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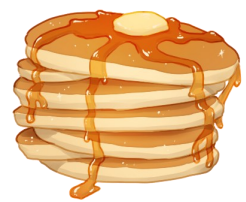
March Dates to Remember!

March 9

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March 17

March 20



Pancake
Brunch @
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It is hard to believe that Lent is already upon us, but it is!

Lent is a journey of self-inspection in looking at our relationship with God and others. It is a time to repent and to seek reconciliation and a time to prepare to fully live the ministry and mission of Christ Jesus.

God calls us to humbly engage the world around us, to repent where that is needed and seek reconciliation where it is needed. God calls us to develop our spiritual formation, that we would seek to be in Christ

Small Groups were developed at Summit with the purpose of living the mission and ministry of Christ



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Changing Lives for Jesus Christ!

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David Perry, *Transitional Pastor*

Carol Novy, *Minister of Education*

Dianna Carr-DiZinno, *Admin. Assistant*

Sunday Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Worship

Other ministries of Summit Church:

•Summit Church's Christian Community Outreach Building

•Loaves & Fishes Food Bank

Directors: Kim Steighner, Luanne Steighner, & a host of volunteers

•HIS Kids Christian School

(PreK--6th grade)

650 Saxonburg Rd.

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Jesus and to expand our spiritual formation. Lent is a good time to look at the mission and ministry of each group and ask the questions: Are we engaged in advancing the Great Commission? Whom are we engaging? If the answer is "I don't know" or "No" then it is time to re-evaluate what your Small Group is doing. The other component of Small Groups is education. What is your group doing to deepen your understanding of God's Word? Again, "nothing" is not an acceptable answer.

If your group needs assistance in either area, please feel free to speak to members of the Vision Team, Carol or myself, we are happy to assist you.

Let this period of Lent be a time of introspection and growth. I encourage you to participate in the Community Services on Wednesdays in Lent at our area Churches and the services that we will be having at Summit.

Let us prepare our hearts for Lent.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor David



*...a quick study of God's edifying Word by R.J. Baker.
Discover the truth and promises intended for every believer.*

REVEALED...WHY JESUS CHOSE PAUL
(Revised & Enhanced Two Combined Earlier Lessons)

Study Verses: 1Tim 1: 1-20; Eph 6: 10-17

Near the end of his life, while imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote what is known as the first of his "Pastoral Letters". This one was sent to Timothy, Paul's beloved and trusted missionary companion. The clear purpose was to protect the young churches they helped to establish. Paul detested false doctrine being spread by certain teachers with an agenda built upon legalism, fables and Jewish genealogies. In the first chapter, Timothy is charged with instructing church leaders to overcome problems that could hinder the value and purpose of Christ's churches in Asia Minor. Hearing of God's grace, mercy and long-suffering would edify converts, and strengthen their faith. Law in itself is not bad! Paul further explains that the law is for the unrighteous...the lawless. It is to cast light on the perversion of...and departure from the goodness of God. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

In Saul of Tarsus, Jesus selected the strictest Jewish legalist, the cruelest of persecutors and the meanest enemy to fervently present His Gospel. By becoming our Lord's bond servant in spirit, Paul praised and thanked Jesus for patience, grace and mercy received. He became the "pattern" for all seeking God's gift of eternal life.

Paul in yet another Holy Spirit-inspired letter, writes to the Church in Ephesus, confirming that Jesus Christ is clearly the Head of the Church: Believers form the body. Christ rules and directs the Church much as our own head controls individual body parts. One part depends on another...all important for the function and wellbeing of that body.

The enemy Christians encounter is greater than "**flesh and blood**" in guile and devilish schemes, as it seeks to destroy the Church. Evil's desperate hierarchy carries out well planned attacks that require each of us to take-up Godly defenses and be prepared to counter-attack with the **WORD**. Recall Jesus' answers to Satan during the forty day desert trial. "**It is written**"...gave the starving and weakened Lord a decisive victory over each wicked proposition. This is a valuable lesson in our recognizing the power we possess in God's enduring Word. We will win the war! "Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil"

Amen



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| 5 Drew Hay | Rebecca Frey |
| 6 Rodney Fleeger | Josh Grippo |
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| 11 Mike Morse | 28 Peggy Peters |
| 12 Nancy Verzilli | 30 Jeanne Rassman |
| 14 Debbie Moyer | 31 Michael Kidder |
| 15 Skip Brown | |

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the Herald, please contact Dianna in the church office. Thanks!



