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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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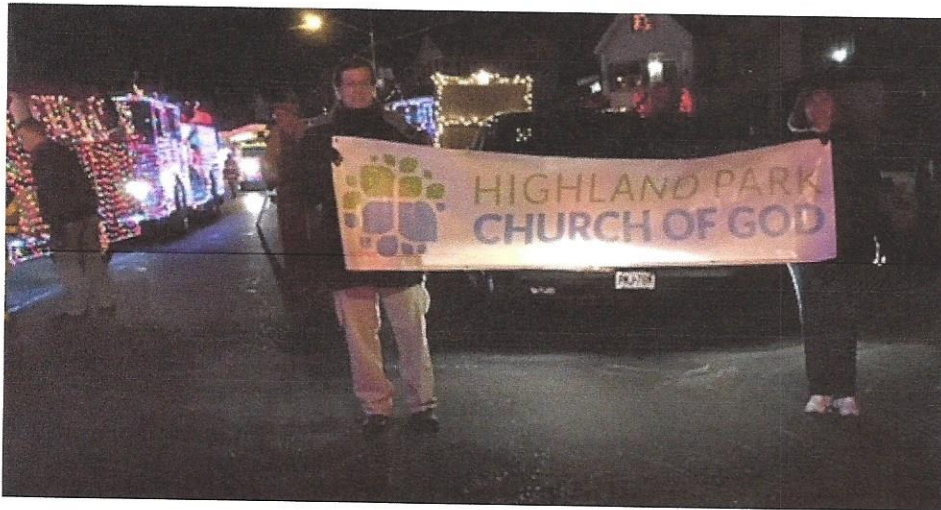
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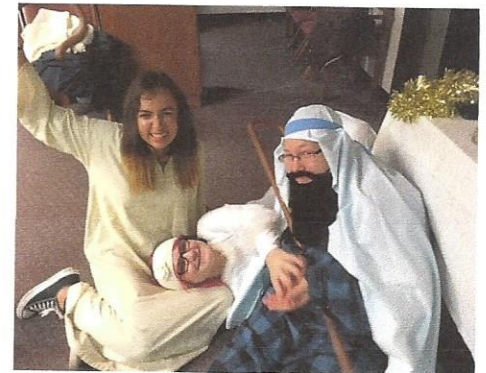
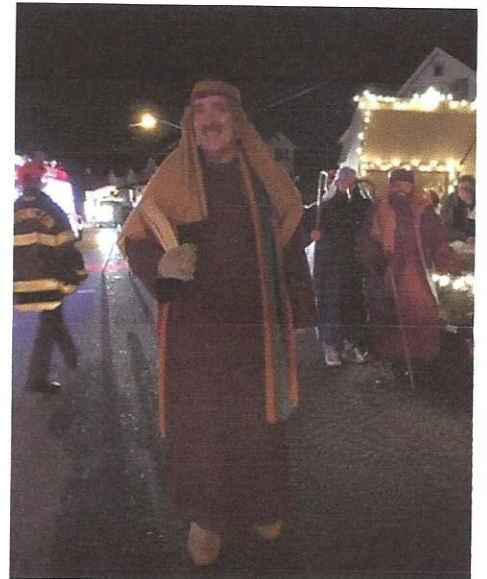
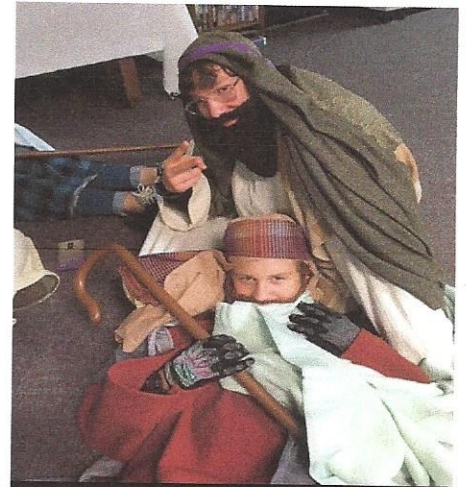
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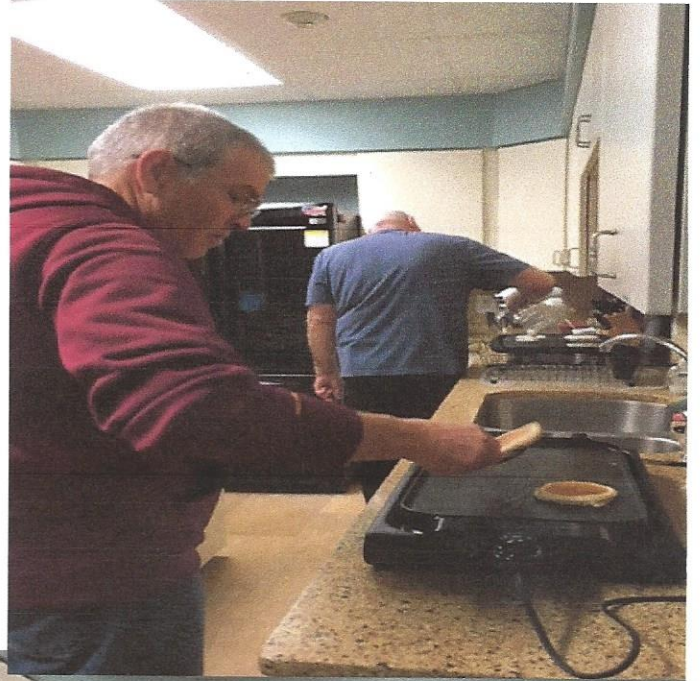


