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The Killing Streets

By Bob Smiley

There have been 11 homicides in Frankford so far, this year. Below are listed the names of the people who were victims of homicide and the circumstances of the crime that took their lives. They were people with futures and possibilities that were lost the instant they died. They left wives, parents, children and friends behind. They should not be anonymous nor forgotten.

Eric Robinson, 35, (no picture available) was talking to a woman on the sidewalk outside of a business about 8:30 PM on the 4500 block of Melrose Street on Thursday, January 12th. A man, who had been waiting inside the business then exited and fired 7 shots, killing him. **No arrest has been made in this case.**



Emanuel Ervin from the Philadelphia Obituary Project

Emanuel Ervin, 21-year-old father of a 4 year old son, was shot in the head, neck and chest on Tuesday, January 31st at about 9 PM at 4825 Tackawanna Street. He was taken to Einstein Hospital where he later died. **No arrest has been made in this case.**



Harold Aiken from the Philadelphia Obituary Project

Harold Aiken, 23, was shot in the head and hand on Tuesday, April 4th, on the 2000 block of Bridge Street at about 9:15 PM. He was rushed to Aria Hospital Torresdale where he died the next day. **No arrest has been made in this case.**



Kenyon Childs from the Philadelphia Obituary Project

Kenyon Childs, 27 years old, died of injuries when he was shot multiple times in the head and torso at about 11:20 AM on the 1300 block of Bridge Street near Oakland on June 19th at about 7:20 AM. He lived on the 5300 block of Castor Avenue. **No arrest has been made in this case.**

Kristian Scott, (no picture available) 24 year old father of a 3 year old son, was walking along Torresdale Avenue near Scattergood Street on Wednesday, June 21st at about 9:30 PM when someone came up to him and fired 3 shots with 2 of them hitting him in the chest. Officers took him to Aria Health-Torresdale where he died the next morning. **No arrest has been made in this case.**



Robert DePaul, 45, and August Dempsey from Facebook

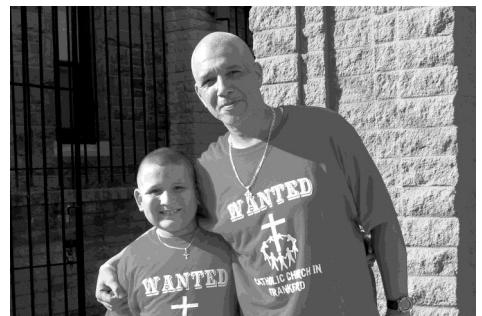
been made in this case.

Robert DePaul, 45, and **August Dempsey**, 42, were a couple who were shot by their next-door neighbor on July 15th at about 10 PM on the 4700 block of James Street. Kenneth D. Hoyle has been arrested and charged.

Michelle Saint-Aude, 25, (no picture available) was shot several times by a former boyfriend on the July 18th about 1:10 PM on the 1200 block of Sanger Street. She was transported to Einstein Hospital where she was pronounced dead. The shooter was identified by police and after a 7 hour standoff, took his own life.

Jose Reyes, 37, (no picture available) was on the 1600 block of Margaret Street on July 16th at about 9:25 PM when he was shot and killed in an apparent robbery. **No arrest has been made in this case.**

Jamie Ricks, 54 year old father of two, was shot and killed in an apparent attempted robbery on Friday, September 1st at 1:15 AM on his way home from work. **No arrest has been made in this case.**



Jamie Ricks and son Riley at St. Joachim in 2013

Michael Jones, 25, (no picture available) was shot and killed on the 1500 block of Dyre Street right at the 7-Eleven on Frankford Avenue. **No arrest has been made in this case.**

You can see that no arrest has been made in most of these cases. If you information about any of these crimes, you can make an anonymous tip. Call 215.686.TIPS (8477) or email tips@phillypolice.com. Include as many details as you can.

Frankford NAC Zoning Approves Three

By Christine DeJesus

At the Frankford NAC zoning meeting on September 14th:

4656 Worth Street – Zoned as RSA-5 residential. Applicant was requesting a variance to have a small Childcare Center. Charles Smith (applicant) was answering questions on the qualifications of owning, operating, and teaching in a child care setting. Space is a little bit over 1,700 sq. ft. So, they are not sure what the State will grant as far as how many children they are able to legally have. State comes in and measure usable space and divide that number by 40. This will give you the amount



4656 Worth Street from Google Street View

of children you can have. One person voted to approve. Variance was approved.

