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Happy New Year 2017

By Bob Smiley

We can't leave 2016 behind without noting the highs and lows of the year.

The fire in February made national news when it shut down the El and burned down a big piece of the 4600 block of Frankford Avenue. The auto repair business that wrapped around from Griscom to Orthodox burned down and took 3 stores with it and closed down the Mormon facility as well as two others. Now we have a nice, large vacant building available for development.

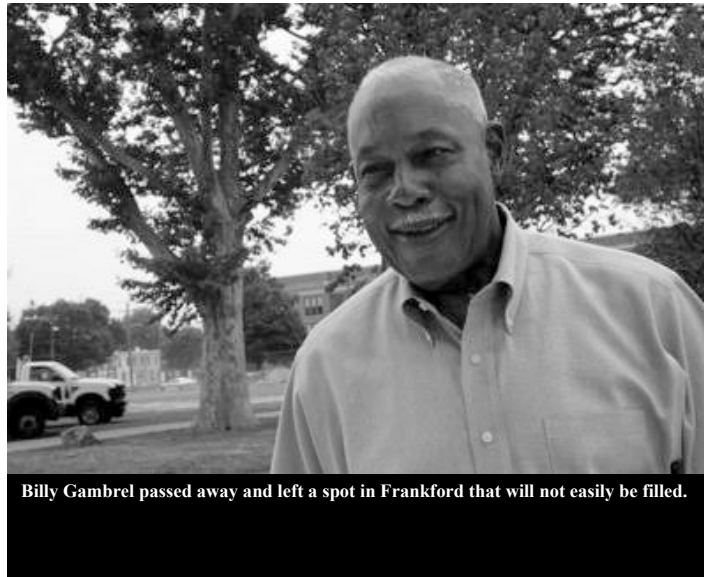
The Thriftway closed leaving local residents with no option for a supermarket within walking distance.

Construction finally got under way on the **Arrott Transportation Center** (Formerly the Margaret-Orthodox El Station). The multi million dollar project will bring the facility into the 21st century and improve the look of the area.

The **CDC purchased and began renovations on the old Daral building** on Paul Street right off Frankford Avenue. They will be moving into the second floor of the building while State Representative Jason Dawkins and his staff occupy the first floor.

The **Pop Up Park** slated for the site next to the Daral building was delayed this year due to budget and engineering costs but is still a go for 2017.

Construction all over Frankford complicated moving around. The Arrott Transportation Center project blocks Frankford Avenue for days at a time which pushes traffic onto the side streets. The water main project on Orthodox and other local streets



Billy Gambrel passed away and left a spot in Frankford that will not easily be filled.

has blocked traffic from Castor Avenue down to Torresdale. The I-95 reconstruction has added to the congestion down in the area around Aramingo Avenue.

The new **Royal Farms** at Church Street and Aramingo Avenue is under construction and demo began for a new ShopRite at Tulip and Bridge Streets.

We had two large apartment buildings open this year. Luce Arms was a rehab of an old 5 story building, long vacant on the 4700 block of Griscom Street. New construction at the rear of 4834 Penn Street brings 19 new one bedroom apartments on the market.

Frankford had its first 5K and it came off without a hitch.

We lost Frankford icon **Billy Gambrel** this year. He was many things to many people but above all he was a gentleman who will be missed by all.

Thanks to **Joe Menkevich** and with the participation of several

others, **Wilmot School** on Meadow Street across from Wilmot Park and the **Garsed Mansion** formerly housing the **Frankford Y** were both placed on the city list of historic buildings.

The **Mater Dolorosa** church was desanctified and held its **last Mass**. The building is now for sale. Mater Dolorosa school had been sold earlier in the year and now is housing the **Power Through the Word Ministry**.

The **Capuchin Franciscan Friars** purchased the old St. Joachim convent at 1509 Church Street for its Padre Pio Friary. The building had been vacant and there had been some vandalism. The Friars spent the Summer doing renovations and are now moved in.

Crime in Frankford (PSA1) went down compared to 2015 which was a record year. Captain Anthony Luca replaced Captain John McCloskey in the 15th District. Residents formed a group called Frankford Forward to combat violence.

The community took aim at some of the **problem bars and take out joints** on Frankford Avenue. As a result of several community groups working together, a sweep on those places was made by the city and state agencies to inspect for compliance with regulations. Several were closed immediately and others were cited for various violations. The object is to get these businesses to comply with the regulations that govern them and no more open air drug dealing outside the doors of those places; no more drunk and disorderly crowds that keep people away from the Avenue; no more crime that attracts these businesses.

