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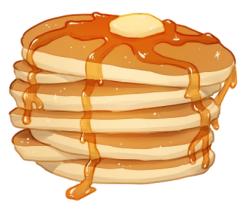
March Dates to Remember!

March 10

March 10

March 17

March 19



Pancake
Brunch @
CCO





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

God's Wisdom...A Wonderful Gift

(Revised and Expanded Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: 1Cor 1: 18-28; 1Cor 2: 6-7

Do you consider yourself genuinely wise? Have you grown in wisdom with advancing years? What is "wisdom"; is it important for a blossoming spiritual life?

A simple, clear definition of wisdom is "the ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding." King Solomon is credited with authorship (by most scholars) for the practical collection of writings known as PROVERBS. The book emphasizes wisdom and morality with the reoccurring theme that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Godly living by remaining humble and honoring the Lord with one's substance and neighborly concern, will invoke God's blessings. Righteousness and adherence to the will of God, propels a believer's wisdom into action. You can conform to Jesus' image and character.

The apostle Paul beautifully contrasts the wisdom of this world, man's rational thought and the unstable wisdom of an age...against God's perfect wisdom. He terms Christ, "the power of God, and the wisdom of God." Therein may your faith be grounded and sustained! Rejecters of our Lord's redemptive sacrifice call this foolishness. "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greek's foolishness." Remember believer, for a season, you are **in** this world, but never **of** it.

Finally, I am weary of advertisements that offer potential customers the insulting, redundant...**A FREE GIFT!** A gift is free; that is what makes it a gift. Holy Scripture provides an effortless way for Christians to obtain wisdom; **ask for it**. You will receive this invaluable gift by God's Grace. That makes it free!

Amen



What does it mean to be an Active Church Member?

How do we define an Active Church Member Church Membership at Summit?

How do we make disciples at Summit Church?

Over my years in ministry that question of what it means to be a Church Member varies greatly.

To some Churches if someone makes any financial contribution to the Church – they are considered an active member. To some Churches, if someone shows up to Church once or twice a year (usually Christmas and Easter)– they are considered an active member. At some Churches people’s adult children stay on the active member rolls because their parents requested it “because they might come back.” Some people stay on the active member rolls because the leadership does not want to offend a member of a family who attends the Church.

Let’s think about that!

What other organization or business would or could operate effectively using any of the above criteria? And why is it considered acceptable by the Church? I am all for letting grace abound, however active membership in a Church requires participation, and the Word of God itself calls us to that participation!

What does active membership look like or should look like at Summit Presbyterian Church?

It would include, but not limited to the following:

First and foremost is carrying out the Great Commission as commanded by Jesus, to actively proclaim the good news of the Gospel in word and deed.

Active Membership requires regular participation in the worship and life of the congregation, with regular reflection on how that participation can be increased.

Active membership requires personal Spiritual Formation in the reading of God’s Word and prayer, for oneself, for the Church, others, the greater community, and the world.

Active membership requires on going Christian Education in the Word of God and doctrine of the Church to know what one believes.

Active membership requires participation in the ongoing ministries of Jesus Christ in acts of work and service in response to our great gift of salvation – *not to earn that salvation.*

Active membership requires that our lives demonstrate that we are new creatures in Christ.

Active membership includes participation in Church government as led by the call of the Holy Spirit.

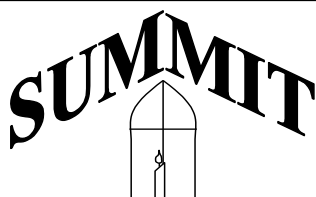
Active membership requires our stewardship of our time, talents and money to help build up the Kingdom of God and to carry out the mission and ministries of Jesus Christ.

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How we define Church Membership and how we make disciples (which we are commanded to make) shall be part of the ongoing work of the Pastoral Transition. The Session of the Church will be reviewing Church rolls and further defining what it means to be a member at Summit Church. People who have been inactive shall be contacted by the Session, as directed by the EPC Book of Order, to determine if they still wish to participate with the Summit faith community.

If after contact, inactive members remain inactive, they shall be removed from the rolls of the Church.

