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February Dates to Remember!









Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Assets - something of value that is developed for its greater use

God states we are to be His assets. In Genesis 12: 2-3, God makes a covenant with Abram (Abraham) which states that God will bless him and in turn Abram is to be a blessing to others.

Abram's faith in God was credited to him as righteousness because he had faith in the Living God. Abram's offspring would grow, develop and claim the land that they had been promised to God. As the people of God were faithful, they were blessed and became blessing to others. Unfortunately, Abram's descendants were not all faithful and did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, which evidentially led to their downfall and exile.

In the Gospels, we are told that through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we have been forgiven of our sins, and

made right with God the Father. Our righteousness is through Jesus, and nothing of our own.

In Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus commands the disciples and us to continue to be blessings for we have been blessed. In the name of Jesus, He commanded the disciples and us to go to the ends of the earth and tell of the Good News; teaching others to obey all that has been taught to us. The Apostle Peter states in 1Peter 2:9," But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light".

God has chosen us because God considers us an asset, or blessing, to be developed for the greater use of blessing others. The faith has not endured because it was taught by seminary trained people. As I have said before, pastors are nothing but over promoted "sheep." The faith has spread because the "royal priesthood" everyday people went out and shared their faith with others they knew and even complete strangers.

We need to keep developing our greatest asset, which is you, the congregation. We develop by participating in Study of God's Word privately and through Christian Education. We carry out the commands of Jesus when we share our faith with others by *simply* telling them the Good News of Jesus, telling them of our joy in Jesus and being part of a wonderful community of faith.

We have been chosen by God, and we have been blessed by God, let us all be His blessing to others now and always.

In Christ, Pastor David



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<u>Church Staff:</u> 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



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

Esther...Beauty Beyond Skin Deep

(Revised and Enhanced Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: Esther 1-9

Our wise and sovereign God, through the ages chooses individuals or nations to fulfill His plan and purpose. The good, bad, strong or feeble may be drafted to preserve, protect, correct and restore the essence of His creation. Scriptural evidence abounds, illustrating saving of "the" covenant people; Old Testament promises were for Jews through Abraham followed by the Blood Covenant of Jesus Christ, intended for Jew and Gentile alike! The latter is a more perfect contract supported by the liberating shed blood and resurrection of our Redeemer. Father God will call upon holy angels or loyal servants. Conversely, abhorrent characters or faultless critters become pawns in overcoming evil and shaping circumstances for those who love God and cry out in faith. The Almighty summoned His cherished Son to save a sin-sick world. From glory to disrepute; from power to exhaustion, Jesus prevailed. Ponder Israel, God's rebellious nation, serving as the catalyst for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The nation refused to recognize the true Messiah. In God's time, every Jew will kneel before our triumphant Lord.

I encourage earnest students of the Word to enjoy reading the brief, compelling story of Esther. This unique account examines the devious plan of the bitter enemies to exterminate the large population of Hebrew exiles spread over the Persian Empire. Remarkably, the name <u>Jehovah</u> is never stated in the narrative, although His presence is strongly evidenced influencing people in adversity.

Who is Who?

Intent here is to focus on significant characters in this historical drama. Surprisingly, two of these occupy abbreviated amounts of time and space, considering their importance.

* <u>King Ahasuerus</u> (Xerxes) This fifth century B.C. Persian ruler was a classic paradox...antagonist swinging to accommodating, depending on sobriety, provincial domination with perceived support, and quite often self-glorification. Ultimately, his respect and love for Esther, worked for good!

* <u>Oueen Vashti</u> Lovely and morally upstanding wife of Ahasuerus, banished for refusing an order to unveil herself to impress royal guests at a luxurious feast.

* <u>Haman</u> Sinister Persian Prime Minister who despised all Jews and cunningly convinced the King to annihilate the entire provincial remnant. Selfish, pompous and power seeking, ugly behavior led to a brutal demise.

* <u>Mordecai</u> Loyal, God fearing Jew, born during the exile to Babylonia, resided in Shushan, the Persian capital. Vital facts: Mordecai was Esther's older cousin and adoptive father, upon her biological father's death; He uncovered an assassination plot by two of the King's eunuch servants. Belatedly, Ahasuerus discovered the great deed upon reading a chronicled account and rewarded Mordecai richly; Teaming with Queen Esther, he set forth the risky plan to undo Haman's extermination and property confiscation conspiracy. God's two...saving multitudes.