Herald Assembly Team for the April issue:

Dave Faust
Cheryl Rumbaugh
Ernie & Nancy Hall

Kathi Fischer
Amanda Galvan



Articles for the February Herald are due to the church office by Monday, March 17. Thanks!

February 4, 2025

HKCS Board Meeting Summary

February meeting-Bernie Elder from the Sylvania Foundation came to speak about our partnership with them and what they are doing. They are improving the property by adding campsites, building a pavilion by the pond, enlarging the bee sanctuary and more! Anyone is welcome to visit any time. They have committed to sponsoring a STEAM teacher and are excited about the upcoming year and committed to HIS Kids exclusively.

We did hire a full time teacher for the STEAM position. She will be teaching science to all grades and developing a curriculum that includes Sylvania's mission and utilizing the greenhouse, etc.

The Ag mobile classroom will be coming to the school March 31 - April 4. The teachers have had orientation and are excited about this opportunity.

There is talk about starting HIS Little Kids again for 2 year olds. Spring BASH plans are underway. Advertising on a few billboards is happening in Feb & March for open enrollment. We are trying to reach out to the other school districts that we bus from. Spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors about HIS Kids! Tours are available any time.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11th.



EASTER FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Easter is coming up on April 20. If you would like to donate money to the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank for Easter, please complete this form and return it with payment (checks made out to Summit Church) to the church office.

(Please turn this slip into the church office or leave in the offering basket)

In Honor of: _____

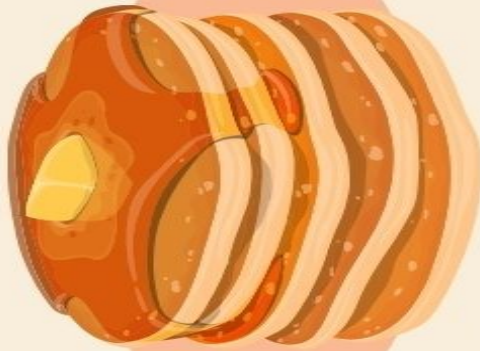
In Memory of: _____

From: _____

I wish to donate to the Food Bank: \$ _____

HIS Kids Christian School

650 Saxonburg Rd Butler, Pa 16002



11 a.m
to
3p.m

Sunday,
March 9

All Brunch will include pancakes, sausage, potatoes, fruit, and

drink

Dine In OR Take Out Donation at the door

Pancake Brunch

ORDER YOUR EASTER TULIPS!

Easter is April 20th. Many of our church family are affected by the strong scent from some kinds of Easter flowers. Some have allergic reactions that keep them from attending Easter Sunday worship!

So, this year we will be offering tulips only. We hope that you will join us in providing the tulips for our Easter morning display.

If you are interested in purchasing Easter tulips, in memory or honor of loved ones, orders are due to the church office **NO LATER than** Sunday, March 30th. Please return this order form along with your payment (checks made out to Summit Church).



(Please turn this slip into the church office or leave in the offering plate)

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

From: _____

I wish to purchase flowers: (please indicate color & number of plants you want)

Tulips (indicate red, pink or yellow)

6" pot, 6 bloom \$9.00 _____



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so loved the
WORLD
that He gave
His only
SON

John 3:16

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Saturday - March 29

Volunteers please come at 8:00 am to set up and pack orders. **

Distribution will be between 9:00-10:00am.



**Volunteers—new and “experienced” are always welcome to serve at the Summit Church Food Bank. Packing orders and carrying them out to the cars of those we serve—there are jobs for everyone! This is a great service opportunity for individuals and families!! Won’t you join us??

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the February 11, 2025 Session Meeting

Pastors Report: The small groups are in full swing and have been meeting on a regular bases. The PNC is continuing to fill out the CIF. The CIF is approximately 60% complete, and they are continuing to update the website. The PNC now has a liaison from the EPC and his name is Rick Stauffer, and he will be meeting with PNC frequently throughout the process. Please continued prayers as they continue the process of obtaining a full time pastor.

