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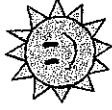
A New Life Fellowship



"Connected in Christ, Serving in Spirit, Growing in New Life Together"

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June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 (2 Kings 7) 6-7:30 PM Youth	2 (2 Kings 8) 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	3 (2 Kings 9) 6:30 PM Walking Club	4 (2 Kings 10) 6:30 PM Walking Club	5 (2 Kings 11) Noon Joy Lunch	6 (2 Kings 12)
7 (2 Kings 13) 11 AM Jim Jefferson Speaking Choir Sings 7 PM Contemp. Serv.	8 (2 Kings 14) 6-7:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM GHS Baccalaureate Service	9 (2 Kings 15) 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Crochet Club GMS Graduation	10 (2 Kings 16) 6:30 PM Walking Club	11 (2 Kings 17) 6:30 PM Walking Club	12 (2 Kings 18) Gloucester High School Graduation	13 (2 Kings 19) 9 AM-4 PM Church Workday
14 (2 Kings 20) Communion/Ch. Pract 6 PM Worship in the Park Graduation Sunday	15 (2 Kings 21) 6-7:30 PM Youth 7 PM Bible Study	16 (2 Kings 22) 7 PM Crochet Club	17 (2 Kings 23) Ladies' Trip to Ocean City	18 (2 Kings 24) Noon Seniors at the Falcon Diner 6:30 PM Walking Club	19 (2 Kings 25) 6:30-8 PM Race to Pie in the Face Dessert Social/Youth	20 (Philippians 1)
21 (Philippians 2) Choir Sings No Evening Activities Father's Day 1st Day of Summer	22 (Philippians 3) 6-7:30 PM Youth 7 PM Bible Study	23 (Philippians 4) 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Crochet Club	24 (1 Chronicles 1) 6:30 PM Walking Club	25 (1 Chronicles 2) 6:30 PM Walking Club	26 (1 Chronicles 3)	27 (1 Chronicles 4)
28 (1 Chronicles 5) Choir Practice 3:30 PM Dinner at Ronald McDonald Hs.	29 (1 Chronicles 6) 7 PM Bible Study	30 (1 Chronicles 7) 7 PM Crochet Club	*2-4 PM Tetelestai Hispanic Church Service in Fellowship Hall			
Youth to IYC						

A Note From
Pastor Deb



As a follow-up to my message on Pentecost Sunday, I want to remind you that we can read all about the Holy Spirit. We can learn about the characteristics and the purpose and the power of the Holy Spirit. But we cannot EXPERIENCE the Holy Spirit until we invite Him to **"Come."** Come, fill me. Come, guide me. Come, counsel me. Come, empower me, grow in me, transform me. Come, set me apart for YOUR good purpose for me

That's God's desire. That's God's will for you! God has already designed you, created you for good works. God has placed you in your sphere of influence (family, school/work, neighborhood, church...), and gifted you to serve. He wants to fill you up and use you to "edify" the church (Edify means to encourage, build up, enlighten, instruct, educate...) He wants you to show people around you who Jesus is and to draw people into a relationship with the LORD.

When the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples that Pentecost Sunday, they were filled with the power necessary to boldly stand before the crowd and share God's message with them in a language they could understand, and THOUSANDS were baptized into the church that day. And as they continued devoting themselves to prayer, to teaching and preaching and feeding and healing and loving and caring and breaking bread with each other in their homes, ***"The LORD added to their number daily those who were being saved."*** (Matt. 2:47)

Can you catch that vision? Will you be a part of that vision? Will you be devoted to prayer, asking God to equip you for service and show you what assignment He has for you? Will you take part in studying, worship, breaking bread, and fellowship? Will you boldly step forward in HIS power and say YES?

Let's see what amazing plans God has for us as we care for each other and reach out to point our world to Jesus! Come, Holy Spirit...Come!"