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 <i>(Judges 1)</i> 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (George) Making Sandwiches for SHAN	3 <i>(Judges 2)</i>	4 <i>(Judges 3)</i> 	5 <i>(Judges 4)</i> 8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer Noon Retirees' Lunch 7:00-9:30 PM Basketball Outreach	6 <i>(Judges 5)</i>
7 <i>(Judges 6)</i> 11:00 AM Communion 3:30-5:00 PM Youth Collage Night	8 <i>(Judges 7)</i> 7:00 PM Ladies' Crafts at Laura's	9 <i>(Judges 8)</i> 7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM Staff Mtg.	10 <i>(Judges 9)</i> 6:15 PM Families Making an Impact	11 <i>(Judges 10)</i> 7:00-9:00 PM Ministry Leaders' Meeting	12 <i>(Judges 11)</i> 8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer 7:00-9:30 PM Basketball Outreach	13 <i>(Judges 12)</i> 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast 11:00 AM Ministers' Choir Rehearsal Here
14 <i>(Judges 13)</i> 3:30-5:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Trustees Mtg.	15 <i>(Judges 14)</i> 9:00-Noon Day of Service at the Church Followed by Lunch Martin Luther King Day of Service	16 <i>(Judges 15)</i> 7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Roland)	17 <i>(Judges 16)</i> 6:15 PM Families Making an Impact	18 <i>(Judges 17)</i> 1:00 PM Ministerium Meeting @ 1st Bapt. 7:00 PM Embrace Grace	19 <i>(Judges 18)</i> 8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer 7:00-9:30 PM Basketball Outreach	20 <i>(Judges 19)</i> 9:00 AM Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Elizabeth Ballroom
21 <i>(Judges 20)</i> 3:30-5:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Council Mtg.	22 <i>(Judges 21)</i>	23 <i>(I Cor. 1)</i> 7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM Staff Mtg.	24 <i>(I Cor. 2)</i> 6:15 PM Families Making an Impact	25 <i>(I Cor. 3)</i> 7:00 PM Embrace Grace	26 <i>(I Cor. 4)</i> 8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer 7:00-9:30 PM Basketball Outreach	27 <i>(I Cor. 5)</i>
28 <i>(I Cor. 6)</i> 2:00 PM Youth Ice Skating at Cooper River 	29 <i>(I Cor. 7)</i> 	30 <i>(I Cor. 8)</i> 4:00-8:00 PM Youth Fundraiser at Pat's Select in Glouc. 7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study	31 <i>(I Cor. 9)</i> 6:15 PM Families Making an Impact			

