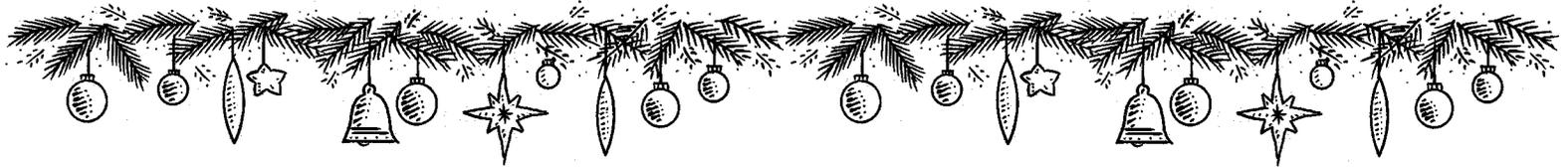


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- Sunday, December 11 – Money for Angel Tree gifts due
- Saturday, December 17—Summit Food Bank Distribution
- Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship and Candlelight service
- Sunday, December 25, 10:00 p.m. – Sunday Worship





Recently I went to Natrona Heights to pick up some groceries but was detoured by a major fire. I ended up on a back road and had no idea of where I was. So, I asked Alexa for directions to Walmart. Instead of directions, I was given a map on the screen of my iPhone. In frustration, I said something harsh to my phone and Alexa replied, "I am not going to respond to that!"

The holiday season seems to bring out the best in people and also the worst. People are so generous in giving and sharing but also impatient and intolerant as they are attempting to get everything accomplished in time for the big day. Somewhere in the hustle and bustle of the holiday rush, it is easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3: 16-17 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

As we celebrate this Christmas season it is important that we remind ourselves of the true meaning of Christmas. The stresses, pressures, and strains of life are always present. Focusing on the love of Jesus Christ will help us not just survive the holiday season but actually enjoy the holiday season! Of course, the words and actions of others might threaten to disrupt our joy but a good response is to simply say, "I am not going to respond to that!"

Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom



Merry Christmas

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS from the November 8 Session Meeting

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom served a few families home communion this month. He is back to normal hospital visits.

Clerk's Report: **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the October 11 Session Meeting.

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

Congregational Care: The Deacons are planning a luncheon to be held in the Fellowship Hall after worship on November 13. November 26th will be decorating of the church sanctuary.

Worship Committee: Motion approved to begin passing offering plates again on December 4th. Election of officers will take place at the congregational meeting on December 11th.

HIS Kids Christian School Report: There is a lot of illness going around the school. Please pray.



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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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Essential Expressions of God's Love...
Grace and Mercy

(Revised and Expanded Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: 1 John 4

I realize there are occasions when those of us who have accepted Jesus, the Father's perfect redemptive gift, need to return to basic tenants of the faith; the purpose and plan for our salvation. Casual prayer, secular clutter and a host of poor worship practices can have us backsliding into a "lukewarm" relationship with the One who gave His all. Jesus who is far beyond worthy, deserves only our best. Contained within his Revelation (prophetic visions), John was ordered to warn the Church that Jesus Christ would not accept half-in, half-out believers. He is our righteousness, paying the price with His precious, innocent blood. The Law has been fulfilled. Jesus, the spotless **Lamb of God**, will come again for His beloved Church...and soon after the world, in power and glory. Reference the title..."**Lion of the tribe of Judah**" (Rev 5:5).

Three Words to Own

Through faith, Love, Grace and Mercy take on a more profound spiritual significance.

LOVE: It all begins with and empowered by our Creator. It may be understood as the nature of God. Agape love is the perfect expression of the Father's transcendent dedication His beloved Son...and those faithful in Christ

GRACE: It is obviously preceded by love, an incomparable spiritual gift for repentant sinners seeking salvation in Christ who are void of merit. In this matter it is the New Covenant found exclusively in Jesus, our Savior. An essential blessing!

MERCY: It is an aspect of God's Love, available to those who offended the Law. The purpose is to withhold punishment for a season. It follows Grace, but is not a path to heaven in itself. There are, however, other mercy circumstances not involving sin.