* <u>Oueen Esther</u> Beautiful, brilliant and brave, she boldly responded to the odds-against effort to save her people. She was positioned to do so by a sequence of events that gave opportunity for loyal Jews to achieve yet another stunning victory to save God's chosen. Enduring joy of the victory is still expressed in the **Feast of Purim.**



- 4 Darlene Grabe Beth Nagel Carl Mowry
- 5 Lloyd McCommon
- 7 Isaiah Child
- 8 Trish Harrison
- 13 Lori Painter
- 15 Eden Moyer Miranda DeLuca
- 16 Dorothy Steighner

- 18 Tom Mainhart Calvary Mover
- 20 Anthony Acquaviva
- 21 Anna Crider Steve Hassler
- 23 Brooke Wamsley
- 25 Grace Grabe Olivia Nagg
- 27 Geoffrey Hankey

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



Articles for the March *Herald* are due to the church office by Monday, February 19. Thanks!

Herald Assembly Team for the March issue:

Dave Faust

Amanda Galvan

Kathi Fischer

Ernie & Nancy Hall

Cheryl Rumbaugh



On January 14th, we had our second Chili Sampling. Those who did not attend missed out on sampling ten different varieties of chili and some great fellowship. Tasters got to vote for their favorite in each class and first place

prizes were given.

1st place: Hot & Spicy - Doug Harrison

1st place: Medium & Mild - Carol Novy

1st place: Specialty - Ta Dorsey

This event was well attended and we hope to have more types of chili and eaters next year.

The Deacon's will be meeting on February 4th immediately following the morning worship. If you would like to join the committee to discuss upcoming events at the church or matters of the church, please join us. We will then meet on the first Sunday of each month following the morning worship service.

Session,

dress:

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13.

> Darlene Grabe will be celebrating her 80th birthday on February 4th! If

> you'd like to shower her with cards,

Darlene Grabe

529 N. Pike Rd.

Sarver, PA 16055

please send to the following ad-

January 2, 2024

HKCS Board Meeting Summary

The Field House Dine & Donate was Jan 24 and a great success. There is a new billboard for our school on Rte 356 by Goodlin Pools. The school service project for January was "Souper Bowl" donations to the food bank. The 6th graders had a hot chocolate stand at the Christmas concert where they learned about marketing, sales, etc. They brought in \$292.50. That money, matched by the Boosters, helped to purchase items for the January "Souper Bowl" service project. The date is set for the Spring BASH for May 4, 2024. We will host a program for preschool parents to introduce them to Kindergarten and to remind families that tuition assistance is available. We would like people to go on Google and give a positive review for the school and are offering a prize. Prayer huddle was Friday Jan. 5. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

The HIS Kids Christian School Board is holding a winter fundraiser for the school. We are raffling off 2 Club seats to a Penguin Game. The game is on March 10, 2024 at Home ice at 1:00 pm. The tickets are a \$5.00 donation, with all proceeds going to the school. There are tickets available at the church office or at the school. You can also see a board member or a student to get your ticket. The drawing will be on February 28, 2024.

We appreciate your support!

If you have any questions please call Amy Warner 724-355-4396.

Thank you!



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the January 9 Session Meeting

Pastors Report: Pastor David will host a Soup and Study Lenten Series beginning February 11. Lenten Exchange Program list posted below:

Date	Host	Preacher	Psalm
2/21/24	Zion Methodist Community	Mike Galica	Psalm 25: 1-10
2/28/24	St. Paul Lutheran	David Perry	Psalm 22: 23-31
3/6/24	Emory Chapel	Shawn Smith	Psalm 19
3/13/24	Summit Presbyterian	Chris Marshall	Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
3/20/24	Jefferson Center Presbyterian	Seth McClymonds	Psalm 51: 1-12 or 119: 9-16

Clerks Report: Motion approved to accept the minutes from the December 12 Session Meeting.

Finance Committee: Motion approved to accept both the December treasurers report and the November treasurers report with corrected Missions report. The second draft of 2024 Budget was approved by both Session and the congregation. The Audit Committee will be conducting annual audits on February 1.