Pastor Deb

Giving Summary

April:

Budget \$11,697
 Loose \$619.03
 Capital \$1,270
 Sunday School \$186
 Flowers \$74
 MWA Refund \$272
 Ed Walens Mem. \$375
 Jaunice Dilks Mem. \$50
 Dave Maloney Mem. \$50
 Youth Fundraising \$557
 Ladies' Keswick Trip \$50
 Attendance Average 80



March:

Budget \$15,107
 Loose \$427.10
 Capital \$1,120
 Sunday School \$210.50
 Flowers \$222
 Bread Box \$10
 Youth Fundraising \$473.00
 Missions Trip \$2,700
 Benevolence \$5
 Keswick \$20
 Maloney Memorial \$998
 Walens Memorial \$655
 Cora's Memorial \$2,000
 Attendance Average 69



Chapter-A-Day 4-Year Bible Reading Program

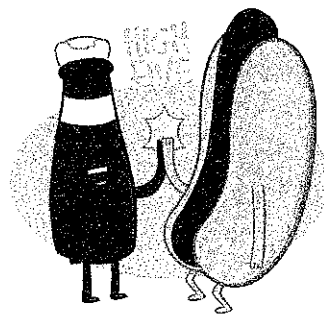
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2 Kings 7-25
 Philippians 1-4
 1 Chronicles 1-7

JOY

Just
 Older
 Youth

**Luncheon
 Noon, June 5**



Contemporary Service!

Featuring: Highland
 Park Project
 Sundays at 7 PM
 June 7 and 28

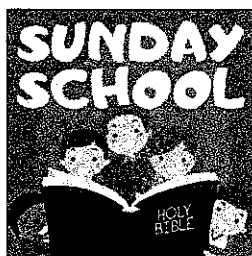


**Worship in
 the Park
 June 14
 6 PM**



June

Counters: Bruce & Heddy
Greeters/Ushers (Center Aisle): Rose & Sean
Assistants (Side Aisles): Amelia & Linda

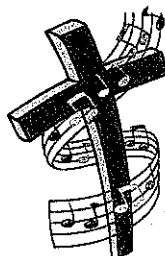
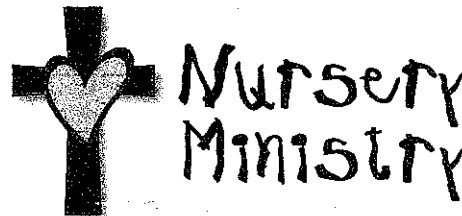


Sunday School K-3:

6/7: Chelsea
 6/14: Autumn & Aiden
 6/21: Bill & Nathaniel
 6/28: Cori
 5/31: Bruce & Joe

Nursery Workers:

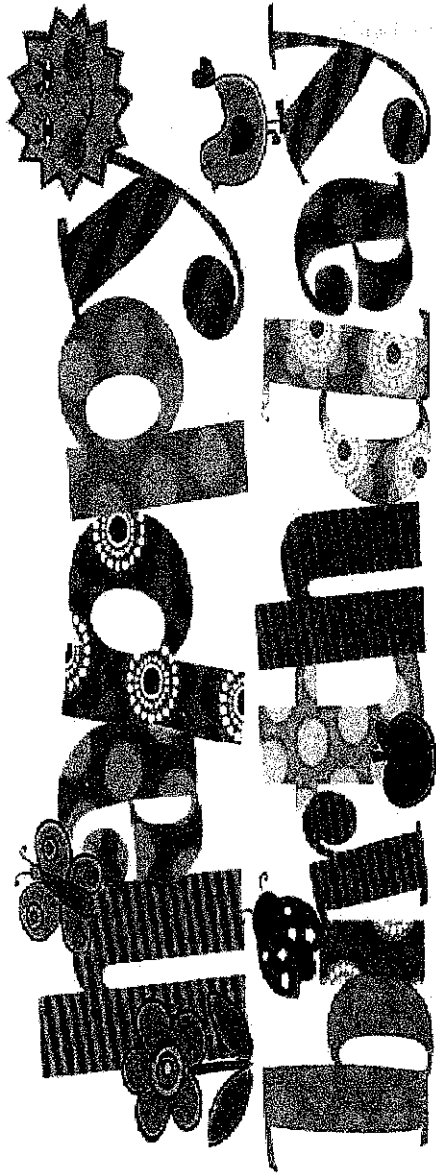
6/7: Linda & Debbie
 6/14: Heddy & Lisa
 6/21: Connie & Rose
 6/28: Sandy



Song Leaders:

6/7: Arvin Skramstad
 6/14: Don Conner
 6/21: Denise Wooden
 6/28: Paul Buford

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



Laura Zank - June 2
Alexa Coates - June 6
Andrew Lado—June 8
Andrew Hagan - June 9
Samantha Atlee - June 10
Esther Phillips - June 11
Brooke Albee—June 12
Kathy Bathurst - June 12
Carlos Nieves - June 12
Stephen Dilks - June 13
Stephen Huntsinger - June 14
Ashley White - June 14
Ryan White - June 14
Andrew Barton - June 17
Fred Burkhardt - June 18
Jeremy Tomlin - June 19
Kara Meehan - June 20
Justice Carson - June 21
Joe Connelly - June 21
Scott Hagan - June 21
Lisa Ritchie - June 21
Carly Robinson - June 22
Bill Sinn - June 23
Mackenzie Nardelli - June 26
Rose Hilliard—June 27

