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<p>*Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 AM Morning Worship (Including Kids' Church) 3:30-5:00 PM Youth 5:30 PM Choir Practice</p>				<p>1 (1 Samuel 18)</p> <p>6:30 PM Growth Group</p>	<p>2 (1 Samuel 19)</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer</p> <p>No Basketball Outreach</p>	<p>3 (1 Samuel 20)</p> <p>10:00 AM DVPF</p>
<p>4 (1 Samuel 21)</p> <p>11:00 AM Communion</p> <p>1:00 PM Gloucester City Irish Day Parade</p>	<p>5 (1 Samuel 22)</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies' Crafts at Laura's</p>	<p>6 (1 Samuel 23)</p> <p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Tom)</p> <p>Making Sandwiches for SHAN</p>	<p>7 (1 Samuel 24)</p> <p>7:00 PM Lenten Service (Epiphany Church at 1st Baptist Church)</p>	<p>8 (1 Samuel 25)</p> <p>6:30 PM Growth Group</p>	<p>9 (1 Samuel 26)</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer</p> <p>7:00 PM Family Gym Night</p> <p>7:00-9:30 PM Basketball Outreach</p>	<p>10 (1 Samuel 27)</p> <p>9:00 AM Ministry Leaders Adult Focus Group</p> <p>10:30 AM Missions Time of Prayer (See flyer inside.)</p> <p>11:00 AM Youth Focus Group</p>
<p>11 (1 Samuel 27)</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>12 (1 Samuel 29)</p> <p>2:00 PM Puppets</p> <p>6:00 PM Ministry Leaders Children's Focus Group</p>	<p>13 (1 Samuel 30)</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>14 (1 Samuel 31)</p> <p>10:00 AM Ladies' Trip to Keswick</p> <p>7:00 PM Lenten Service (St. Mary's)</p>	<p>15 (2 Cor. 1)</p> <p>6:30 PM Growth Group</p>	<p>16 (2 Cor. 2)</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer</p> <p>7:00-9:30 PM Basketball Outreach (Last for Season)</p>	<p>17 (2 Cor. 3)</p>  <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>
<p>18 (2 Cor. 4)</p> <p>7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>19 (2 Cor. 5)</p>	<p>20 (2 Cor. 6)</p> <p>9:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Lee)</p>	<p>21 (2 Cor. 7)</p> <p>7:00 PM Lenten Service (Trinity UMC)</p>	<p>22 (2 Cor. 8)</p>	<p>23 (2 Cor. 9)</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer</p>	<p>24 (2 Cor. 10)</p>
<p>25 (2 Cor. 11)</p> 	<p>26 (2 Cor. 12)</p>	<p>27 (2 Cor. 13)</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>28 (2 Samuel 1)</p>	<p>29 (2 Samuel 2)</p> <p>7:00 PM Holy Thurs.</p> <p>Feet Washing, Communion, and Tenebrae</p>	<p>30 (2 Samuel 3)</p> <p>8:00 AM Ladies' Prayer</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>31 (2 Samuel 4)</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>HOLY WEEK</p> </div>						



Shrove Tuesday





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*Our middle school
Sunday school class
made Valentine candy
bags for the Seeds of
Hope Ministry.*



***We celebrated two baptisms with Rev. Billingsly and the First
Church of God of Camden!***



BAPTIZED
IN THE NAME
OF THE
FATHER
AND OF THE
SON
AND
OF THE
HOLY
SPIRIT



Dear Friends and Church Family,

On March 29th we will celebrate Maundy Thursday evening in three different ways – beginning with feet washing, communion and a Tenebrae service led by our youth. The timing of this during Holy Week reminds us of the Lord's

Sacrifice in fulfillment of His role as our Passover Lamb. I found an interesting article on-line regarding the scope of sacrifices at www.prophecysociety.org showing what Passover sacrifices looked like around the time of Jesus death (about 40 years later).