Congregational Care: A Chili Cook-Off was held on January 14 and was successful. A Souperbowl 60+ luncheon (brown bag) is scheduled for February 11.

HIS Kids School Report: HKCS collected soup non-perishable items to be donated for Summit Church Food Bank. The School Board set up a Dine & Donate at the Fieldhouse on January 24 and it was well received.

2023 Annual Congregational Meeting Summary: 2022 Annual Congregational Minutes were approved. 2024 Budget was approved. All other reports that were received were approved. The amendment to the proposed 2023 bylaws were approved.

Summit Church 2024

Elders

Deacons

Skip Brown	724-991-8100		Celeste Faust	724-352-4194
Luc Carr-DiZinno	724-816-7448		Trish Harrison	724-283-6048
Amanda Galvan	724-991-0639		Michelle Morgan	724-283-8223
Phil Henkel	724-504-4738		Tammy Mowry	724-822-7390
Gail Montgomery	724-996-9123		Peggy Peters	724-352-5915
Andrew Moyer	724-352-0358 Elders	Renee Slupe	724-287-6271	
		Deacons	Judy Sutton	724-287-1126
			Linda Toy	724-352-3268

Saturday - February 24

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??

ORDER YOUR EASTER TULIPS!



Easter is March 31^{st.} 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 LAT-ER than** Sunday, March 10th. 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_

An important note from our Assistant Treasurers at Summit Church:

Thank you for financially contributing your money to support Summit church, His Kids School, and the missions through your donations this year. Last year, software and hardware failure caused us to update our contribution tracking system. In keeping with our responsibility to do what is best for the church family, we chose not to purchase or use an outside program to track the money given to support our goals. Through the church's Excel program, we were able to create a tracking system that keeps data by name, payment type, date, funds, etc. without additional cost. That information is always available for a donor that wants to know how much he or she gave and where it went.

In keeping with the spirit of stewardship, we also wish to update the way we report donor's annual contribution. We realize that tax laws, electronic banking, and other conveniences have many organizations saving money (and trees) by not sending an itemized statement to each donor. Most nonprofits choose to send just the total annual amount listed on one sheet of paper to donors. Others choose to offer that service if the donor requests it to further reduce unnecessary costs for the church.

This year we would like you to tell us how to best serve you and the church! You can do this by:

- 1. Letting us know in person Chris Corace, Joanne Huff, Debbie Moyer or Amanda Galvan.
- 2. Emailing the church listed Stewardship in heading.
- 3. Phoning the church and leaving a message for the office

If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you do not need a paper statement or will use your bank's website to quickly provide a total of all your check donations. If you prefer, we will provide you with information you request, such as yearly and weekly totals by cash or other payments, the funds that you designated, fund totals, etc. Your bank statements will provide your check number. As always, do not hesitate to contact us as in above if there is an error and we will correct it.

Also, we want to respect our church members' preferences, therefore unless we see a variation on a name on check or envelope, we do not assume that a member is choosing to use another name due to marriage, divorce, and other life changes. Note that we do not keep track of address or phone number changes since that is done through office staff.

Through God's Love, our church has gone through many changes this year. As we look forward to 2024, the Stewardship volunteers will continue to look for ways to best serve Summit Church and its congregation.



Get ready to splash into fun!!

At SCUBA VBS, kids will dive into friendship with God. SCUBA 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 great activities that help faith flow into real life. There's a new station this year called Sticky Scriptures, which will help words in the Bible stick—to kids' hearts, minds, and lives!! 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 Fin-tastic Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Mark down these dates, Sunday, June 16—Thursday, June 20 (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!!



Hark! The Herald Angels' Things

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NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !



2024 here we come!!! We kicked the year off by establishing some New Year Resolutions! Things we can work on so 2024 will be better than 2023 and we can get ready for 2025! With each new year comes a chance for us to wipe the slate clean and start over! New year... new you! We are about to finish up our 2nd quarter already which means we are getting to the halfway point of the school year already! In Social Studies we have been talking about producers and consumers and the difference between things we want and things we need. We talked about how when our guardians are working they receive an income and that is what they use to buy us food, clothes and all the other things in our lives. This makes us mindful that everything has a price and sometimes we have to sacrifice the things we want so we can get the things we need. In writing class we have been working on putting our answers in sentences and not just writing a word. We are also about to start to learn how to write those answers in cursive! In Bible class our Bible truths are showing us that God follows through on his promises. In our very 1st Bible truth God promised Abraham lots of descendants and God promised Abraham that his lineage would bless the world! Now with the last Bible truth we read in class, Jesus has been born thus blessing the world just like God promised Abraham!