Scott and Geri Hagan - June 12
Autumn and Jerry Martinez—June 21
Connie and Ray DeVoe—June 28

HAPPY
Anniversary

Dear Church Family,

I know spring often seems like a crazy season cleaning up after a long winter, new sports seasons, and, with spring flowers comes the ups and down of allergy season. May was a busy month, and so will be the beginning of June, most likely, as we approach graduation season. Summer will soon be here though and the hustle and bustle will slow down and vacation season will start. With the new season starting, I want us to think about how we spend this time in God's presence. While exploring nature, spending time at the beach, or taking time to visit family and friends, what will you do to spend time in the Spirit while you soak up the sun?

Here's some of the summer excitement will be coming our way in June. The final fundraiser will be in full swing as we make final preparations for our IYC adventure with the youth. On Sunday, June 28th we will be leaving the church early morning to head on our trip for the International Youth Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. We are so grateful for the church's support in reaching this momentous occasion. While we are there, we will have the opportunity to visit the Creation Museum in Kentucky. Please keep our youth group and its leaders in your prayers as we organize and finalize everything for the trip. Pray that this will be an amazing opportunity for growth for our young people, that the youth might learn more about God, meet new people, and find firmer footing and assurance as a foundation for their faith as they spend this time with thousands of other young believers.

Feast and Faith will be taking a brief break for the month of June as we end our study "Letters from Paul". We will pick up with our new study in July called "Wisdom," and I am very excited for this time gathering together and breaking bread with one another. This study should be a great opportunity to work on developing our heavenly mindsets in accordance with scripture.

Worship in the Park, originally scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, has been moved to June 14, which is always an amazing time of fellowship with our local churches and an amazing opportunity for community outreach. I look forward to seeing many of you there!!

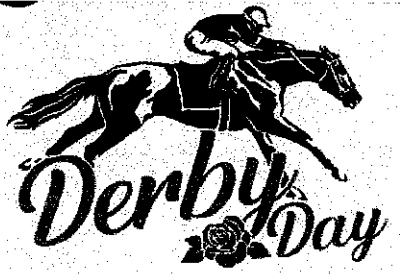
"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." ~ Psalms 16:11

May the presence God be with you and guide you through this summer season!!

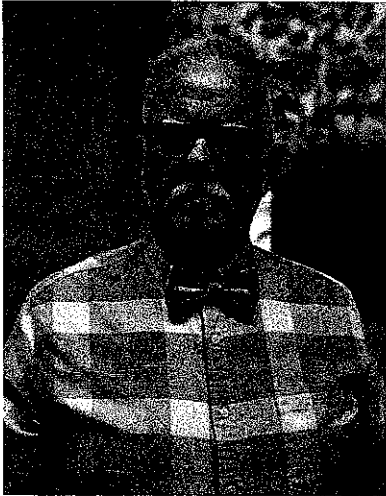
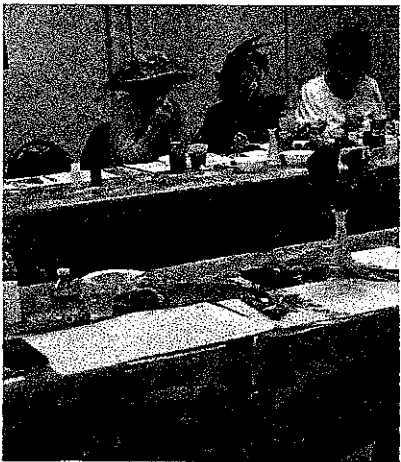
In Loving Service of our Lord and Savior,

Bill Dilks





At the JOY Luncheon





Baptism





Smithville 2026



Women's Ministry



VBS 2026 August 3-7

Snowball Mountain Challenge



Find your strength in God!

We are gearing up for this year's Snowball Mountain Challenge as we discover new ways to find our strength in God. All adventurers age 4 years thru those leaving 6th grade are invited! The time will be from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM with games, snacks, singing, crafts and much, much more. Completed registrations can be turned in at the church office or completed online at highlandparkcog.org. Come join us as we find our strength in God! And invite a friend to come with you!