A passage from Josephus says that at least 256,500 lambs were killed in the Temple for Passover sometime between 66-70 CE (*Jewish Wars* 6.9.3). Discussing this reference on another blog, one commenter protested that killing that many lambs, even working twenty-four hours a day, would have required killing eighty-seven lambs per minute to get the job done within the time limits for observing Passover as outlined in the Bible. On closer inspection, that scenario seems to have only one priest doing all of the work, so here's another way of looking at how so many Paschal lambs could have been killed in one afternoon by Temple priests if more priests had been involved. Assuming that the only requirement for ritually killing a lamb for Passover was to have a Temple priest ritually slice through the lamb's throat with a ritually clean knife and collect a small amount of blood to be thrown on the high altar (that assumption being based on the requirements of Exodus 12:9 which specifies that the lamb is to be roasted with its head, legs, and entrails intact and seems to allow that the sacrificed lamb could be dressed and prepared for roasting at home, where it was to be eaten, not in the Temple), then 144 priests killing six lambs a minute (10 seconds per lamb, assuming the men were lined up in a moving line holding their lamb in the right position for easy slicing) would have taken only about 5 hours to kill 256,500 lambs. Assuming that the ritual killing started at 1 PM, then everything would have been finished by 6 PM, well before sunset. So, the number of Paschal lambs killed for Passover recorded by Josephus is certainly within the realm of possibility.

What a huge and monumental annual undertaking this was for the Jewish people, done to recall God's final plague to deliver his people out of Egypt. This was repeated to remind them of all that God had done on their behalf. When we observe communion, we remember God's sacrifice to deliver our souls and consciences from sin's hold upon our lives. Not only did Jesus' sacrifice pay the penalty for our sin, but He also delivered us from sin's dominion over our lives. In the hymn *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*, recall the verse "He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free – His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me." During the month of March, hold in your heart the remembrance of Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world – both yours and mine – once and for all.

Blessings,

Pastor Bill





A New Way to Give

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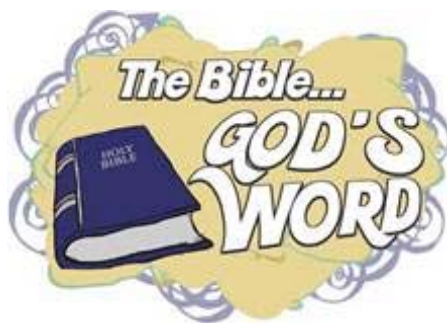
**Download the app from your app store or click the “Give” button on the church website!
(www.highlandparkcog.org)**

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.

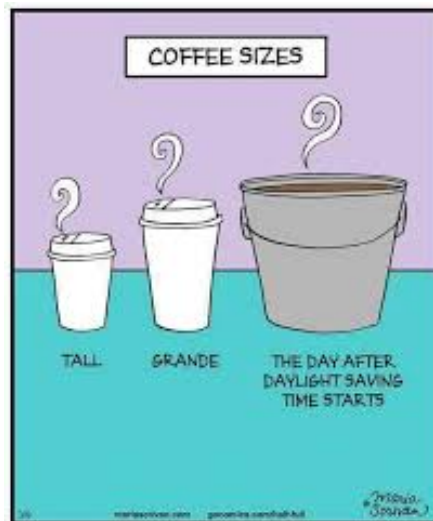
As with any credit card or e-transaction, there are transaction fees involved. There is a 30 cent per transaction charge plus a percentage fee that the church will pay. Bank account transactions are assessed a 1% fee, and credit/debit cards are assessed a 2.9% fee. (American Express, 3.5% fee.) These 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 ~ March 2018***

I Samuel 18-31
II Cor. 1-13
II Samuel 1-4



Resurrection Sunday! - April 1

**Wednesday Evenings in April
7:00 PM—Embrace Grace**

**Thursday Evenings in April
7:00 PM—Grief Share**

**April 14—Men's Breakfast at
Westville UMC**

April 21—Camp Workday

**April 28—Pastor Deb's
Ordination Service**

**April 29—Pastor Deb's
Celebration Luncheon**



There will be NO Women's Bible Study during Lent!