1541 Adams Avenue – Zoned as RSA-5 residential. Houses were once on this property but now is a vacant corner lot located near Womrath Park. Applicant (Ismaila Traorle) was seeking a variance to operate a car sales on the lot. Although there were some concerns of additional cars being



1541 Adams Ave. from Google Street View

parked on the street, there was no one present who was qualified to vote. So, a letter of non opposition will be sent with a proviso stating no cars from the lot shall be parked on the street or on the sidewalk.

4601 Frankford Avenue – Zoned as CMX-2 Commercial. Applicant (Fernando



4501 Frankford Ave. Orthodox St. entrance from Google Street View

Torres) from Mark My Flesh tattoo shop came back to us because his first visit granted him permission but he had to come back to us in 3 years. This time around there were no opposition and no one qualified to vote. He had a letter of support from FBPA and residents who were there said that they were excellent neighbors and didn't mind that they were there.

The next Frankford NAC zoning meeting will be held on October 12th at 7 PM at a location to be announced.

Community Day Block Party on Worth Street

By Bob Smiley

The 4500 block of Worth Street Residents Association sponsored a block party and community day on August 16th from 10AM to 6 PM. The event was in partnership with the Micah Mizz Fisher Foundation and the Globe Dye Works. The day also saw the Donovan Williams Memorial basketball tournament for kids 8 years and older.



There was free food and information resources from many groups including Townwatch Integrated Services with Ronald Ryan.

Congratulations to **Kasey Fisher** for organizing the event and uniting her neighbors to work together for a better community.



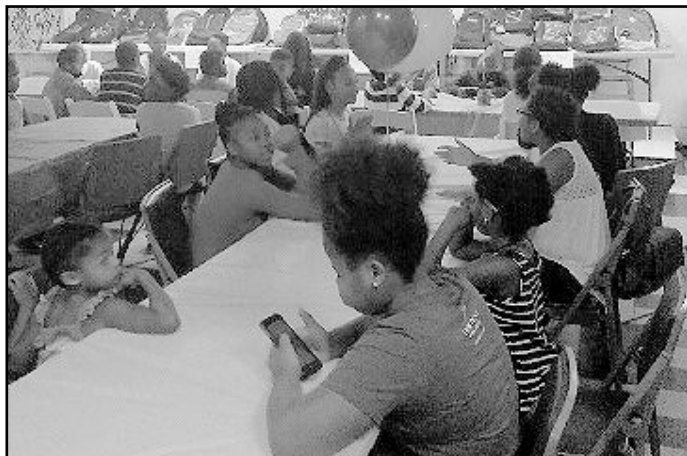
It's Back to School

By Bob Smiley

The **Northeast Baptist Church**, under the leadership of Pastor Rev. J. A. Mason, Sr., at 4744 Tackawanna Street, held a book bag give away on September 2nd. Photos by Donna Flowers.



In addition to distributing 80 book bags, the children also enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos n cheese and fried Oreos n ice cream. Wish I was there, it looks like they had a good time.



The **Power Circle Mentors** sponsored a back to school drive on September 3rd. Over 200 kids got free haircuts & hairstyles and over 300 free bookbags were distributed. Photo below from Latifah Waddy



Happy anniversary!!!

to
Al and Laura Rosen who celebrated
their **69th**
Wedding Anniversary on September
18th.

**POWER
CIRCLE**

Walk/Run
4FrankfordFundraiser

FRANKFORD'S 2ND ANNUAL 5K WALK/RUN

Register at:

<https://www.raceentry.com/races/run-4-frankford-fundraiser/2017/register>

Hashtag
#PCRUN4FKD

On-site Registration: Fee \$25

OPENS at 8:00am

Race to start at 9:00am

Online registration OPENS June 1, 2017

Online registration is preferred however walk-ins are Welcome as well.

In-person, registration fees are payable by check or cash.

Check payable to the "Power Circle"

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Frankford Field

1074 Dyre Street

Philadelphia, PA 19124

RACE DAY:

7:00AM REGISTRATION

7:30AM WARM UP

8:00AM WALKERS START

8:30AM RUNNERS START

10:00AM MEDAL CEREMONY



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By Richard W. Johnson

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR SERVICE

They Protected this Country with their Lives—— So we can enjoy ours.

