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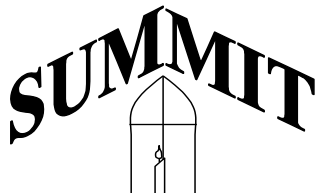
To the Saints at Summit Church:

First let me wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year as we enter 2025!

2025 is going to be an exciting year as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has been formed and has begun their work to find the next called pastor for Summit Church.

That being said, the question always comes up: Why is it taking so long to find a pastor?

Let me explain since the dynamics have changed dramatically since the last time Summit looked for a called pastor.



Presbyterian Church
Changing Lives for Jesus Christ!

The Summit Herald

is a monthly publication of:
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Evangelical Presbyterian Church.*

Church Staff:

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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The first thing the PNC must do is complete a Church Information Form (CIF). The CIF provides statistical data regarding Summit Church and the community, but more importantly the CIF must tell the story of Summit Church, and there is a story to tell! In the period of a year, Summit has gone from “nothing is happening here” to an engaged Church. There was a Women’s Retreat, Soup and Study, the return of the Advent Luncheon, the development of small groups, and the start-up of the Youth Café. We created a new mission statement that we can live out – ***Love Jesus, Learn from Jesus and live like Jesus.*** We have a new digital sign, and we are updating our webpage and social media as well as having a dedicated Audio-Visual station that will be able to provide live stream of the Sunday Service.

Why is this important? It is important because the number of available pastors is very limited and pastors that are looking to move have their choice of Churches to choose from.

The number of pastors is limited for two reasons: first, 50-70% of the pastors that are currently in the pulpit will be retiring within the next 3-5 years (that would include me!), Second, fewer people are going to seminary.

Pastors that are looking to make a change want to see Churches that have taken the time to go through the Transitional process and are looking forward to the future. No pastor wants to take a church that is stagnant, trapped in the past and to just take care of the “aquarium”

Summit Church has done the work that is needed through the Transitional process and has made itself an engaging Church that a pastor would be looking for.

We need to be praying – for the PNC, for God to lead the next called pastor to Summit and for the Church to keep moving forward in its mission and ministry of Jesus.

This will be an exciting year – Love Jesus, Learn from Jesus, Live like Jesus

Grace and Peace,
Pastor David



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THE BEATITUDES...DEEP JOY OF THE SOUL

Study Versus: Matt 4: 25, Matt 5: thru 7; The Bible Almanac, Nelson's Bible Dictionary

Until this recent study, I understood very little of Jesus' opening remarks of His teaching well known as the **Sermon On The Mount**. They, the Beatitudes, primarily intended for the disciples, came clearer in purpose and grasp upon learning *the Greek translation of the word "blessed"*. This word opens each expression: spiritual wellbeing and prosperity! The ideal follower of Christ adopts the teachings, i.e. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven". There exist here a foretaste of heaven and a share of salvation "with present and future rewards". Jesus describes a person "of different quality of character and lifestyle from those outside the Kingdom". Again the ideal follower.

Most scholars have settled on eight declarations; some believe seven to as many as ten. A deciding factor is Matt 5: 10-12 being accepted as one beatitude! Thusly eight covers the spectrum. Read them all Matt 5: 3-10.

Sermon on the Mount

The above title given to Jesus' moral and ethical teachings (including the beatitudes) with the underlying theme "be ye perfect (complete) as our Father in Heaven is perfect (whole)." Jesus was now attracting large crowds primarily because of His healing efforts, but also due to the Lord's authoritative manner of teaching. This is a spiritual call to gain everything God wants you to achieve (maturity), although efforts will be beyond this earthly life to more fully understand the heart of the Holy Father.

The ways to true happiness: a poor (humble) spirit, be a mourner, gentleness, seeker of righteousness, be merciful, own a pure heart, a peacemaker, endure righteous persecution. Then it is the time to rejoice and be glad, as your heavenly reward is great!

Amen



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Vienna Moyer | 11 Mabel Douglas |
| LeAnn Yamnitsky | Georgiana Jones |
| 2 Hunter Harrison | Gary McCall |
| Donna DeLuca | 15 Charlie Perfors |
| 3 Kim Steighner | 16 Evan Mowry |
| 4 Paul Kelly | 17 Diana Campbell |
| 7 Becky Gallagher | 27 Rex Jewell |
| 9 Tom Grabe | 29 Tory Mowry |
| 10 Mary Jane Kelly | 30 Pollie Fife |
| Garret McCabe | 31 Brittany Speer |
| | Skip Wagle |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------|-----------|
| Jan & Bonnie Smith | 1/16 |
| John & Donna DeLuca | 1/20/80 |
| Shorty & Lois McCommon | 1/21/1966 |

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

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14.



Herald Assembly Team for the February issue:

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|--------------------|---------------|
| Dave Faust | Kathi Fischer |
| Cheryl Rumbaugh | Amanda Galvan |
| Ernie & Nancy Hall | |



Articles for the February *Herald* are due to the church office by Monday, January 20th. Thanks!



