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April 2023

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April Dates to Remember!

April 1

April 2

April 6

April 9

7:00 p.m.

Sunrise Service at 6:30
a.m.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.





The Lord's Prayer reminds of one of our most basic needs In life: "our daily bread." Unless we are fasting, we eat and drink every single day to sustain our physical bodies. To maintain the fast pace of today's world, it is vital that we receive this basic need.

I think sometimes we forget that we have other needs that are essential to living life in this busy, often chaotic, world. We have needs to be accepted, loved and encouraged. We also need hope to remind us that the challenges of today are preparing us for tomorrow. If we are to live and not just exist, we must have these basic needs met in our lives.

On April 9th, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Easter, for us, is a special focus on something we celebrate every single Sunday: the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Jesus came to us, died for us, and rose again that we might have newness of life. This newness of life included a community of believers who accepted, loved and encouraged one another.

The resurrection is a powerful reminder to all of us that death, sin, and evil do not get the final word. The final word is always life. That life is full of hope, joy, and grace. As we celebrate this newness of life, let us as followers of Jesus Christ share his love, encourage one another and remind one another that we all belong to Him!

Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom



Presbyterian Church
Changing Lives for Jesus Christ!

The Summit Herald

is a monthly publication of :

Summit Presbyterian Church

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724-287-2378

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Website: www.summitchurchpa.org

Summit Church is a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

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)

650 Saxonburg Rd.

Butler, PA 16002

724-352-8177

office@hiskidscs.org



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the March 14 Session Meeting

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom updated Session on those who have been ill/hospitalized.

Clerk's Report: **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the February 14 Session meeting.

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

Worship Committee: A Youth New Member Class started on Sunday. An Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 8th. Summit Church will have a Palm Sunday service with communion, a Maunday Thursday service at 7 pm with communion, Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 am and Easter service at 10 am.

HIS Kids Christian School Report: Please continue prayers for the students and staff of HIS Kids Christian School.



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

TIME MOVES SWIFTLY; SEEK THE LORD NOW!

(Revised and Enhanced Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: Hos 10: 12; Ps 119: 2; Prov 8: 17; Is 55: 6; Jer 29: 13; Matt 6: 33, 7: 7; Phi 7: 7

Why the urgent concern the Church holds for salvation? Why the fuss and bother over what the world considers theological nonsense; by some as religious scare tactic? With countless matters requiring attention, so little time is available for such an “iffy” proposition. An opportunity will surely come available once life settles down! Satan smiles, the casino cashier shouts “place your bet”, and your odds to win lower unfavorably. Truths to ponder: life and death is strictly a **Sovereign God** decision. Secondly, **Jehovah-jireh** is the supply-the-every need business. Jesus taught on the Mount...“be anxious for nothing! The Heavenly Father knows the what and when of all our needs. Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”. Our Lord expects to be first in each believer’s life. God’s blessings flow through faith and obedience. Salvation by Grace is life eternal...no greater need! As a lionhearted Bible scholar, C.H. Spurgeon so aptly addresses the **Limited Time...Seek Now Dilemma**...his gentle wording veils a most solemn intent. Spurgeon’s generational warnings must be taken seriously from one who spoke out like the old testament prophet from the Book of Hosea...“**It is time to seek the Lord**”.

Spurgeon states in an evening devotion that salvation is priceless; the unsaved should open their hearts to Jesus, as even nature gives warnings to do so now. Young person, contrary to your vitality and exuberance, you may perish before those prime years are reached “...**Seek the Lord!**” Those hesitant souls who have reached midlife but are now experiencing signs of age...“that hollow cough, that hectic flush are not to be trifled with”. The astute pastor is not “crying wolf”, but pleading for a surer approach, knowing opportunities to “...**Seek the Lord**” are not limitless.

Through a composite of quotes, inferences and conclusions, I dutifully offer precious, unrepentant sinners a liberating invitation from Pastor Spurgeon. Regardless of age, but especially if you have reached the stage where grandchildren marvel that your heart beats and breath is detectible, life ebbs. The season grows shorter with each tick of the clock. Your day of grace is now. Insightfully, the Pastor sat in a quiet chamber and from his midmost soul, spoke as God’s fervent messenger. By paper and ink, he issues this warning. “**It is time to seek the Lord**. Slight not a word, as it may be the final one”. As a brother in Christ’s love, I press every soul to heed that call, a private alter call.

