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# ***The Summit Herald***

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***Sunday, June 20th!***





My main exercise for many years has been walking. Recently, I decided to change my normal walking schedule from afternoons and evenings to mornings. Not only is it cooler in the mornings during the summer but it is also a way to virtually guarantee that I get my walk in for the day. When I schedule a walk for an afternoon or evening, it often gets cancelled due to unexpected changes in the schedule.

I call my exercise “productivity walks.” Not only is walking good exercise but in the past two and a half years I have discovered that walking helps me manage my still undiagnosed illness much better. But, walking is much more than even that! Walking is a time to pray, mediate, fellowship, plan, and even work on sermons. I often take a notebook along and as I contemplate my next sermon, I write down ideas as they pop into my head. Walking is a vital part of my physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.



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**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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The word “walk” is used in the Bible both literally as in going from one place to another and metaphorically to refer to following a certain course of life. The point is that how we walk in life is a vital part of our physical, emotional, spiritual well-being! 1 John 1: 7 says, “ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” If you are interested in joining me for a walk this summer, just let me know. This is a great way to start the day!

*Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom*



**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS  
from the May 18 Meeting**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Tom was a guest at the McLay wedding on April 10. He also performed the funeral of Jim Faust in May.

**Clerk's Report:** **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the April 13 Session Meeting.

**Finance Committee:** **Motion** approved to accept April treasurers report.

**Christian Education:** VBS will be held as a drive-in again this year! Online registration will begin in the next week or so.

**HIS Kids Christian School Report:** The School Board has unanimously voted to hire Carol Novy as principal on interim basis following Deb Dawson's departure at the end of this school year. **Motion** approved for Carol to begin the position as interim principal starting June 3.



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

## "THE PROMISE...THE RETURN" (Revised and expanded previous lesson)

Study Verses: Mark 13: 24-37; John 11: 16; 14:5; 20: 25-29; Acts 1: 13

Several disciples have questions. At this time none of the disciples are able to grasp the depth of their Lord's message as He approaches His destiny of fulfilling prophesy. Mark's thirteenth chapter provides answers and careful explanations of Jesus' purpose and promised return as the Christ.

The disciples are beginning to genuinely believe who their Master is, and what He alone can accomplish in God's plan of salvation. It is far removed from overcoming Rome's political and military oppression of the Jewish people. Most suffering Jews have long awaited a David-type Messiah to restore Jerusalem to power, prosperity and glory. The Son of God boldly speaks to His brutal captors, not only who He is, but that "His Kingdom is not of this world"!

It is apparent that as Mark records the "elevated" teaching of Jesus, the words are not only for the Twelve, but for generations of believers who will hear and read of the signs and wonders that will precede His coming again. In a parable, there is reference to a far journey the Master takes, only after giving authority to trusted servants and specific duties to every worker. The command for the porter to keep watch is emphatic. We all are ordered to watch! Pray to be ready.

### HAVE DOUBTS? ... THAT'S OKAY!

Pastor David Jeremiah in a recent article, states that doubting can very well be a positive exercise, keeping in mind that doubt is not unbelief. This word is too often misused; questioning, confirming, suspecting are all better applications. *Doubting Thomas* got a bad rap says the pastor. Unlike the other disciples who were present with Jesus following His resurrection, Thomas felt need to question his peers, thus his "Unless I see..." commentary. Pastor Jeremiah makes a salient point that well may apply to many spiritually: "He (Thomas) didn't say I don't believe...he simply said, I haven't seen evidence of His resurrection." Conversely, Jesus spoke a related crucial truth once Thomas had made his convincing touch. "Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." Prior to that, the humbled disciple confessed..."My Lord and my God"!

### DOUBT = DISCOVERY

Two decades after the Lord's ascension to glory, Thomas who was known to brother disciples and the early church as a "courageous, deliberate thinker, and a detailed person", was ordered to Persia for his mission. He arrived on India's SW coast in 52 AD. Having established seven churches there, the persistent apostle traveled the lower country (now Chennai), presenting the Gospel to so many, that millions today are known as Saint Thomas Christians. He ministered until his martyrdom twenty years later. Landmarks, church branches, even a postal stamp commemorate his efforts to present Jesus Christ to the masses, not a record you would normally identify with a doubter.

