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March Dates to Remember!

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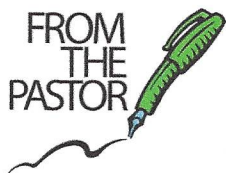


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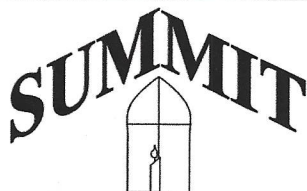
The sign says, "The annual procrastination meeting has been postponed..."

I have to admit that one of the things I am good at is procrastinating. But, like most people, I don't procrastinate on everything. I only procrastinate on doing that I really don't want to do. I recently went to the eye doctor to get a new prescription after 3 years of procrastinating. Last week, I finally went to get the haircut I had put off the previous 2 weeks. Despite the fact I usually have my taxes done in February, this year I have procrastinated even starting the process.

I recently bought a book that I intended to read but it is still sitting on my desk unopened. Having said that, I realize that Lent starts March 2nd. Since my diet is already restrictive, there isn't much I can give up so maybe instead of giving something up, I will commit myself to reading this book! Lent is a time of spiritual preparation and so it is the perfect time to start something that you have been procrastinating on doing. What are you going to start on March 2nd?

In 1 Corinthians 6, the Apostle Paul says, "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." Notice the word "now" occurs in the passage twice. That word, in the original Greek, means, "at this time, the present, now." As the old saying goes, "There is no time like the present!" So, I guess I don't have to wait until March 2nd to start. I probably should start today!

Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom



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Sunday Schedule:

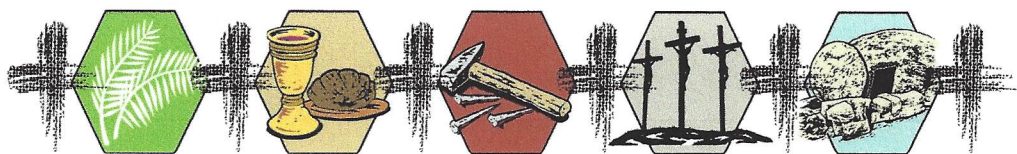
10:00 a.m. Worship

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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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
from the February 8 Session Meeting

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom performed the funeral for Colleen Crider. He also continued to give updates on members who have been ill.

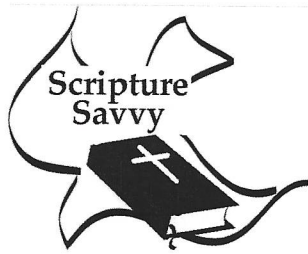
Clerk's Report: **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the January 11 session meeting and Special Minutes for the January 30 Congregational Meeting.

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

Worship Committee: Lent season begins March 2.

HIS Kids Christian School Report: HKCS is still in need of a fifth grade teacher. Registration for next school year will begin this month.

New Business: Installation and ordination of new Session members took place on Sunday, February 6th.



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

(A revised, extended previous lesson)

Our Good Shepherd

Study Verses: Mark 8: 29; John 10: 7-16; John 21: 16; Psalm 23; Psalm 80: 1; Rev 7: 16-17

The strong-willed Simon Peter; the trustworthy, brash disciple of Jesus had been terribly humbled by his cowardly denial of his Master three times as predicted. When loyalty should have been forthcoming, Jesus was cravenly betrayed but not surprisingly forgiving. He stood alone at this sham trial. Peter's earlier confession of Jesus' identity as the Christ, the Messiah, was lost on this ominous event!

"...Thou knowest that I love thee" answered a perplexed Peter to the persistent questioning by Jesus. For a third time the Lord replied, **"feed my sheep"**. Is it not ironic that the Lord of Glory accepted the mantle of a common shepherd during his ministry? Perhaps not! It is certainly consistent with how Jesus entered the world, how he had been raised, and chose to live and to die. Consider also his awareness of the intended heirs of Divine Grace, the Jews, who so embraced the Good Shepherd concept of God. While Jesus faithfully carried out the Father's Will, dominant was his mission to nourish both body and soul for one, or for thousands who would follow.

To better appreciate Jesus as the Good Shepherd it is essential to understand Palestinian herdsmen from Old Testament times. To the orthodoxy, the terms *dedicated, caring and protective* describe traditional shepherds. Conversely, these sturdy, strong-willed, weather beaten men were not part of the religious or social culture. They were, however, revered for devotion to preserving the treasured flocks. The shepherd image of a nurturing, sheltering and fearless defender led Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel and others to decree Jehovah as the "Shepherd of Israel". David writes The Lord is my Shepherd..." Isaiah envisioned God feeding his flock while lovingly holding a lamb to his bosom.