The scriptures are crystal “Father God is not willing that any should perish”. Come to the saving grace found only in Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

AMEN



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| 6 John McCabe | 14 Rachel Griffiths |
| 9 Steve Yamnitsky | Brandon Mowry |
| 10 Shelby Antoszyk | 15 Adam Fleeger |
| Lew Crider | 21 Deborah McCommon |
| Gabrielle Durci | Erik Steinhiser |
| 11 Dianna Carr-DiZinno | 24 Dave Faust |
| Steve Antoszyk | 27 Heather Reibel |
| | 28 Denise Foertsch |
| | 29 Casey Fischer |

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| Richard & Mabel Douglas | 4/1 |
| Bruce & Terry Dean | 4/4 |

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



We are in need of volunteers for both Herald assembly teams. Please call the church office at 724.287.2378 if interested. Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, & phone calls. Also for the delivery of soup during my health issue.



*Blessings to all,
Judy Jewell*



Articles for the April *Herald* are due to the church office by Monday, April 17th. Thanks!

*Session,
Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th.*



Herald Assembly Team for the May issue:

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

**BOOSTERS
BAKE SALE**

**May 6th . 2023
11-3 P.m.**

The Bake Sale will be held during the Spring Bash

If you'd like to donate baked goods, please contact the boosters: boosters@hiskidscs.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!



Summit Church 2023

Elders

Skip Brown	724-991-8100
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Terry Dean	724-352-3309
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Phil Henkel	724-504-4738
Gail Montgomery	724-996-9123
Andrew Moyer	724-352-0358
Judy Sutton	724-287-1126

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Celeste Faust	724-352-4194
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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 - April 29

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??

Ladies’ Tea

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

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Attending: _____

Ladies, whether you are age 1 to 101, you are invited to join us at Summit Church:



Ladies’ Tea
Saturday, May 13, 2023
1:00 pm—3:00 pm

Reservations are due no later than Sunday, April 30, 2023. Reservations can be made by placing the information in the offering plate or by calling the church office at 724-287-2378. We hope to see you there!

Wear your fanciest bonnet or hat!

Come for fun, fellowship, and tea!

Reservations are necessary as we are limited on space.





He is not here;
he has risen, just as He said.

MATTHEW 28:6A



Get Ready for Adventure!

The Best Week of the Summer!

- New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
- Super-fun snacks • Surprising Bible adventures • Incredible music •

Location: Summit Church CCO Building - 650 Saxonburg Rd.

MONUMENTAL VBS will last from: June 25-29, 2023 (Sun. - Thurs.)

MONUMENTAL VBS fun begins at: 5:50 pm

MONUMENTAL VBS fun ends at: 8:30 pm

For more information, call: Summit Church office 287-2378

Register online: www.summitchurchpa.org or www.vbspro.events/p/summitchurchvbs2023

Register today!!!



Registration Form

(one per child)

Child's Name: _____ Male Female

(Must be 3 yrs by June 25, 2023 up through completing 5th grade)

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ School grade completed 2023 _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____
In case of emergency, contact: _____ Phone _____
Relationship to child: _____

Crew number (for church use only): _____

****There are two color options this year!! Check out the order chart ⇄⇄⇄⇄**

****Can't decide? Get both! \$7.00 for one shirt; \$13.00 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 June 4.

Color \ Size	Yth XSm 2-4	Yth Sm 6-8	Yth Med 10-12	Yth Lg 14-16	Adult SM	Adult MED	Adult LG	Adult XL
Sunshine Yellow								
Night Sky Blue								

2X-3X sizes are available for \$2.00 extra per shirt.

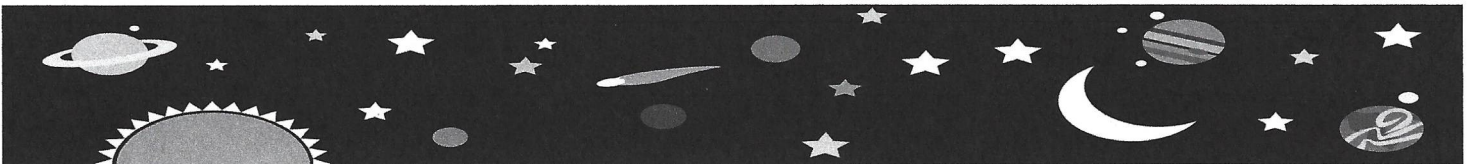


June 25-29, 2023

Get ready to blast off on an out-of-this-world adventure!!