Clerks Report: Motion approved to accept the minutes from the, January 14, 2025, Session Meeting.

Finance Committee: Motion approved to accept the January’s treasurer report.

Congregational Care: The Deacon’s had the Souper Bowl on February 9, 2025.

HIS Kids School Report: Continued prayers for the 2024-2025 school year and for registration for the 2025-2026 school year. This years VBS will be June 15th-19th, so mark your calendars.



June 15–19, 2025

Have you marked your calendar??

Get ready to hit the trail... for adventure!

At TRUE NORTH VBS, kids will discover that they can trust Jesus in a wild world! TRUE NORTH is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something called God Sightings. Each evening will conclude with the Compass Closing, a celebration of our rock-solid faith in Jesus!

Mark down these dates, Sunday, June 15—Thursday, June 19 (5:50–8:30 pm)! Set them aside—commit to them for either your child to attend, or for you to serve, or both!!! Don't let anything else stand in the way of God doing an amazing work in your life this summer!!

PRAY! About where God would have you serve!!

PRAY! Make a list of kids you will invite!!

PRAY!!



NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS

It's March and that means spring is just around the corner. January and February have been very eventful months. We had a few delays and school cancelations but, some exciting times as well. First time in a long time we actually had snow for winter fest. The children had a great time sledding down the big hill plus a few adults. (However, the adults did not care for the long walk back up the hill.) To start the month of February we had an Earth Dome Assembly. Each class got to see a huge blow-up of the earth that reached the ceiling. Our tour guide took us around the world and talked about the land and animals of various countries. At the end we got to go inside the dome. What excitement that was. A few days later we celebrated 100 days of school. We saw many shirts decorated with 100 items and a few short old people with canes walking the halls. Did you know it takes over a hundred licks of a lollipop to be completely eat one? My class found out as they were licking and calculating the licks. The average was 130 -140 licks. Then they were off for a Valentine's party and a long weekend off. Which landed us into Kindness week. (We did get some math and reading in during the last two months.) We are all wondering what March will bring us after a busy and exiting two months.

Mrs. Heckman –Kindergarten Teacher



With January's crazy weather, February was jam-packed with a ton of fun things in 1st grade! The first few days of February were all about Groundhog Day. We talked about the meaning of Groundhog Day, and we even teamed up with Kindergarten and Second Grade to make our predictions on whether or not Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow. We also watched the video of Phil coming out of his burrow.

The same day, we had the privilege of seeing the "Earth Dome" at school. This was a huge globe that took up almost the entire gym. Students got to learn about the different continents and the animals that live there. The students' favorite part about the whole thing was that they got to go inside the globe! This was such a fun experience for us, and the kids are still talking about it!

Finally, we got to celebrate the 100th day of school. This is such a fun day in first grade. The kids all get to dress up like they are 100 years old. We got to make our very own snack mix with "hundreds" of snacks. We also played a ton of "100" themed games.

We have had such a fun-filled February and are so excited to see what March and the rest of the year has in store for us!

Miss Riddell —1st Grade Teacher





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Prayer Huddle

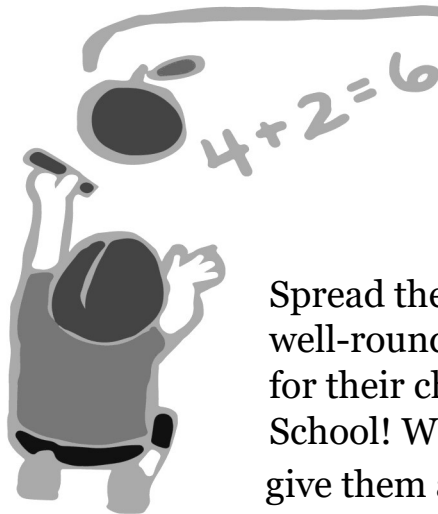
Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!!

In partnership with our friends at the Sylvania Foundation, HIS Kids is excited to announce the hiring of Miss Kendal Campbell as our new STEAM teacher!! Miss Campbell will be helping our students to learn and grow in the areas of the sciences and technology. I think there will be a lot of fun, hands-on discovery going on at HIS Kids! Stay tuned for a more formal introduction in next month's Herald! Welcome, Kendal!!

