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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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May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	*2-4 PM Tetelestai Hispanic Church Service in Fellowship Hall				1 (1 Kings 4) Noon Joy Lunch	2 (1 Kings 5)
3 (1 Kings 6) 11 AM Communion/Guest Speaker Pastor C. Martin Choir Pract. Trustees' Meeting 7 PM Cont. Worship	4 (1 Kings 7) 6-7:30 PM Youth 7 PM Ladies Crafts	5 (1 Kings 8) SHAN Sandwiches 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	6 (1 Kings 9) SHAN Pick Up	7 (1 Kings 10) 6:30 PM National Day of Prayer Serv. 7 PM Grief Share	8 (1 Kings 11) Ronald McDonald Breakfast	9 (1 Kings 12) Ronald McDonald Breakfast
10 (1 Kings 13) No Evening Worship Choir Sings 	11 (1 Kings 14) 6-7:30 PM Youth	12 (1 Kings 15) 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	13 (1 Kings 16)	14 (1 Kings 17) 7 PM Grief Share	15 (1 Kings 18)	16 (1 Kings 19) 9:45 AM Ladies' Trip to Historic Smithville 
17 (1 Kings 20) 11AM Baptism Service Choir Pract. Council Meeting 7 PM Growth Group	18 (1 Kings 21) 6-7:30 PM Youth	19 (1 Kings 22) 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	20 (Ephesians 1)	21 (Ephesians 2) Noon Srs. At Diner 7 PM Grief Share	22 (Ephesians 3)	23 (Ephesians 4)
24 (Ephesians 5) Choir Sings 6 PM Worship in the Park Pentecost Sunday	25 (Ephesians 6) Noon Memorial Day Picnic 1 PM All-Church Softball Game	26 (2 Kings 1) 9:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6-8 PM Feast & Faith 7 PM Crochet Club	27 (2 Kings 2)	28 (2 Kings 3) 7 PM Grief Share	29 (2 Kings 4)	30 (2 Kings 5)
31 (2 Kings 6) Choir Pract Change the World Off. SHAN Bags 7 PM Cont. Worship						

A Note From Pastor Deb...

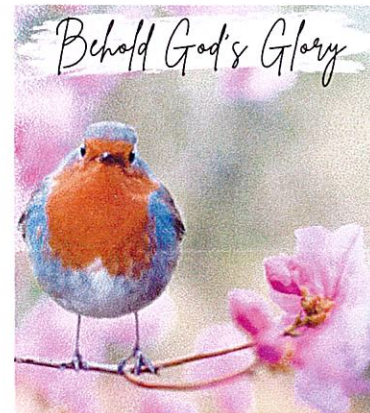
I'm sitting in my office, reflecting on the events of this Lenten/Easter season. We celebrated Palm Sunday...our children leading us with streamers and palms...praising the King of Kings coming to set up the Kingdom we so desperately need in our lives. We had one of the best turnouts I can remember for Maundy Thursday service. It was a beautiful time of worship as we followed Jesus' command to wash one another's feet and "Remember Him" in a time of Communion together. Our District churches gathered on Good Friday to hear again the Last Words of Jesus on the cross. What a blessing!

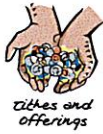
Then there was EASTER! It was wonderful to welcome SO many to join in the celebration of our Resurrected Lord...our Living Hope...our Reigning KING! Thank you to so many who made that such a spectacular service! From the beautiful tomb that set the scene (Thank you Cindy!), the quartet and Abby sharing songs, Gerry on that piano, and our worship team... What a blessing to have so much talent and people who choose to use their gifts to serve in worship. God is SO Good!

Don't forget...our Resurrected Lord doesn't just come on Easter Sunday. He is with us TODAY and EVERY day! He continues to be our Living Lord and Reigning King. Keep claiming His Presence and Power! Keep walking in His Grace and Forgiveness! Keep yielding to HIS transforming, restoring work in you. God is doing something amazing in and through ALL of our days. Let's watch expectantly and celebrate together!

