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## February Dates to Remember

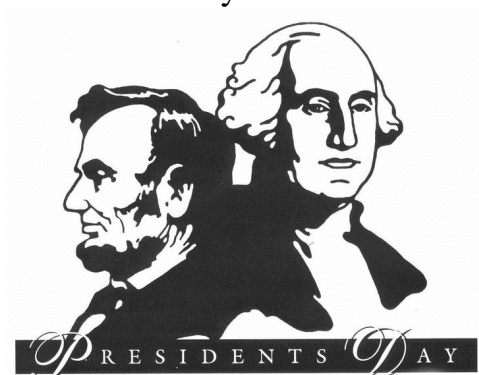
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## FROM THE PASTOR



I often joke by saying that I don't eat to live. I live to eat. Anyone who knows me knows that I absolutely love hamburgers, chocolate, and other not so healthy foods. And, to top it off, I have always been able to eat pretty much whatever I wanted without any major concerns about my health. All that has now changed now that I have been diagnosed as a diabetic.

In some ways, I am not surprised at this sudden turn of events in my life. The past year has been a major change in my lifestyle. I have exercised far less and eaten far more fast food than ever before. I knew that I was living dangerously, but I had other priorities in my life that I thought needed more attention than exercise or diet.

Interestingly enough, as I started to feel worse and worse toward the end of the year, I actually began eating more and exercising even less. I didn't realize it at the time but I was making a bad situation worse. Now that I have received my wake-up call, I have begun to exercise again and to eat a diet of low carbs and low sugar. This means giving up many of the foods I love.

The most difficult part of this new diet is finding foods that I actually like to eat that are also healthy for me. That eliminates most fast food and prepared foods. But, I do love chicken and I just need to find some good chicken recipes. Eliminating bread from my diet might be one of the hardest things I have done. But, as I write this, I am reminded of Jesus' words: "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." That means that I no longer should be living to eat but rather eating to live!

*Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom*



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#### Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. Tom Jones, *Pastor*  
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Terri Faust, *Minister of Music*  
Tammy Mowry, *Admin. Assistant*

#### Sunday Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 Sunday School (Sept.-May)  
Youth Group as scheduled

#### Other ministries of Summit Church:

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

•**Loaves & Fishes Food Bank**  
Directors: Dorothy Steighner  
and Kay Foertsch

•**HIS Kids Christian School**  
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## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

**from the January 8**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Tom noted some health issues of members and friends. Pastor Tom requested the week of February 18 as study leave time. During this time, Carol will preach on Sunday, February 24. **Motion** approved for Pastor Tom to take the week of February 18 as study leave time. Rich Foust and Errol Foertsch were welcomed as new Elders. Raegan Alexandra McLay was baptized on December 23.

**Clerk's Report:** **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the December 11 Session Meeting. Communion was served on January 6. A thank you note was received from Evelyn Gallagher thanking the congregation for their prayers, visits, bringing her lunches during the recent Advent Luncheons. She also provided her new address.

**Finance Committee:** **Motion** to accept the December Treasurer's Report. We will begin a Stewardship campaign this spring. **Motion** to accept the 2018 Budget draft. The budget will be presented to the congregation.

**Christian Education:** Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 23-27.

**Congregational Care:** The Deacons are working on their calendar for the year. There will be a Christmas in July luncheon.

**Worship Committee:** The Christmas Eve service was well attended. The Advent Luncheons were very nice.

**HIS Kids Christian School Report:** The Christmas program went very well. School registration packets are being assembled for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Facilities Report:** Several items were reviewed and have been taken care of or will be taken care of.

*Submitted by Cheryl Nagel, Clerk of Session*



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

### The Absolute Purpose of Jesus Christ

Study Verses: Phil 2: 9-11; Rom 14: 6; 1Cor 12:3; Acts 2: 25-36; Ps 110: 1-2; Gen 14: 18-20; Heb 7: 3, 8:1; 1John 2: 1; 1Pet :5: 8

Sands of time continue to fall, evil and godlessness are determinedly accelerating, just as the Bible warns; technological development is rampant. Hate abounds and mankind turns to chemical relief. It sounds dire, but there is a way to overcome the world. Jesus is the beloved and anointed Son of God (Messiah). Identified by many names and possessor of numerous titles, all are forms of worship and praise to project revealing light on His mission. Yes, Jesus is the Alpha and Omega; yes, Jesus is the Word made flesh; yes, Jesus was the sacrificial Lamb of God and will assuredly return as the Lion of Judah, in power and glory. He was and is everything the Church shall need. Permit this lesson to focus upon the embodiment of our salvation, but remembering Jesus' participation with Father God and the Holy Spirit in creation. Is He not also the Good Shepherd, willing to lead, protect, and selflessly lay down His innocent life for those who know Him and believe? All in all, Jesus Christ is love in a sin weary world. The Son of Man's work here, on earth is perfect and complete. It will persevere to win lost souls.