Amen

#### Herald Assembly Team for the July issue:

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Terry Dean  | Rex Jewell     |
| Judy Jewell | Eleanor Kingan |
| Linda Morse | Janet Sepich   |

Session,  
Reminder that  
our next Session  
Meeting will be  
held on June 8 at 7:00 p.m. in  
the church sanctuary.



**ATTENTION!** The library committee has decided to postpone the summer reading challenge until next year. With the Summit Church not being fully open, we felt it only right to postpone. We hope to have a reading challenge next year.



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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Cory Bucholz        | 13 Lydia Faust    |
| Joshua Bucholz        | 14 Denver Moyer   |
| Dana Lawson           | Schaely Renfrew   |
| 2 Grady Morgan        | Celina Cunningham |
| 3 Shane Fife          | (Sanks)           |
| 4 Hannah Carr-DiZinno | 15 Jeff Beattie   |
| Brittany Faust        | Kaya Morgan       |
| Rikki Woodling        | 18 Terri Faust    |
| 5 Debbie Vensel       | 19 Donna Christy  |
| Colton Holtz          | 20 April Crider   |
|                       | Lauren Holtz      |
| 6 Erin Wamsley        | 23 Terry Thompson |
| Lauren Wamsley        | 24 Kellie Pettit  |
| 7 Alexis Petro        | 27 Jocelyn Dean   |
| 8 Cheryl Rumbaugh     | 28 Bill Kingan    |
| 10 Leslie Morrow      | Lonnie Lucas      |



## Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|------|
| Tony & Mary Jo Sanks     | 6/6  |
| Paul & Dorothy Steighner | 6/6  |
| Steve & LeAnn Yamnitsky  | 6/9  |
| Garry & Terri Faust      | 6/11 |
| Tom & Darlene Grabe      | 6/15 |
| Bruce & Anna Crider      | 6/16 |
| Rick & Becky Gallagher   | 6/20 |
| Darrell & Eleanor Kingan | 6/24 |
| Rodney & MaryAnn Fleeger | 6/24 |

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

## ADULT FICTION SERIES

Coastal Guardians, by Dani Pettrey  
2. The Crushing Depths

Danger Never Sleeps, by Lynette Eason  
1. Collateral Damage

Hope Harbor, by Irene Hannon  
6. Starfish Pier

## ADULT FICTION

A Christmas Table, by Donna VanLiere  
A Single Thread, by Marie Bostwick  
Don't Call Me Brave I Was Not Alone, by Natalie Glaser  
Promised Land, by Robert Whitlow  
That Christmas Feeling, by Catherine Palmer  
Murder by the Book, by Lauren Elliott

*Given in Memory of Donovan Sanks by Anthony & Mary Jo Sanks*

The Inn at Magnolia Harbor  
15. Cherished Legacy, by Johnnie Alexander  
16. Garden of Secrets, by Dorothy Clarans  
17. Sweet Wishes, by Dana Lynn  
18. August Retreat, by Tara Randel  
19. A New Path, by Gail Chianese  
20. Autumn's Spell, by Johnnie Alexander  
21. Treasured Harvest, by Dorothy Clarans  
22. Comfort and Joy, by Dana Lynn  
23. A Time to Celebrate, by Tara Randel



Articles for the  
July *Herald* are due to the church office  
by Monday, June 21.  
Thanks!

**Saturday - June 26**

Time - 8:30 a.m. for volunteer packers  
9:30 a.m. for order pick-up

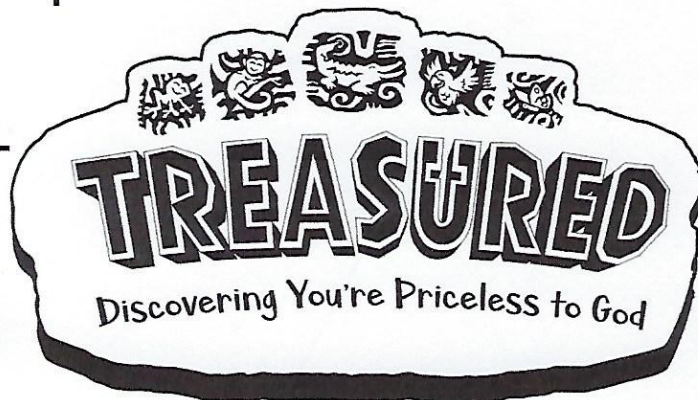


Memorials were donated to the Promise of Life Network in memory of Jim Faust:

- ~ Bev & Russ Bachman
- ~ Bruce & Terry Dean
- ~ Roger Sepich
- ~ Lynne Graham
- ~ David Malinowski
- ~ Amy Warner



Mail completed form to: Summit Church\*181 Caldwell  
Dr\*Butler\*PA\*16002  
Or scan and email to: canovy3@gmail.com  
Or register online at: [www.vbspro.events/p/summitchurchvbs2021](http://www.vbspro.events/p/summitchurchvbs2021)



# Drive-In Registration Form

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade finished \_\_\_\_\_

Adults Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Which session do you want to attend? (circle one only)    M-W (July 12 & 14)    T-Th (July 13 & 15)

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone # to contact: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Best e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Color options are back this year!! Check out the order chart ☺☺☺☺**

**\*\*Can't decide? Get more than one color!! \$7.00 for one shirt; \$13.50 for two!!**

**\*\*Mark the quantities in the appropriate boxes.**

**Please attach cash or check (Summit Church) to this registration form. Deadline for shirt orders is NO LATER than June 24th!**

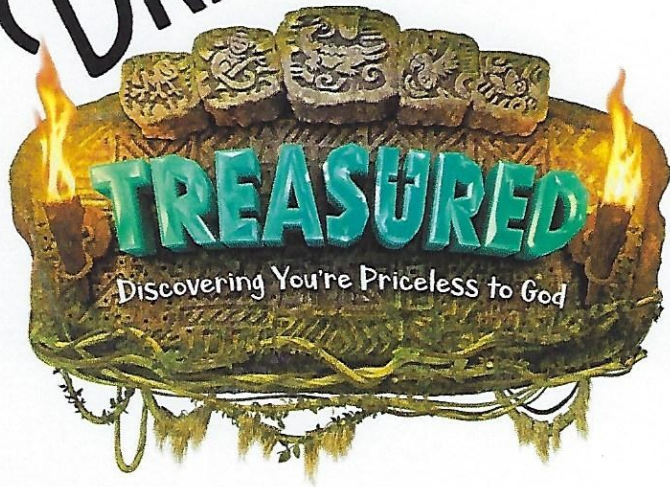
## Treasured T-Shirts! Order Deadline—June 24th

| Size<br>Color | Yth<br>XSm<br>2-4 | Yth Sm<br>6-8 | Yth<br>Med<br>10-12 | Yth Lg<br>14-16 | Adult<br>SM | Adult<br>MED | Adult<br>LG | Adult<br>XL |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bright Pink   |                   |               |                     |                 |             |              |             |             |
| Cherry Red    |                   |               |                     |                 |             |              |             |             |
| Neon Green    |                   |               |                     |                 |             |              |             |             |
| Sapphire Blue |                   |               |                     |                 |             |              |             |             |

2X-3X sizes are available. \$2 additional for 2X; \$3 additional for 3X



# DRIVE IN



## PACK YOUR GEAR!!

**M-W (July 12-14)**

**Or**

**T-Th (July 13-15)**

**Time: 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Meet at: Summit CCO (HIS Kids School) in the Back**

## MAKE PLANS NOW FOR THIS SUMMER'S AMAZING TREASURED VBS ADVENTURE!

We had so much fun last year (and packing 125 kids plus adults into the multipurpose room is still a little dicey with COVID still hanging around), we thought we'd do our "drive-in" VBS one more summer! God gave us such an amazing week in July last year, we are trusting Him again for great weather—it can't hurt to start praying now!!

Here's the plan so far—it's always in process!!:

- ♦ This will be a "Drive-In VBS" for the whole family! Grandparents are invited, too! We will have a stage—with sound system—set up outside in the back of the school building. We will guide you to your parking spot!
- ♦ There will be two—2 evening sessions, from which your family will choose one: Monday-Wednesday (July 12&14) or Tuesday-Thursday (July 13&15)
- ♦ If you want to bring bag chairs/folding chairs to sit outside the car, you may do that. Because of the changes toward more openness, we will probably be able open up a little bit more! Yay!!
- ♦ Each night, every family will receive a supply pack with items needed to follow along!
- ♦ Each family will receive a Treasured VBS CD free!
- ♦ T-shirts are available in four colors! \$7.00 each or 2 for \$13.50! Order deadline is no later than June 24! Sorry there's been a slight price increase, but they will be great!
- ♦ See the Treasured VBS website-now for registration, FAQ's, t-shirt colors