Aria Health merged with the Jefferson Health System. This is one of the better outcomes that we could have gotten with the changes going on in the health care systems.

The **Northwood Civic** used a new tool in their fight against blight. Conservatorship allows a non-profit to file suit to take over a neglected property and make repairs and bring it back to productive use. The owner has the choice of doing the work themselves or giving up title to the property to the non profit who will then do the work. One property on Oxford Avenue was the first test case and it is still working its way through the court system.

It was a busy year in Frankford with the usual ups and downs. The promise of the future awaits us all.

Civics, PSA Northwood Civic

By Bob Smiley

The Northwood Civic meeting on December 20th was not well attended due to the impending holiday but there were significant issues discussed.

Terry Heiser updated the group on the delays in completing the traffic calming project on Castor Avenue. Having already postponed the most important parts of that work by 12 to 15 months, the Streets Department now has no dates for it. One excuse only leads to another.

In the meantime, the speeding and crashes are continuing unabated. For instance, on December 12 a vehicle caromed off a collision at Haworth Street and across the lawns of two houses; also, on January 12 a vehicle rammed a tree and overturned at Foulkrod Street. Heiser continues to urge our local officials to get the work done.

The owners of 1100 Haworth (Haworth and Large) need a zoning variance to legalize a fence they have already erected.

Darrion Shuford, Chief of Staff for Rep. Jason Dawkins announced that the Dawkins office will be relocating to the Daral building at Paul and Frankford Avenue in January. Dawkins will occupy the first floor while the Frankford CDC and NAC will be up on the second floor.

The next meeting of the Northwood Civic Association will be held on February 21st at 7 PM at Simpson Recreation Center at 1010 Arrott Street.

Frankford NAC

At the Frankford NAC Zoning meeting on January 12th, the applicant was seeking a: PERMIT FOR AUTO SPRAY BOOTH (VEHICLE PAINT FINISHING SHOP) AS PART OF AN EXISTING AUTO REPAIR SHOP WITH BODY AND FENDER WORK (PERSONAL VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE) WITH ACCESSORY OFFICE AND ACCESSORY PARKING FOR 13 VEHICLES AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED.

The applicant's representative made the case to the residents attending and fielded questions about the business which was formerly DiCicco Auto Sales.

The residents concerns were more about parking and congestion in general from the auto related businesses on Torresdale Avenue. The auto dealers park their cars on the sidewalks and block pedestrian traffic. They also take up resident parking spaces on the side streets with excess inventory.

Residents have been complaining at civic meetings, to the police and elected officials and have found no help with the issue.

The vote was unanimous to deny the application. Notice of the vote will be sent to the ZBA.

5300 Marsden Street

The applicant has applied for a variance to legalize an existing car port. The zoning notice had not been displayed to the public on the property so a continuance was granted until that requirement is met. They will return to the NAC at a future meeting.

Frankford Pause Park

Ellie Devyatkin, Frankford CDC Commercial Corridor Manager, updated the meeting on the progress of the Frankford Pause park which will be located on Paul Street right off Frankford Avenue. Construction on the park has been delayed due to the construction bids coming in well above previous estimates.

The plan is now to do the park in stages with the first phase to be in ready for use this Summer. Funding is in place for that part of the project.

The next meeting of the Frankford NAC zoning board will be held on February 9th at 7 PM at the Second Baptist Church at 1801 Meadow Street.

15th District PSA1

The December PSA1 meeting held on the 22nd was a short one given that it was so close to the holiday but that did not keep the regular participants away.

It was noted that the **4700 block of Griscom** has seen its ups and downs in 2016. Its better than it was at its lowest point but the drug dealers have worked out new ways to circumvent detection. They are doing their best to stay away from view but they are still there and that means there is always the potential for violence.

The bar at **4101 Paul Street** has created problems with local residents as drunk and disorderly customers come and go.

Cars dealers on Torresdale Avenue continue to take up sidewalk space. Residents are up in arms. Lt. Gordon says this is an issue where L&I should be the lead agency in enforcement.

There was a reports of drug dealers openly at work on the **1600 block of Sellers Street**.

Lt. Gordon reports a string of strong arm robberies around the Frankford Transpiration Center. Take note and keep your eyes open. Those bums will take advantage of any opportunity.

There has been some talk of businesses across from the Frankford Transportation Center funding a Safe Beat officer. This is when a business hires an off duty officer to provide security.

The next meeting of the 15th District PSA1 will be on January 26th at 7 PM at Aria Hospital.

