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The Summit Herald

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ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED

*Ordination and Installation of Officers
during morning worship on Sunday,
January 7.*

*Annual Reports are due to the Church
Office by Sunday, January 7.*

*Annual Congregational meeting will
be held following worship on Sunday,
January 28th.*

*Come and join us on January 14th for a
Chili Cook Off sampling!*

*All are welcome to attend and are
asked to bring a pot of their favorite
chili to be sampled and voted on fol-
lowing worship in the Fellowship
Hall.*



*Please name your chili according to
heat flavoring such as: dragons breath, honey sweet,
etc.*

NEW YEAR



It's the new year 2024 with lots to be done in this coming year!

As I write this Newsletter, I am in the process of completing the SWOT/GRACE analysis report for the Session. That report will contain the overview of the opinions stated in the interviews that were conducted between September to January. The SWOT/GRACE report, along with the Missional Posture report tells us where Summit Church is and concludes Phase 1 of the Transition.

Phase 2 is the Visioning process which will look at where Summit Church is going. The Vision Team will be made up of six (6) people from the Session, Deacons, School and Congregation and they will gather for the next 4-6 months to pray and develop the Vision for the Church. **JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE TEAM ITSELF, each member of the Vision Team needs at least two (2 or more) people as prayer partners!**



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Changing Lives for Jesus Christ!

The Summit Herald

is a monthly publication of :

Summit Presbyterian Church

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Summit Church is a member of the
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, LuAnn Steighner, & a host of volunteers

• **HIS Kids Christian School**
(PreK--6th grade)
650 Saxonburg Rd.
Butler, PA 16002
724-352-8177
office@hiskidscs.org

Prayer partners will pray individually and meet with the Vision Team Member to have time of prayer. Prayer is the most important part of the process to discern where and how God is calling Summit to serve in mission and ministry!

This gives everyone an opportunity to actively participate in the process, regardless of age.

Following Phase 2 of the Visioning (sometime in mid-June or early July of 2024,) the Church will elect a PNC to search for the next called pastor for Summit Church which will initiate the start of Phase 3.

2024 is an important and exciting year in the life of Summit Church! I ask that we all be in prayer as we discern God's will and direction.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor David*

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the December 12 Session Meeting

Pastors Report: SWOT report will be presented to Session on January 9, 2024. Pastor David will be on vacation from January 15-22 and returning to work on January 23. Pastor Paul Roberts will be filling in for him for worship on January 21.

Clerks Report: Motion approved to accept the minutes from the November 14 Session Meeting.

Finance Committee: Motion approved to accept the November treasurers report with the exception of the Mission finance due to a computer error. It will be addressed at the next Session meeting. The first draft of the 2024 budget was distributed to Session members for their review for further discussion at January's meeting.

Congregational Care: Keychains were distributed after the morning worship service on Christmas Eve. A Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for January and a 60+ luncheon (brown bag) is scheduled for some time in February.

HIS Kids School Report: There was a Christmas movie night and craft/game night held at the CCO building and both were successful. The craft and game night had wonderful attendance from both the church and HIS Kids families. The elementary and preschool students from HIS Kids performed Christmas songs during the children's service on December 17th and did a wonderful job.



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

THE TRANSFIGURATION

(Revised & Expanded Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: Matt 17; Mark 9; Luke 9; 2 Pet 1: 17-18

Considering restrictive language and style, how is it possible for the Gospel writers to report an event as magnificent and powerful as the Transfiguration in so brief a narrative? On-the-scene accounts guided them in recording this wonderful historical experience, concisely and with great force. The undeniable evidence of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, the plan of redemption confirmed by Old Testament stalwarts speaking directly with the Lord, and the witness provided by His disciples, set testimony to the truth and glory that is Jesus Christ.