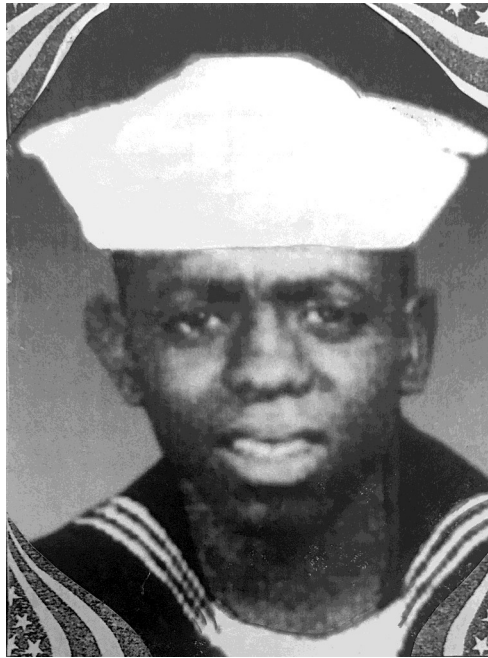
☆ Army ☆ Air Force ☆ Navy ☆ Marines ☆ Coast Guard ☆ National Guard ☆

Veteran of the Month—Leonard B. Brantley

Name Branch

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Niblock, Earl (Wayne) - Marines
 Nix, Angelita* - Marines
 Charles T., O'Brien* - Army
 Parker, William M.* - Marines
 Perry Jr., Raymond W. - Navy
 Pierce, Walter G. - Army
 Pittman, Arron - Navy
 Pittman, Charles - Air Force
 Pittman, Thomas -
 Porter, Nathan - Navy
 Prescott, Fred A.* - Army Air Corps.
 Prescott, Fred C. - Air Force
 Pryor, William* - Army
 Randolph Sr., Charles* - Army
 Randolph, Wallace* - Army
 Randolph, William - Army
 Randolph Jr., Charles - Army
 Reddman, Doctor - Army
 Rice, Walter - Army



Richard G., Higgins - Air Force
 Rivera, David - Army
 Rivera, Jonathan - Air Force
 Roberson, Shelly - Army
 Robinson, Nathan* - Army
 Robinson, Phil - Army
 Robson, James - Army
 Rose, Robert - Marines
 Salamatin, Jimmy - Army
 Salamatin, Timmy - Marines
 Scott, James - Army
 Seawright, James * - Air Force
 Sharp, Silas - Navy
 Siegmann, Warren H.* - Navy
 Sirman, Donald S. ** - Air Corps
 Smiley, Gilford D.* - C. Guard Res.
 Smiley, Joseph W. - Air Force
 Smiley, Robert F. - Air Force
 Sorden, Kevin - Army
 Sorendino, Jane - Army

*Veteran is deceased

**Veteran died in service

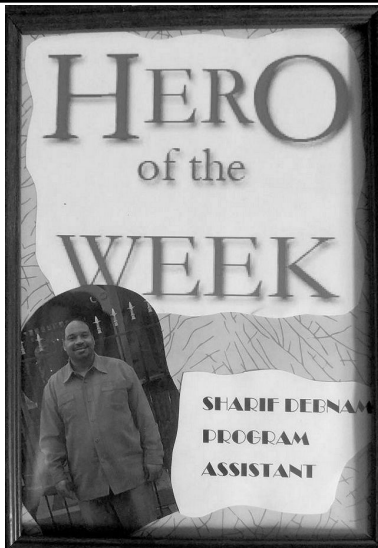
Leonard B. Brantley was born on February 12th, 1948 in the Northeast section of Philadelphia. Lenny, as he was known, attended Hamilton Disston Elementary School and went to Lincoln High School and also Philadelphia Community College. Lenny was baptized at an early age at Star of Hope Baptist Church in Tacony.

Lenny joined the U.S. Navy in 1966 and was shipped to Great Lakes, Illinois for his basic training. Upon completion of his basic training, he was assigned to various ships and traveled to many Naval bases around the world. During the Vietnam war, he was assigned to an anti-aircraft ship in the Asian seas.

Lenny received various medals and certificates and was promoted to the rank of P. O. (Petty Officer) 3rd class. Lenny served for 3 years and was honorably discharged for medical reasons. Lenny was employed at various jobs such as Acme Metal, ATT Metal Company and then went to work for the U.S. Postal Service.

He loved to travel New York and Vegas. He loved the nightlife and nightclub scene. He was the life of every party or family gathering. Lenny was a sharp dresser and loved the Arts, haircutting and hair styling. He was very much loved by his family and friends and he will be greatly missed.

Rest in peace Lenny and thank you for your service.



A big congratulations to **Sharif Debnam**. He greets me every time I deliver the Gazette to the club. He makes everyone feel welcome when they walk in there. Below is the citation from the Club's Facebook page.

Hero of the Week is Sharif Debnam! Sharif has been a part of the Boys & Girls Club movement for 17 years! Sharif has been at the Northeast Frankford Club for all this time and has truly become an integral part of the Northeast Frankford Club!

