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181 Caldwell Drive
Butler, PA 16002

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The shoebox collection for Operation Christmas Child is fast approaching (November 12) so you're running out of days for shopping! Check out the page inside this Herald for ideas and help packing your shoebox. Please also take note of what NOT to pack.

Shoeboxes with packing instructions are available in the sanctuary for pick up. All boxes need to be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 12. Thanks for making a difference in the life of a child!





Are you ready for Christmas yet? Why not? Everything is right behind the gigantic displays for Halloween, all of which have been up since July. That's what I see in the retail stores – each year things get pushed earlier and earlier. I believe I saw the first displays in July.

The holiday that never seems to get much attention is Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a commemoration reportedly celebrated by our Puritan ancestors (the pilgrims) to celebrate and give thanks to God for their first year of survival (along with the help of the First Nation tribes that were instrumental in that survival).

Like most holidays, Thanksgiving has been reduced to a secular gathering of families, overeating and watching football.



Presbyterian Church
Changing Lives for Jesus Christ!

The Summit Herald

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Summit Presbyterian Church

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Evangelical Presbyterian Church.*

Church Staff:

David Perry, *Transitional Pastor*

Carol Novy, *Minister of Education*

Dianna Carr-DiZinno, *Admin. Assistant*

Sunday Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Worship

Other ministries of Summit Church:

•**Summit Church's Christian
Community Outreach Building**

•**Loaves & Fishes Food Bank**

Directors: Kim Steighner, LuAnn Steighner, & a host of volunteers

•**HIS Kids Christian School**

(PreK--6th grade)

650 Saxonburg Rd.

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As Christians, the Word of God tells us that we are to be always thankful in all things and – not just one day a year – *but all the time* – regardless of our circumstances.

We can be thankful for, our joy is found in Christ – not the things of the world.

The Word of God, Old Testament and New Testament tells us to give thanks and to be thankful.

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Ps 9:1

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Ps 95:2

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Ps 100:4

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Ps 107:8

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil 4:6

Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Eph 5:20

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Col 3:17

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thes 5:18

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!!

Pastor David

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the October 10 Session Meeting

Clerks Report: Motion approved to accept the minutes from the September 12 Session Meeting. **Motion** approved to accept Cheryl Nagel's resignation as Clerk of Session. **Motion** approved for Amanda Galvan to accept the nomination as Clerk of Session.

Finance Committee: Motion approved to accept the September treasurers report.

Congregational Care: The Deacons are working on planning events for the new year.

HIS Kids School Report: HKCS Open House is Thursday, November 2 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. All are welcome! Extracurricular activities (ex. Dance, gymnastics, tutoring, etc.) have started and are covered by the current insurance policy.

Facilities: Session has agreed on a siding quote for the original schoolhouse. Work should begin soon.

October 3, 2023

HKCS Board Meeting Summary

We attended 3 community events in Sept: Herman Community days, Mingle on Main, Butler Fall Festival. Dine and Donate at Summit Dairy Queen was successful. The spaghetti dinner was Oct 8. Boscov's Friends Helping Friends day is Oct 18. Passes are available for a \$5.00 donation. The sign in front of the school has been refurbished and they are going to work on the one at the church. We had great attendance at the Summit Church worship service on Sept 24 from the staff and school board. The financial books were audited for the school and boosters. There will be after school classes offered to students for dance, gymnastics, tutoring, etc. starting soon!

Can You Help?

The family of Dorothy Steighner is looking for someone who can be a companion for her three days a week. Family is looking to compensate. Please call Kim Steighner if interested. 724-679-7169.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

AT SUMMIT

Hanging of the Greens will begin on **Saturday, November 25th**. We will be starting at 9:00 a.m.



ADVENT LUNCHEONS



It's almost time for one of Summit's much-loved traditions — Advent Luncheons!

This year we will meet for (3) Tuesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a nutritious lunch, some singing, and a short message. The first luncheon is December 5th. Since the luncheons are open to the community, be sure to invite your family and friends.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Advent Luncheons, please see or contact the office.

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!