Jesus is the embodiment of God's Love; Grace and Mercy arrive faithfully and abundantly. They have been expressed in the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Eternal life is yours for the asking.

Amen



DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS



DECEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 Gabriel Stupka | 19 Jon DeLuca |
| 4 Allysan Painter | 20 Frank Cichra |
| 7 Linda Nowakowski | 21 Jakob Painter |
| 9 Paul Steighner | Christine Byers |
| 11 Tim Hay | 28 Rose Mainhart |
| 14 Tammy Hassler | Lois McCommon |
| 15 Terry Antoszyk | |

Gary & Michelle Morgan

12/16/1995

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



Merry Christmas



Angel Tree



Articles for the
January *Herald* are due to
the church office by
Monday, December 19.
Thanks!

You are invited to help brighten the life of a child this Christmas through our Angel Tree. Again, this year, we will be collecting monetary donations which will be used to purchase gift cards for our Food Bank kids, as well as kids serviced by The Lighthouse Foundation's annual Christmas Toy Shoppe!

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13 in the church sanctuary.



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 Food Bank child or be a part of the Lighthouse's Toy Shoppe. We will purchase the gift cards. A suggested donation is \$20-\$25, but you may do whatever you are able. There are "angel enveloped" on the tree that you may use to make your donation. Cash or a check, made out to "Summit Church", with Angel Tree on the memo line, can be placed in an envelope and then put in the box under the tree. All donations must be received by Sunday, December 11 for December Food Bank and Lighthouse Toy Shoppe distribution. Any questions, please contact Carol Novy. Thanks in advance for your kindness!!

Herald Assembly Team for the December issue:

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

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!



Memorials were received by HIS Kids Christian School in memory of Dave & Kathy Cadugan:

- ~ Barb & Bill Smith
- ~ Tammy Whitmire
- ~ Donna King
- ~ William & Pamela Demiris
- ~ the "Friday Lunch Gang"



Memorials were received by Summit Church Food Bank in memory of Dave Cadugan:

- ~ Jefferson Center Presbyterian Church

Do Your Christmas Shopping and Support HIS Kids Christian School!!

Do you want to make your Christmas shopping dollars go farther? Here's an opportunity to both shop and raise money for HIS Kids Christian School—SCRIP. When you purchase Scrip, which is substitute money used just like gift cards, a percentage of the purchase price goes directly to HIS Kids Christian School!! Participating companies include GetGo, Giant Eagle, Home Depot, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Kohl's, Lowes, Michaels, Panera Bread, Red Lobster, Starbucks, Texas Roadhouse, Applebees, Walgreens, Wal-Mart and MANY more. So, use cards yourself to get what you buy every day or buy some cards and use them for Christmas presents. Either way you are helping HIS Kids Christian School and we thank you!!

Prepaid orders are due no later than Sunday, December 4th (I know—not much time) - orders will be available for pick up after Dec. 13th.

Don't see the gift card you wanted on our list? Go to www.raiseright.com, and view all the different gift cards available. Cards can be added to your attached paper order form.

Thanks for your support!!

Order form in this Herald!



Shoebox Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year! The community of Summit Church members and friends, HIS Kids Christian School students and staff, and the Girl Scouts led by Christan Baker; put together 88 boxes! Thanks to Christan and Al Baker for delivering them to the collection point at Zion UM Church. I can't wait to hear how God changes lives through these boxes!!

SCRIP Order Form for HIS Kids Christian School

SCRIP is fundraising while you shop! Just complete the order from below; turn it in with your payment, to the church office or to Brittany at the school, **no later than Monday, Dec. 5th.*** You will get gift cards at face value and the school will get a percentage from the retailer!! A great way to do your Christmas shopping! **Card pick-up beginning 12-13-21.**

NAME:	Check Number:
Phone Number:	Date:

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Dunkin' \$10.00	3%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Amazon \$10.00	1.7%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$	Ross Dress for Less \$25.00	8%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Field & Stream \$25.00	8%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Applebee's \$10.00	8%		\$	Five Below \$25.00	2.5%		\$	Sam's Club \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Sephora \$25.00	5%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	GetGo \$25.00	4%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Giant Eagle \$100.00	4%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Giant Eagle \$25.00	4%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$5.00	8%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	iTunes & App Store \$15.00	5%		\$	Starbucks \$5.00	4.5%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	iTunes & App Store \$25.00	5%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Target \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$	The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$	The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Walmart \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Nordstrom Rack \$25.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$				
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$				
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$				
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$				
				Panera Bread \$5.00	8%		\$				
				Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$				

Make Checks Payable To: *HIS Kids Christian School*

Total Due All Columns:

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Questions? Contact Carol at 724-352-8177. Thanks for your order!!

***Summit Church members please turn in your order form by Sunday, Dec. 4th.**

Summit Church 2022

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 Doug Harrison 724-283-6048
 Garret McCabe 724-991-6531
 Gail Montgomery 724-996-9123
 Andrew Moyer 724-352-0358
 Judy Sutton 724-287-1126



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

Saturday - December 17

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??



SANCTUARY POINSETTIAS

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

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

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

Given by the Harrison family in memory of Janice Reffo.

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

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

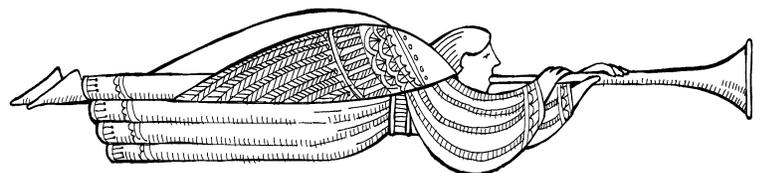
Given by Cliff & Lynette Beattie in memory of our parents, and in honor of our children and grandchildren.

Given by the Matis family in memory of Gary Matis.

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

Given by the Carr-DiZinno family in memory of David “Pat” Schmeider.

Given by Brittany Jones in memory of Raeh Jones.



The Word became flesh



and dwelt among us.

- John 1:14 -

NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

First grade has been busy these first few months of school! In reading we have been working on new sight words and spelling words every week and reading new books (mostly by ourselves!) every week. In math we have been learning about all the different strategies we can use to add, and there are a lot! We went on a field trip to Sylvania with Kindergarten and Second grade, where we did a fall investigation of pumpkins, leaves, and corn. This month, we have been learning about our veterans and showing our appreciation through writing cards and inviting them to our school for a special program. To get ready for Thanksgiving, we have been doing a fun project called “Balloons Over Broadway” where we learn about the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Throughout this unit, we get to design and create our own balloons and try to persuade Macy’s to put our balloons in the parade! We are looking forward to the Holiday Season coming up and all the fun activities that come along with the holidays! Have a great Christmas!

Miss Rupnow – First Grade Teacher

I am loving being a part of the HIS Kids Staff and truly feel like I am part of this amazing Christian family of educators! 5th grade has been super busy lately stepping out of their comfort zone and preparing to perform the play “The Miracle of Spring” in our classroom for individual classes after Thanksgiving break. I have loved every second of helping my students make their own props and costumes, create the personalities and voices of the characters they are playing and teaching them that acting is truly focusing on reacting to those you are working with while performing.

I am the first teacher in the upper grades to use the new reading curriculum and I love all of the different styles of lessons that it offers to engage the students in more of a hands-on approach to reading, grammar, spelling, phonics and comprehension. Slowly, but surely, my students are adjusting to the new math curriculum that the whole school implemented this year. I am so proud of students’ abilities to use critical thinking skills to be able look at math as more than just the numbers that you are given to find a solution. They are learning different approaches to finding the answers and can now see how these new steps making real life math problems easier to solve. Even though our educational subjects are going great, my favorite part of the day is our “Prayer Card Wall.” I have each student write a prayer request on a note card daily that they share with the class each morning. The maturity level of their prayers has come a long way since the first day of school and they are growing into genuine young prayer warriors for the kingdom of God! I pray that every person reading this has a wonderful Christmas, full of making memories with your loved ones and sharing Jesus’ light with all those still in the darkness. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my fifth graders and I!!!