Sharif does it all, from the front desk, to data collection, to mentoring our youth. The Club would not be the same without him and we all want him to know how much he is appreciated! Thank you Sharif for all you do for all youth!

Event is free!
Saturday, Oct. 14
Rain or Shine
10 AM - 2 PM
St. Mark's Church
Parking Lot
Activities & Games
Refreshments



Keep the Faith in Frankford's 4th Annual Community Spirit Day Honoring Al Stark, Jr.



St. Mark's Church Parking Lot
4442 Frankford Avenue All are invited and welcome!

Saturday, October 14 10 AM - 2 PM
Rain or Shine!

Al Stark, Jr., longtime Frankford resident, was devoted to his family and to his Church - St. Joachim. Al believed in asking questions and righting injustices whenever or wherever he saw them. He used his energies for a better Frankford! Al set a high bar for us with his example.

IS THIS TRUE

Once Upon a Time someone said,
that dancing skeletons and flying witches are
all in your head.
and if you believe this story, and this story may
be true,
before you go to bed this is what you do.
look in the mirror and if you see you,
then you know this story about Halloween, real-
ly isn't true.

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Lenny Jaynes

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5:00-6:00 PM



Ages 13-16
Tues. & Thurs.
6:00-7:30 PM

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Robert F. Smiley
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Contact Ned Johnson 267-379-6668
Or
Bob Smiley 215-847-5506



**Craig and Josiah at the Frankford Civic meeting
on September 7th look like they are taking notes.**

Thanks to all who attended in September. The next meeting of the Frankford Civic Association will be on October 5th at 7 PM at St. Mark's Church at 4442 Frankford Avenue.

By Grace Alone Frankford Church

Where people who come in feel ACCEPTED and are sent out TRANSFORMED and EQUIPPED with the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information call 215-537-1263

1300 Dyre Street on Sunday at 12 Noon
Starting on September 10th 2:30 PM

Second Baptist Church of Frankford
Rev. Darrell R. Bradsbery, Pastor
1801 Meadow Street



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Founder, L.E.A.D. Ministries



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3 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

“WOMEN'S HEALTH: STD FACTS”
Danielle Parks
Public Health Consultant



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017
9:30 A.M. – 2 P.M.

New Beginning Church of
Philadelphia
5185 Castor Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19124

TO REGISTER FOR THIS
WORKSHOP, PLEASE CONTACT:

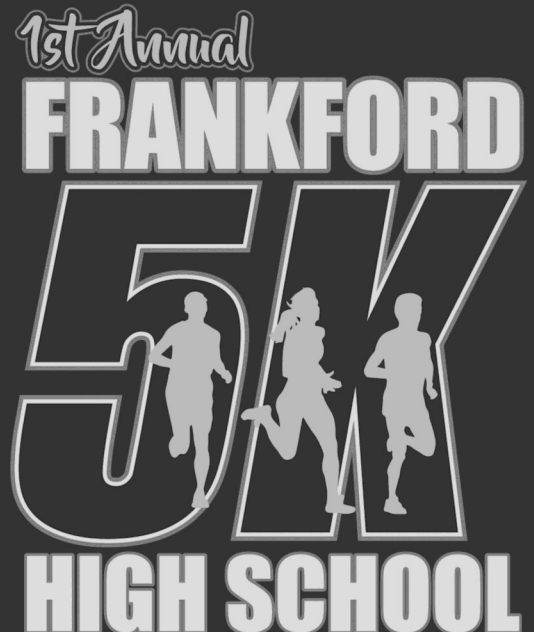
Caroline Payton,
267-266-2310
or
house.of.win1@gmail.com

****REGISTER TODAY** -- **NO CHILDREN ALLOWED****

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****FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING BY JEFFERSON HOSPITAL**

**1ST ANNUAL FRANKFORD
HIGH 5K**



Date: September 30, 2017
Event Start Time 8:00 am
Location: 5000 Oxford Ave
Cost: \$20-Adults / \$10- Students
Includes T-shirt, Race Bib and Refreshments

QUESTIONS? EMAIL
FRANKFORD5K@GMAIL.COM

Coming Up in Frankford

First Annual Frankford High School 5K - Sat, September 30, 8am - 11am, 5000 Oxford Ave, Email for more information: frankford5k@gmail.com

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, October 1, 12pm - 5pm, 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM:

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, October 3, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leiper Streets. This park has been resurrected and now hosts events almost every month of the year but it can't do it without your active participation. New members needed. Join us the first Tuesday of the month. We meet in the Park from May to September.