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

GRADE COMPLETED _____ M F

BEST CONTACT NUMBERS () _____ () _____

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL _____
AT () _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CARE FOR YOUR CHILD, HEALTH ISSUES
OR ANY ALLERGIES: _____

I
I understand that photographs/videos may be taken during VBS and images/photographic likenesses/video clips may appear in media publications produced by the Highland Park Church of God. By registering my child/children for VBS, I hereby give permission that photos/videos containing his/her image/likeness may be used for publicity or general information purposes, including publication on the church web site or within other publicity which may be seen by the general public. The Highland Park Church of God will not seek any further permission nor provide any notification before using such media and efforts will be made to protect private information of all children.
Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

You may send registrations to: Highland Park Church of God
111 Baynes Avenue, Gloucester City, NJ 08030
or email to highlandparkcog@yahoo.com



WALKING CLUB

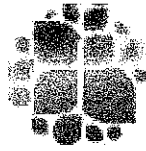


Come join us for a stroll!

Our new walking club will meet at the Gloucester jogging track on Johnson Blvd. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 6:30-7:30 PM, beginning June 3 and will continue each week thru September (or longer!). There are benches around the track for you to sit and take a break, and you can always stay longer if you choose to!

So, bring your water bottle, and let's get our steps in!

Please reach out to Connie DeVoe with any questions.



CHURCH OF GOD

Anderson Camp Meeting

COME HOME

JUNE 3-5, 2026

The Campus of Anderson University / Anderson, Indiana



All 3 evening services will be live streamed, plus the State of the Movement address from Interim Director Monté Dillard.

WHEN TO WATCH:

Wednesday Evening Service
June 3 at 7:00 PM (EDT)

State of the Movement Address
June 4 at 1:30 PM (EDT)

Thursday Evening Service
June 4 at 7:00 PM (EDT)

Friday Evening Service
June 5 at 7:00 PM (EDT)

WHERE TO WATCH:

Facebook
YouTube

Church of God Ministries Website:
www.JesusIsTheSubject.org

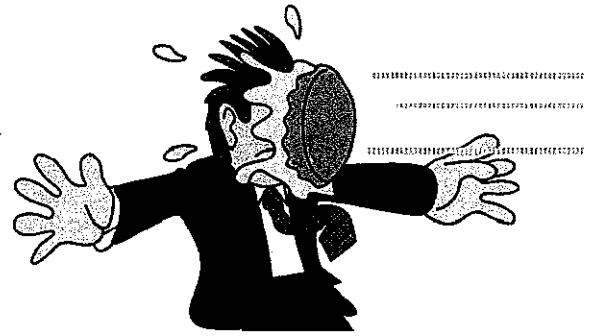
"I was glad when they said unto me,

LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD."

PSALM 122:1 (KJV)

**“Race to a Pie in the Face”
Awards Ceremony / Dessert Social
Youth Fundraiser**

**Friday, June 19th
6:30 –8 PM**



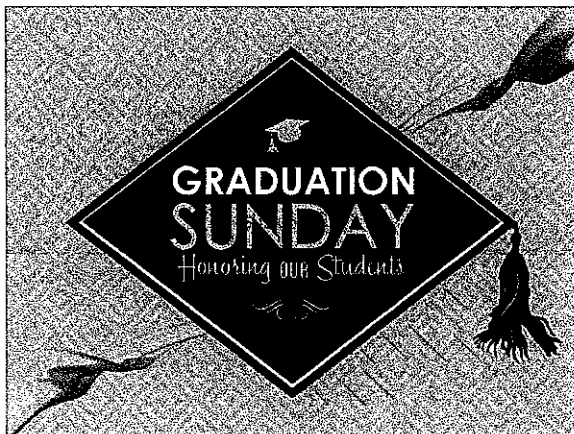
**For more information, be sure to see
Bill Dilks or watch for details.**

Saturday, June 13 ~ 9 AM to 4 PM



**Some items on the project list are:
Parsonage Toilet
Radiator Covers
Urinal Installation
Gutter/Downspout Repositioning
Curtain Removal / Windows Cleaned
Trim / Remove Bushes
Clean Out Storage Room**

If you would like to help but can on June 13, please reach out to one of our Trustees. (Don, Dalton, Rose, Joe, Jack)