Mr. Josh & Mrs. Smith - Second Grade Teacher & Aide



Every day at the beginning of our class during circle time the Preschoolers say a prayer. We also sing the words of the prayer and it is a favorite song for the children as well as for me. I would like to share the words of the prayer with all of you to reflect on and possibly you would like to use the prayer for yourself.

> Father, we thank you for the night And for the blessed morning light. For rest and food and loving care, And all who make the day so fair. Help us to do the things we should, To be to others, kind and good. In all we do, in all we say, To be more loving every day. Amen.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for His Kids Christian School and God Bless you.

Mrs. Yamnitsky-Preschool Teacher





PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

December 5, 2023, the HIS Kids family lost a dear friend when Jeffrey Smith, husband of our 2nd grade aide, Sherry Smith, passed away. Jeff served honorably in the US Army and National Guard for 14 years; including time in Vietnam.

Jeff loved being around the HIS Kids students and he was a familiar face at our Veterans' Day event each year.

Thanks to the generous donations of HKCS staff and friends; books were purchased and placed in our school library in memory of Jeff. Thank you Mrs. Maxwell, our 3rd gr. Teacher, for ordering such a nice selection of books, and Mrs. E., our librarian, for setting up the display pictured below.

Thank you, Jeff, for your service we will miss you!



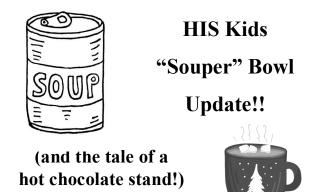
Upcoming Events at HIS Kids!

- February 5th (thanks to a recent snow day) is our 100th day of school! We look forward to celebrating all things 100!!
- February 16—Snow Make-up Day
- Kindness Week—February 20-23! (no school Feb 19—isn't that kind? ;-) While we strive to be kind to others every day of the year, this is the week where we put special emphasis on being kind by looking for ways to encourage and build up one another. You may even hear about some bucket-filling going on!
- Winterfest—Saturday, March 2! 10am-12 pm up at the Sylvania property!!
- Read Across America Week—Mar. 4-8 aka Dr. Seuss Week!

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, Feb 2! 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! March's huddle will be Friday, March 1.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who supported HIS Kids by dining at the Field House, Jan. 24. It was a great night! Thank you, Richie and Lauren Hoffman, for hosting such a great evening, and for your generosity—they blessed us with a check for \$550!!



The clock has run out on this year's HIS Kids "Souper" Bowl! What was the final score??



Our HIS Kids family collected 627 items (soup, crackers, corn bread mix, etc)! Wow! That's 327 more than last year! A big cheer of thanks for all those who brought in items—including some Summit Church friends!

Are you wondering why such a big jump?



Well let me tell you the story of a pretty amazing 6th grade class, their equally amazing teacher, Mrs. Lisa Nagg, and a hot chocolate stand. Back in December, the students were working on a special project in their class—what would it take to set up and run a hot chocolate stand? They had to figure out what supplies they would need, how much those supplies would cost, how would

they advertise and set up their stand, and finally, what would they do with the profits? They decided their hot chocolate stand would be "open for business" the night of the school's Christmas program; the hot chocolate would be "sold" for a donation; and where would their earnings go?



To buy soup and crackers for the school's "Souper" Bowl service project!!

I told you they were pretty amazing!! They raised \$293.50, which our HIS Kids Boosters graciously matched, for a total of \$587!! Now, how much soup and crackers can that buy?? Yes, they even researched that! They ended up with 418 cans of soup and 29 boxes of crackers!!

These wonderful gifts were given out during our January Food Bank Distribution on January 27—with enough left to give out next month, as well!! Families will now have lots of soup to keep them warm and fed during the cold days ahead.

One of our goals at HIS Kids is to develop students with servant hearts. This is why we have various service projects during the year.

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Yam & Mrs. Hankey for coordinating this HIS Kids service project! It's always a winner!!





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

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