Hope to see you Sunday!

Pastor Deb





Giving Summary

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

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



Chapter-A-Day 4-Year Bible Reading Program

May 2026

1 Kings 4-22
Ephesians 1-6
2 Kings 1-6

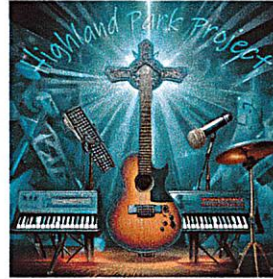


Luncheon Noon, May 1

Be sure to wear your Derby hat!

Contemporary Service!

*Featuring: Highland
 Park Project
 Sundays at 7 PM
 May 17 and 31*



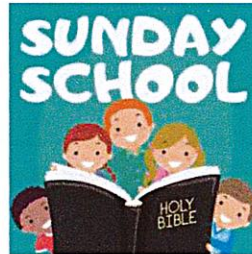
*Worship in
 the Park
 May 24
 6 PM*



Counters: Dalton & Chris

Greeters/Ushers (Center Aisle): Bill W. & Diane

Assistants (Side Aisles): Patty & Larry



Sunday School K-3:

5/3: Chelsea

5/10: Autumn & Aiden

5/17: Bill & Nathaniel

5/24: Cori

5/31: Bruce & Joe

Nursery Workers:

5/3: Debbie P. & Linda

5/10: Bill & Jerry

5/17: Connie & Sandy

5/24: Lisa G. & Heddy

5/31: Laura & Rose



Song Leaders:

5/3: Don Conner

5/10: Arvin Skramstad

5/17: Denise Wooden

5/24: Paul Buford

5/31: Michael Wooden

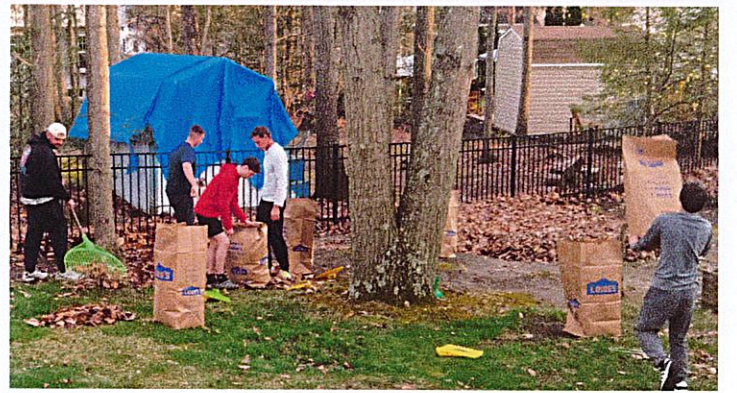
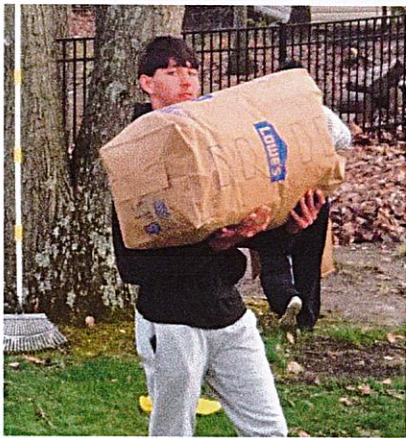
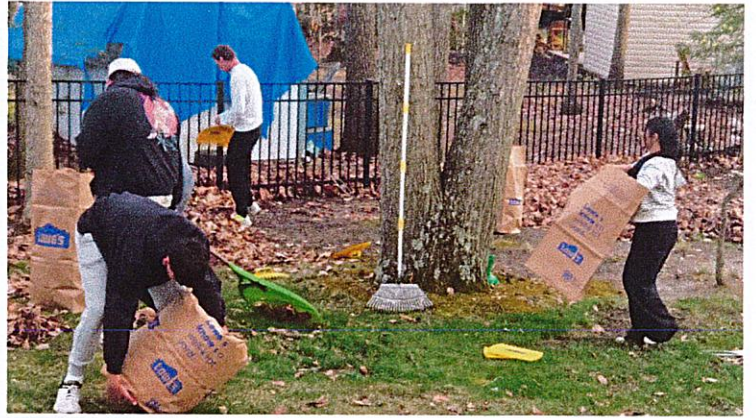


**If you are not able to serve on your specific date,
please contact Sandy or Pastor Deb ASAP.**

Our Youth Working Toward IYC 2026!