Ladies you are encouraged to attend the Community Lenten services on Wednesday nights AND/OR "Know What You Believe" on Thursday nights! Our new study, "When God Doesn't Fix it" will begin in April after Easter!

Growth Group



Our five-week Thursday evening Lenten study this year will focus on developing a relationship-driven approach to Christian Discipleship.

Strong, concerned, and connected relationships are the bedrock of Christian living. Pastors Bill and Deb will aid attendees into better understanding of the essential relationships necessary for spiritual growth and development in our Christian lives. Christianity is a relationship-based religion, and we invite all persons to join us as we deepen our appreciation for our relational God who continually calls us to walk with Him each day of our lives.

Mark Your Calendars: Thursdays through March 15, 2018 ~ 6:30 PM ~ At the Church

Sunday School Teachers — We Appreciate YOU!!!



We are so blessed as a congregation to have so many gifted and talented Sunday School teachers to share the Good News with us! Thank you to each and every teacher who takes the time each week to study and to share what the Lord lays on their hearts. If you do not attend a Sunday School class, give it a try! There are classes for all ages.

Kids . . . We are looking forward to May for an exciting Sunday School opportunity! This is an adventure you will want to join in on!

Sermons



March 2018 Sermon Topics

March 4— "Virtuous Reality #1: Your Trust in God Unfolds His Plan for You"

March 11— "Virtuous Reality #2: Desire and Model Your Good Home Values"

March 18— "Love is in the Air" - Ruth 3

March 25— "Being a Heritage Builder"

Community Lenten Services ~ Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 PM

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host Church</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
March 7	Epiphany Church at 1st Bapt. Ch.	Msgr. Wm. Hodge
March 14	St. Mary's Church	Rev. Rick Gehret
March 21	Trinity United Methodist Church	Rev. Joe Marlin



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your love and prayers during the time of Butch's illness and passing. Thank you, also, for the beautiful flower arrangement. Your support means the world to us.

Blessings,

Rick, Robin, Marcy and Ben Gregg

Dear Highland Park Church of God,

Thank you so much for your donation to the Camp at Cannon Hill, and Outreach of the Church of God. Your generous donation of \$300 will greatly benefit our ministry and the upkeep of the campground. We also thank you for your continued prayers for our ministry. Once again, we thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kumpel, Treasurer

Camp at Cannon Hill, Outreach of the Church of God

Dear Church of God,

I am writing to thank you for delivering the utensil packets to the Cathedral Kitchen on behalf of the Highland Park Church of God — it was nice of you to think of us. Your very generous gift is truly a fitting tribute to Martin Luther King. Thank you for your support of our mission here in Camden — it is a blessing to us and to those we have the privilege to serve.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Talarico, Executive Director

Dear Highland Park Church of God,

Thank you so much for coming alongside the ministry of Seeds of Hope financially during 2017. With your help, we have been able to provide Christ-centered transitional housing for men released from prison as well as provide discipleship, mentoring and other practical help for them. We have also been able to come alongside hundreds of ladies from the streets here in Camden, providing them with a safe refuge, a warm meal, a shower, rest, the love of Christ and a way out. Each Saturday and Sunday we have the privilege of sharing the love of Jesus and meeting the practical needs of hundreds of individuals on the street through our Saturday breakfasts, Sunday Street Ministry, and our evening soup outreaches. None of this happens without you. Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to advance the glorious, unstoppable Gospel.

In God's sustaining grace,

Bill Antinore, Executive Director



Below is a song that Peggy Phillips sang as a solo as a little girl. The words to this song have meant so much to her over the years, and she would like to share them with you.

Why Should He Love Me So?

Love sent my savior to die in my stead; Why should He love me so?
Meekly to Calvary's cross He was led; Why should He love me so?
Nails pierced His hands and His feet for my sin; Why should He love me so?
He suffered sore my salvation to win; Why should He love me so?
O how He agonized there in my place; Why should He love me so?
Nothing withholding my sin to erase; Why should He love me so?
Why should He love me so? Why should He love me so?
Why should my Savior to Calvary go?
Why should He love me so?