We hope you and your family will join us for Treasured VBS

Register at: [www.vbspro.events/p/summitchurchvbs2021](http://www.vbspro.events/p/summitchurchvbs2021)



## NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

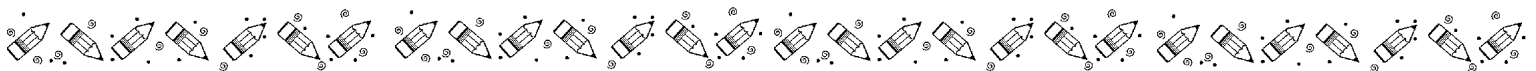


Well folks, we made it! The end of the most interesting year I think I will have in my career and more arguably in my students' school career as well! What a difference one year can make! Last year, as I was writing my final school entry, I was reminiscing about being in the classroom and praying we would be in school for the fall! Not only were my prayers met but the Lord also kept us all safe! The kids have been amazing this year. I am so proud of how they handled all the changes and challenges that this pandemic brought upon them. From the mask wearing, to the social distancing, and all of the extra sanitizing measures, our kids have shown us how truly blessed we are to call them our students.

As we wind down the school year here in second grade, we are anxiously awaiting our field trip! It will be held out at the Sylvania property and the theme will be all about BUGS! Audubon Society of Western PA is going to come and do an outdoor presentation about bugs! Then we will be doing all sorts of fun bug activities, before heading back to the school to watch a short bug program online and do another fun bug craft! Our snack is even themed around bugs! It is sure to be a delight and maybe a little creepy as well ;) Other than the field trip the students are finishing up their very last units of Math, Language Arts, Science, Bible and Cursive as second graders! The question I keep hearing the most is.... "Is this our last test?!" They just can't wait for the last test for some reason? Wonder why?

Other than feeling blessed to have been their teacher during this challenging year, I would like to thank all of the people that helped us make this year a success! There were so many parents, Boosters, volunteers, staff and subs that flew under the radar but made such a huge difference. Without these individuals, our school year may not have been as wonderful, and safe, as it was. So I would like to say, from the bottom of my, my co-workers, and my students' hearts, how grateful we are to have such a wonderful school community. We are truly and undoubtedly blessed. Now, all that is left to say is, may your summer be filled with love, happy times, and safety.

*Mrs. Collins – Second Grade Teacher*



The last couple of months have been very busy for the 4th graders, for starters we completed are Historical Figure/Wax Museum project. This was a project that involved the children researching a historical figure from the past like Abraham Lincoln or Amelia Earhart; then they would take that researched information and place it on a trifold. The second part of the project had the students dressing like their researched character and acting it out as if they were an audible statue (Wax Museum; this part is being recorded as this issue is being pressed).

For our service project the 4th graders helped organize our annual Veterans Collection Drive. This drive had us collect needed supplies for the needy veterans and the tri county area. After completion of the drive, the supplies were donated to the local VA affairs in Butler. I would like to thank Mr. Pepe from the VA for letting us do this for the VETS.

Finally, in late May we are slated to go to Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History in Pittsburgh. It was nice to be able to go on field trips again.

Well until next school year and have a safe summer! God Bless.