*Thank you for your love
and support.*





IYC

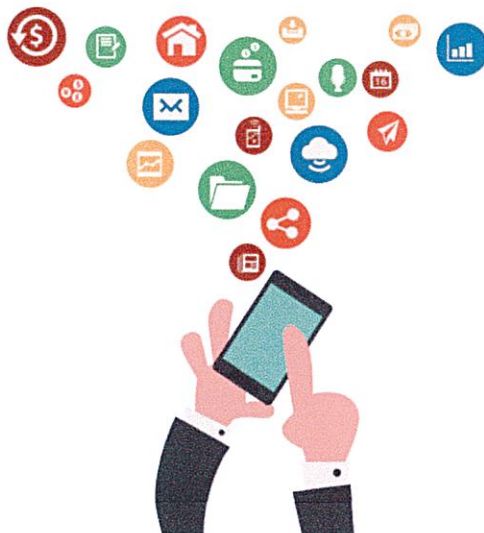
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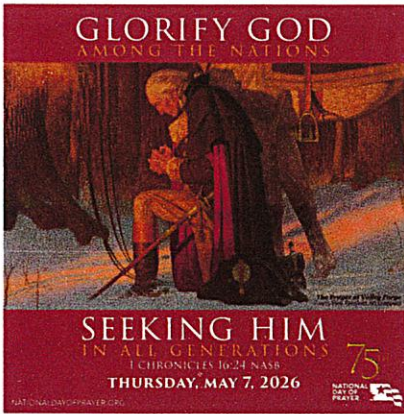


Something NEW!

We are about to launch something new! We have a new church website! You can check it out at www.highlandparkcog.org. We are still filling in content and taking photos to create a site that looks like us and welcomes people to check out the church. Chris Cicchetti has worked hard to get this up and running as well as designing an “APP” for our church! (Thank you Chris!!!) We will be able to download this app onto our phones or tablets or notebooks... and access information on the church, events coming up, videos of services, notifications of emails sent out, an online giving resource, and so much more! This will increase communication within the church as well as increase our outreach to those outside of the church.

Your church council is excited about this new opportunity. You will be hearing more very soon. Our prayer is that this will invite more people to seek a relationship with Jesus and come grow with us!

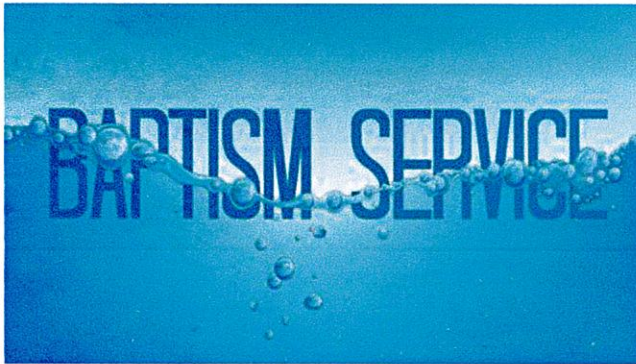




Please join together!

Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 PM

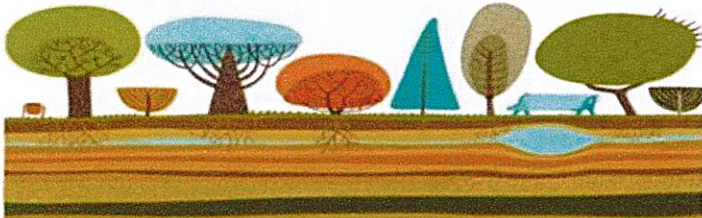
**National Day of Prayer Service Join us
in our sanctuary!**



**Baptism Service
Sunday, May 17, 11 AM**

**If you are interested in being
baptized, please see
Pastor Deb as soon as
possible.**

worship in the park



Please join together as we worship
with our community at Proprietors'
Park. Be sure to bring a lawn chair
and a friend!

**Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, May 24 at 6 PM**



Dear Friends at Highland Park Church of God,

Thank you for your generous gift to Church of God Ministries Disaster Relief, specifically to support the restoration ministries taking place in Jamaica. Your prayerful and financial support is equipping local believers and U.S. volunteers to cultivate hope and healing among churches, families, and communities devastated by Hurricane Melissa. Thank you!

Church of God Ministries

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the wonderful gift you gave me for Administrative Assistant Day. It is truly a blessing to be part of such a caring and thoughtful church family. Your kindness and generosity mean so much to me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside all of you. I am truly blessed to be part of this church family.

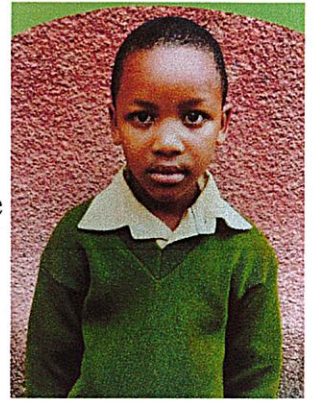
*Love to all,
Sandy*

Children of Promise

From Jackson in Tanzania:

To my sponsors, I greet you in the name of Jesus. I hope you are all well. My family continues to be well with God's help. I am the first student of 40 in my class, and I especially like my English class. I hope to one day become a teacher or a pilot. I don't have much to say, but thank you for the gift of your sponsorship.

God bless you, Jackson



From Baby Cristel Mae in the Philippines:

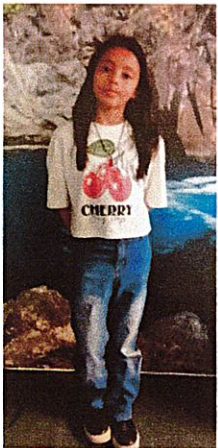
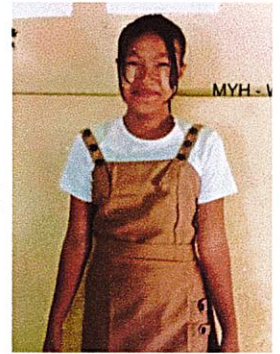
Hi, How are you my dear sponsors? Me and my family are all well. I have learned so much in school and this year I am going into the 5th grade. I've also participated in some dancing activities in my school. At home, we have a Bible study, which helps me know more about God. This helps my soul! Thank you, my dear sponsors, for all that you give to us. I always include you in my prayers.

Love, Baby Christel Mae

From Ma Su in Myanmar:

I am currently attending the 8th grade. I won Best Prize in the Bible competition at our church. I am very happy about that. I am also part of the youth group at our church. Please pray for my mother because she has weak kidneys. My older brother has joined the army. Please pray for him, too. Thank you for always supporting us. God bless all of you. We are always praying for all our supporters.

Ma Su La Pyae Win



From Maria Jose Pinto Ariza in Colombia:

Dear Godparents, Greetings in the name of the lord Jesus Christ. I want to thank you, with all my heart, for the prayers you say for me and support you give me. I am in the 4th grade and diligently studying. My family is in good health and I want to tell you that I go to church. I have learned several Psalms. I keep the photo you sent me (our children's Sunday School) with much affection. Well, finally, I say goodbye with a big hug in the love of God.

With love, Maria Jose



JOY Lunch



Memorial Day Picnic

Monday, May 25th, 12:00 Picnic / 1:00 All Church Softball Game!