Undeck the Halls
It's time to put away the church's Christmas decorations! It has been so wonderful to enjoy the greenery and the lights that point us in the direction of the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ, as we celebrate His coming to earth so many years ago!

On Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m., volunteers are welcome to come and help take down the decorations in the church.

CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE



Would you like to save on your Christmas card postage? Then be sure to take advantage of Summit's Christmas Post Office in the Fellowship area! Bring the Christmas cards you have for your Summit brothers and sisters (with no postage stamps) and file them in the boxes rather than dropping them in the mail. The side door by the church office will be open during office hours M-Th 8:30-12:00 p.m. for those who feel more comfortable dropping off during the week. Then check back to see if any mail has arrived for you!

If you'd like to recycle your Christmas cards, there will be a box in the Fellowship Hall!

FDFX NEWS!

FDFX will be on Christmas Break and will resume on Tuesday, January 7th!





SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS

Given by Gretchen Ciccarelli in memory of Harold Foertsch.

Given by children & grandchildren in memory of Janice Faust, and in honor of Dave Faust.

Given by Nancy & Clint Warner in memory of Christopher Raymond.

Given by Helen, Sheri, & Don Hortert Jr. in memory of Donald L. Hortert and in honor of Carol Novy, and Pastor David & Kim Perry.

Given by Jim & Tracy Williams and Family in memory of Parents, Grandparents, and Family dearly missed and in honor of Aunts and Uncles endless support and love.

Given by daughters & their families in memory of our Dad—Russ Morrow and in honor of our Mom—Sue Morrow.

Given by his wife in memory of Russ Morrow.

Given by Carol Novy in memory of Russ Novy and in honor of Mary Lou Novy.

Given by Rev. David & Kim Perry in memory of our parents.

Given by the Faust Family in memory of Janice Faust and in honor of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Given by Dorothy Steighner & Family in memory of Paul & Bob Steighner.

Given by the Carr-DiZinno Family in memory of David “Pat” Schneider and Tina Perfors.

Given by Cheryl Nagel, children and grandchildren in memory of Chuck

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK

Given by the Jewells in memory of family and in honor of family.

Given by family in memory of John & Virginia Fleishner, and Sam & Lucille Corace

Given by Aaron & Renee Davis in memory of Mary Lou Davis.

Given by Roy Andrews in memory of Barb Andrews.

Given by Ernie & Nancy Hall in honor of our parents.

Given by Bruce & Terry Dean in memory of loved ones.





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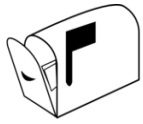
Delivery Date: January 29, 2025

Orders and
Money Due By: January 17, 2025

Any Questions
Please Contact: Boosters@hiskidscs.org



www.MariannasFundraisers.com



Lisa Roberts
1138 N. Negley Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Women of Summit, set aside Feb 15th for our next gathering!

Where: Summit Church or HIS Kids School
(venue depends on how many women register)

Time: 9-3p.m.

Soup and sandwich luncheon

Theme: Loved by God

Please invite your friends!

Further information regarding cost per person and registration will be coming soon!

Boosters Update!

We have been very busy this year !

We had our big thanksgiving feast on Nov. 27th . Thank you to all the donations and

Volunteers . Its such a blessing to have the whole school come together and eat as one big family .

We just finished up our giving shop for the students . Thank you to everyone that helped and thought of us to donate . We love how much the kids love coming and shopping for their families members . We love being able to show the kids how good it feels to give and not just receive gifts during the holiday season .

We have our last Hoagie order for this school year in January ! With all the hard work that everyone puts into this fundraising we have been about to purchased a new preschool school sign , a new bounce house for our funday , and all the little things such as holiday treats and fun events that we have at the school for the children and staff .

We will be trying a new fundraiser this year Nothing Bundt Cakes in March for Easter .

We will also be planning a Boosters Meeting in February . This is a great time for parents , grandparents , church members and staff to come together and explore ideas and suggestions . We are always looking for new ideas and new things to do for the Kids at HIS Kids

Thank you again for all the support and love !

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the Dec. 10, 2024 Session Meeting

Pastors Report: The small groups had their meet and greets after worship on December 8th. The youth café has been meeting Sunday evenings and have been well attended. The PNC had their first meeting and training and have a long road ahead of them. Please continued prayers as they continue the process of obtaining a full time pastor.

Clerks Report: Motion approved to accept the minutes from the, Nov. 12, 2024, Session Meeting.

Finance Committee: Motion approved to accept the November treasurer report.

Congregational Care: The Advent lunches have been taking place every Tuesday during this season.

HIS Kids School Report: Continued prayers for the 2024-2025 school year. Both elementary and pre-school Christmas concerts were held at HKCS and were a raving success. The students from HKCS performed a few songs during December 15th worship service. A special thank you to Mrs. H for all the hard work she has put into the music program at His Kids.