At STELLAR VBS we will be exploring how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world—and how we can do the same with his power!! Kids will experience one-of-a-kind Stellar Bible Adventures, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, have yummy treats, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to shine Jesus' light to the world, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day will conclude with the Cosmic Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Mark down these dates, Sunday, June 25 – Thursday, June 29 (5:50-8:30 pm) and be praying about where God would have you serve!! Make a list of kids you will invite!! Pray!!! It's not too soon to be thinking about how we can transform the CCO Building into a galaxy far, far away!! WE LOVE VBS!!!



**Saturday,
April 8
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, April 6. Cookies may be left in the church kitchen until Friday, April 7 or brought to the CCO building on April 8 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!

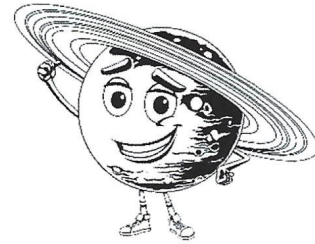


Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure!! At STELLAR VBS, kids will explore how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world – and how they can do the same with his power! STELLAR VBS will be an amazing, fun, wild, week - June 25-29 (that's Sunday-Thursday!), but before it can begin, we need YOU! To be

more specific, the children of Summit Church, and our community need you to be a part of this year's STELLAR VBS! Read and PRAY through the list below, asking God where he would have you serve during VBS week, and in the weeks before as we prepare! Fill out this form and return it to the Summit Church office. Let's get together and help kids discover how they can shine God's light! Thanks!!

I can help before VBS by...

- Praying for VBS participants (staff and children)
- Decorating, creating to make the Summit CCO building an amazing space galaxy!



I can help during VBS by serving as...

- Stellar photographer** – Take photographs of kids doing amazing things!!
- Stellar child-care coordinator** – Arrange or provide childcare for kids of VBS workers.
- Stellar registration worker** – check in children, help them find their assigned crews.
- Preschool Space Place Station Leader** – Help lead an activity center for preschoolers.
- Stellar Crew Leader** – During Stellar VBS, kids travel in small groups or crews. Each crew is made up of 5-6 kids and one adult or teenage Crew Leader. Crew leaders have little or no preparation work and function mainly as friends or guides. Please circle the age level that interests you. (Elementary crew leaders must be at least in Senior High; Preschool crew leaders at least completed 6th)

Preschool (ages 3 & 4)

Elementary (ages 5-11)

- Imagination Station Leader**–Lead kids (ages 5-11) in discovering amazing things through hands-on, sciency-fun experiments!!!
- Stellar Bible Adventures Leader** – Lead kids (ages 5-11) in exciting, hands-on Bible adventures.
- All-Star Games Leader** – Teach kids (ages 5-11) zany games that encourage Christian love, teamwork, and cooperation.
- Galactic Snacks Leader** – Help kids (ages 3-11) prepare/serve snacks for the entire VBS each day.
- KidVid Cinema Leader** – Show kids (ages 5-11) daily segments from the *KidVid Stories* DVD, then help them apply what they've seen to their daily lives!
- Assistant in any of the above areas:** _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Buy a T-shirt? \$7.00 or 2 for \$13.00 (2XL & up available too for \$2 extra!) Size: _____

Color (circle): Sunshine Yellow Night Sky Blue

**Thanks for serving with us at Stellar VBS! ??? - Call the church office: 287-2378.
Come help kids shine God's light!**

*** Due to PA law – all Crew Leaders and Stations Leaders age 18 and up must have criminal and child abuse clearances on file. If you don't have current clearances contact Carol Novy and she will help you through the process! It's easy and free!!**

NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !



We are so happy to have the month of April here at His Kids Preschool! We will be doing many crafts and activities to prepare for Easter during the first part of the month. We will concentrate on the letters T, U and V; the color purple; the oval shape and the number 9 during this month. May will be here before we know it and this will bring us to the last month of school. Time sure flies when you are having fun! I am so proud of all the preschoolers here at His Kids. They have grown by leaps and bounds and have all learned so much over this past school year! I thank all of you for your continued prayers and support for all of us here at His Kids Christian School!

Blessings!

Mrs. Yamnitsky - Preschool Teacher



Greetings from 4th Grade!