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, October 5, 7pm - 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Historical Society of Frankford - Tue, October 10, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, 1507 Orthodox St. -

THE NATURAL WORLD UNDER GLASS John Whitenight, www.underglassvictorianobsession.com John is a retired art teacher and an avid collector, author, and lecturer on Victorian Glass Domes which were a prominent fixture in the parlors of many 19th Century homes. Within the domes were arrangements of dried flowers and wax fruit, as well as constructions from nature which included taxidermied birds, wildlife, and even deceased pets. The Historical Society's collection of Victorian Parlor Domes from homes in Frankford will be displayed.

Free Nature Walk - Wed, October 11, 9:30am - 11:30am, I St and Ramona Ave. - Join Environmental Educator Judith Gratz for this FREE nature walk. This month's theme: "The materials of life used again and again" RSVP: Contact Doryán at

doryan@ttfwatershed.org/215.744.1853

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Zoning Meeting - Thu, October 12, 7pm

Empowerment Workshop by House of W.I.N. - Sat, October 14, 9:30am - 2:00pm, New Beginnings Church, 5185 Castor Avenue -Let it Go and Grow into the new you. Contact Caroline Payton for details and to register - 267-266-2310 or email house.of.win1@gmail.com

4th Annual Community Spirit Day Honoring Al Stark Jr. - Saturday, Oct 14, 10 AM to 2 PM, St Mark's Church parking lot, 4442 Frankford Ave - Activities, games, refreshments, community resources

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, October 17, 7pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St

Run 4 Frankford 5K - Sat, October 21, 7:00am - 10:30am, Frankford Field, 1074 Dyre Street - 2nd Annual - register online at <https://www.raceentry.com/races/run-4-frankford-fundraiser/2017/register> or walk in register 7 AM

15th Police District PSAI Meeting - Thu, October 26, 7pm - 8pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave.

Senior Breakfast - Tue, October 31, 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.

Fall Programming at Frankford Library

Teen Third Thursdays - Crafts, games and fun for Teens Only. 3rd Thursday of the month | 4:30 p.m. - September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 15

Adult/Teen Laptop Lounge - Brush up on your computer skills using our in-house laptops with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited. Mondays 5:30p-6:30p - October 2, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18

Resume Open Lab - Need help with your resume. Come to our resume open lab with extended laptop time. Thursdays 11a-1p - October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14, 21

Wii Wednesdays with Vince - Come play your favorite Wii games with Mr. Vince. For Teens and school-aged kids. 4th Wednesday of the month | 4:30 p.m. - September 27, October 25, December 27

Frankford's Lego Playtime - Come to build with our Lego collection along with other kids ages 6 to 12. Your host will be children's librarian Mr. Pagán. Call or stop by to sign up. Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - November 4, December 2,

Frankford Library Minecraft Club - Come build and play Minecraft with other kids, ages 8 to 12. Your host will be librarian Mr. Pagán. We'll be playing in peaceful mode only! Call or stop by to sign up. Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - October 21, November 18, December 16

Preschool Storytime with Mr. Pagán - Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to come to listen to stories, do fingerplays and sing songs with children's librarian Mr. Pagán. First and third Tuesdays of every month at 11:00 AM - September 5 and 19, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, December 5 and 19

Frankford's Friday Movie of the Month - Come the second Wednesday of every month and watch a fun family movie hosted by librarian Mr. Pagán. Come one time, or all the time! Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. September 13 - An American Tail, October 11 - Aladdin, November 8 - The Princess and the Frog, December 13 - The Little Prince (2015)

Block Building Parties - Block Party! Wooden Block Party in the library. On the first Wednesday of the month, join librarian Mr. Pagán to build whatever you want with our collection of over 2,000 blocks, signs and figures! Children ages 4 and up are encouraged to build, create, and play! Come one time, or all the time. Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. | September 6, October 4, November 8, December 6, 2017

Services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church

4442 Frankford Ave.

**8:30AM SIMPLE AND
SHORT WORSHIP**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00am
10:00AM Main WORSHIP SERVICE**

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN MINISTRY

at St. Joachim's Catholic Chapel



Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 7:30 AM
Monday, Wednesday - 7:00 PM
Saturday - 8am (Spanish)

Chapel is open for personal prayer
From 7 to 9pm, Monday through Friday

Chapel is on the corner of Church St. and Griscom St.
Schedule will begin Monday, January 9th

We are here for you! All are welcome.



Campbell AME Church

1657 Kinsey Street

Church Office: 215-288-2748

Email: campbella.m.e.frankford@gmail.com

St. James Lutheran Church

5185 Castor Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19124

215-743-1828

www.StJamesPhilly.com

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

Friday Night Youth Ministry (4th to 12th

Grade): 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Services at Faith Assembly of God

1926 Margaret St

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Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
Friday 7:30 P.M.



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