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

Parables...Truth in Spoken Pictures

(Revised and Expanded Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: Matt 13, Mark 4: 2-29, Luke 10: 25-27, John 15: 1-8, II Sam 12: 1-4

Synagogue doors were closing behind Jesus' early ministry as the result of mistrust by Jewish leaders and the vile opposition of religious legalists. New places were needed to reach curious if not eager crowds. Jesus would not...could not permit His mission to be impeded. The seashore, hillsides, vineyards, fields, roadways and private houses became stages for the great message of salvation. The Son of Man, who spoke with great knowledge and authority in strict orthodox settings, was prepared to adjust His teaching style to that of a master storyteller. This change would bring clarity and understanding to Godly principles for common Palestinian Jews, and sometimes the chosen twelve. Jesus taught by *parable*.

Unlike allegories and metaphors, generally speaking, *parables* are intended to convey spiritual or moral truths in brief, "Technicolor" story lines, by way of familiar settings. Jesus would lay His message alongside situations that onlookers lived daily, thus giving substance to every lesson. One point, precisely presented...easily remembered! Virtually every detail is important to allegories; frequently they require considerable thought to comprehend. When reading any of the forty parables printed in the Gospel, it will be helpful to transport yourself back to ancient Palestine, prior to our Lord's crucifixion. In this manner one would see and hear as inhabitants of the region. This mental journey will aid a melting into the Jewish soul, as the sermons of Jesus cry out, "follow me!" The *parable* offers a simple truth, one which genuine hearers could discern and retain. The spoken teachings of Jesus were certain to touch many more lives, as it was unlikely that many in large gatherings were literate. As intended, doubters and cynics could not find a message. Truth was concealed. God's son gave by parable promises of love, trust and compassion from the Almighty. He taught eternal destiny depends on grace not a crushing legal system.

On a Sabbath day, after confronting the Pharisees, Jesus rested on the seashore. Soon a multitude gathered, forcing Him into a boat. From there he preached a story..." THE SOWER OF SEED". That scene may have been playing out in nearby fields. As the narrative unfolds, Jesus contrasts ground conditions in which the seed is contrasted to deep, fertile soil. He concludes with the "who has ears and understands" comment. Later the Disciples questioned Jesus as to why a parable? Explaining that the planted spaces depicted the condition of a man's heart to receive the Word, only those sincerely repentant and open would hold the truth and be fruitful in the faith. This remains the truth today and forever.

Amen



How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift

As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, **and don't forget to make it FUN!**

1

SHOEBOX

Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.



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PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



2

"WOW" ITEM

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



5

DONATE \$10 PER BOX

A donation of **\$10** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



3

OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



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DROP OFF

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC

Join Summit Church and HIS Kids Christian School as we pack shoeboxes for children around the world. If you are packing your own box, please return it to the church by Sunday, November 12. Donations toward a box (suggested donation - \$30) can be given to Carol by Sunday, Nov. 5.



Shoebox Gift Suggestions

"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



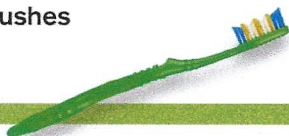
TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE.



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| 1 Judy Jewell | 19 Kelsie Shultz |
| 7 Cheryl Nagel | Roy Andrews |
| John Vensel | 20 Patrick Acquaviva |
| 9 Jason Grabenstein | 22 Ron Lemmon |
| 15 Terry Dean | 24 Andrew Corace |
| 16 Chris Dean | 27 Zachary Corace |
| 17 Lillian Kidder | Luanne Steighner |
| | 28 Justin Morse |
| | 30 Rose Faust |

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| Chris & Kirsten Dean | 11/11/06 |
| Bill & Kim Heller | 11/12/11 |
| Skip & Idelle Brown | 11/22 |

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, November 20. Thanks!

Session,

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



**Looking ahead to
Angel Tree!**

Our Angel Tree will look a little different this year, but we can all still help to provide our Food Bank kids with a special Christmas. Instead of having anyone go out to shop for presents, we are inviting you to donate toward gift cards that will be given to each child. A suggested donation is \$20-\$25, but you may do whatever you are able. Beginning the end of November, there will be a special box in the sanctuary for your donations; or you may send in a check made out to "Summit Church" with Angel Tree on the memo line. All donations must be received by Sunday, December 11 for December Food Bank distribution. Any questions, please contact Carol Novy. Thanks in advance for your kindness!