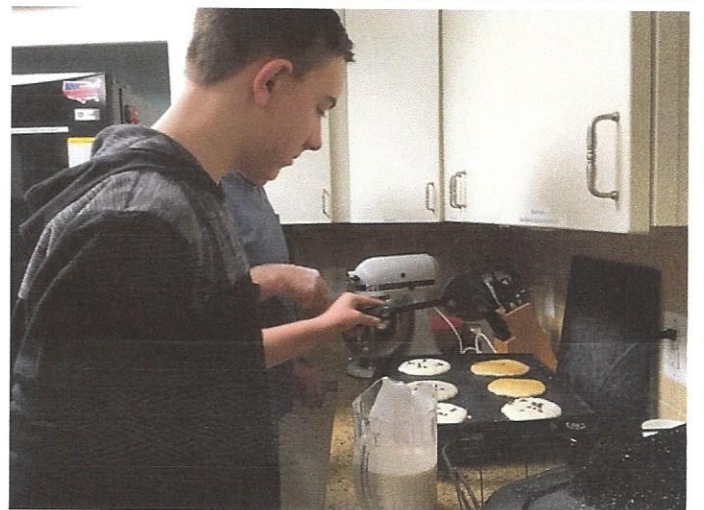
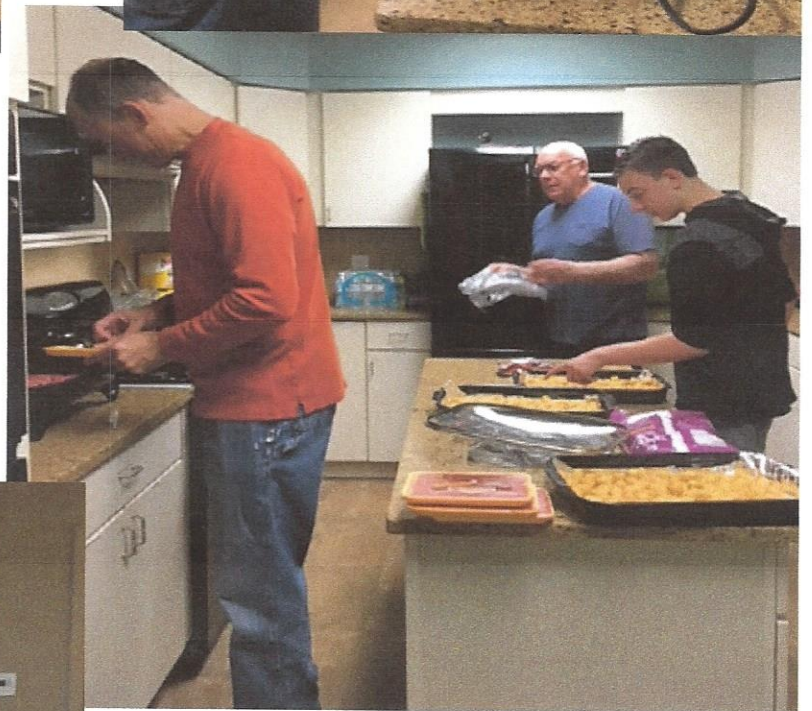