One of the tasks of the Vision Team will be defining the process for making disciples. Some of that process will be aimed at current members to strength Biblical knowledge and Spiritual Formation. The other part of that process will be how we train new members in discipleship as they join the community of faith at Summit.



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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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office@hiskidscs.org

As we continue through Lent, we need to remember that we have been bought at a price, the grace we receive is not cheap, and in faith and obedience we are called to be active members of the faith community.

*In Christ,
Pastor David*

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the February 13 Session Meeting

Pastors Report: Pastor David is currently leading a Lenten Soup and Study on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. A Presbytery meeting was held on February 24 and was attended by Pastor David, Amanda Galvan, and Gail Montgomery.

Clerks Report: Motion approved to accept the minutes from the January 9 Session Meeting.

Finance Committee: Motion approved to accept the January treasurers report. The Audit Committee is still on hold. They will contact the appropriate individuals when it is resumed.

Congregational Care: A Souperbowl 60+luncheon (brown bag) was held on February 11.

HIS Kids School Report: The Sylvania Foundation will be providing some upgrades to the HKCS greenhouse at no expense to the church or school.

Facilities: AED is now mounted in the coffee /fellowship area.

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| 3 Kathy Acquaviva | 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 Gizenski |
| 6 Rodney Fleeger | Rebecca Frey |
| 10 Emily Schiebel | Josh Grippo |
| Sarah Dodson | 24 Gary Morgan |
| 11 Mike Morse | 26 Carol Novy |
| 12 Nancy Verzilli | 28 Peggy Peters |
| 14 Debbie Moyer | 30 Jeanne Rassman |
| 15 Skip Brown | 31 Michael Kidder |

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

FDFX Bible Study group is collecting used greening cards to be recycled. A box is in the fellowship coffee area.



HIS Kids Christian School

650 Saxonburg Rd Butler, Pa 16002



Sunday,
March 10

11 a.m.
to
3p.m

All Brunch will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes, fruit, and drink

Dine In OR Take Out Donation at the door

Pancake Brunch

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12.