Madison Harrison
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Gemmell Mailbox #124
Clarion, PA 16214

Herald Assembly Team for the December issue:

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

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	724-900-1389
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

Saturday - November 18

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??

If you would like to purchase beautiful poinsettias to place in the sanctuary during Christmas, your order will be due to the office **by Sunday, November 26th**! The price of a 6½” plant is \$9.00 and the colors available are red, white, and pink. An 8½” plant is \$23.50 and the colors are red or white only. To order, fill out the form or call Dianna in the office. Checks can be made out to Summit Church with a memo of “Poinsettias.”



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

6½” red _____ 6½” white _____ 6½” pink _____

8½” red _____ 8½” white _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

I have been teaching 6th grade at His Kids Christian School for a little over a month. I have truly been loving it. It is obvious God called me to this position. I feel like I am definitely walking in the center of His will for my life right now.

My favorite time of the day is reading out loud to the kids. As we have been walking through the stories with the characters, I feel like we have been discovering so much about writing, history, and, most definitely, life in general. Listening to the students discuss a book and its situations and characters has been so interesting. I love seeing the stories through their eyes.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body," Richard Steele

Mrs. Nagg– Sixth Grade Teacher



Hello from First Grade! It feels like the year just started, but we are already two full months down! In 1st grade the biggest learning curve is getting used to more seat work and taking more tests! This was definitely an adjustment for us in the beginning, but we seem to be getting in the swing of things. In 1st grade we have spelling tests each week, and they all seem very excited to figure out what new words they are going to have at the start of the week. When I was in first grade I loved to read and am hoping to pass that onto some of the first graders. We have been reading books from the *Junie B. Jones* series. They love to read them right before lunch and see what Junie B gets herself into. We also like to talk about how Junie B should and should not act since she does seem to get herself into trouble! I can't wait to see the progress we make this year! Thank you for your prayers as we continue to grow this year!

Miss Riddell - First Grade Teacher



It's hard to believe that it is already November this school year. Every year Christmas seems to come quicker and quicker! If your house is anything like mine, you have been singing Christmas songs since the beginning of October (or maybe even sooner). Music class is no different. We have begun learning and practicing our songs for our Christmas Pageant that is only a month away. These kids are working hard learning which song is "The Best Christmas Song Ever!" We have been learning tempo, rhythms, and beats while also learning to play different instruments that can be found around the classroom. The kids have been learning chimes, ukuleles, and boom whackers as they have learned their Christmas music. The kids are working hard learning what Christmas and singing from our hearts for God is all about. We would love for you to join us for our Christmas program and discover with us on December 7th @ 6:30 which song really is the best Christmas song ever.

Mrs. Horstman - Music Teacher

NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

Hello Families,

My name is Brandy Biondo, and I am teaching the kiddos Art here at HIS Kids! I have a 4-year-old daughter in Pre-K at HIS Kids and our family attends Whitestown Baptist Church. I am also a professional cake decorator. This is my first year teaching Art, and I ask myself, "Why haven't I done this sooner!" The kiddos are amazing and are making some pretty fun projects already, which I am sure they are getting excited to show off! I am very blessed to be getting to know them all and look forward to the rest of the year! Many Blessings!