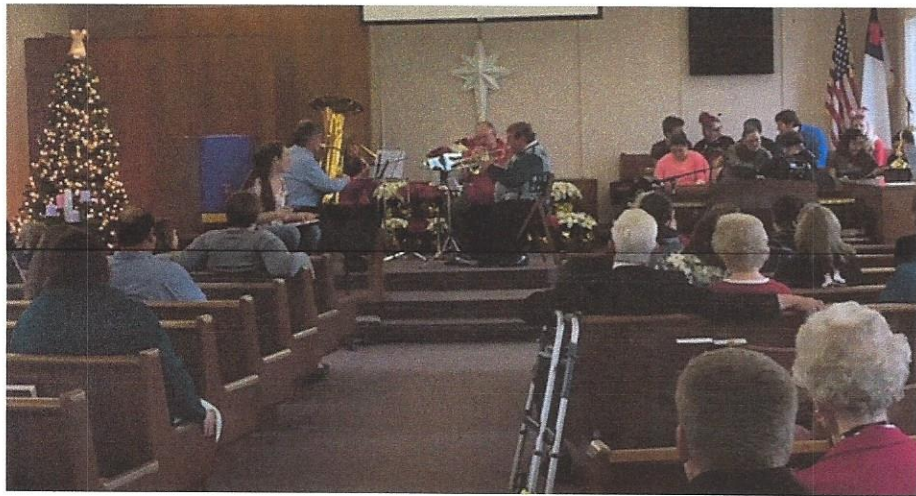
Gloucester City Christmas Parade





Making Breakfast for Ronald McDonald House

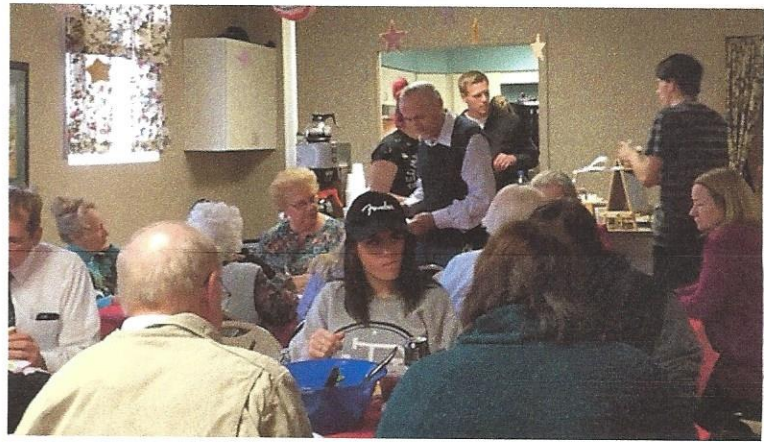


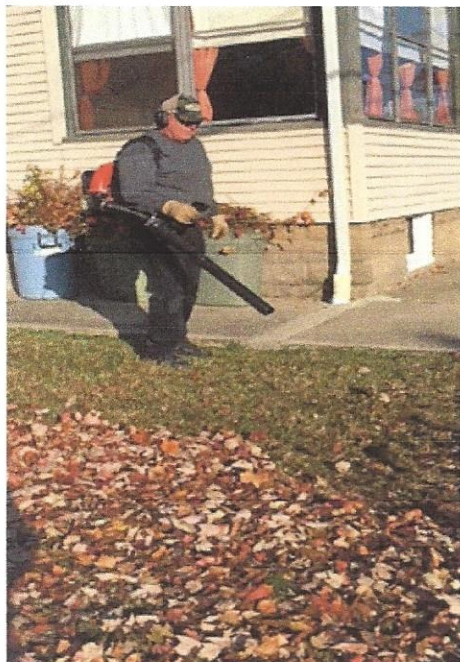


**A very special
thank you to
the brass
quintet who
played beautiful
Christmas
music for our
youth spaghetti
dinner
fundraiser.**

