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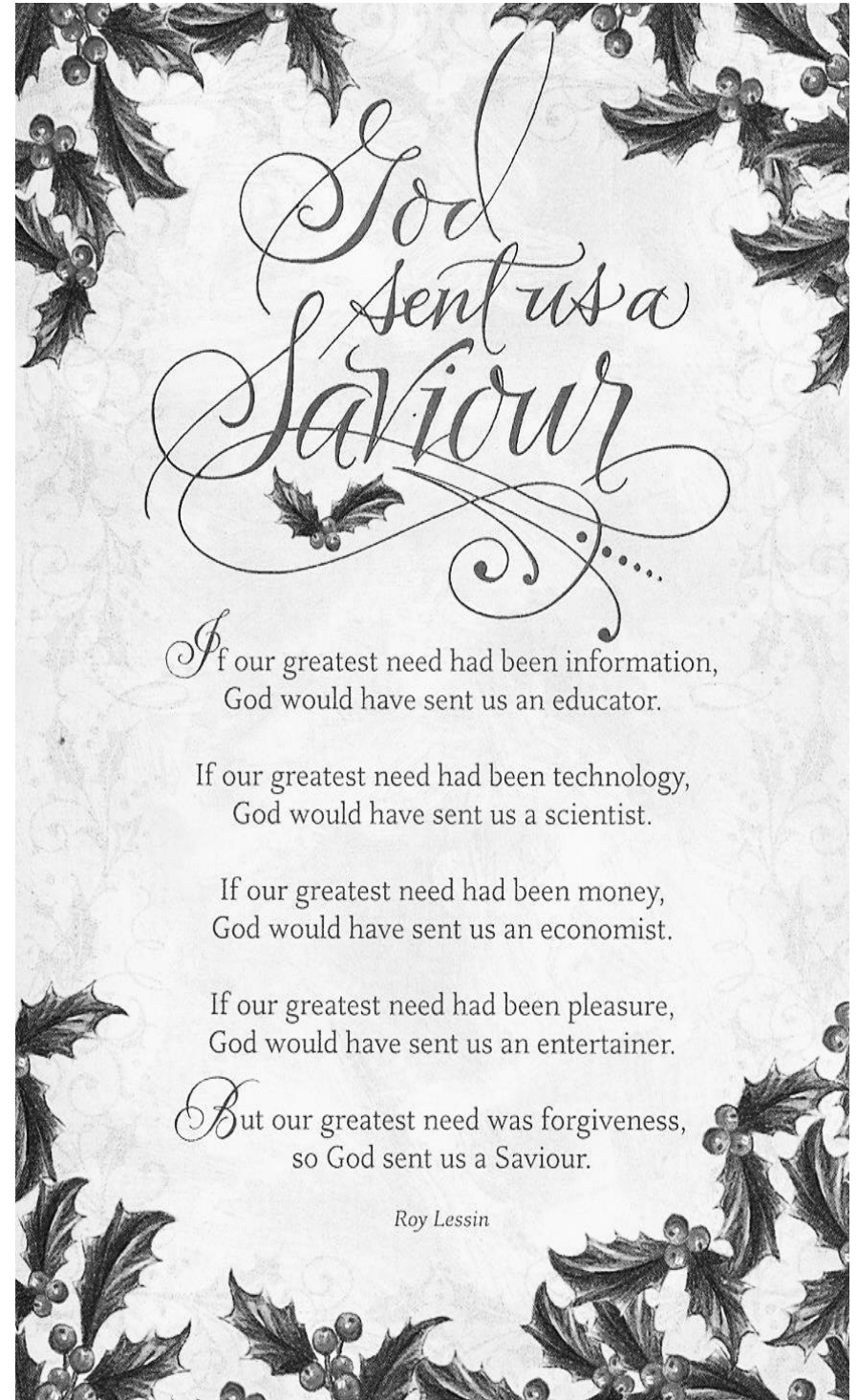
Communion Sunday
Merry Christmas!!
Sunday, December 20, 2015

2015 Theme: "Standing the Duty" 2 Timothy 1:3

Church Vision: The vision of GLZBC is to reach the unsaved with the saving message of Jesus Christ. *Matthew 28:19-20*

Church Mission: The mission of GLZBC is to lead everyone to a full life of development in Christ.

Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr., Pastor
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God
sent us a
Saviour

If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness,
so God sent us a Saviour.

Roy Lessin

Prayer List

Bro. William Colbert
Sis. Barbara Collins
Sis. Annie & Bro. Ted Davis - Health & Sickness Concerns
Sis. Jonni Davis (Sis. Christian Davis' mother)
Sis. Romelia Hampton (Sisters Cynthia Hill & Elanese Pitts' aunt)
Mother Birthe Howard, Manor Care - Fair Oaks
Sis. Geraldine Law (Bro. Stephen Hill's sister)
Sis. Mammie Majors (Sis. Barbra Murphy's sister)
Sis. Louise McClenic, Hospice in Akron, Ohio (Patricia McClenic's mother-in-law)
Bro. Roosevelt Milton
Deacon James Paige, Sr. - Health concerns (Sis. Malinda Paige's father-in-law)
Sis. Ruby Parker - Health & Sickness Concerns (Sis. Brenda Perkin-Johnson's aunt)
Sis. Tyra Parkey - Health & Sickness Concerns (Sis. Brenda Perkin-Johnson's Cousin)
Bro. Nathaniel Payne (Bro. Stephen Hill's friend)
Sis. Mariah Pitts (Sis. Elanese Pitts' daughter)
Bro. George Reese (Sis. Donna Reese's husband)
Sis. Cynthia Roper's brother-in-law
Sis. Carole Sadler (Sis. Joanne Tibbs' friend)
Bro. Brandon Scott (Bro. Stephen Hill's friend)
Sis. Doris Smith - Health & Sickness Concerns (Sis. Agnes Sorrel's friend)
Sis. Annette Torian (Sis. Barbra Murphy's niece)
Sis. Joan Tyree
Bro. Lester Newton, III (Deacon Don Newton's great-nephew)
Sis. Carol Ann Walker

Mourning the loss of a loved one:

Sis. Christine Davis (Death of her father)
Bro. James McCoy (Death of his cousin)
Sis. Joan Tyree and Family (Death of her mother-in-law)

Dedication of Firstborn

Daily Bible Readings of this week:

Monday	Leviticus 20:7-8, 22-24
Tuesday	2 Chronicles 30:5-12
Wednesday	Judges 13:2-5, 24-25
Thursday	1 Samuel 1:11, 20, 24-28
Friday	1 Samuel 16:10-13
Saturday	Acts 9:1-6
Sunday	Exodus 13:13-15; Luke 2:22-32



CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, towards its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of a difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the services we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will towards all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Saviour in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

- 7:45 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Service - Each one bring one
- 7:45 and 10:45 a.m. Children's Church 1st and 3rd Sunday (OS)
- 7:45 and 10:45 a.m. Youth Church 1st and 3rd Sunday (FH)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 5th Sunday
- 9:45 –10:30 a.m. Sunday School - POC: Bro. Jeffery Allen, Sr., Superintendent – 5th Sunday - Pastor Murphy is the Adult Class facilitator. December – February 2015, Theme: "Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings"
- 9:45 – 10:15 a.m. Morning Prayer period – Main Sanctuary POC: Prayer Ministry
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 5th Sunday
- 1:00 p.m. Pastor's Aide Ministry Meeting 1st Sunday (FH) - POC: Bro. James McCoy
- 1:00 p.m. Family Ministry – Family Prayer Day, 3rd Sunday upstairs in the prayer room.
Theme: Sharing the Gift! For the Family Prayer focus prayer for the month of December: As we progress through the month, may we always remember that in all our family challenges and triumphs we are not alone, that the HOLY SPIRIT is always with us. When life has gotten too hard to utter prayer and our faith is being tested, depend on the HOLY SPIRIT to intercede and be with you. You are not alone! *Scriptures: Ephesians 1:4-6; 2:8: Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved 2:8: for by grace you have been saved through faith, and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.* POCs: Deacon Anthony & Deacon Terri Bazemore
- 1:00 p.m. Game of Chess, Food, Fun and Fellowship, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service, every 2nd Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. POC: Bro Al Hayes and Sis. LaKita Jones
- 1:30 p.m. Christian Education Ministry Meeting 1st Sunday – POC: Sis. La Kita Jones
- 1:30 p.m. Cancer Support Team Meeting (CR) 2nd Sunday – POC: Sis. Christine Davis