Come pray for HIS Kids! Join us for our monthly "Prayer Huddle" the first Friday of each month—our March Huddle will be on Friday, March 7. Meet us at 8:30 am at the front of the school! Everyone is invited!

Upcoming Events at HIS Kids!

- * Read Across America Week—Mar. 3-7
- * Mobile Ag Classroom—Mar. 31-Apr.4
- * Spring BASH—Sat. May 3—11a-3p



Enrollment for the 2025-26 School Year at HIS Kids is now OPEN!!

Spread the word! Do you know anyone who is looking for a well-rounded education in a loving Christian environment for their children? Point them to HIS Kids Christian School! We would love to talk with them and give them a tour! Call the school office (724) 352-8177. At HIS Kids we care about YOUR kids!!!



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Who we are...

Our Mission Statement...

HIS Kids Christian School is a ministry of Summit Presbyterian Church located in Butler, PA. Our purpose is to educate children and guide them to Jesus Christ through an academically challenging Bible-rich curriculum. We desire to see children develop in a balanced way - spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially, just as Jesus did.

Our Board...

The HIS Kids Board is made up of members of Summit Church, Parents, and the Community. They meet monthly—usually the first Tuesday of the month. Because HIS Kids is a ministry of Summit Church, the board is under the authority of the Summit Church Session. This year's board members are:

Michelle Morgan, President	Lynette Glaze, Vice-President
Amy Warner, Secretary	Ken Galvan
Monica Gizienski	Heather John
Debora Dawson	Holly Collins
Stefanie Christiansen	

Our Boosters...

HIS Kids Boosters are comprised of anyone who supports the ministry of HIS Kids Christian School—anyone can be a HIS Kids Booster!! The Boosters support the mission of HIS Kids Christian School and provide the “extras” for our students and teachers, such as field trips (admission and transportation); special activities, such as our Thanksgiving Feast and end of the year Fun Day; refreshments for concerts and special events, just to name a few. This year's Boosters Leadership Team is made up of Dianna Carr-DiZinno, Janice Stahl, and Tara Cornetti.

Stay Tuned

Listed below are some helpful links and addresses to help you stay connected. Don't forget to check out our calendar on the school website to keep up-to-date on upcoming events.

School E-mail	office@hiskidscs.org
School Website	https://www.hiskidscs.com
School Facebook Page	HIS Kids Christian School
Boosters E-mail	boosters@hiskidscs.org



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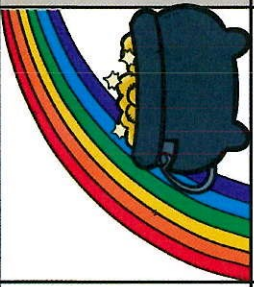
Staff

Preschool—Jenna Weston
Preschool/Primary Aide—Tara Corace
Kindergarten—Linda Heckman
1st Grade—Tara Riddell
2nd Grade—Josh Mion
Primary Aide—Sherry Smith
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell
4th Grade—Jennifer Schwalm
5th Grade—Jennifer Dimit
Bible (3rd-5th Grade)—Carol Novy
Music—Stephanie Horstman
Art—Brandy Biondo
Phys. Educ. (K-5th Grade)—Amanda Galvan
Library—Toni Esasky
Curriculum Advisor—Marlene Beamer
Cafeteria—Tara Cornetti
Cleaning—Holly Collins & Jessica Hanna
Principal—Carol Novy
Administrative Assistant—Brittany Morse
Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson
Transitional Pastor of Summit Church—David Perry
Midwest Intermediate Unit 4 Support:
Title I Reading & Math—Marie Farkas
Speech & Language—Karen Nicholas
Guidance—Rhett Fertig










March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 25-26 School Year Registration Now Open!!	4	5	6	7 Prayer Huddle 8:30am Join us!	8	
9 Pancake Brunch	10	11 7-HKCS Board	12 Read Across America Week!	13 Spring MAP Testing	14 Bundt Cake Fundraiser begins!!	15
16	17 Ag Literacy K-2 grade	18	19	20	21 End 3rd Marking Period	22
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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule: Worship, 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Youth Café 6:00 p.m.						1
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<i>Communion</i>		9:00 FDFX 7:00 HK Board Mtg.	LENT		9:30 the Sew-Sews	 March
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