Ms. Dimit – Fifth Grade Teacher

Sixth grade has been quite busy so far this year. We have been diving into our work, using new software and incorporating more and more technology into our daily routines. This will come in handy as 7th graders next year. Our goal over the course of this semester is to increase our independence and become more responsible for our own learning.

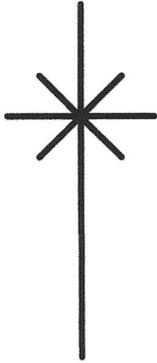
We have enjoyed our new math curriculum, Reveal, as we are having more “aha” moments and agree that we will implement our Growth Mindset when we don’t get it right away. In Reading, we are doing more independent reading, reinforced by the Book It program. We have also been squeezing in novels between our regular reading stories. (The Sixth Grade Nickname Game, Christina’s Ghost and Nerds, to name a few.)

This month, our school collected items for Operation Christmas Child and we were able to pack shoeboxes to send to countries around the world. A few students volunteered to pass out turkeys with the Butler Elks. In December, we will make cards for residents in local nursing homes and some of us will ring the bell for the Salvation Army. There is always time to share the love of Jesus with others.

During December, we will read the novel, Best Christmas Pageant Ever and celebrate Christmas by having a couple theme days. We will also perform Angel Alert, our Christmas program. We have the Gift Shop to look forward to, thanks to our Awesome Boosters too!

We are so blessed to be a part of such an amazing school. It brings us all so much joy to be together with our classroom family, especially this time of year. I pray that you and your family have a blessed holiday season and enjoy the celebration of the birth of our savior.

Mrs. Baker – Sixth Grade Teacher



For
to us
a child
is born,
to us
a son
is given.



Merry Christmas

from the

Students and Staff

of

HIS Kids Christian School



Angel

Alert!

Christmas Program

Thursday, Dec. 1

6:30 pm

Isaiah 9:6





Who we are...

Our Mission Statement...

HIS Kids Christian School is a ministry of Summit Presbyterian Church located in Butler, PA. Our purpose is to educate children and guide them to Jesus Christ through an academically challenging Bible-rich curriculum. We desire to see children develop in a balanced way - spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially, just as Jesus did.

Our Board...

The HIS Kids Board is made up of members of Summit Church, Parents, and the Community. They meet monthly—usually the first Tuesday of the month. Because HIS Kids is a ministry of Summit Church, the board is under the authority of the Summit Church Session. This year’s board members are:

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

Our Boosters...

HIS Kids Boosters are comprised of anyone who supports the ministry of HIS Kids Christian School—anyone can be a HIS Kids Booster!! The Boosters support the mission of HIS Kids Christian School and provide the “extras” for our students and teachers, such as field trips (admission and transportation); special activities, such as our Thanksgiving Feast and end of the year Fun Day; refreshments for concerts and special events, just to name a few. This year’s Boosters Leadership Team is made up of Dianna Carr-DiZinno, Janice Stahl, and Tara Cornetti.

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

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

Stay Tuned

Listed below are some helpful links and addresses to help you stay connected. Don’t forget to check out our calendar on the school website to keep up-to-date on upcoming events.

School E-mail	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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Staff

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

Midwest Intermediate Unit 4 Support:

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

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 2 nd Advent <i>Communion</i> 	5	6 9:00 FDFX 7:00 HK Board Mtg.	7 	8 	9 9:30 the Sew-Sews	10 <i>Noel</i> 
11 3 rd Advent Congregational Meeting Angel Tree Due!	12	13 9:00 FDFX 6:30 Deacons' mtg. 7:00 Session mtg.	14 	15	16 9:30 the Sew-Sews	17 8:00 Food Bank 
18 4 th Advent	19 <i>Herald</i> articles due!	20 9:00 FDFX 	21	22	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day 10:00 am Worship  <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27 9:00 FDFX	28	29 	30	31 New Year's Eve 7:00 p.m. Worship