Less than a week after Peter's "Thou art the Christ" confession, Jesus led His inner-circle of Peter, James and John, to high ground on what is believed to be Mt. Herman. The disciples marveled at the presence of Moses and Elijah, both of whom passed from this life in miraculous if not mysterious circumstances. The disciples fulfilled the Mosaic legal requirement for three witnesses. Moses, the law giver, and Elijah, the prophet, brought old covenant reference to the impending sacrifice of Jesus. *The redemptive plan was concluding...the New Testament was dawning...God's Kingdom was drawing near.*

The Greek verb "metamorphoo" best explains a transformation from the inside. Jesus was **transfigured** before them. His face became brilliant as the sun...His clothing white as light. This experience is to be accepted as the spiritual and physical manifestation of God's glory contained within Jesus. It had always been there, but until now concealed so He could take on the mantle, **Son of Man**. The excited disciples gazed upon this wonder as it unfolded, focusing upon the conversation taking place between Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Unable to control his enthusiasm, Peter shouted out his pleasure at being part of it all and offered to build three tabernacles to honor the occasion. Prior to completing his statement a bright cloud overshadowed the group and from its midst a powerful voice drove Peter, James and John down on their faces, abruptly ending the experience. Jesus, now without the Prophets, comforted the fearful disciples. God's voice had been forceful: His message more so. "This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him".

Jesus' lesson for the disciples on the downhill trip answered questions and eliminated confusion. He also commanded them not to speak of this day until after the **Resurrection**. They were beginning to grasp the essential sequence and purpose of their Lord's powerful actions.

Amen



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Vienna Moyer | 15 Charlie Perfors |
| LeAnn Yamnitsky | 16 Evan Mowry |
| 2 Hunter Harrison | 17 Diana Campbell |
| Donna DeLuca | 27 Rex Jewell |
| 3 Kim Steighner | 28 Don Hortert |
| 4 Paul Kelly | 29 Tory Mowry |
| 7 Becky Gallagher | 30 Pollie Fife |
| 9 Tom Grabe | 31 Brittany Speer |
| 10 Mary Jane Kelly | Skip Wagle |
| Garret McCabe | |
| 11 Mabel Douglas | |
| Georgiana Jones | |
| Gary McCall | |

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!



Articles for the September Herald are due to the church office by Monday, January 22nd. Thanks!

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9.



Herald Assembly Team for the February issue:

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| Terry Dean | Eleanor Kingan |
| Janet Sepich | Amanda Galvan |
| Rex & Judy Jewell | |

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!

Darlene Grabe will be celebrating her 80th birthday on February 4th! If you'd like to shower her with cards, please send to the following address:

Darlene Grabe
529 N. Pike Rd.
Sarver, PA 16055



Thank You to everyone who donated toward gift cards for our Angel Tree! We were able to give gifts of gift cards and candy to 16 children from our Food Bank at our December 23rd distribution. We were also able to donate 24 gift

cards for The Lighthouse to use for their Toy Shoppe distribution on December 15.

Thank you for helping to "deliver joy" this Christmas season!!



SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS

Given by Gretchen Ciccarelli in memory of Harold Foertsch.
 Given by Nancy & Clint Warner in memory of Christopher Raymond.
 Given by the Williams family in memory of family, loved and dearly missed, residing above.
 Given by Dave Faust in memory of Janice, and in honor of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.
 Given by Louise Crider in memory of Bruce Crider and in honor of Anna Crider.
 Given by the Leslie family in memory of Bonnie & Ken Leslie, and Laura Richey.
 Given by the Harrison family in memory of Janice & Mick Reffo.
 Given by Rev. Willard Morse in memory of Mike Morse's mom.
 Given by the 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 Judy Sutton in memory of loved ones.
 Given by Pastor David Perry.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK

Given by Jim Rodgers & Amy Warner in memory of Nancy Rodgers, Ruth Gaiser, & Bob Warner, and in honor of our families.
 Given by Ernie & Nancy Hall in memory of our parents.
 Given by Janet Sepich in memory of Mainard Stepp.
 Given by Dave Faust in memory of Janice.
 Given by Rick & Linda Toy in memory of Janet Toy and Mark Galbreath.
 Given by Bruce & Terry Dean in honor of our children & grandchildren.
 Given by Bob & Karen Baker in memory of Samuel Wade Casile who was born into Heaven on 5-4-23.