*Mr. McKruit – Fourth Grade Teacher*

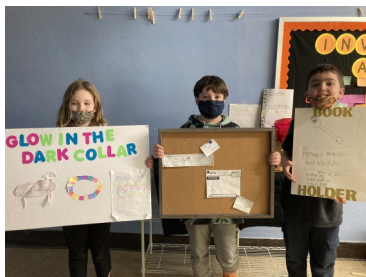


## NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS CONTINUED!



As always, the year goes by so fast. Even though this year was not as "normal" as my other years, we had a great time in 3rd grade! Hopefully you saw the third grade class in the SOAR in the Butler Eagle. For the last two months or so, the kids have been learning about different inventors and their inventions. They even got to create their own invention. It was a really fun project and it was featured in the SOAR. We finished up the year, in reading, by doing a novel study. We read *Chocolate Fever*. They enjoyed reading and then discussing it in their "book buddy" groups. For math we finished up the year with fractions and then a brief review from the entire year. Plus, they all completed their multiplication flash cards as well. We had a "Multiplication Movie Celebration" with popcorn, candy, and a drink. They worked hard and earned it! They are definitely ready to move onto 4th grade. (Although I will miss them!) Even with all the work we have been doing, we have managed to get some fun things in for the end the year. A big thanks to Boosters for giving the kids their "Fun Day". That is a day they always look forward to! We also got to take field trips this year. We traveled to the Pittsburgh Zoo. It was a beautiful day! And, of course in 3rd grade tradition we ended the year with our egg drop challenge. Our final chapter in science is about force and motion. Each student got to make something that would protect an egg from a far drop. I loved seeing the creativity in the things they came up with. It is such a good way to end the year.

I want to thank everyone who makes each school year run so smoothly. It is definitely a group effort and we couldn't do it without each and everyone of you. Hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer! See you in August!



*Mrs. Maxwell - Third Grade Teacher*



It is hard to believe that the schoolyear has come to a close! This year has been a great one even in spite of the many challenges we faced! I am so proud of all the Preschoolers! They have learned so much over this school year and they all have grown by leaps and bounds! During the last month of school we celebrated our Mothers and made Mother's Day gifts. We finished learning the letters of the alphabet and we reviewed all the numbers, shapes and colors.

We want to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support and we hope you have a blessed Summer.

God Bless you all!

*Mrs. Yamnitsky - Preschool Teacher*





## Proud Principal's Page – Debora Dawson, M.Ed.

### Don't Blink

My eleven year-old grandson has learned to jokingly couch sensitive conversations by asking his parents for “Permission to Speak Freely?” I’m not going to ask permission, but I will take this opportunity to speak freely. Here goes!

My prior career as a special education teacher and supervisor with Intermediate Unit 4 in Grove City was incredible. I loved the job; I loved the people; I loved the challenge of helping others with educational needs. Thirty-six years flew by in the blink of an eye. Fifteen years later as principal of HKCS, I am still wondering how time moved so quickly for me.

HIS Kids Christian School started out as a vision by a few very dedicated and open-minded Summit Presbyterian Church members. Wow! They certainly have my total admiration for turning a “could be” into a reality. Their vision now fills every room in the Christian Community Outreach Building at 650 Saxonburg Road. From infants in the YMCA Child Care programs to HKCS sixth graders, the building has taken on a life of its own.

The following chart lists some THEN and NOW facts from the beginning of my time at HIS Kids.

| 2006-07  | 2020-21                                     |
|--|---|
| Preschool - Grade 4                            | Preschool - Grade 6                         |
| 19 elementary students; 25 preschoolers        | 86 elementary students; 30 preschoolers     |
| Preschool - a.m. classes only                  | Preschool - both a.m. and p.m. classes      |
| 5 classroom teachers; 1 paraprofessional       | 9 classroom teachers; 4 paraprofessionals   |
| 1 Kdg Plus class (MTTh half-days + WF all day) | 2 Full-day Kindergarten classes             |
| Periodic Service Projects                      | Monthly Service Projects                    |
| Title I Reading serves 2 students              | Title I Rdg/Math serves 30+ students        |
| Busing from 2 school districts                 | Busing from 6 school districts              |
| No computers in school                         | 30 computers; 75 Chromebooks; 20 Tablets    |
| Brown bag lunches from home only               | Prepared school lunches offered daily       |
| No Childcare programs on site                  | YMCA Childcare rents last 3 remaining rooms |
| Boosters - field trips through fundraising     | Boosters fund field trips, snacks, T-shirts |
| Secretary - assorted volunteers                | Secretary - full-time M-F                   |
| 6 teachers, 1 para, 3 volunteers for specials  | 19 staff members                            |



## Proud Principal's Page (continued) – Debora Dawson, M.Ed.

### Thanks for the Memories

Reality is starting to set in for me. As the “lasts” of everything at HIS Kids take place, my heart and my head are working together to recall so many wonderful memories from the past. The last fire drill, the last field trip, the last school service project all will give way to what I am really dreading - the last smile, the last laugh, the last hug, the last good-bye.

There are so many people for me to thank for all the wonderful times I have had as principal. The current staff at HIS Kids is the best ever! I have worked in both public and private schools, and I know God has put these people at HIS Kids for a reason. They are certainly using their gifts and talents to make HIS Kids what it is.

