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Church

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# *The Summit Herald*

January 2023

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*Annual Reports are due to the  
Church Office by Sunday,  
January 8.*



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*Come and join us on January 15th 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 follow-  
ing worship in the Fellowship Hall.*

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



*Hope to see you there!*



As most of you know, I am retiring from Summit Church at the end of June, 2023. This was not a quick decision on my part and it was based on a number of reasons. In the past five years there have been many challenges in my life including, covid shutdowns, health issues, and personal struggles. As a result, I don't believe I have the energy to continue working as I have in the past.

Of course, the number one question I get asked is: What are you going to do next? While I do have some plans to exercise more and focus on some hobbies, I have no plans to accept another church position. As an ordained pastor, I do have numerous options available to me but that is something I will have to consider in the future. For now, my focus is on doing everything in my power to make sure there is a smooth transition for me and for Summit Church.

I think it is important for all of us to remember that all Christians are called to a vocation. It isn't just a pastor or missionary who is called. The great reformer, Martin Luther once said, "Every occupation has its own honor before God. Ordinary work is a divine vocation or calling. In our daily work no matter how important or mundane we serve God by serving the neighbor and we also participate in God's on-going providence for the human race."

I don't have to be a pastor to fulfill God's divine calling in my life. I can be a greeter at Walmart, a cashier at Dollar General or someone who stocks shelves at Giant Eagle. Martin Luther also said, "God himself will milk the cows through him whose vocation that is." I say all that to say that I am not leaving the ministry. I am simply making a change.

*Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom*



### SESSION HIGHLIGHTS from the December 13 Session Meeting

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Tom has announced that he will be retiring as of June 30, 2023.

**Clerk's Report:** **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from both the November 8 Session Meeting and the December 11 Congregational Meeting election of officers.

**Finance Committee:** **Motion** approved the 1st draft of the 2023 Budget.

**Congregational Care:** The luncheon in November went well. A chili cook-off will be planned for January. Anyone can submit.

**Worship Committee:** **Motion** approved for Pastor Tom to take a vacation to spend time with Brittany in January.

**HIS Kids Christian School Report:** Boosters hosted a Thanksgiving Feast for all HKCS staff and students before Thanksgiving break. Christmas programs for both elementary students and preschool students were well attended.



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Summit Church is a member of the  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Tom Jones, *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)

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

**Saul...Feared Persecutor,**  
**Paul...Trusted Apostle**  
(Revised and Expanded Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: Acts 9: 1-30; 26: 24-29

Saul of Tarsus, a Jew by birth, was called by this name. He cherished his heritage and was an ardent student of Jewish law and studied in Jerusalem under the brilliant Rabbi Gamaliel, becoming well grounded in the orthodoxy. As a Pharisee, Saul's zeal for protecting Jewish tradition helped to shape a fierce determination to destroy the threat of a young a growing Christian church.

### **The Road to Damascus**

God's plan and Luke's inspired words (author of Acts) explains the risen Christ confronting Saul on the Damascus road "...why persecutes thou me?" Subsequent events over the next several days so impacted this "chosen vessel", as Jesus referred to Saul, that this destructive force, in his opposition to the Church was about to become the most important and influential ambassador for Jesus Christ. **Yes, He was the Son of God and about whom the scriptures testified.**

Paul of Tarsus (a capital city in Asia Minor), was a Roman citizen by birthright. The name "Paul" is understood to be his Roman designate, something that proved to be more than beneficial through his life of conversion. It needs to be stated that Paul always ranked his Jewish heritage over his Roman citizenship, calling himself..."a Hebrew of Hebrews."

David Jeremiah writes in 'World of the End, (paraphrased)...if anyone understood persecution, it was Paul. Upon his acceptance of Christ as Savior, he constantly had to deal with harassers seeking his life. He endured beatings, stonings and often scaled city walls in baskets. Consider the false accusations and arrests...shipwrecks, snake-bites, and worst of all, betrayal by trusted friends. All because he refused to let go of Jesus, the Christ!"

As Paul, he became despised by the Jews for the conversion that took away his loyalty to the law and tradition. Paul's personal encounter with Jesus convinced him most certainly that righteousness could not be accomplished by the law, but only in the truth and light found in Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This Spirit filled former Pharisee, who still loved the Jews, accepted his role as bondservant to the Lord. Paul's fearless service as teacher, missionary and confidant were primarily directed toward the gentiles. This was the commission he accepted, always leaning on the Holy Spirit for direction and instruction. In is missionary journeys and letters to the churches, Paul presented Jesus Christ as genuine hope for all nations. He loved Jesus beyond his own life which ended during Emperor Nero's persecution of Christians some years later.

The alter/burial stone at the Basilica of St. Paul in Rome reads...