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 13 at 9:00 a.m.**, volunteers are welcome to come and help take down the decorations in the church.



Financial donations were given to HIS Kids Christian School and Summit Cemetery in honor of Ron & Cindy Lemmon by Ruth Lemmon. Thanks to all that serve the Lord in our community.

December 5, 2023

HKCS Board Meeting Summary

We will have a raffle for Penguin game tickets soon. Butler Farm Bureau is having Ag Literacy week in March and will send someone from the Ag community to read a book to K-2nd grades. The school board hosted a teacher & staff luncheon. A new discipline policy will be incorporated soon. A new billboard for the school will be going up on Rt 356 in Jan. The Boosters will be putting a new sign above the preschool door.

Summit Church 2024

Elders

Skip Brown 724-991-8100
 Luc Carr-DiZinno 724-816-7448
 Amanda Galvan 724-991-0639
 Phil Henkel 724-504-4738
 Gail Montgomery 724-996-9123
 Andrew Moyer 724-352-0358



Deacons

Celeste Faust 724-352-4194
 Trish Harrison 724-283-6048
 Michelle Morgan 724-283-8223
 Tammy Mowry 724-822-7390
 Peggy Peters 724-352-5915
 Renee Slupe 724-287-6271
 Judy Sutton 724-287-1126
 Linda Toy 724-352-3268

Saturday - January 27

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??

Where in the world...?

In November, our community of Summit Church and HIS Kids Christian School put together 82 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. On December 20, they were shipped off to ...

The Philippines!

The Philippines is a country located in Southeast Asia that consists of hundreds of islands, with coastlines totaling more than 22,000 miles. Named after Philip II of Spain, it was under Spanish rule for more than 300 years before becoming a U.S. commonwealth and then an independent country. Samaritan’s Purse began distributing gift-filled shoeboxes there in 1999 and launched The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship program, in this nation in 2010.



Check out this link: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/evangeline-and-the-school-supplies/> - for an amazing article about how God used a shoebox 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.

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**Fundraiser
Sale to Benefit:** HIS Kids Christian School

Delivery Date: January 31, 2024

**Orders and
Money Due By:** January 17, 2024

**Any Questions
Please Contact:** Boosters@hiskidscs.org



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Attention Parents:

This fundraising program is not intended for door-to-door sales to persons not known to you and your child. For a safe and successful fundraiser, please supervise and assist your child's sales efforts.

Seller Phone:

Organization: **HKCS Boosters**

Orders Due By: **1/17/24**

14" Hoagies

12" Pizzas

PRICE: \$

9.50

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9.50

Customer Name

Phone Number

Customer Name	Phone Number	Italian	All American	Ham & Swiss	Sweet Lebanon Bologna	Ham Club	Roast Beef	Smoked Ham & Cheddar	Turkey	Traditional	Three Cheese	TOTAL HOAGIES
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ITEM TOTALS

Seller Name:

GRAND TOTAL ITEMS

GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT

GRAND TOTAL PIZZAS

Please Make Checks Payable To:
Summit Church
HKCS Boosters

DELIVERY DATE:
1/31/24

AMOUNT DUE

PAID



NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

CALLING ALL SUPER BOWL FANS!! We are going to have our own game at HIS Kids Christian School!

We are calling our game the “SOUPER” BOWL! If you can, please donate cans of soup (any variety) during the month of January to help the Summit Church Food Bank.

Along with the soup, if you would like, you could also add some “Fixins” that might go with soup - such as crackers, corn bread mix, or roll mixes. *Please nothing perishable*

Any item will be appreciated for our “SOUPER” Bowl Service Project!