I want to thank past and present members of the HIS Kids Christian School Board. They have been helpful and supportive to me and the rest of the staff since the beginning. They were always willing to listen to ideas and to give us freedom and backing to make things happen. God bless them all.

Boosters. What can I say about the Boosters? The names and faces have changed through the years, but their dedication to providing the little extras for staff and students has been heartwarming. Many parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles have taken their turns to put on their Booster hats to serve as cheerleaders for the work being done.

The Summit Church community deserves a big thank you for having the courage to take on HIS Kids Christian School as one of their missions. Under the leadership of Pastor Tom and Carol Novy, we always know there are so many people supporting us with their donations and prayers every day.

I know I have forgotten to thank so many people. I especially want to express my love and appreciation to all the wonderful parents, grandparents, and extended family members who share their kids with us every day. This year has been hard; I only get to see some of them through the front doors at drop-off or pick-up time. There are family members whom I have never met, but just seeing the bright, happy faces of their children tells me that they are doing something right.

To all those I've mentioned and also to those I've forgotten, thank you for the memories. Thank you for sharing your great kids with me. I now have enough wonderful stories in my head to last for the rest of my life! I will keep HIS Kids in my prayers. More wonderful things are ahead. Just you wait and see!

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### Staff

Preschool—LeAnn Yamnitsky  
Preschool Aide—Patty Hankey  
Kindergarten—Rachel Moeller  
Kindergarten—Angela Hewitt  
1st Grade—Cayce Johnson  
1st Grade Aide—Maria Pugh  
2nd Grade—Holly Collins  
2nd Grade Aide—Sherry Smith  
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell  
4th Grade—Josh McKruit  
5th Grade—Julie Barton  
5th Grade Aide—Diana Skurka  
6th Grade—Christan Baker  
Music—Suzanne Adams  
Computer—Perry Dawson  
Art—Diana Skurka  
Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy  
Physical Education (K-6th Grade)—Carol Novy  
Cafeteria—Chrissy Filges  
Cleaning—Michele Wardle & Tara Cornetti  
Principal—Debora Dawson  
Secretary—Brittany Morse  
Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson  
Pastor of Summit Church—Pastor Tom Jones

### 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](mailto:office@hiskidscs.org)  
School Website <http://www.hiskidscs.org>  
School Facebook Page [HIS Kids Christian School](https://www.facebook.com/HISKidsChristianSchool)  
Boosters E-mail [boosters@hiskidscs.org](mailto:boosters@hiskidscs.org)  
Boosters Facebook Page [HKCS Boosters](https://www.facebook.com/HKCSBoosters)

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

Butler County Children & Youth Services: 724-284-5156

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|--------|--|
| May 26 | Boosters Activity Day for Students             |
| May 28 | Vacation Day - No School                       |
| May 31 | Memorial Day - No School                       |
| June 2 | Last Day for Elementary - 11:30 a.m. Dismissal |
|        | Report Cards Issued                            |
| June 2 | Last Day for Elementary - 11:30 Dismissal      |



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

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

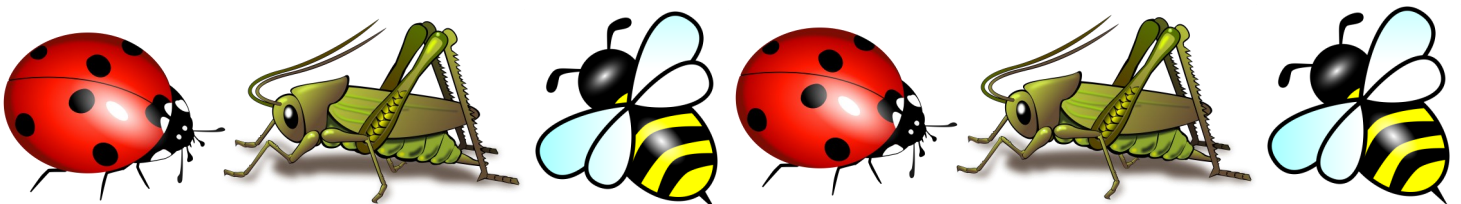
**-KIDSylvania Korner-**

*The partnership of HIS Kids Christian School and Sylvania Conservation Foundation*

We are making great progress on the green house. A few men from Sylvania have been at the school helping finish it up. We have things on order to start filling it and making it an actual green house! We soon hope to have a dedication ceremony for all to enjoy!