**"To Paul, Apostle and Martyr"**

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       | 25 Glenn Farrell   |
| 3 Kim Steighner    | 27 Rex Jewell      |
| 4 Paul Kelly       | 28 Don Hortert     |
| 7 Becky Gallagher  | 29 Tory Mowry      |
| 9 Tom Grabe        | 30 Pollie Fife     |
| 10 Mary Jane Kelly | 31 Brittany Speer  |
| Garret McCabe      | Skip Wagle         |
| 11 Mabel Douglas   |                    |
| Georgiana Jones    |                    |
| Gary McCall        |                    |

# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- |                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| 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 office. Thanks!*

## CHRISTMAS POST OFFICE

Be sure to check the Summit Christmas Post Office in the Fellowship area for your Christmas cards. We will be taking it down after Sunday, January 15th.



Articles for the February *Herald* are due to the church office by Monday, January 23. Thanks!



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

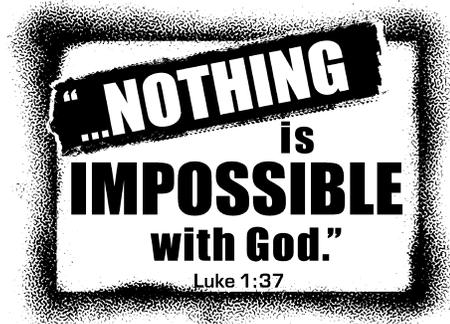
### Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10 in the church sanctuary.



### Herald Assembly Team for the February issue:

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Dave Faust               | Kathi Fischer   |
| Peggy Peters             | Cheryl Rumbaugh |
| Paul & Dorothy Steighner |                 |



## **CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK**

Given by Tom & Darlene Grabe in memory of our parents, Elton & Elizabeth Grabe, and Jim Freehling, and in honor of Darlene's 97 year old mother, our children, grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Given by Rick & Linda Toy in memory of Mark Galbreath and Janet Toy.

Given by Mike & Linda Morse in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Given by Ron & Cindy Lemmon in honor of Ruth Lemmon.

Given by Bruce & Terry Dean in memory of our parents and siblings.

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

Given by Dave Faust in memory of Janice Faust.

Given by the Corace Family in memory of John & Virginia Fleishner, and Lucille & Sam Corace.

Given by Janet Sepich in memory of Mainard Stepp.

Given by Rex & Judy Jewell in memory of our parents and grandson, and in honor of our loved ones.



## **SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS**

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

Given by Rev. Willard Morse in memory of family and in honor of Carol.

Given by Cheryl Nagel and family in memory of Chuck Nagel.

Given by the Harrison family in memory of Janice Reffo.

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

Given by Paul & Dorothy Steighner in memory of Bob, and in honor of our family.

Given by Cliff & Lynette Beattie in memory of our parents, and in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Given by the Matis family in memory of Gary Matis.

Given by Gary McCall Dr. in memory of Gerald & Jeanne McCall, Gertrude & Howard Hilliard, and Wayne & Elizabeth Hoelzle.

Given by the Carr-DiZinno family in memory of David "Pat" Schneider.

Given by Brittany Jones in memory of Raeh Jones.



### **Calling All Summit Youth**

### **6th—12th Grade!!**

Let's get together for a game night over at the school building on Sunday, January 8 from 6-7:30 pm



# Summit Church 2023

## Elders

Skip Brown 724-991-8100  
 Diana Campbell 724-352-1113  
 Luc Carr-DiZinno 724-816-7448  
 Bruce Dean 724-352-3309  
 Terry Dean 724-352-3309  
 Amanda Galvan 724-991-0639  
 Darlene Grabe 724-352-9274  
 Jason Grabenstein 724-272-6628  
 Phil Henkel 724-504-4738  
 Gail Montgomery 724-996-9123  
 Andrew Moyer 724-352-0358  
 Judy Sutton 724-287-1126



## Deacons

Anna Crider 724-822-0640  
 Celeste Faust 724-352-4194  
 Sally Foust 724-352-9054  
 Trish Harrison 724-283-6048  
 Michelle Morgan 724-283-8223  
 Linda Nowakowski 724-524-2111  
 Peggy Peters 724-352-5915  
 Renee Slupe 724-287-6271  
 Linda Toy 724-352-3268

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## Saturday - January 28

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??

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## Where in the world....?

In November, our community of Summit Church, HIS Kids Christian School and a local Girl Scout Troop put together 88 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. On December 7, they were shipped off to ...

### Tanzania!

Tanzania is an East African country that features Africa’s highest mountain, Kilimanjaro, at more than 19,000 feet. The country has over 100 indigenous people groups and two official languages, Swahili and English. Samaritan’s Purse began distributing gift-filled shoeboxes there in 2001 and launched The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship program, in this nation in 2011.