Summit Church 2025

Elders

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 Amanda Galvan 724-991-0639
 Jim Harbision 724-524-3305
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 Tim Hankey 724-352-2477
 Michelle Morgan 724-283-8223
 Tammy Mowry 724-822-7390
 Jennifer Suttor 724-290-0944
 Linda Toy 724-352-3268

Saturday - January 25

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??



Shoebox Update

Can you find Botswana on the map??

Why would I want to know that, you may ask?? Because that’s where our shoeboxes were sent!

Located in southern Africa, Botswana is known for its production of diamonds as well as its safari tourism that features, in particular, its large herds of elephants.

Check out these links: <https://photo.samaritanspurse.org/changed-lives> and <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/god-is-transforming-families-in-botswana-through-the-greatest-journey/> - for a look at how God uses shoeboxes in the life of a child!

Keep praying for the children who will receive our shoeboxes—that God will do a great work in their lives. HIS Kids students and Summit Church making a difference around the world!!





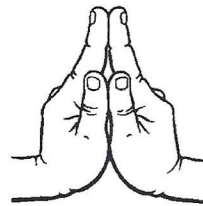
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Love Jesus - Learn from Jesus - Live like Jesus

“...And I pray
 that you, being
rooted and
established
 in love,”
 “may have
power
 ...to grasp
 how **wide** and **long**
 and **high** and **deep**
 is the love of Christ,”
 Eph. 3:17b-18

A powerful prayer as we begin 2025—let this be your prayer for the staff and students of HIS Kids as we continue through this 2024-25 school year!

...I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, through it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Ephesians 3:14-19 (NLT)



Prayer Huddle

Come pray for HIS Kids! Join us for our monthly “Prayer Huddle” the first Friday of each month—our January Huddle will be on Friday, January 3. Meet us at 8:30 am at the front of the school! Everyone is invited!



January is “Soup”er Bowl Month at HIS Kids!

January finds our HIS Kids students “Living Like Jesus” through our annual “Soup”er Bowl service project. We are collecting cans of soup, along with fixin’s such as crackers, corn bread mix, etc., to fill up Summit Church’s Loaves and Fishes Food Bank! Let’s see how many items we can collect!!

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Stephanie Horstman, our music teacher, and to our students and staff for creating such a wonderful Christmas gift through our Christmas program—Random Acts of Christmas! Our preschoolers did a great job sharing their songs the next afternoon!

THANK YOU to Mrs. Bandy Biondo, our Art teacher, for helping our students create wonderful decorations! THANKS to our teachers, as well, for their part in decorating the hallways!!



A Ministry of Summit Presbyterian Church

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:

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| Michelle Morgan, President | Lynette Glaze, Vice-President |
| Amy Warner, Secretary | Ken Galvan |
| Jason Dobson | Heather John |
| Debra 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.

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| 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 |



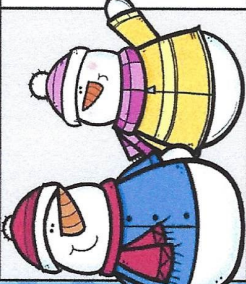
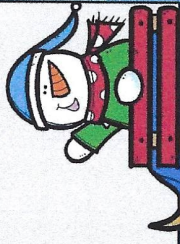
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Staff

- 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











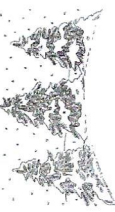


January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 5	"Souper" Bowl Service Project Month 6	7	1 Happy New Year!! 8	2 School's Back In! 9	3 Booster Hoagie Fundraiser Begins 10	4 11 Winterfest Sylvania 10am
12	13	14	15 End of 2 nd Marking Period 16	17	18	
19	20 Martin Luther King Day NO School	21 Hoagie Orders Due 6:30 Skate Night 28	22 29 Hoagie Pickup 3:15 – 5:00	23	24	25
26	27	28	30	31		

WINTER

UPPER RIGHT YEAR 12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  January	2	3 9:30 the Sew-Sews	4 
5 Communion  ANNUAL REPORT Due today!	6 Sunday Schedule: Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes: 11:00 a.m. Youth Café 6:00 p.m.	7 9:00 FDFX 7:00 HK Board Meeting	8	9	10 9:30 the Sew-Sews	11 <i>Undeck the Halls</i>  9:30 a.m.
12	13	14 9:00 FDFX 	15	16 	17 9:30 the Sew-Sews	18
19  Winter	20 MLK Jr Day <i>Herald articles due!</i>	21 9:00 FDFX 7:00 Session mtg.	22  Winter Is Here!	23	24 9:30 the Sew-Sews	25  8:00 Food Bank
26  Annual Meeting	27	28 9:00 FDFX 	29	30	31 9:30 the Sew-Sews	