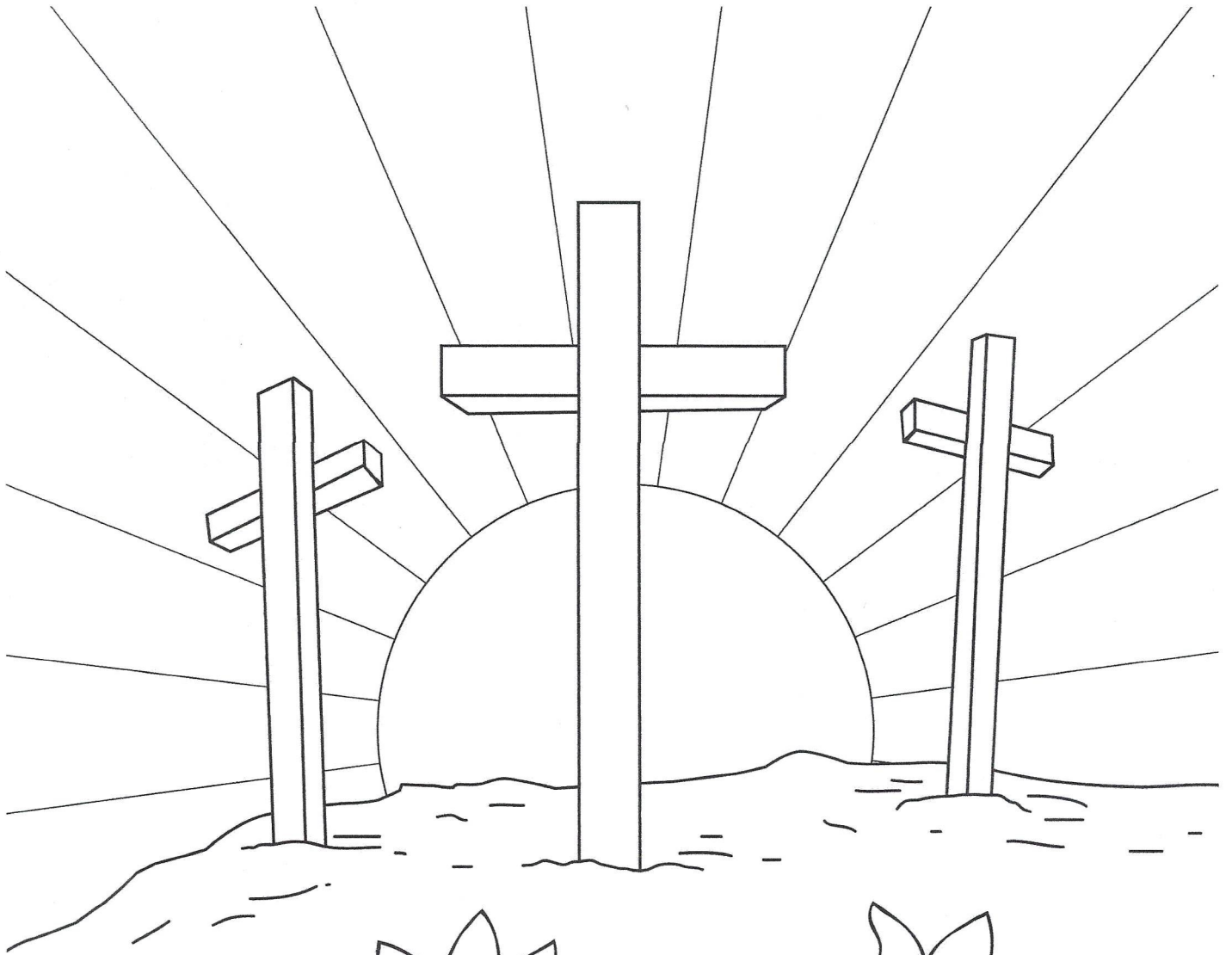


Articles for the April *Herald* are due to the church office by Monday, March 18. Thanks!



Herald Assembly Team for the April issue:

Terry Dean Eleanor Kingan
Rex & Judy Jewell



Jesus
Is Risen

A black and white line drawing of a bouquet of lilies. The bouquet includes several fully bloomed lilies with long, trumpet-shaped flowers and long, pointed petals. There is also a single lily bud that has not yet opened. The leaves are long and pointed, with some showing serrated edges.



The
FUNDRAISER
That Sells Itself!

**Fundraiser
Sale to Benefit:** HIS Kids Christian School

Delivery Date: April 24, 2024

**Orders and
Money Due By:** April 10, 2024

**Any Questions
Please Contact:** boosters@kiskidscs.org



www.MariannasFundraisers.com

Please Make Checks Payable To:
Summit Church
HKCS Boosters

DELIVERY DATE: / /

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Organization: 14" Hoagies

Orders Due By: 12" Pizzas

PRICE: \$ \$9.50

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Customer Name

Phone Number

Attention Parents:
This fundraising program is not intended for door-to-door sales to persons not known to you and your child. For a safe and successful fundraiser, please supervise and assist your child's sales efforts.

Since 1981
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814-684-2666

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Summit Church 2024

Elders

Deacons

Skip Brown 724-991-8100
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 Phil Henkel 724-504-4738
 Gail Montgomery 724-996-9123
 Andrew Moyer 724-352-0358



Celeste Faust 724-352-4194
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 Tammy Mowry 724-822-7390
 Peggy Peters 724-352-5915
 Renee Slupe 724-287-6271
 Judy Sutton 724-287-1126
 Linda Toy 724-352-3268

Saturday - March 23

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



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

**Volunteers—new and “experienced” are always welcome to serve at the Summit Church Food Bank. Packing orders and carrying them out to the cars of those we serve—there are jobs for everyone! This is a great service opportunity for individuals and families!! Won’t you join us??

ORDER YOUR EASTER TULIPS!



Easter is March 31st. Many of our church family are affected by the strong scent from some kinds of Easter flowers. Some have allergic reactions that keep them from attending Easter Sunday worship!

(Please turn this slip into the church office or leave in the offering plate)

So, this year we will be offering tulips only. We hope that you will join us in providing the tulips for our Easter morning display.

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 In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

From: _____

If you are interested in purchasing Easter tulips, in memory or honor of loved ones, orders are due to the church office **NO LATER than** Sunday, March 10th. Please return this order form along with your payment (checks made out to Summit Church).