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Church Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday

- 6:30 p.m. Academic Enrichment (Tutoring) POC: Deacon Dr. Al Moseley
- 7:00 p.m. Zion Inspirational Choir Rehearsal (except the Tuesday after the 1st Sunday)
- 7:00 p.m. Music and Performing Arts Council meeting Tuesday before the 1st Sunday
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting 2nd Tuesday (CR) – POC: Sis. Dolores Claytor
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Training 2nd Tuesday
- 7:30 p.m. Hospitality Ministry Meeting 4th Tuesday (Kitchen) – POC: Sis. Carmen Holt

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting - A one-hour group session led by the Deacon Ministry. Come and pray with us. Location: Old Sanctuary *All are welcome*
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) *All are welcome*

Thursday

- 6:00–8:00 p.m. GLZ Praise Dancers Ministry Rehearsal (MS 6–7 p.m. & FH 7–8 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Meeting 1st and 2nd Thursday (OS) POC: Sis. Cynthia Turner
- 7:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Meeting 1st Thursday
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Junior Ushers' Meeting 4th Thursday (OS)
- 7:30 p.m. Missionary Ministry Meeting 3rd Thursday (CR)
- 7:30 p.m. Youthful Praise of Zion Choir Rehearsal (MS)
- 7:30 p.m. Women of Zion Choir Rehearsal Thursday after the 2nd Sunday

Friday

- 7:00 p.m. Baptism Orientation 1st Friday (CR) – POC: Rev. Estelle Chandler
- 7:00 p.m. Zion Inspirational Choir Rehearsal Friday before the 1st Sunday

Saturday

- 7:30 a.m. Monthly Deacons Meeting 3rd Saturday (CR) Special on-call teleconference held periodically. POC: Deacon Don Newton
- 8:00 a.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast 1st Saturday - POC: Bro. Al Woods
- 9:30–11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 2nd and 4th Saturdays (FH) - POC: Deacon Geraldine Woods
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Ministry Meeting 3rd Saturday (FH) – POC: Rev. Estelle Chandler (Dec. 19th Meeting in the Old Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Beautification Ministry Meeting 3rd Saturdays (CR) – POC: Sis. Annie McLaurin
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Ushers' Ministry Adults Meeting 4th Saturday – POC: Bro. Jimmie Barber
- 10:00 a.m. New Member Orientation 3rd Saturdays
- 11:30 a.m. Church Choir Rehearsal Saturday before the 3rd Sunday
- 12:00 p.m. Women of Zion Choir Rehearsal 2nd & 4th Saturday & the Saturday before the 5th Sunday
- 2:00 p.m. Seniors Ministry Meeting every 3rd Saturday (Pinn Center)

Announcements



Happy Birthday!!

Please join the Pastor's Aide Ministry in wishing our Pastor, Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr. A Happy Birthday Today. May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care!

Merry Christmas!!

Rev. Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr. and Sis. Barbara A. Murphy would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

Thank You!

December 5, 2015

Philemons 1:3 – KJV "Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Reverend Dr. James T. Murphy, Jr., Deacon Donald W. Newton, The Cancer Ministry, The Seasoned Saints Ministry, The Education Ministry, etc. Thank You and the congregation for the many acts of kindness, prayers, and condolences shown to our family during the passing of our beloved Frances Margo Coleman Tyree. Words could never express our gratitude – Thank You.

Thank you for loving my sister in a way as God has ordered each of us to do. When I am in the Fairfax, VA area again, I will visit the church with Sister Joan Tyree.

"Thank You for all the ways you've touched my life with your kindness."

Ella Stanley and Family,
Pleasantville, NJ

Thank You!

To: Greater Little Zion Baptist Church Family "Reverend Murphy and Congregation"

I would like to take the time to say thank you! I'm very proud that my daughter Christine found a church home with such caring and loving people. For all the phone calls, cards, flowers and love shown during the illness and death of our husband and father Clifton Davis. Thank you!

Mattie Davis & Family

Thank You!