I'm so happy to be back at HIS Kids! My youngest daughter completed Kindergarten at HIS Kids and that is when I started teaching here. I was a long term sub in Kindergarten for 9 weeks in 2021. Since then, I've substituted in every class at the school, and last year I taught 5th grade. Now I'm lucky to be in the 4th grade room until the end of the year. I have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Child Development and a Master's degree in Education. Prior to teaching, I worked as a behavioral specialist and acted as a liaison between parents, behavioral health companies and school districts in order to help children get the services they needed at home and at school. I am very excited to be back at HIS Kids and am having a great time with the 4th grade students. I am really looking forward to some of the novels we will be reading. Right now we are reading *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, and we will also be reading *Because of Winn Dixie*. We also will doing a research project and host a Living Wax Museum on May 12, 2023 where 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students will research a historical figure and give presentations as that figure to parents and the other students at His Kids. It's going to be a wonderful spring in 4th grade and as our bulletin board says, "The sky is the limit!"

Mrs. Schwalm - Fourth Grade Teacher



NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS CONTINUED!



Spring....
From it's Winter sleep, the earth is awoken.
The cycle of nature true and unbroken.
The promise of Spring, of life, a new start.
To fill you with Faith in mind, body and heart.
The perfect wheel of nature keeps spinning
with proof that the ending is just the beginning.
Rejoice in the season, may it fill you with peace
and may the blessings for nature , for never cease.

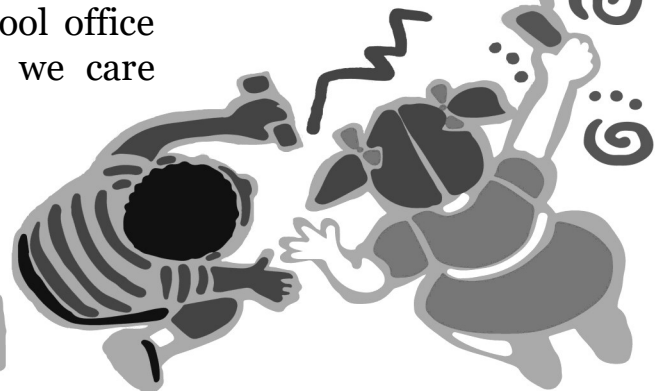
— Author Unknown

Mrs. Smith - Second Grade Aide



Enrollment for the 2023-24 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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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!!

This Easter, I pray that each one of us would look into that empty tomb and recognize that our debt has been paid by the gracious gift of God in Jesus!

Many years ago a group by the name of GLAD recorded a song titled “*Be Ye Glad*,” the chorus of which is printed below. This is the joy of Easter; our debt has been “paid up in full!”

Oh, be ye glad Oh, be ye glad
Every debt that you ever had
Has been paid up in full by the grace of the Lord
Be ye glad, be ye glad, be ye glad

Here’s a link to listen to a cover of the whole song—<https://youtu.be/uLw1IW7PoE>

All the lyrics are written in the description.

Have a blessed Resurrection Day!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!

“**LOVE**
YOUR
NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.”

ROM. 13:9

HIS Kids Serving Others

April is a month of service for our students at HIS Kids. A project which began the end of March is our Bless-A-Vet drive! Students are encouraged to bring in supplies for our veterans. Special supply lists were sent home—if you would like to join our Bless-A-Vet drive, just call the school office (724-352-8177) and we can get you one! The drive ends Friday, April 14th!

Our other opportunity for service this month is helping with the Saxonburg Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 15 at 9:00 am at Roebing Park. Bring a rake, gloves, and an attitude of service. Lunch is provided!!



HIS Kids

SPRING

BASH

May 6, 2023
11a-3p



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	Lynette Glaze
Ken Galvan	Ryan Pugh
Jason Dobson	

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
Preschool Aide—Patty Hankey
Kindergarten—Haley Vissari
Kindergarten Aide—Maria Pugh
1st Grade—Haylie Rupnow
2nd Grade—Holly Collins
2nd Grade Aide—Sherry Smith
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell
4th Grade—Jennifer Schwalm
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

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday Schedule: Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Class, 11:00 a.m.</p>						
<p>2 PALM SUNDAY Deacon's meeting after worship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:00 FDFX 7:00 HK Board mtg</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6  Maundy Thursday SERVICE 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>7 9:30 the Sew-Sews</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 6:30 Sunrise 10:00 Worship  EASTER</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:00 FDFX 7:00 Session mtg.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30 the Sew-Sews</p>	<p>15 </p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 <i>Herald</i> articles due</p>	<p>18 9:00 FDFX</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:30 the Sew-Sews</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:00 FDFX</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:30 the Sew-Sews</p>	<p>29 8:00 Food Bank </p>
<p>30 <i>Reservations for Ladies Tea Due!</i></p>						