It's time for our annual Memorial Day Picnic! Praying for a BEAUTIFUL day this year. It's always a joy when we come together. The plan is for the church to provide hot dogs and hamburgers and bottles of water. We will ask you to bring side dishes and desserts to share...and if you want something to drink besides water, bring that as well.

Set up will begin at 11:00 and we could use LOTS of helping hands to bring out tables and chairs and set up tents and set out food. BBQ will be fired up and ready to serve by noon. Following lunch will be a softball game for all ages! Whether you play or watch and cheer, this is always a LOT of fun!

Please look for the sign-up sheet on the board and let us know you are coming and what you would like to bring. If you are interested in volunteering with set-up / take-down, serving food, helping with kids' games or the softball game, please sign up there as well.

Looking forward to this time together as we kick off the summer of 2026!!

GriefShare

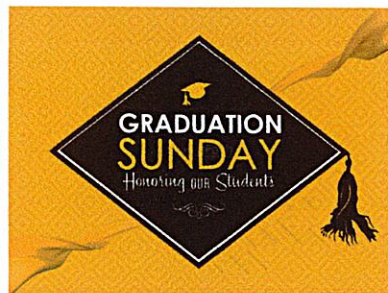
Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Thru May



This session of GriefShare continues through May. Participants are welcome to join in at any time!

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



We will celebrate our graduates this year on Sunday, June 14. If you have a graduate you would like us to recognize, please let Sandy know by May 17. You can email their name, their picture and some significant information about them to the church office at highlandparkcog@yahoo.com. Please include information such as the school they are graduating from, what their next steps will be, and any accomplishment they may have received.

Attention, Ladies!

We have two exciting trips coming up!

Trip to Historic Smithville Saturday, May 16

The plan is to meet at the church at 9:45 AM for a time of prayer before we board the bus and head to Smithville around 10 AM. This is a 1-hour ride. We will pray again before we separate. You will have four hours to shop, eat, shop and shop before we leave Smithville at 3 PM to arrive home 4-4:15 PM.

The only cost for the trip will be for your lunch (*unless you bring your own*) and for whatever treasures you may find. The train ride and carousel are fun things to do, and there is a charge for them.

Be sure to sign the sheet in the Narthex if you would like to attend.



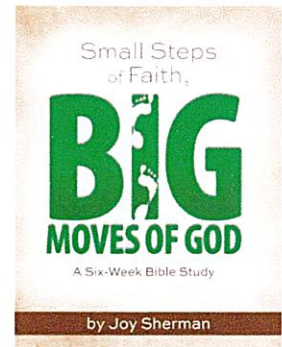
Trip to Ocean City, NJ Wed., June 17

The plan: Meet at the church at 8:45 AM. We plan to arrive in Ocean City and begin our day with prayer on the boardwalk. After that, you will have four hours of fun however you choose . . . shopping, eating, beach time . . . you decide!! Beach tags for the day are \$10 this year. We will meet at the gazebo about 2:30 PM so that everyone can grab their goodie before we return home. Remember, Edie says, "You can't leave Ocean City without a custard!" We will head home after a time of prayer before we leave. We plan to leave Ocean City around 3 PM and arrive back to Gloucester City around 4:00-4:30 PM. There is no cost for the trip — only what you purchase and beach tags if you choose to go onto the beach. You are welcome to bring your lunch if you like. See Connie with questions, and be sure to sign the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend.

NEW BIBLE STUDY!

Small Steps of Faith – Big Moves of God

We will be starting a new six-week Bible study on Monday June 1st 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.

Vacation Bible School 2026!

August 3-7, 6-8 PM

Watch for
more details.

Be sure to see
Cori Conner for
your opportunity to
serve!





Missions 2026

May 5th	Making lunches for SHAN-(Sandra/Barbara)
May 6th	SHAN Pick Up
May 9th	Breakfast for Ronald McDonald House
May 31st	SHAN Bags



All Are Invited

July 25, 2026

**Faith and Fellowship at
Boyertown Camp**