**LORD OF LORDS** This office of *supreme authority* is conveyed by the Father to exalt Jesus Christ upon His obedient crucifixion, death and essential resurrection. "A name above every name...one to which every knee in heaven, on or under the earth should bow, and that every tongue should confess Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father". When believers do so, we are enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit. This office continues through the Kingdom Age!

**KING OF KINGS** This is the legal manifestation of God crowning Jesus, the Christ, with the perfect right to rule the Kingdom and fulfill the oath made to King David that a descendent of his would ascend the Throne of the Most High. Jesus is seated at God's right hand by Divine decree, prophesy and birth. His rule is scripturally declared to be eternal and spiritual. David in Psalms prophesies: "The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a footstool...". There can be no other king with the power and authority of the Son of God. By the Father's will even the angels are at Jesus' command. His rule enables the redeemed to be joint-heirs of the Kingdom. He holds a sceptre of iron!

**HIGH PRIEST** "After the Order of Melchizedek...not Aaron", emphasizes that Jesus was called to this office for *purpose* not glory. Jesus, as with Melchizedek was a Priest of the Most High, perfectly righteous and independent of human lineage. Necessarily, our Lord took on the "seed of Abraham" feeling sympathy for our weaknesses. Like no other, Jesus' Priesthood is eternal. A sinless Jesus is the one mediator between God and man, allowing the redeemed to come before the Holy Father. The shed innocent blood of the Lamb is the great price paid (propitiation), demanded of man to be free from suffering and death. We are accepted by God as spotless, just as He received the law fulfilling Son of Man!

**ADVOCATE** During his desperate remaining time, our adversary Satan, accuses believers before GOD in heaven, day and night. It is written..."If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous". Jesus, our risen Savior and the Holy Spirit, God's power unto salvation, form an overwhelming Defense Counsel, refuting the bent-on-hell prosecution of pure evil. Truth and justice will prevail into eternity!



**NOTE!  
ADDRESS CHANGE**

**Evelyn Gallagher**  
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A heartfelt "thank you" to Pastor Tom and members of my church family for your prayers, cards, visits, and food brought to me from the Advent luncheons.



I am truly grateful for your support and kindness to me during and after my surgery. God was with me through it all.

**Corey & Christy Child**  
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Love to all,  
Evelyn Gallagher

**Please make the changes in your photo directory.**



## ADULT FICTION SERIES

Mysteries of Martha's Vineyard

6. Don't Rock the Boat, by Elizabeth Ludwig

7. A Port in the Storm, by Elizabeth Penney

Secrets of Wayfarers Inn

5. A Flame in the Night, by Virginia Smith

6. Never the Twain Shall Meet, by Beth Adams

Tea Room Mysteries

21. Turning the Tables, by Anne Marie Rodgers

22. In Too Deep, by Elizabeth Adams

Under Northern Skies by Lauraine Snelling

2. A Breath of Hope

Secrets of the South Mysteries by Mary Ellis

3. Magnolia Moonlight

4. Sunset in Old Savannah

Patchwork Mysteries

10. Yesterday's Secrets, by Kelly Ann Riley

11. Squared Away, by Cara Putman

Sugar Creek Amish Mysteries

29. Homespun Suspensions, by Olivia Newport

30. Till We Meet Again, by Cara Putman

The Crisis Team by Candace Calvert

1. Maybe It's You

If I Run by Terri Blackstock

3. If I Live

Montana Rescue by Susan May Warren

5. Storm Front

The Remnant Trilogy by Tim & K. Marie Adams Chaffey

2. Noah: Man of Resolve

3. Noah: Man of God

## ADULT FICTION

Catching Christmas, by Terri Blackstock

Because You're Mine, by Colleen Coble

Meet the Sky, by McCall Hoyle

Missing Isaac, by Valerie Luesse

Western Hearts, by Debbie Macomber

Shattered Mirror, by Sarah Price

An Endless Christmas, by Cynthia Ruchti

An Amish Christmas Love, by Beth Wiseman

## ADULT NON FICTION

The Monuments Men, by Robert M. Edsel

Live Fearless, by Sadie Robertson

## DVD

I Can Only Imagine

Healed By Grace

Healed By Grace: Ten Days of Grace

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Paul: Apostle of Christ

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## Calling All 2 Year Olds!