Mrs. Collins's Second grade class headed out to the Sylvania property May 21st 2021 for their end of year field trip! The theme for the day... ALL ABOUT BUGS! Upon arrival the students jumped and ran off the bus into the beautiful open field to do some exploring, running, and (mostly) screaming! After about 20 minutes Mr. Ryan, from the Audubon Society of Western PA arrived, and he took us out looking for bugs, educated us on the surrounding land, and taught us so much about nature! The kiddos couldn't get enough of him and he had a really hard time leaving! Next we had lunch in the open air pavilion. Everyone was so excited about their specially packed field trip lunches, and we found that most people had an apple or applesauce! What a coincidence! Once lunch was finished up we split up into 3 groups of 5 and did some bug centers. The centers consisted of camp fire starter ants, bug homes, a carnival can game, a bug scavenger hunt, bug painting, and glow in the dark bug soap. Our time was up way before we wanted to leave, and the students were begging to stay, but alas we had to return back to the school! We had such a wonderful time and it was such a beautiful day! We are so very thankful that the Lord led us to Sylvania and that they have been so generous to us! See the following pages for pictures of our amazing field trip!





**-KIDSylvania Korner Continued-**



**Above:** Set up of some of the bug activities from the night before. Crafts were in the open air pavilion and games were outside.



**Above:** A very brave Mr. Ryan, from the Audubon Society of Western PA, educates the second grade students on the life a bee they found from our beehive. Turns out the bee he picked up was a gereatric and was toward the end of its life. He did not get stung but we were nervous for him the entire time!



**Pictured from left to right:** Students Amelia, Luke, Evan, & Aubrey enjoy a relaxing swing while waiting for lunch time!



**Above Pictured from Left to Right:** Students Kevin, Logan & Brennen swing while waiting to start our tour with Mr. Ryan



**-KIDSylvania Korner Continued-**



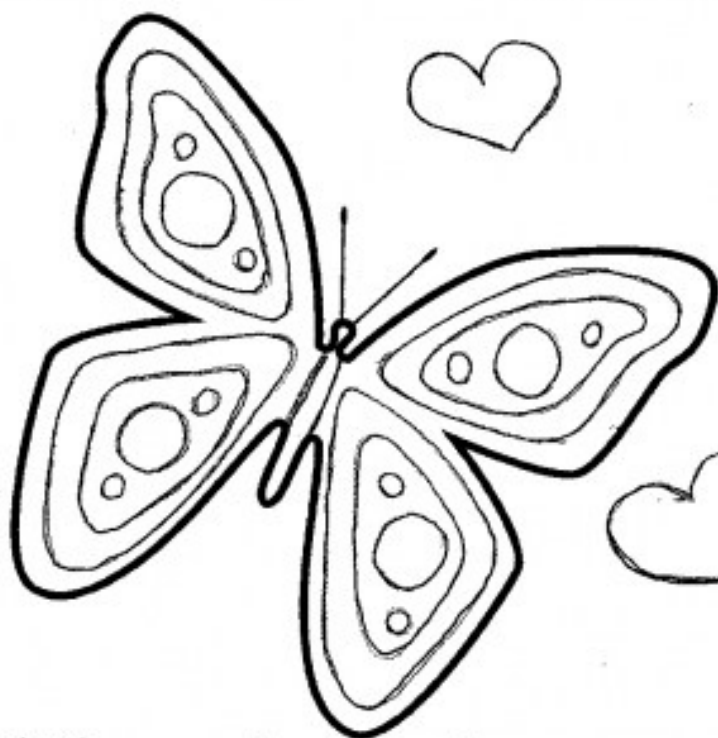
**Above:** Student Luke knocks over cans to earn tickets to buy prizes later back at school, while student Hunter looks on in anticipation of his turn.



**Above around the table from left to right:** Students Maci, Amelia, Jack, Mrs. Adams, Emmett, and Alex paint canvases by painting the bottom of plastic bugs and printing them on the canvas.



**Above:** Second Grade students getting ready to head back to school after having a super fun and educational day out at Sylvania! We were so blessed to have all students, teachers and educators there for the beautiful day!



Jesus

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,  
the *new creation* has  
come: **THE OLD** has gone, *the*  
*new is here!*"

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