Sunday, June 14, 11:00 AM

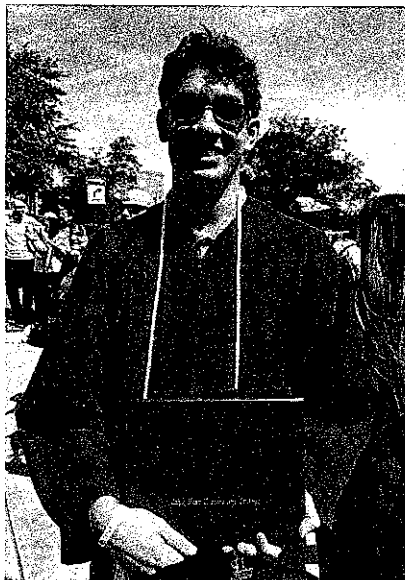
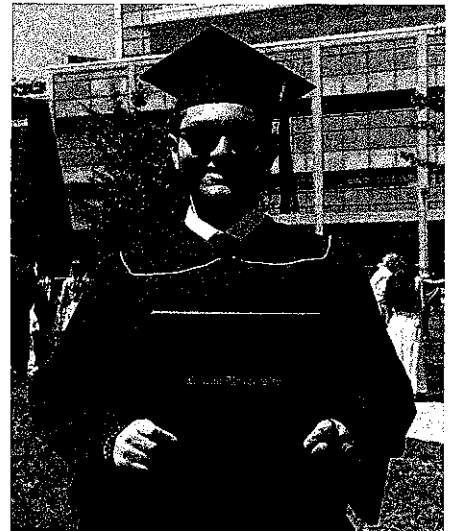
***Please join us as we celebrate
our graduates!
Be sure to read all about them
in this newsletter!***

Congrats!
2026
class of



Brooke Albee graduated from the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, with a 4.0 GPA in Upper Level Nursing Courses. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society, Alpha Theta Chapter. She was the vice-president of Public Relations in Nurses Leading Change (NLC) and a Gator Nurse Ambassador. Brooke will be working as a Registered Nurse in the Neuro Intensive Care Unit at the University of Florida Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Florida.

Jacob Cicchetti graduated from Rowan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He will start working as an Electrical Engineer at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in July.

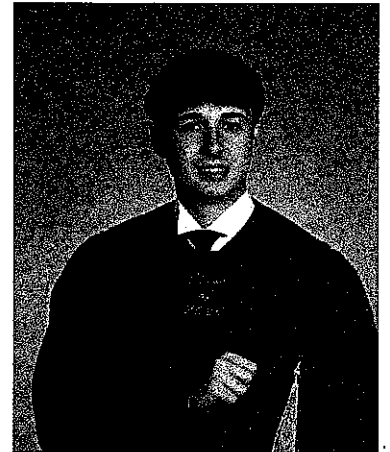


Hayden Zachary Coates graduated with honors from Cape Fear Community College with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science in Electrical Systems Technology. He is currently working as an apprentice for an electric company in Wilmington NC doing electrical work for the local hospital. The company has offered him a full-time position.



CJ Derry loves playing kickball, baseball, and flag football. He enjoys running around with his friends on the playground at school, loves to talk about things he's learned, and is working toward becoming a Pokémon master. He always has an ear out for the ice cream man and loves his sweet treats. CJ is so excited to be going into kindergarten!

Dennis Havers is graduating 12th Grade at Gloucester City High School where he received the Hustle and Desire Award for Varsity Basketball, and he made great contributions to the Varsity baseball season. He is planning to attend Camden County College in Blackwood. He was most excited to come back to Gloucester to graduate with his friends and to play sports as a Lion again. He is excited to see what his future holds.



Aiden Martinez is graduating from 8th grade from Gloucester Middle School. He achieved Honor Roll every marking period from grade 4 to grade 8. He was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, was the captain of GMS wrestling for his 8th grade year, received the Sacrament of Confirmation, served on Student Council and Community Outreach, and was a guest readers for Cold Springs School. "I most look forward to only having 4 years left. I look forward to new experiences and making new memories." Aiden attends youth fellowship and plans to attend IYC.

Denalia Moncada is graduating from 8th grade at Gloucester Middle School where she participated in GMS Girls Wrestling and was Student of the Month for November. She is most excited to meet new people in high school. Denalia attends youth fellowship and plans to attend IYC.