About the Frankford Gazette

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Hold Harmless Policy is Holding Back Education Funding for Frankford Schools

Text and images by Jared Phillips *Philadelphianeighborhoods.com*

Education funding in Philadelphia is arguably the most hotly debated topic in the city. For local Frankford schools, it has been a crippling issue even though enrollment rates in Philadelphia schools has declined by more than 25 percent in the past decade. One funding policy in particular that many believe has been harmful to Philadelphia schools is Hold Harmless.

Hold Harmless keeps school budgets

constant, regardless of increasing or decreasing student populations. For schools with consistent or declining enrollment, they either are not affected or have more money to spend. Schools with increasing enrollment have more students to provide for and less money to do so with.

The Allen M. Stearne Elementary School in Frankford is a perfect example of this issue. They received the budget for 537 students, but had



Jessica Ramos, Principal of Allen M. Stearne Elementary School

573 enrolled in the fall. The school's principle, Jessica Ramos, has been struggling to properly allocate funds to accommodate for the overabundance of students.

This issue has not gone unnoticed, as District Representative John Taylor is actively fighting the issue in Harrisburg.

"Looking at last year and looking at now, I would say there's a change in the problem," Ramos said. "Last year my number one issue was staffing. This year it's part staffing, part capacity."

"We have to win an education war with the media, with editorial boards, to try to get a loud enough voice from the east to say that the way we are doing this is wrong," Taylor said. "It's just blatantly unfair. You're getting more money for less students, it doesn't make sense."



Taylor Warns of PA Non Compliance with Real ID Act

By Bob Smiley

State Representative John Taylor spoke at the Northwood Civic Association meeting on January 17th about the possible problems ahead concerning the Pennsylvania driver's license no longer being acceptable ID for entering government buildings and travel.

Effective January 30th of this year you will need an alternative, more secure form of identification to enter federal facilities. And starting in January 2018, current Pennsylvania licenses will not be sufficient for boarding commercial flights.

Pennsylvania licenses and state IDs do not meet the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act, which was enacted in response to the 9/11 terror attacks and sets standards for secure identification cards.

You will need another secure form of identification to enter federal facilities, military bases, and nuclear power plants starting on January 30. That requirement doesn't apply when going to a federal facility to apply for or receive federal benefits.

If Pennsylvania does not comply, next year state residents will need an alternative Transportation Security Administration-approved identification to board planes. For most people, that will likely mean a passport, though other types of identification like military ID, a permanent resident card or DHS trusted-traveler card would also be acceptable.

If you are planning to get a passport, you will need a valid birth certificate. That means one that has the state seal imprint on it. The kind you can feel through the paper.

If you are planning a flight of any kind next year, don't wait until the last minute to get your ID in order. Birth certificates and passports take time. You don't want your flight to Disney World to turn into a long road trip. Plan ahead now.

Community Law School Day

Saturday, February 25, 2017
10am-2:30pm
Community College of Philadelphia Center for Business and Industry (18th & Callowhill)

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A free day of education and skill building for the community and community advocates, featuring opening remarks from [Philadelphia City Councilman Curtis Jones](#).

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Presented by Community Legal Services, Philadelphia Legal Assistance, and Fox Rothschild Center for Law and Society at Community College of Philadelphia with the generous collaboration and contributions of the ACLU of Pennsylvania, Clarifi, TURN, the PEAL Center, People's Paper Co-Op, & PathWays PA

Crime Report 15th District PSA1 for 2016

By Bob Smiley

This report is for PSA1 which is the southern part of the 15th district below Bridge Street. Since Frankford begins at Cheltenham Avenue, we are missing some parts of the story. That area between Bridge and Cheltenham was the location of some significant crime incidents this year. However, this is the most accurate report we can do with some degree of confidence.

The report for the year shows a significant improvement over 2015. The chart below includes only major crimes.

We continue to take issue with the classification of 2 homicides on March 23rd on the 1600 block of Pratt Street as aggravated assaults. They are still under investigation. For this report, I have included them as homicides until the investigation is complete.

Notice that overall, firearm crime is down but you can see that aggravated assaults with firearms is up while robbery with firearms is down. Aggravated assaults are those shootings that hit somebody but do not kill them. People do not feel safe when this kind of crime continues even if other things improve.

Burglary, robbery and theft are down and that is good news.

So what is to be done?

Support your local police. In the next few months there will be opportunities to come out and meet the cops. Come out and talk to them. They want to know what is going on in your part of the neighborhood.

If you know something is going on that should not be, tip off the cops. This does make a difference. They do act on these tips but it takes further investigation. This can be done anonymously on the police tip line.