To my loving church family,

Where do I start...never did I imagine that at this time I would be going through the hardest thing I have ever had to deal with in my life to this date. I never expected anything from anyone, but the overwhelming love, support, sincerity, generosity, thoughts, cards, calls, text and prayers just warmed my heart and let me know that I wasn't alone and that I am going to get through this. Having you in my corner helps me to smile a little more and to stay positive that I will get through this. So from the bottom of my heart and soul I Thank You for loving, supporting and just being here for and with me. Special thanks to Pastor Murphy and First Lady Barbara Murphy, The Cancer Support Ministry, The Hospitality Ministry, My Moms at the Church (Mrs. Ruby, Judy & Mrs. Woods), Deacons: Newton, Doctor, Diane Reese and Anthony & Terri Bazemore. I love you all and Thank You!! Christine Davis.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are a wonderful way to share the joy and the reason for this wonderful season. And to make it easier, a mailbox is located in the vestibule so that you can exchange Christmas cards. Merry Christmas!

Volunteers Needed For Martin Luther King Service

The 125th Anniversary Planning Committee is looking for interested members and friends to plan a Martin Luther King celebration at Greater Little Zion in January. Please contact Terri Williams-Henderson (703) 861-6238 or tlwh965@hotmail.com. More details to follow. . .

GLZBC Youth Ministry Newsletter

The December 2015 edition of the GLZBC Youth Ministry newsletter is now available online on the church's website and in the vestibule.

Announcements

125th Anniversary Team Meeting

Today, after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Old Sanctuary
POC: Deacon Al Moseley

Office Closed

In observance of the Christmas Holiday, the Admin Office will be closed on Friday, December 25, 2015.

Announcements

Hello Zion,

The admin office will be closed on Friday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday. All announcements must be submitted no later than noon on Monday, December 21, 2015 to be placed in the 4th Sunday Bulletin.

Thank you!
Admin Staff

Reminder

"No Money Mondays"- As we continue our Spending Fast on Mondays, for those of you participating in the 52 Week Saving Challenge, your account balance for the week ending December 26th should be \$1,378.00 or \$1,378.00 (depending on if you started with \$1 or \$52), for the teenagers it should be \$156.00, and the youth age 5 to 12 it should be \$78.00.

Contributions

All contributions must be in by Sunday, December 27, 2015 in order to be counted in the 2015 contributions statement issued by the church.

Watch Night Service

Thursday, December 31, 2015 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

GLZBC Scholarship

Application deadline for spring 2016 semester is **January 3, 2016.**

Applications are in the vestibule.

New applicants should use the white form, and current Recipients should use the green form.
POC: Sis. Rosalind Blunt – rosalingblunt@aol.com, Sis. Marlene Coleman – teachermsc@aol.com

GLZBC Chess Club

Chess Club Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 10th after the 11:00 AM service. Beginners (instructors provided) and experience players are welcomed. We will set aside a special section for checker players to play and socialize. Come out and join us. For questions, please contact Bro. Al Hayes or Sis. LaKita Jones.

Fairfax Central Baptist Sunday School Union 28th Annual Oratorical Event

Topic: "What Is My Responsibility as a Christian to Advance Race Relations in My Country?"

Location: Greater Little Zion Baptist Church

April 2, 2016

The Oratorical rules and regulations, theme topic, and participants' registration form are available in the vestibule.

POCs: Sis. Doris Dunkley: ddunk4glzbc@gmail.com, (703) 451-0510

Bro. Jeffery Allen: (571) 366-0722

"And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

Matthew 25:40 (NLT)



Black History Moment...

Little Known Black History Fact: “A Slaves’ Christmas”



During **slavery**, some slaves were given a day of rest while others were forced to continue work. In some parts of the country, slaves were given a yule log to burn in the big house. As long as the log burned, they were granted rest during the holiday. Sometimes the log would burn until the New Year.

During the days of rest, some slaves would hold quilting bees, with both men and women. It was also sometimes tradition that slaves could keep the money they earned for the sale of goods during the holiday.

While the holiday season was meant to be a joyous occasion, slaves that worked inside the house would be worked hardest during Christmas, as many owners and their families would host Christmas parties.