Let us add other physical/spiritual analogies bonding Jesus to...the keeper of the flock belief. G.A. Smith describes the perilous Judean landscape citing the narrow plateau bordered by steep, jagged cliffs descending to the Dead Sea. The near eastern side dropped to rough wilderness and some voracious appetites. Vigilant shepherds drove hungry flocks on daily treks searching for suitable pasture and life preserving springs of water. Often a stray lamb or mindless sheep wandered off, requiring a painstaking search. Palestinian shepherds were normally able to identify every sheep, and they knew him, responding to voice calls and finding comfort in his presence. At sundown, a cave or a makeshift hold would contain the flock while their protector sprawled across a narrow entry, keeping watch with rod and staff.

From a different perspective, *The Good Shepherd is also our Perfect Lamb of God*. He provides spiritual nourishment and eternal life through faith in His Name. Fountains of living water quench our thirst, and we remain secure in God's care. In the Gospel of John, Jesus states that a good shepherd is willing to give his life for the sheep. He did indeed!

Amen

march BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Jason Morse | 14 Debbie Moyer |
| 3 Kathy Acquaviva | 15 Skip Brown |
| Jakob Faust | 16 Michelle Morgan |
| Eleanor Kingan | 17 Luc Carr-DiZinno |
| 4 Michael Cichra | 18 Mary Kingan |
| Heath Hassler | 20 Jenna Swindlehurst |
| 5 Drew Hay | 21 Monica Faust |
| 6 Rodney Fleeger | Rebecca Frey |
| 9 Barbara McKee | Josh Grippo |
| 10 Emily Schiebel | 24 Gary Morgan |
| Sarah Dobson | 26 Carol Novy |
| 11 Mike Morse | 28 Peggy Peters |
| 12 Nancy Verzilli | 30 Jeanne Rassman |
| | 31 Michael Kidder |

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

Thanks!



Articles for the April Herald are due to the church office by Monday, March 21
Thanks!

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



Saturday - March 26

FOOD BANK

Volunteers please come at 8:00 am to set up and pack orders.

Distribution will be between 9:00-10:00am.

Herald Assembly Team for the April issue:

Terry Dean	Eleanor Kingan
Linda Morse	Janet Sepich
Rex & Judy Jewell	



Memorials were received by the Church and Food Bank in memory of Buck & Sherry Pfeifer:

~ Darlene Neill
~ Bruce & Terry Dean
~ Mike & Linda Morse
~ Judith Best
~ Troy & Beverly Barkley
~ Russ & Beverly Bachman
~ Carl Pfeifer & Carol Thallhofer
~ Dennis Best
~ Carol J. Keck
~ Darrell & Eleanor Kingan



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES:

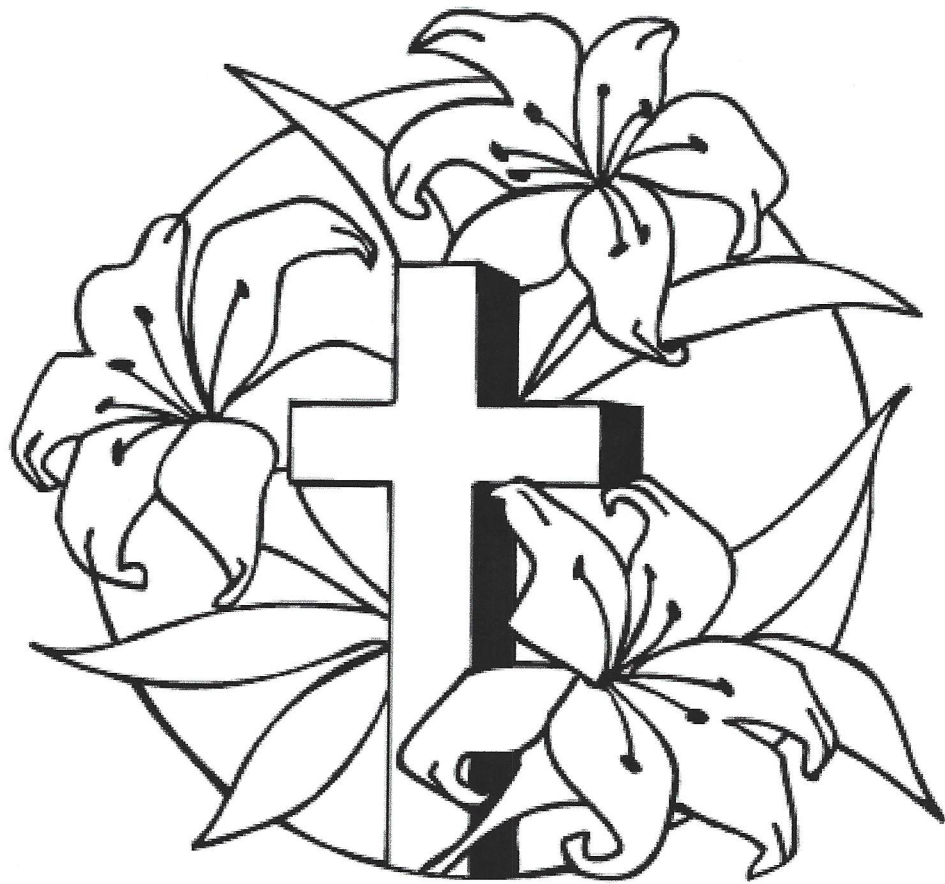
JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." -Luke 24:27