**IYC here we
come!**

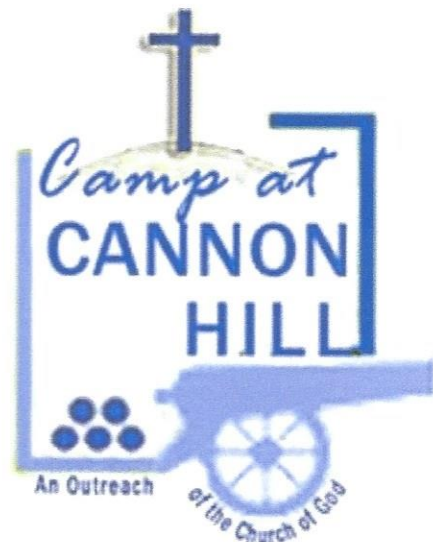






Leaf Clean Up Day 2017







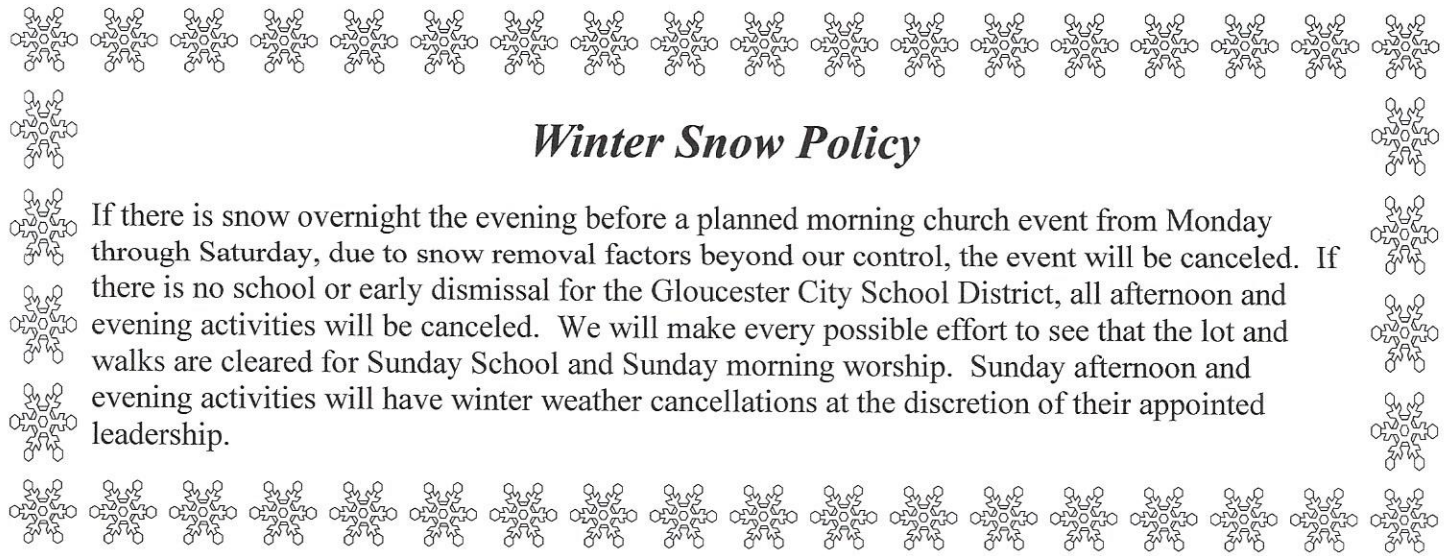
Dear Church Family and Friends,

Another Year has passed, and a New Year dawns. The New Year reminds me of a quote from Lucy Maude Montgomery, author of *Anne of Green Gables*, 'Isn't it nice to think that **tomorrow** is a new day with **no mistakes in it** yet?', 'It's been my experience that you can nearly always enjoy things if you make up your mind firmly that you will.' Learning from past shortcomings and resolving to improve one's life are the impetus behind New Year's Resolutions. One year, my son resolved to go the entire year without drinking soda (carbonated beverages). He did so, but drinks carbonated beverages today regularly. Resolutions can teach us self-discipline, yet are they life-changing in nature? Personally, I try to take a balanced approach to my New Year's Resolutions. If something important merits change in my life, then I need to begin it whenever I sense the need to make changes in order to improve some area of my life. If it's about improving my health – then eating a healthy diet and regular exercise are part of making that happen. Those life or lifestyle changes will yield long-term health benefits. Folks have often shared with me the resolution to read the entire Bible in one year – that is an admirable goal. Still, reading 3 chapters each day and 5 on Sunday may make the completion of the reading of those chapters in God's Word the goal rather than understanding and applying God's Word to one's daily life. Absorbing what we read is an important part of comprehension and application. Spiritual resolutions are important, but they do not need a "New Year" to begin their implementation – just a renewed resolve to do those things, which improve our spiritual lives. Therefore, as this New Year looms large on my horizon, I am resolving to continue reading my Bible chapter each day, praying daily for others and myself, as well as looking each day for those persons that the Lord would have me to help along in life's journey. In essence, to embrace daily the message contained in the prayer of Richard of Chichester, as adapted for the song *Day by Day* in the musical *Godspell* –
"Day by Day, O dear Lord, three things I pray. To see Thee more clearly, to love Thee more dearly, to follow Thee more nearly Day by Day."

New Year's Blessings,

Pastor Bill





Winter Snow Policy

If there is snow overnight the evening before a planned morning church event from Monday through Saturday, due to snow removal factors beyond our control, the event will be canceled. If there is no school or early dismissal for the Gloucester City School District, all afternoon and evening activities will be canceled. We will make every possible effort to see that the lot and walks are cleared for Sunday School and Sunday morning worship. Sunday afternoon and evening activities will have winter weather cancellations at the discretion of their appointed leadership.