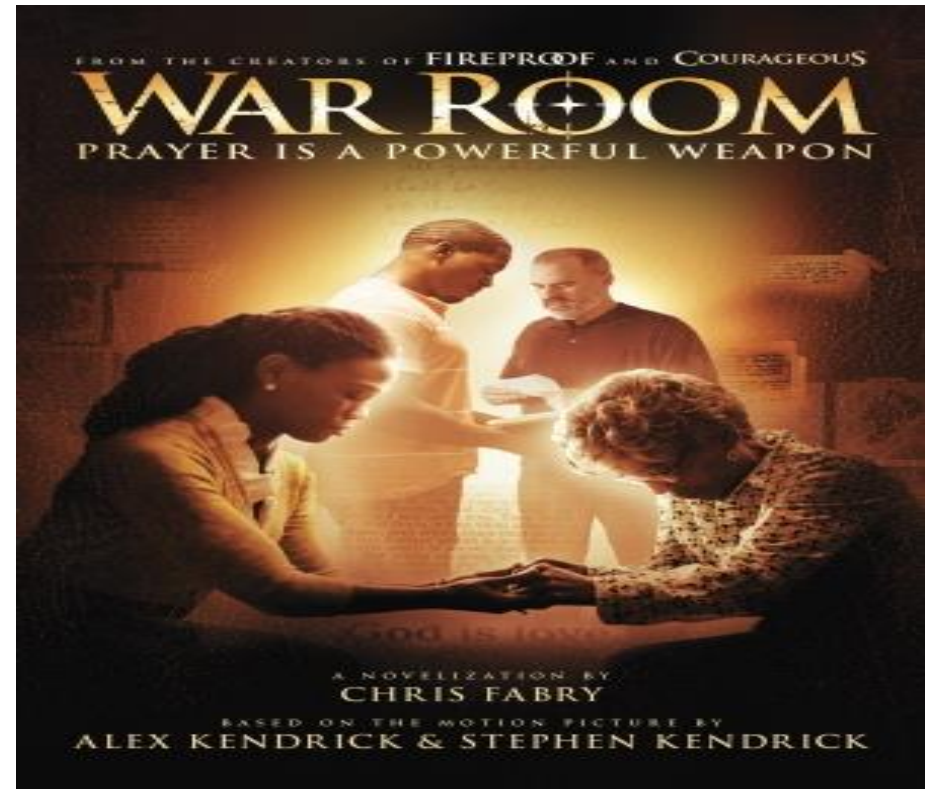
The Christmas holiday would also be a time that some slave-owners gave wine and alcoholic beverages to their slaves. With business still in mind, the effects of alcohol were something unknown to many slaves, and most would overindulge. The increased lounge and slumber would discourage runaways during the break. This was a theory held by abolitionist **Frederick Douglass**. Despite the threat of possible runaways, some slaves were given passes to see nearby relatives during Christmas time and allowed visitors from neighboring plantations.

Along with the traditions of the Christmas holiday in Western culture, slaves had dancing and singing in the slave quarters. Sometimes the white masters would come to the slave quarters to watch the celebration. Parents would give children small, homemade tokens.

Another celebration known as **Jonkonnu**, or a Christmas masquerade, took place on the plantations. It was a basic traveling show in which the slave would put on makeshift costumes and go from house to house to perform for gifts and money.

The traditions of Christmas during slavery were tools for celebration in the harshest working and living conditions for blacks. While the whites in the “big house” were being showered with gifts and feast, they shared a portion of those with their captives, and at the same time, used the opportunity to convince slaves that slavery was their best option for living peacefully and safely among the masters.

<http://blackamericaweb.com/2012/12/23/little-known-black-history-fact-a-slaves-christmas/>



Greater Little Zion Family Ministry Watch Night Movie

“WAR ROOM”

Time: 5 p.m. -7 p.m.

Date: December 31, 2015

Location: GLZBC Fellowship Hall

MEN'S



Ministry

Men of Zion

Join Pastor Murphy on Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28, 2016 @ 7 pm in the Old Sanctuary to discuss "Seven Seasons of a Man's Life" by Patrick Morley. Please contact the Church office (Mrs. Cynthia Hill) to sign up by January 14, 2016. Handouts will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you.

Congratulations!

Sis. Boffman has been selected as an honoree for 59th Annual Eastern Region Usher Conference.

The recognition will be held at the 18th Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., Sheraton Edison Hotel

Ticket donation: \$35.00

Location: Sheraton Edison Hotel Raritan Center

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