WEDNESDAYS AT 11AM
MARCH 9 - APRIL 6

- **March 9 @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church**
Speaker: Rev. Seth McClymonds of Zion UMC
- **March 16 @ Jefferson Center Presbyterian Church**
Speaker: Rev. Mike Galica of St. Luke's Lutheran Church
- **March 23 @ Cabot United Methodist Church**
Speaker: Rev. Shawn Smith of St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- **March 30 @ New Life Christian Ministries**
Speaker: Rev. Mark Lutz of Lux Digital Church
- **April 6 @ Zion United Methodist Church**
Speaker: Rev. Mark Allio of Jefferson Center Pres. Church



For God so loved
the world that he gave
his one and only Son.

John 3:16

NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

With February being Kindness month, we have been trying to help others and catch friends being kind. Kindergarten has been learning and practicing the importance of kindness! We have also been reading stories for Black History Month and celebrated Valentine's Day! We have so much fun celebrating God's love! We also just celebrated our 100th day of school, where we were extremely excited to be 100 days smarter! We did 100 exercises, wrote about what we would do with \$100 (most of us would buy toys), and had 10 pieces of 10 different snacks to make a 100th day snack mix. Kindergarten is hard at work learning our numbers to 100 and reading on our own by sounding out words we don't know. We are finally learning "the hard stuff" according to my students now, so thank goodness we are 100 days smarter and can handle it! God Bless!

Ms. Vissari – Kindergarten Teacher



Hello from 3rd grade! It is hard to believe that we only have about 50 days of school left! We have been so busy. In the month of February we celebrated Kindness Week. Each day the kids got to "fill" someone's bucket with kind words. In math the kids are working hard on memorizing their multiplication facts. They are earning items for our "Multiplication Movie Celebration". Once they have memorized their facts they will be all set to watch a movie properly (with popcorn, drink, and candy). It is something they are looking forward to very much. As they continue to memorize those facts, we have gotten to our long division unit. We have a very important saying that helps us solve each long division problem. When you see a third grader ask them how does: "Does McDonalds Sell CheeseBurgers Raw" help in division? We are finishing up our map skills unit in Social Studies. They each created their own town or park and made a map to go with it. They went perfectly for our Dr. Seuss bulletin board, for the week of Read Across America. We titled it "Oh the Places We Will Go". We will finish up the year in Science learning about friction. Of Course, it would not be 3rd grade if we didn't end the year with the annual Egg Drop Challenge. I can not wait to see all of the different contraptions this group creates!!! I wish them and their eggs all the best of luck!

As this will be the last time you are hearing from me this school year, I just want to say "Thank You" for all your support to the school. This truly is an amazing place to work! It has been a wonderful year and I'll be sad to see it end! Have a blessed Easter and a wonderful summer (it will be here before we know it)!

Mrs. Maxwell - Third Grade Teacher



Even though the weather hasn't been spring-like, we know it's around the corner. March is such an indecisive month; rain, snow, sun, sleet, sometimes all in the same day! In music class we are already preparing for our spring concert. Sixth grade will be performing a short play, Kindergarten is going to add movement to the show and second grade is singing with joy. We are looking forward to singing songs about flowers instead of snowmen, but we know that we can praise God in every season and we are grateful for the beauty all around us.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

Mrs. Adams - Music Teacher

HIS Kids Cultivates Kindness!

To cultivate: try to acquire or develop a quality, sentiment, or skill

Kindness is a “quality” we want to cultivate in the lives of our HIS Kids students, so it is something we talk about—a lot. February 14-18 was “Kindness Week” at HIS Kids; a special week during which we learned about kindness. Our students also took part in special projects to “put into practice” being kind to others, both inside and outside our school.