January 2018 Sermon Topics

- January 7:** "Othniel—The *Likely* Judge" - Judges 1:8-13, 3:7-11
- January 14:** "Gideon—The *Unlikely* Judge—Judges 6:11-24
- January 21:** "Jephthah—The *Wounded* Judge" - Judges 11:1-12
- January 28:** "Samson—The *Proud and Arrogant* Judge"

Special Thanks . . .

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your quarterly gift to support our work at Covenant House New Jersey. Every day homeless kids walk through our doors, scared, tired and alone. We are honored to meet each one of them at our door, welcoming them into an extraordinary place where we provide the needed services for them to become stable and begin to build a fulfilling life. Our staff and volunteers are committed to provide those services with absolute respect and unconditional love. Your donation is essential to our work, and all of us at Covenant House New Jersey appreciate your faithfulness to our kids and our mission. Please keep us in your prayers. You are in ours.

Peace,

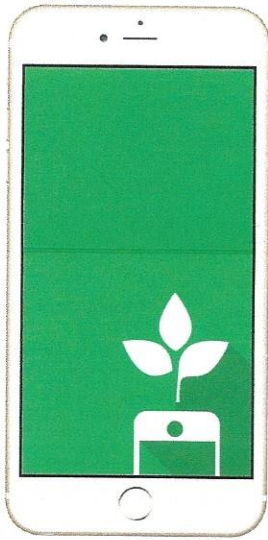
James White, Executive Director, Covenant House New Jersey

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund and the Heroes to Hero Run Committee, I would like to express our most sincere thanks for your support of the 16th Annual Heroes to Hero Run held October 14th! Your participation is greatly appreciated! The proceeds from the event will enable us to present three scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Gloucester City, Gloucester Catholic and Audubon High Schools, as well as aid the hero Scholarship Fund in continuing to uphold its promise of education to the children of those killed in the line of duty.

Sincerely,

Dawn Ragan, Race Director



A New Way to Give

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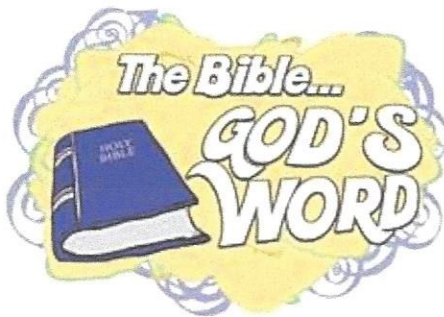
**Download the app from your app store or click the “Give” button on the church website!
(www.highlandparkcog.org)**

It is really simple. Just use your smart phone to download the app and set up your giving through that. If you wish to give using your computer, just go to our church website and click the “Give” button on the top right. This will take you to Tithe.ly where you can set up your account.

When making your gift, please indicate any additional information or the breakdown of your gift **in the memo line**. You will receive an e-mail confirmation for your gift.

As with any credit card or e-transaction, there are transaction fees involved. There is a 30 cent per transaction charge plus a percentage fee that the church will pay. Bank account transactions are assessed a 1% fee, and credit/debit cards are assessed a 2.9% fee. (American Express, 3.5% fee.) These fees are paid by the church unless you click to indicate you would like to cover them. Whatever you decide, you will be credited for the full amount of your gift.

If you need assistance, please contact the church office!



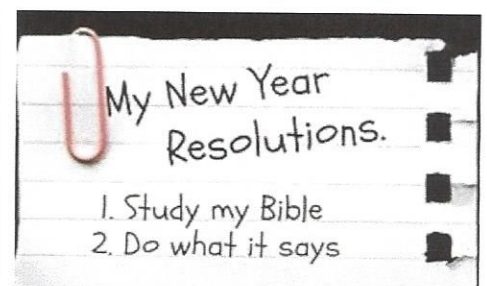
***Chapter-a-Day Bible
4-Year Bible Reading
Program ~ Jan. 2018***

**NY Day is Your Choice
Judges 1-21
I Corinthians 1-9**



**Fat Tuesday Pancake Party—
6:15-7:30 PM, February 13**

**Wednesday Evening
Lenten Services -
February 21, Our Church Hosts
February 28, First Baptist Church**



Families Making an Impact: Wednesday Nights

Theme: Jesus I AM Statements in John's Gospel

January 10th – Feb 7th 2018

6:15 – 7:30 PM

January 10th: I AM the Bread of Life

Pizza and Making Valentine Cards for Troops

January 17th: I AM the Light of the World

Mini Hoagies + Chips and Making Bags for SHAN

January 24th: I AM the Good Shepherd

Pizza and Candy Bar Bingo

Please bring two full-sized candy bars.