					2016 Compared to 2013	2016 Compared to 2014	2016 Compared to 2015
January through December	2013	2014	2015	2016*			
Aggravated Assault - Firearm	70	73	97	90			
Aggravated Assault - no firearm	239	231	210	204			
Total Ag. Assaults	309	304	307	294	-5%	-3%	-4%
Burglary non residential	48	46	66	70			
Burglary residential	326	290	266	198			
Burglary all	374	336	332	268	-28%	-20%	-19%
Homicide *	9	12	8	9	0%	-25%	13%
Robbery - firearm	105	127	148	94			
Robbery - no Firearm	176	167	184	142			
Total Robbery	281	294	332	236	-16%	-20%	-29%
Thefts from vehicle	368	324	318	348			
Thefts	545	571	559	519			
Thefts total	913	895	877	867	-5%	-3%	-1%
Firearm crimes	175	200	245	184	5%	-8%	-25%
* 2 added to homicide and subtracted from ag assault firearm on 3/23 1600 block of Pratt street							

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the physical address and names of
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contact information if you would
like them to follow up with you
directly.

Representative Jason Dawkins' office is moving

to 4667 Paul Street (right off Frankford Avenue in the newly renovated Daral building).

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Third Sunday Baptism
Fourth Sunday Communion

Frankford CDC Gets Boost from State Program

By Bob Smiley

The Frankford Community Development Corporation announced its award through Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program – Neighborhood Partnership Program!

Through this program, the Frankford CDC has partnered with BB&T Bank for the Neighborhood Assistance Program – Neighborhood Partnership Program tax credit. This is a five-year program that will result in the CDC receiving **\$100,000 each year** for five years.

The CDC will use the funding toward completing renovations on the **Daral Building**, construction of the **Frankford Pause**

Park, and the **Arrott area streetscaping** project. "We are looking forward to this opportunity to fund projects that will help revitalize the heart of Frankford."



Happy 100th Birthday

George F. Milfort celebrates his 100th Birthday on February 2nd. He lives in Frankford on Harrison Street with his wife Marie Lourdes Milfort.

Congratulations George and many more!!!!

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Roman Catholic Mass Schedule

**Padre Pio Prayer Center at
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Monday and Wednesday: 7:00 PM
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 7:30 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM (Spanish)

The chapel is open for private prayer
Monday to Friday from 7 PM to 9 PM

**Holy Innocents Church
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Saturday Vigil
4:30 PM (English)

Sunday
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12:00 PM (Spanish)
5:00 PM (Vietnamese)

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By Richard W. Johnson

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Clancey Carr Jr., Army

Christine Carter, Navy

Curt Carter, Navy

Ollie Carter, Marines

Winston Charleston, Army

Frank Cherry, Army

William Chippey, Army

Jon Clodfelter, Army

Clayton Cole, Marines

Clayton Cole Jr., Navy

Floyd R. Coleman, Marines

Harry Collins, Navy

Jerry Collins, Navy

John Collins, Army

Paul Collins, Army

Robert Collins, Army

Donald A. Cosby, Navy

By Richard W. Johnson



Donald M. Cosby, Navy

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Henry Cosby, Army

Melvin Cosby, Navy

Joseph Costello, Army

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Allen Craig, Navy

Arthur Craig, Navy

Sonny Craig*, Navy

Edward Crenshaw, Navy

Freddie Crenshaw, Army

Lowell Dandridge, Army

Emanuel Daniel, Army

Charles W. Daut**, Marines

Louis Dawkins, Marines

Franklin Daniel, Army

Kelly Debman, Army

George Dennis, Army

George Dennis, Air Force

Louis Dennis, Army

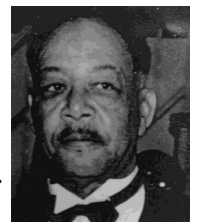
Clyde Lem Hairston

**Veteran killed in action

* Veteran is deceased

Clyde Lem Hairston was born on November 15, 1930 in Martinsville, Virginia. Clyde was educated in the Martinsville public schools and Charity Christian Church. Clyde enlisted in the United States Army in 1951. While serving, he received numerous awards and certificates and was honorably discharged in 1953.

Clyde moved to Philadelphia and was an employee at Messinger Bearing Company for many years. He became a faithful member of Northeast Baptist Church located in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. Clyde left Philadelphia and moved to Wadesboro, North Carolina and was employed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for many years and retired. Clyde, after two years of retirement, went back to work and was employed by Tyson Foods Company of Monroe, North Carolina. Clyde was a dedicated husband and family man and loved by all who knew him. Clyde was also a veteran member of Lloyd C. Wilson American Legion Post 224 in the Frankford section.