Grief Share

Thursdays 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Beginning April 5th



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.

The second series of our grief support group will begin on April 5th. Grief Share provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The group will meet weekly and includes:

- an encouraging, informative video featuring leading grief recovery experts
- small group discussion
- Workbook for journaling and personal study

Grief Share participants from last session 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 our website: www.highlandparkcog.org, or contact Don or Deb Conner.

GIRL TALK

Wednesday, March 14th, 10:00 a.m.

America's Keswick

Cost \$12

LADIES...It's time to have some GIRL TALK! Join us as we head to Keswick to worship, learn, eat and talk together! Guest Speaker will be Susan Panzika, "Bringing an Eternal Perspective to Earthly Matters." Program is at 11:00 followed by lunch at noon. Advanced paid reservations are required, so please sign up with Deb by March 4th if you are interested.

FAMILY GYM NIGHT



**Friday, March 9 @ 7:00 PM
At Gloucester High's Old Gym**

Watch your bulletin for details.

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS MILES AWAY, IS RIGHT IN YOUR BACKYARD

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ADDICTION AWARENESS TASK FORCE

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

HEROIN. PILLS. IT ALL KILLS.

Hero's and Mentors Presents **A Night Of: Inspiration & Hope!**

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 22, 2018
STARTING AT 7 PM**

**Gloucester City
High School
1300 Market Street,
Gloucester City, NJ 08030**

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT
FOR ALL AGES.**

SPEAKERS/PROGRAM

Speaker: Mr. James Bates,
Adolescent Therapist at My Father's House

Mr. Bates will speak about the challenges that our youth face in today's society. As an experienced counselor, he will suggest some basic ways that parents and those that work closely with youth, can help guide adolescents to make the right choices.

Keynote Speaker: Willie Green,
Former Cleveland Browns, NFL Player

Willie Green will deliver a motivational message about setting goals, having purpose, making good choices, but still enjoying the journey of life! He will talk about the challenges he faced growing up in Atlantic City and losing both his parents by the age of 14. Willie admits to making some bad choices and mistakes, but he overcame his obstacles. He now has dedicated his life to delivering his message of hope and inspiration to students and parents.

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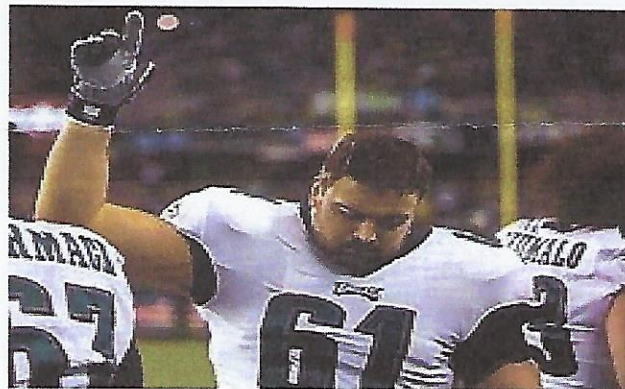
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Additional support provided by Camden County Board of Freeholders,
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Good Friday Men's Breakfast

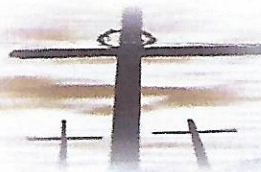
March 30, 2018

***Guest Speaker: Stefen Wisniewski
Starting Offensive Guard of the Philadelphia Eagles
2018 Superbowl Champions***



***The Scottish Rite Ballroom
315 Whitehorse Pike
Collingswood, NJ***

6:55AM \$ 20.00/pp



***For tickets:
Contact Gary or Kathy McGaurn 856.599.1118;
Bob Gordon 856.246.9641 or: kmcgaurn@yahoo.com
Or Facebook: Greater South Jersey Annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast:
click on the Eventbrite link***



We will be starting our second session of **Embrace Grace** on Wednesday, April 4th, 6:30 p.m. This group provides emotional, practical, and spiritual support for single, young pregnant women who find themselves in an unintended pregnancy.