January 31st: I AM the Resurrection and the Life

Grilled Cheese + Soup

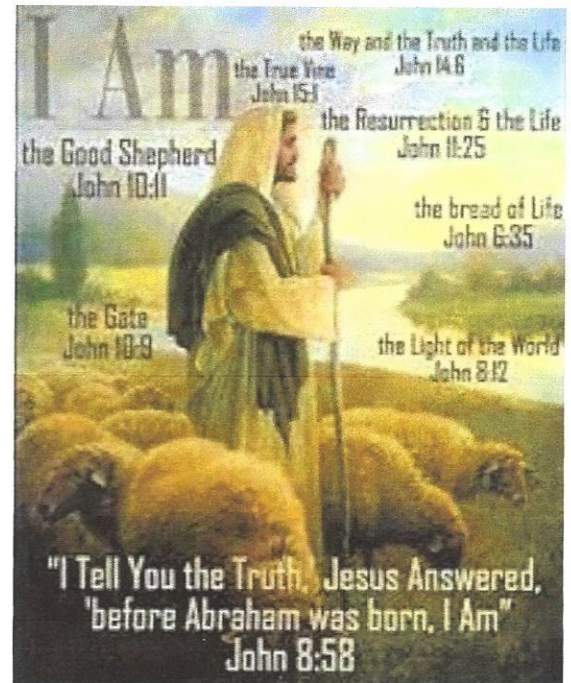
Followed by Drama/Theatre Night!

February 7th: I AM the Vine

West Virginia Hot Dogs/Chips and Making Valentines for Our Seniors

Tuesday, February 13th: Fat Tuesday Pancake Party (6:15 – 7:30 PM)

Please bring your favorite pancake topping to share.



Ladies Bible Study is BACK!



Starting Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m., we will be finishing up our study of "Little Women...BIG God." Each Tuesday in January, we will be meeting at Pastor Deb's house, 22 Swathmore Avenue. Hope to see you there!!

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP in JANUARY!



JANUARY 7TH, 3:30-5:00 INDESCRIBABLE & Collage Night

Indescribable takes us on a journey through the cosmos, allowing us to peer into God's universe to discover the amazing magnitude of His greatness and grace! The night will also include making a collage of our photos to hang in the youth house! Bring any youth group pictures you have with you!

JANUARY 14, 3:30-5:00 HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!

Your life is a miracle, and the Creator of the universe knows you by name!

JANUARY 21, 3:30-5:00 SYMPHONY (I LIFT MY HANDS)

It's crazy to realize that all creation is singing the praises of the One who fashioned and formed the universe...and God still hears your voice!!

JANUARY 28th - 2:00 p.m. ICE SKATING AT COOPER RIVER!

Cost: \$4 for skates / \$6 for admission (\$10)

Meet at youth house at 2:00 p.m. will skate for a couple of hours and be back to church by 5pm.

JANUARY 30TH - 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pat's Select Fundraiser

Pat's will donate 20% of all orders mentioning support for our church...including pick-up and delivery. This only works if YOU invite family, friends, neighbors, etc. to come and eat. We will get flyers to you. We also need some of you at Pat's that night to welcome folks and hand out flyers. Please let your leaders know if you are available to help!!

PLEASE NOTE: IYC Registration and \$100 deposit is due by January 15th. Registration form is attached. If deposit is a challenge but you are committed to attending IYC, please see one of the youth leaders.