Clyde Lem Hairston, rest in peace.

Coming Up in Frankford

Live Music - Each Saturday 7pm - 10pm - - Great Awakenings Cafe, 1466 E Cheltenham Ave.

Keep the Faith in Frankford Meeting - Each Wednesday 6:30pm - 8pm - St. Marks, 4442 Frankford ave.

Children's Story and Craft Hour - Each Thursday 10am - 11am - Great Awakenings Cafe, 1466 E Cheltenham Ave. Ages 2 to 5

Power Circle - Every Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Northeast Frankford Boys and Girls Club, 1709 Kinsey Street - For teens 14 to 18 - - Light dinner, resources, guest speakers, open discussion

Fitness @Frankford! - Every Monday, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Exercise to our wonderful collection of fitness instruction videos. Open to Adults and Teens, Every Monday

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, February 2, 7pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, February 5, 12pm - 5pm, 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM: 'Lincoln's White House: The People's House in Wartime' by author, historian James Conroy FREE & Open to the public! (215) 289-6484 • www.garmuslib.org

Frankford Forward - Mon, February 6, 6:00pm, St. Marks, 4442 Frankford Ave. - Frankford Forward February Fest - Bring an appetizer for a social gathering. Beverages will be provided.

Extended Time - with our Digital Resource Specialist - Tue, February 7, 10am - 12pm, Frankford Branch, 4634 Frankford Ave. - Do you need more time on a computer to type a paper, write e-mails, search for and apply for jobs? Join us every first Tuesday for extended, two-hour computer sessions. Our Digital Resource Specialist will be available at this time to answer your computer questions. Space will be limited.

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime - Wed, February 8, 6pm - 7pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue -For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting - Thu, February 9, 7pm, 2nd Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow St.

Minecraft Club - Sat, February 11, 12pm - 1pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Come build and play Minecraft with other kids, ages 8 to 14. Your host will be librarian Mr. Pagan. We'll be playing in peaceful mode only!

Post 224 Monthly Meeting - Sat, February 6, 330 PM to 430PM, Lloyd C. Wilson American Legion Post, 2006 Orthodox Street.

Movies and Popcorn - Wed, February 15, 3:15pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Come enjoy a movie and freshly made popcorn with our new popcorn maker.

Teen Third Thursday - Thu, February 16, 4:30pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Crafts, games and fun for Teens Only. Snacks will be provided.

Preschool Storytime - Tue, February 21, 11am, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan.

Frankford Business and Professional Association - Tue, February 21, 12pm - 2pm, Aria - Jefferson Health, Frankford Campus, 4900 Frankford Ave

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, February 21, 7pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St

Extended Computer Time - Wed, February 22, 12pm - 2pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Brush up on your computer skills with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited. Every other Wednesday - 12p-2p

Wii with Vince - Wed, February 22, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Come play your favorite Wii games with Mr. Vince on the 4th Wednesday of the month. For Teens and school-aged kids.

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15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, February 23, 7pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave

FAFSA Help - Fri, February 24, 12pm - 2pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Join our Digital Resources Specialist, who will be on hand to

help with the FAFSA form. It may be helpful to have your financial information with you. Please note that we are not financial aid experts. Space may be limited.

Community Law School Day - Sat, February 25, 10:00am - 2:30pm, Community College of Philadelphia Center for Business and Industry (18th & Callowhill) - A free day of education and skill building for the community and community advocates, featuring opening remarks from Philadelphia City Councilman Curtis Jones. Learn about: • Child custody • Rental housing law and your rights as a tenant • Negotiation • Representing yourself in court • Cutting through red tape to get public benefits and services • Your rights when dealing with the police • Finding legal help and information online

Mr. Pagan's Reading Club for Boys - Sat, February 25, 2pm - 3pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Come to listen and talk about fun, interesting scary books for boys ages 9 to 12 and to do a fun activity. Members are eligible to win books. Come and join PRCB.

Senior Breakfast - Tue, February 28, 8am - 10am, Aria Health, Frankford - 2nd floor cafeteria - Aria will provide our community seniors with monthly, insightful tips and information on issues that are directly affecting you and your health. Breakfast will be provided free of charge. To reserve your seat call 1-877-808-2742 and then press 2.

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1657 Kinsey Street

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Services at Faith Assembly of God 1926 Margaret St

Sunday 11 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

Friday 7:30 P.M.

St. James Lutheran Church

Castor Ave. at Pratt St.

It's Time For Church

Christ Fellowship Christian Church

Pastor Ronald W. Gayle Sr

1639 Harrison St. Phila Pa. 19124

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Wednesday Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.

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