Check out this link: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/operation-christmas-child-gifts-help-build-the-church-in-tanzania> - for a cool article about the ministry in Tanzania!

Keep praying for the children who will receive our shoeboxes—that God will do an amazing work in their lives.

## NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas! It is hard to believe we are approaching the halfway point of the school year! We have had such a great year so far and the children are making such progress! We will be concentrating on the letters K, L, and M; the color blue; the number 6 and the rectangle shape during the month of January. We will be exploring the changing season of Winter and when making snowflakes remember that God made each of us unique just like the snowflakes! We have so much to be thankful for here at His Kids and we are especially thankful for your prayers and support! God Bless all of you during the New Year ahead!

*Mrs. Yamnitsky – Preschool Teacher*

Hello From 4th Grade!!

Hello fellow citizens of God, I hope everyone had a great Christmas Season and a great start to the 2023 year. It is hard to believe that this school year is moving so fast; we are almost halfway through the school year. Anyways, the 4th grade has been keeping busy since the beginning of the school year. We are currently learning about conservation and how important it is to keep our planet clean. We completed some cool science experiments for Christmas. For starters we did a chemical reaction experiment where we used Borax soap, hot water, and pipe cleaners and created Ornaments. In another experiment we made Snow Globes using Glycerin. They were so excited to do these for science. In the near future we will be learning about our country's states and capitals and will be doing research for our upcoming Wax Museum, which will take place in early April. Well until next time; Have a blessed New Year!!

John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

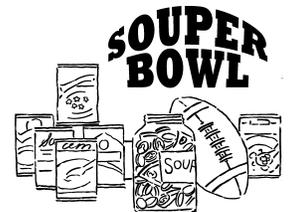
*Mr. McKruit – Fourth Grade Teacher*

## 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*



### Shoebox Update

Can you find Tanzania 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 an amazing work in their lives. HIS Kids can make a difference!



### Angel Alert was Amazing!

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Osche, 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. Fouse, our Art teacher, for helping our students create wonderful decorations!

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

My Prayer for the HIS Kids family as we start 2023!

... 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 2022-23 school year!

### HIS Kids "Souper" Bowl!!

It's time to kick off this year's HIS Kids "Souper" Bowl!

Be sure to check out all the details in Mrs. Yam & Mrs. Hankey's teacher's report on the other page; and be a player, not just a spectator!

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Yam & Mrs. Hankey for coordinating this 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:

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Krystal Rivera, President | Michelle Morgan, Vice-President |
| Amy Warner, Secretary     | Sally Foust                     |
| Ken Galvan                | Lynette Glaze                   |
| Ryan Pugh                 |                                 |

## 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.

**\*\*To read the entire Summit Herald, please visit:**

<https://www.summitchurchpa.org/summit-herald-newsletters>

### 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          | <a href="mailto:office@hiskidscs.org">office@hiskidscs.org</a>     |
| School Website         | <a href="https://www.hiskidscs.com">https://www.hiskidscs.com</a>  |
| School Facebook Page   | HIS Kids Christian School  |
| Boosters E-mail        | <a href="mailto:boosters@hiskidscs.org">boosters@hiskidscs.org</a> |
| Boosters Facebook Page | Hkcs Boosters  |



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### Staff

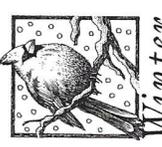
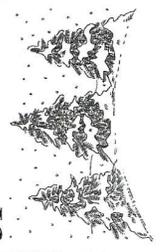
Preschool—LeAnn Yamnitsky  
 Preschool Aide—Patty Hankey  
 Kindergarten—Haley Vissari  
 Kindergarten Aide—Maria Pugh  
 1st Grade—Haylie Rupnow  
 2nd Grade—Holly Collins  
 2nd Grade Aide—Sherry Smith  
 3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell  
 4th Grade—Josh McKruit  
 5th Grade—Jennifer Dimit.  
 6th Grade—Christan Baker  
 Music—Marlee Osche  
 Art—Jill Fouse  
 Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy  
 Phys. Educ. (K-6th Grade)—Amanda Galvan  
 Curriculum Advisor—Marlene Beamer  
 Cafeteria—Tara Cornetti  
 Cleaning —Michele Wardle & Jessica Hanna  
 Principal—Carol Novy  
 Administrative Assistant—Brittany Morse  
 Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson  
 Pastor of Summit Church—Pastor Tom Jones

Midwest Intermediate Unit 4 Support:

Title I Reading & Math—Marie Farkas  
Speech & Language—Karen Nicholas  
Guidance—LeeAnn Wiseman

# WINTER



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