Mrs. Yam & Mrs. Hankey – Preschool Teacher & Preschool Aid

Welcome to the new year!

December left us in a whirlwind. We had an amazing concert at the school and even, a few, got to perform at a church service. On top of doing all the Christmas things like, shopping for family and friends at the giving shop, decorating gingerbread houses, making ornaments, and singing carols, we spent the majority of our time talking about the true meaning of season. Jesus!! Thanking the Lord for giving us His son on that day and how special we are for him to sacrifice so much! It is hard to believe another year has passed and we are almost to the halfway point of the school year. Soon we will be celebrating our 100th day of school. But, while we realize the year together is half gone, there is still work to do! Third grade is still plugging away at getting those multiplication facts memorized. We are zipping along our flashcards and gaining many special treats for our Multiplication Movie Celebration, which will happen at the end of the year. They are also still hard at work on our 3rd grade book. I can not give too much information on that but, it's coming soon. Learning our cursive letters is coming along also. Very soon 3rd grade will be writing everything in cursive. In Social Studies we are finishing up our Christmas Around the World unit. We have learned about several different countries like: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and we will finish with South Africa. The kids have really loved learning about the different traditions around the world. Our next unit will be on map skills, and the location of the different continents and oceans. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and wishing you a blessed New Year!

Mrs. Maxwell – Third Grade Teacher

5th grade was very busy doing lots of fun Christmas projects in December like making large snowmen with a picture of their own heads as the top snowball, funny sled ornaments, and nice wreaths to hang on their family's Christmas tree. I am excited to start challenging my students with more hands-on lessons for the second half of our school year together. For the month of January, we will be learning about voting and we will be holding a mock election for the whole School to participate in. In science, we just finished our chapter about electricity and will be spending a few days building different types of circuits. I am very proud of all of my students for working so hard to improve their reading comprehension and connect their ability to write about what they read. Our math curriculum makes the students learn different ways to solve the same problem using different strategies. They are starting to like having different ways to double check their math answers. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas celebrating the birth of our Savior with your loved ones. Have a very blessed New Year!

Ms. Dimit – Fifth Grade Teacher



My Prayer for the HIS Kids family as we start 2024!

... 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, though 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)

Would you please join me in this prayer for our students and staff as we continue through this 2023-24 school year!

Prayer Huddle

Don't forget! You are invited to join us for our monthly "Prayer Huddle". We meet the first Friday of the month, so this month will be Friday, January 5! Meet us at 8:30 am at the front of the school! Everyone is invited! Don't let the weather scare you off—if it's too cold or rainy, we will pray indoors!



Shoebox Update

Can you find the Philippines on the map??

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

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



A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Stephanie Horstman, our music teacher, and to our students and staff for creating such a wonderful Christmas gift in telling the Christmas story through music and spoken word!

Our preschoolers did a great job sharing their songs the next afternoon!

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

We are blessed to have the gift of fine arts at HIS Kids!!



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
Jason Dobson	Heather John
Debora Dawson	Holly Collins

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
Boosters Facebook Page	Hkcs Boosters














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Staff

Preschool—LeAnn Yamnitsky
 Preschool Aide—Patty Hankey
 Kindergarten—Linda Heckman
 1st Grade—Tara Riddell
 2nd Grade—Josh Mion
 Primary Aides—Sherry Smith, Tara Corace
 3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell
 4th Grade—Jennifer Schwalm
 5th Grade—Jennifer Dimit.
 6th Grade—Lisa Nagg
 Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy
 Music—Stephanie Horstman
 Art—Brandy Biondo
 Phys. Educ. (K-6th Grade)—Amanda Galvan
 Library—Toni Esasky
 Curriculum Advisor—Marlene Beamer
 Cafeteria—Tara Cornetti
 Cleaning —Michele Wardle & 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

WINTER

SHARE THE YEAR BRIGHTLY

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