Joshua Myers is graduating from 8th grade from Gloucester Middle School where he achieved all A's and B's every marking period in middle school. He performed in five concerts with the music program and made new friends. He is most looking forward to the high school music program and rejoining his current and old friends within the program. He is also looking forward to trying out for the football program. He is hoping to be able to get into the industrial arts class for some woodworking and electrical training. Josh attends youth fellowship and plans to attend IYC.

Elijah Montes is graduating from 8th grade from Gloucester Middle School where he participated in the GMS Winter Concert and learned to play a second instrument (Bass Guitar). He improved at baseball and achieved better grades. He is learning "Virtual Insanity" by Jamiroquai on the base. He improved at playing the drum kit. "The things I look forward to in high school are my electives (Web Design and Development and 2 Dimensional Arts) and the fact that high school is just around the corner." Elijah attends youth fellowship.

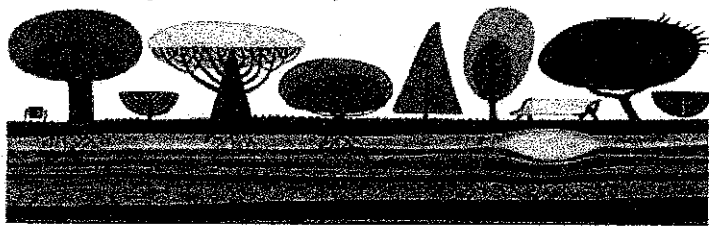


Audrey Harding is graduating from Gloucester High School. She plans to attend Spring Arbor University to study nursing and bowl competitively! This is a small, Christian school in Michigan. Audrey is her class Valedictorian and has enough credits to skip her freshman year of college. She hopes to be either a pediatric or neonatal nurse.

Henry Snyder graduated from preschool and will be going into kindergarten in Florida in August. He loves playing Roblox and plans to come to NJ to visit his family. He loves his family and loves being the older brother to Tony and younger brother to Cassidy. He loves his mom and loves hanging out with his dad.



worship in the park



Please join together as we worship with our community at Proprietors' Park (225 S. King Street, Gloucester City) at the Betsy Ross Pavilion.

Be sure to bring a lawn chair and a friend!

Sunday, June 14 at 6 PM

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Small Steps of Faith – Big Moves of God

We will be starting a new six-week Bible study on Monday, June 15th, at 7:00 p.m. The workbook, *Small Steps of Faith, Big Moves of God* by Joy Sherman will guide us on a journey alongside some Biblical characters like Peter and Joshua, Naaman and the Paralyzed man, Deborah and the bleeding woman... to discover how their small actions resulted in amazing moves of God.



All are invited to join! If you would like to purchase a workbook, they are available online at Amazon (\$16.05 for the book, \$14.99 on Kindle). You don't need the workbook to participate, but it offers great personal Bible study in preparation for our time together.

Hoping to see you there as we take steps together toward growing our faith and seeing what "amazing moves" God has for us! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Deb.

Thank You

Dear Highland Park
Church of God Family,

Thank you for the support received and all of the special memories of Dad. Thanks to so many for helping Day through the years after the loss of our caring mom.

Sincerely,
The Family of Ed Walens



Church Bus Reminder

For everyone's safety, all riders are required to wear seat belts while on the bus. Please remain seated and buckled until we arrive. This is in accordance with NJ law, insurance requirements, and because we love you.

We also ask everyone to help keep the bus clean by taking all trash with you when exiting. Let's work together to care for the bus and make the ride pleasant for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.



June 28th

Ronald McDonald House
Meet at the church at 3:30pm

SHAN Update: She Has A Name will be using the first week of each summer month to rest, regroup and plan for the upcoming year. We will not be making lunches during June, July and August. Please continue to lift this important ministry in prayer.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Please donate clean, dry clothing in strong trash bags to help support our outreach missions.

Donations can include: clothing, curtains, table cloths, wearable shoes, scarves, coats, mittens/gloves, hats, handbags, stuffed animals, bedding.

Items can be placed on the youth house porch or contact Cindy or the church office.



COME AND WORSHIP!



Worship & Fellowship at the Camp

482 Englesville Road, Boyertown, PA 19512

9-10am Coffee and Conversation

**10-11am Circle Time Discussion Groups
Games/Hike**

11:30am Worship

Rev. Kevin Lockett speaking

1pm Lunch and Fellowship (Will follow worship)

- This is a catered event so please RSVP by July 10th using the QR code or the link
- If you would like to participate in the service please contact Cindy Kumpel by **July 10th**
- Cost \$15 each \$8 for kids under 8.

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