I wish to purchase flowers: (please indicate color & number of plants you want)

Tulips (indicate red, pink or yellow)

6” pot, 6 bloom \$9.00 _____



June 16-20, 2024

Get ready to splash into fun!!

At SCUBA VBS, kids will dive into friendship with God. SCUBA is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the great activities that help faith flow into real life. There's a new station this year called Sticky Scriptures, which will help words in the Bible stick—to kids' hearts, minds, and lives!! Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something called God Sightings. Each evening will conclude with the Fin-tastic Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Mark down these dates, Sunday, June 16—Thursday, June 20 (5:50-8:30 pm)! Set them aside—commit to them for either your child to attend, or for you to serve, or both!!! Don't let anything else stand in the way of God doing an amazing work in your life this summer!!

PRAY! About where God would have you serve!! PRAY! Make a list of kids you will invite!!

**Saturday,
March 30
10:00 am**



Summit Church is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all children up through 5th grade at the CCO building. There will be games and other activities for the children to participate in, as well as a story, refreshments, and of course, the egg hunt!! Please dress for outdoors! Bring a basket or bag for your eggs!! Bring a friend!

Donations of COOKIES and CANDY (small wrapped candy that will fit into small-sized plastic eggs) are needed for the **Easter Egg Hunt**. If you would like someone to do your candy shopping for you, monetary donations are accepted as well! :-)
Please bring candy to the church office by Thursday, Mar 28. Cookies may be left in the church kitchen until Friday, Mar 29 or brought to the CCO building on Mar 30 by 9:30 am. **We could also use some additional help in the kitchen—putting cookies on trays, making cold drink, etc. If you can help, please call Carol Novy (724-679-0326).

**Helpers are also needed with the games and activities. Please call Carol if you can help!

NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !



Ahh... the life of a teacher. Days are measured in the progress you make. Everyday, I strive to make great progress in the lives of my students. Most days, I make very little. That can feel defeating. But then, something happens - a comment is made, a lightbulb goes on in one of the young minds, a kind deed is done, etc. - and I am humbled to realize that just a little progress each day can add up to huge change. My days are often faultily measured by how many pages we covered or how the test scores calculated. My students teach me to aim for progress, not perfection. They teach me that life isn't about an individual test score or the completion of a chapter. Good students produce good grades, but great students produce great understanding. My students are teaching me to have great understanding. I learn as much from them as they do from me. I have become a better person because of my role as the 6th-grader teacher. Hopefully, they have become better because of my teaching. And through it all, we have been having fun and becoming a closer unit. May God continue to grow us throughout the remainder of this year. I know that as this year will all-to-soon close, my heart will be broken. Undoubtedly, I will miss being a daily part of the 5th and 6th-graders' lives. They have become of part of me, and I truly love each one.

Mrs. Nagg - Sixth Grade Teacher



On Friday, February 2nd, 2024, Students in 1st grade celebrated Groundhog Day! We talked about what Groundhog Day is for and we even watched a livestream of Punxsutawney Phil coming out of his hole! We were all so excited that he did not get scared back into his hole.

The following Monday (February 5th) we celebrated the 100th Day of School! Students had so much fun dressing up like they were 100 years old. We worked together to read 100 books, completed a coin toss 100 times, did different puzzles, built a tower with 100 cups, and even made a trail mix with 100s of snacks everyone brought in! The students had so much fun, and we are so excited to continue learning for the rest of the year!

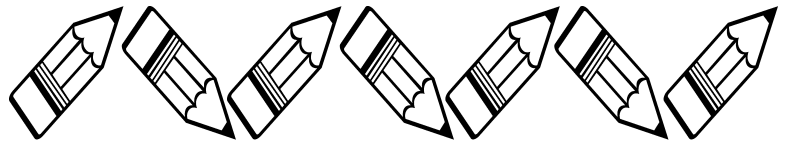
Miss Riddell – First Grade Teacher



This year is going so fast. We celebrated our 100th day of school on February 5. The children came dressed as old people and others wore a shirt with 100 items displayed on the shirt. Looking ahead to Easter in March and warm days to go outside and enjoy the sun and fun.

