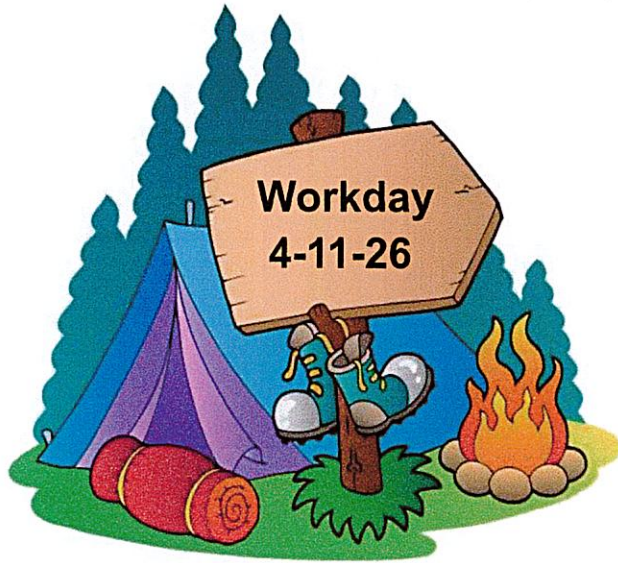
If you are experiencing a loss, please join us. You can register on-line through the GriefShare website ([www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org)) or just let Pastor Deb know.





# APRIL 2026

- April 1st** Making lunches for SHAN-(Sandra/Barbara)
- April 2nd** SHAN Pick Up
- April 11th** Camp at Cannon Hill Workday  
8-1:30
- April 21st** Volunteer Fairy Godmother's Boutique  
716 Jersey Avenue, Gloucester City  
Michelle will be there anytime between 4-7pm  
(Stop by anytime that night to volunteer)



Please join us as we open the camp and make some much needed repairs and winter clean-up. All are welcome. Continental breakfast/prayer at 8:30am followed by a morning of work and fellowship. Lunch begins at 1pm.

Reach out to Don Conner for details- 856-456-1460.

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