Here’s the thing about cultivation—it takes, watering, feeding, and a whole lot of love to make things grow; and kindness is no different. It takes time and we make mistakes, so we also learn what the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:32: Be **kind** and **compassionate** to one another, **forgiving each other**, just as in Christ God forgave you. Growth is a never-ending process!

Would you pray for us? Please pray that HIS Kids would grow to become a place known for it’s kindness to one another!

Before you speak:

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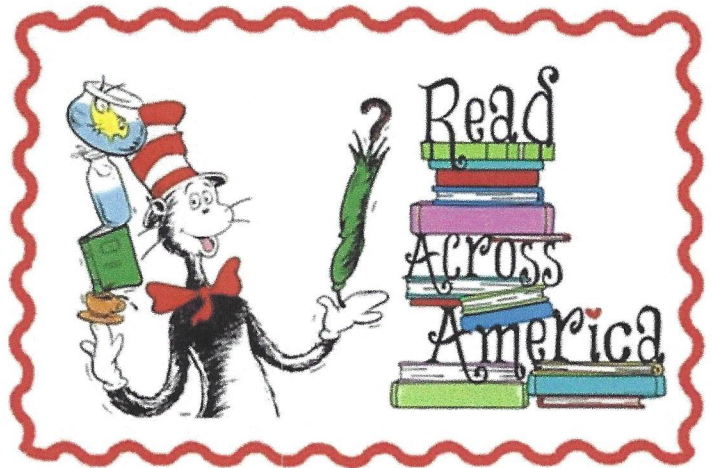
T= Is it True?

H= Is it Helpful?

I= Is it Inspiring?

N= Is it Necessary?

K= Is it Kind?



February 28-March 4

We are so excited for our annual “Read Across America” week — “A Seuss Celebration of Books!”

Hallways will be decorated and each day will bring a new theme centered around a special book! One day students are invited to dress as their favorite pet; other days in a special color or stars!! Each day’s special book will be read to the whole school by a couple of our 6th grade students. Oh, and did I mention snacks? Our amazing Boosters provide special snacks for us each day! There’s even one day that we will have green eggs and ham for lunch prepared by our very own Miss Chrissy!

Why do we do this? Because we want our students to experience the fun and adventure that comes from reading books!!





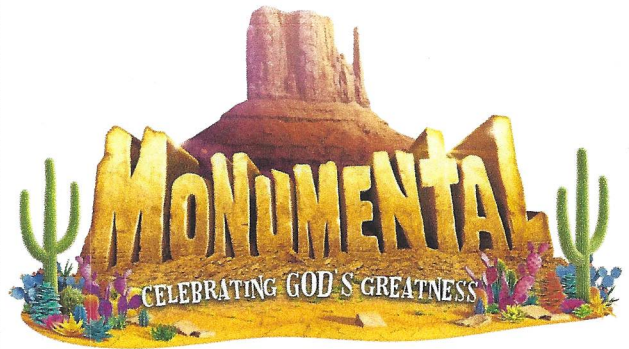
Registration is going on now for the 2022-23 school year at HIS Kids Christian School!

Classes available for Preschool (age 3 or 4 by 9/1/22) and full-day Kindergarten (age 5 by 9/1/22) - 6th grade!

Contact the school office (724-352-8177) for more information or go to the school website: www.hiskidscs.org

Come be a part of the HIS Kids family!

Save the Date for a Monumental Adventure!



Join us for Monumental VBS
June 26-30, 2022 5:50-8:30 pm
(Sunday-Thursday)

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

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

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

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



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.

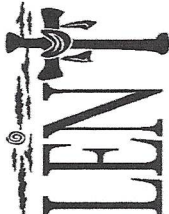




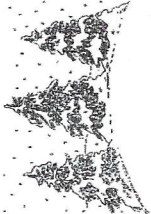


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1st Grade Aide—Maria Pugh
2nd Grade—Holly Collins
2nd Grade Aide—Sherry Smith
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell
4th Grade—Josh McKruit
5th Grade—Jennifer Schwalm, Sub.
6th Grade—Christan Baker
Music—Suzanne Adams
Art—Anthony Pollarine (Ajay)
Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy
Physical Education (K-6th Grade)—Amanda Galvan
Cafeteria—Chrissy Filges
Cleaning —Michele Wardle & Tara Cornetti
Principal—Carol Novy
Secretary—Brittany Morse
Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson
Pastor of Summit Church—Pastor Tom Jones

MARCH

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