The class is enjoying reading simple books and adding and subtraction. Each day I enjoy their smiling faces when they accomplish their goals. Now if I could only get them to sit in their seats correctly and do a little less talking during class, then I have accomplished my goals.

Mrs. Heckman – Kindergarten Teacher



The Promise of Easter

...an empty tomb!

“Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He has risen, just as he said he would!”
Matthew 28:5-6a

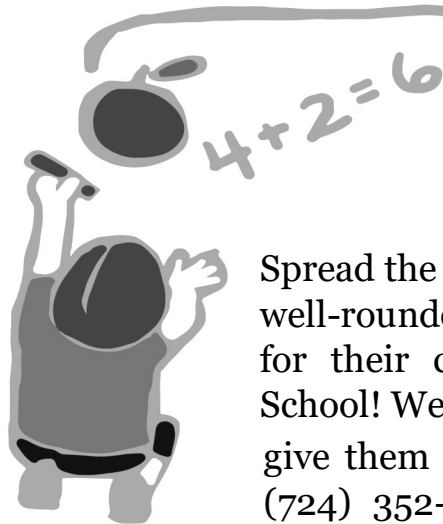
On that first resurrection morning, the women came looking for Jesus. But much to their surprise the tomb was empty—Jesus had defeated death! Through Jesus' death and resurrection, our debt was paid—our sins are erased—we stand forgiven before God! Now that is something to celebrate!!

Upcoming Events at HIS Kids!

- Winterfest—Saturday, March 2! 10a-12 p up at the Sylvania property!! All welcome!
- Read Across America Week—Mar. 4-8 aka - Dr. Seuss Week!
- Spring BASH—Saturday, May 4—11a-3p

Prayer Huddle

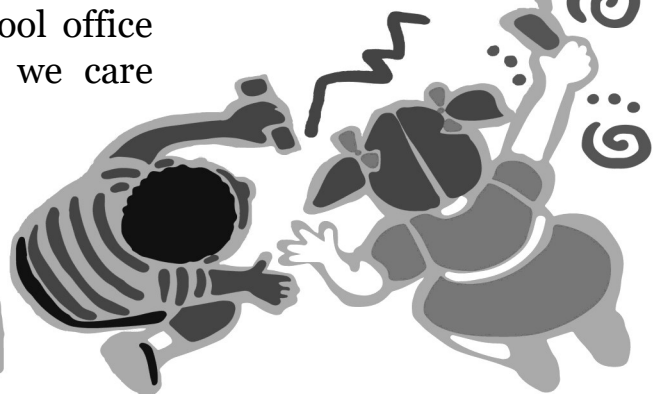
Don't forget! You are invited to join us for our monthly “Prayer Huddle”. We meet the first Friday of the month, so this month will be Friday, March 1! Meet us at 8:30 am at the front of the school! Everyone is invited! Don't let the weather scare you off—if it's too cold or rainy, we will pray indoors! April's huddle will be Friday, April 5th.



Enrollment for the 2024-25 School Year at HIS Kids is now OPEN!!

Spread the word! Do you know anyone who is looking for a well-rounded education in a loving Christian environment for their children? Point them to HIS Kids Christian School! We would love to talk with them and give them a tour! Call the school office (724) 352-8177. At HIS Kids we care about YOUR kids!!!

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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
Stefanie Christiansen

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
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(Pre-K - 6th grade)
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www.hiskidscs.com

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

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p><i>Communion</i></p> 	<p>4</p> <p><i>Sunday Schedule:</i> Worship, 10 a.m. Sunday School/Coffee Hour, 11:00 a.m. Lenten Soup & Study 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 FDFX</p> <p>7:00 HK Board Mtg.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>LENT</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 the Sew-Sews</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Match</p> 
<p>10</p> <p><i>Pancake Brunch at CCO</i></p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 FDFX</p> <p>7:00 Session Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 the Sew-Sews</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p><i>St. Patrick's Day</i></p> 	<p>18</p> <p><i>Herald Articles Due!</i></p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 FDFX</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 the Sew-Sews</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 Food Bank</p> 
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 FDFX</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 the Sew-Sews</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt @ CCO Bldg. 10:00 am</p>
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