The primary goal of Embrace Grace is to empower the church to be a safe and non-judging place for the girls to find encouragement and support. It is a 12-week program that teaches them about God's love and grace, and at they will receive a baby shower to honor them for choosing life and to help provide for their baby's needs.

We need your help! Would you prayerfully consider joining with us as:

- Prayer warriors
- Event planners (Baby shower & Princess Day)
- Donors to provide gifts for the baby showers.

We are so excited about this opportunity to share God's love and grace with women in our community!

For more information on Embrace Grace ministries, please visit www.embracegrace.com.

If you would like to learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Amelia Stebner or Deb Conner.



Highland Park Church of God

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP in MARCH!

March 2nd, 7:00 p.m. – LITTLE MERMAID!

Anyone interested...Gloucester City High is performing it's musical, Little Mermaid...starring Barbara and Julie!!!

March 4th, 1:00-3:00 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Plan to stay after church and we will grab a snack and walk together down to the parade. You may want to bring money for food that vendors have for sale. There will be music and fun. We will head back to the youth house for a devotion!

March 11th 3:30-5:00 Youth Fellowship: "Eye to Eye"

A discussion on acceptance. Practice for the REVERSE ADVENT

March 18th 3:30-5:00 Youth Fellowship: "Bruised Souls"

We'll talk about healing life's hurts and how God uses US to bring healing to others. Practice for the REVERSE ADVENT

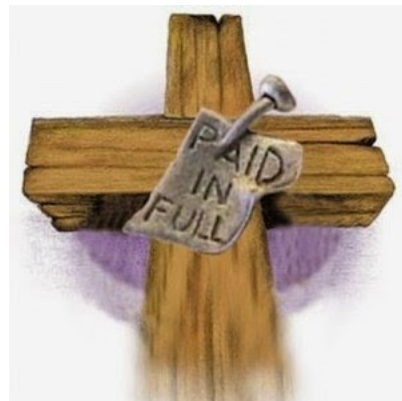
March 25th: 3:30 - 5:00 DRESS REHEARSAL - REVERSE ADVENT

We will meet in the church and run through the Reverse Advent service. DRESS REHEARSAL!

March 29th: 6:30 p.m. REVERSE ADVENT SERVICE

Meet at the church in the fellowship hall at 6:30. Don't forget...dressing in ALL BLACK. Service will begin at 7pm. Invite your friends and family!

God loved YOU so much...





DO YOUR LITTLE BIT
OF GOOD WHERE YOU ARE;
IT IS THOSE LITTLE BITS OF
GOOD PUT ALL TOGETHER
THAT OVERWHELM
THE WORLD.



March 6th: Making Sandwiches for S. H. A. N.



Please Save The Date
Saturday, March 10th, 2018

At 11am we will come together to pray in and over our two new transitional homes for ex-offenders here in Camden. We will also pray for the current residents & the men who will be joining us in the future. Please consider joining us and meeting some of the men. It is a great time...usually lasts about 45 minutes. We ask for the Lord's blessing every time we move into a new transitional home...these two homes are right next to each other...556 & 558 Ferry Avenue.

If you are interested in attending, please meet at the church 10:30am and we will drive over together. You may also pray from the comfort of your home. For more information contact Cindy Kumpel.



A special thank you to everyone who donated to Operation Birthday! You all made a big difference in the life of the children of Gloucester City.



Several volunteers will be working with Seeds of Hope to make lunch, reach out and pray with the people of Camden on Good Friday, March 30th. Contact Cindy Kumpel for more information.

Please keep this event in your prayers.



Annual LIVE Auction



Seeds of Hope
April 20, 2018



Camp Workday
April 21, 2018



Unity Picnic
Camp at Cannon Hill
July 21, 2018