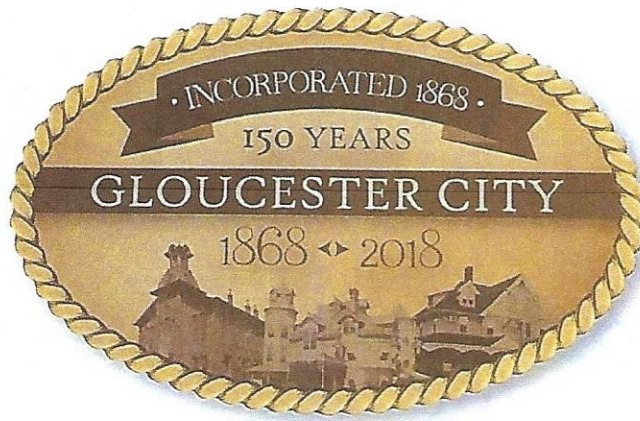
COMING SOON...

Keswick Mid-Winter Advance

FEARLESS

February 2-4, 2018

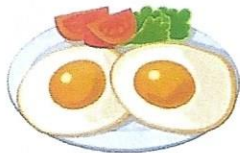
For registration forms for this retreat, please see one of your leaders. We need registration forms completed and returned to youth leaders by January 7th.



**THE GLOUCESTER CITY MINISTERIUM &
150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS:**

THE MAYOR'S COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

*Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the
Elizabeth Ballroom
Highland Blvd. & Sylvan Ave.
at 9:00 am*



Full Breakfast Buffet includes:

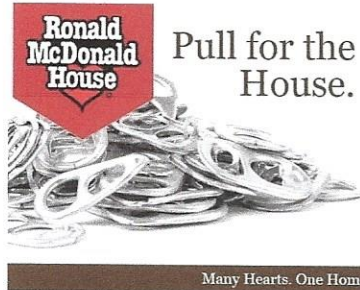
**Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast, Bagels,
Muffins, Donuts, Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Juices & Water.**



Program to include the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address and an Ecumenical Service in Thanksgiving to God for His Blessings on the Community of Gloucester City for 150 years, and asking God to look upon us for the next 150 years.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Please see Mr. Dilks, Esq., for tickets.

Please donate tabs for Ronald McDonald House! Look for the bin in the narthex.



Sandwiches for SHAN-12pm



January 2nd



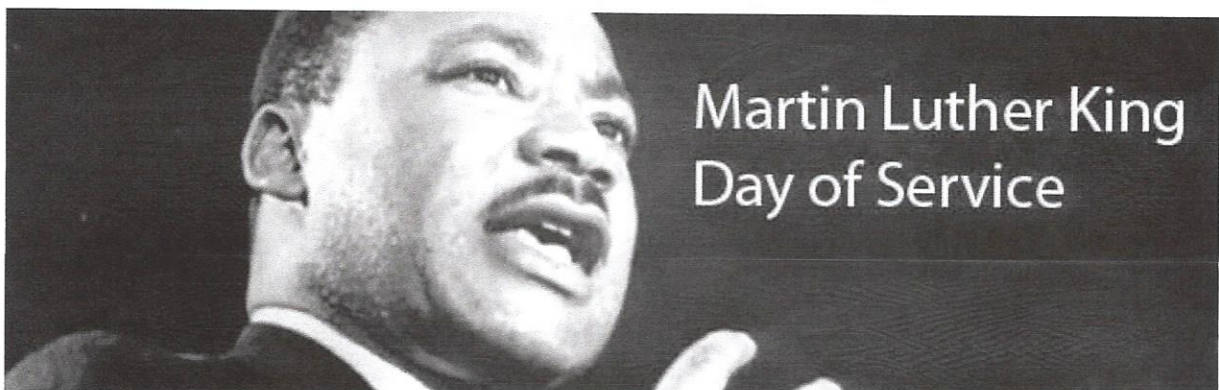
January 15th

Day of Service

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9am-12- Lunch to follow

There will be jobs for everyone, so check your bulletin for details!

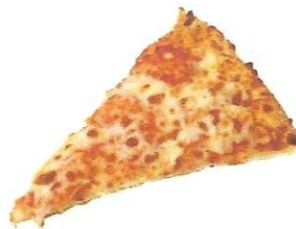


Tuesday, January 30th

Youth Fundraiser 4-8pm



Pat's will donate 20% of all orders mentioning support for Highland Park Church of God. Including pick-up and delivery!



This fundraiser only works if you invite family, friends and coworkers. We will have flyers that you can hand out to everyone you know!

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