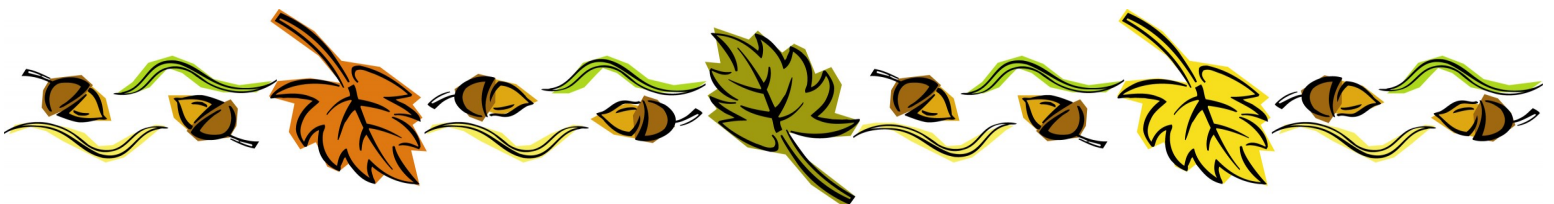
Mrs. Biondo - Art Teacher

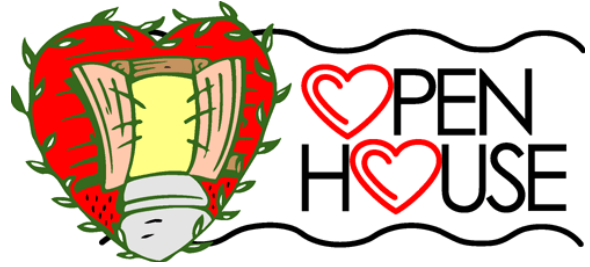


5th grade is off to a great start this fall! We have been busy establishing our new classroom community of friendships, rules, and healthy habits. The students have had to adjust to learning how to handle more responsibilities and freedoms that they get as I am preparing them for their Junior High years to come. It has been nice for the 5th graders and 6th graders to blend together for their special classes like art, music, gym, library and Bible.

During 5th grade's core classes the students have been challenged a lot with new, harder curriculum. They have been learning about colonies and the students have loved building colonel model homes to display at open house. The 5th grade reading curriculum is a big jump from 4th grade. It requires a lot more independent thinking where students have to write about what they have read and to be able to explain the text. I am very proud of how far my students' writing abilities have come this first 9 weeks of school. In science we are getting ready to start a unit on electricity and we will be doing a lot of hands on building of different types of circuits. The class will be making their own electrical circuits that will hopefully light up the 5th grade hallway in November.

I look forward to having a great year with my class. I can already see God's hand guiding my students both academically and spiritually. May everyone count their blessings twice as we approach the upcoming holidays!





Join us for our HIS Kids Open House Thursday, November 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm! Come visit our classrooms, check out the artwork, writing projects, and much more! The Boosters will be hosting a Book Fair and providing refreshments.

You don't have to have a student to come take a look!!

In this season of Thanksgiving we are thankful to God for this wonderful ministry known as HIS Kids Christian School. For the support of so many through prayer, volunteer hours, and monetary donations we are grateful and blessed!!

The Staff and Students of HKCS!

Prayer Huddle



If you would like to be a part of our prayer emphasis this year, we invite you to join us for our monthly "Prayer Huddle". Join us the first Friday of the month—so our **November Huddle will be on the 3rd**. Meet us at 8:30 am at the front of the school! Everyone is invited!



God Bless
Our Veterans

On Tuesday November 7, we will continue our treasured HIS Kids tradition of showing gratitude for local veterans. Students have the opportunity to invite a friend or family member, who is a veteran, to come for lunch and a short program in their honor. The veterans will be presented with cards made by the students, who will then perform the song, "Proud to be an American." HIS Kids students are hard at work creating more than 200 cards, which will also be shared with veterans at Concordia, Robin's House, and the VA. Many thanks to HIS Kids aide, Sherry Smith and 5th grade teacher, Jen Dimit, for coordinating this wonderful event.



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






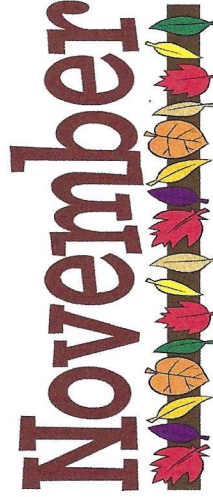


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Staff

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

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>Sunday Schedule: Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes: 11:00 a.m.</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion <i>Deacons meeting immediately following after the congregational meeting</i>		7:00 HK Board mtg			9:30 the Sew-Sews	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Shoebboxes due!			Pie Order Pick Up @ CCO from 3:15-5 pm		9:30 the Sew-Sews	8:00 Food Bank 
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Herald articles due!	7:00 Session mtg.		Thanksgiving  <i>Office Closed</i>		9:00 a.m. <i>Decorating for Christmas</i> 
26	27	28	29	30	November 	
Angel Tree begins! Flower orders due!			