## HIS Little Kids Storytime

HIS Kids Christian School offers a story time for toddlers. This 8-week story time session includes plenty of songs, Bible stories, crafts, and movement activities.

A parent or guardian **MUST** stay with their child.  
The child **DOES NOT** need to be potty trained.

**Dates:** Fridays, March 8, - May 10,  
(no class on April 19<sup>th</sup>)

**Time:** 9:30 am - 10:30 am

**Cost:** \$50 (for 8 week session)

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## How to Delight in God's Loving Laws

### POWERSOURCE

#### ASK JESUS:

1. To give you hearts willing to obey God and his commands.
2. To show your family that obedience brings blessings, not burdens.
3. To help you lovingly obey other authority figures.

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The words "love" and "law" are rarely used in the same sentence these days. Yet the Old Testament psalmists express great delight in God's commands: "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long" (Psalm 119:97) and "See how I love your command-ments, Lord. Give back my life because of your unfailing love" (verse 159).

In the New Testament, Jesus also connects the concepts of love and obedience to the law. In John 14:15, he tells his followers, "If you love me, obey my commands."

Love is at the "heart" of all God's laws, from the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 to the two great commandments Jesus gives: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and

with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). The golden rule—"Do to others as you would like them to do to you." (Luke 6:31)—also is based on love.

As with any rule or law, we humans repeatedly fall short when it comes to obedience. That's why it's important to emphasize the forgiveness that Jesus freely offers to us—and that we are to freely offer to other people.

Throughout the Bible, it's clear that disobedience is serious and has big consequences. Yet our loving God longs to forgive us, restore us, and reconcile us to himself. Continue reading for high-impact ways to share these messages with your kids.





## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

### #1 in Our Hearts

Tape a red heart shape onto a pitcher. Gather cups of water, small rocks, and markers.

Say: **This pitcher is like a heart. Let's fill it with God.** Take turns pouring in water and saying why God deserves first place in your heart; for example, "God deserves first place in my heart because he made me."

When the pitcher is full, say: **Our hearts are full of God's goodness, but sometimes other things try to crowd into our hearts.** Have family members each draw on a rock one thing that takes up their time and attention. One at a time, add rocks to the pitcher until water starts to overflow.

Ask: **How is this like what happens in our hearts? How can we keep our hearts full of God so he has first place?** Read Exodus 20:3. Say: **God tells us not to have any idols. An idol is anything that crowds God out. God wants and deserves first place in our heart!**

## Commandments for Kids

The Ten Commandments can seem intimidating—not just because they set a high standard but because they include some archaic language. Bring the law to children's level with these age-appropriate adaptations: #1: God is the one true God. #2: Worship only God. #3 Be careful with God's name. #4: Set aside a day for God and for rest. #5: Respect your mom and dad. #6: Don't kill or hurt anyone. #7: Keep your marriage promises. #8: Don't steal or take what isn't yours. #9: Don't tell lies. #10: Don't feel jealous of other people and what they have.

**In Synch** Give each person two paper plates. Practice "skating" around a room on them. Then form pairs and have partners try to do the same moves. Switch partners for more synchronized fun. Then ask: "As you skated, how did you get to know your partner?" Read aloud 1 Corinthians 8:3. Ask: "How does knowing and following God's laws and rules help us stay in synch with him?"

**No More Hard Hearts** Hand out hardboiled eggs. Decorate them with markers as you discuss how the outside of the eggs feel. Read aloud Psalm 95:6-9. Say: "God wants our hearts to be soft toward him so we obey out of love, but sometimes our hearts get hard and are closed to God." Ask: "What might make people's hearts hard?" Crack the eggs, peel the shells, and discuss how the inside of the eggs feel. Say: "When our hearts are hard, God can crack away the outer shell to reveal something soft on the inside." Ask: "What helps make your heart soft toward God?" End with prayer—and eat the eggs.

**Focused Followers** Have family members form pairs. Whisper a strange instruction to one person in each pair; for example, put socks on your hands or sit on your head. Each instruction recipient must then silently get his or her partner to do the task.

Switch roles so everyone gets a turn. Ask: "How did you know what your partner wanted you to do? How do you know what God wants you to do?" Read aloud 1 Thessalonians 4:11. Ask: "How does living a quiet life help us focus on following God?"

**Transformed Hearts** Say: "Because of sin, no one can perfectly obey God's law. Sin makes holes in our hearts, but God's Holy Spirit fills our hearts and covers sin." Cut brown craft foam into a large person shape and write "sin" across the chest. Cut a red foam heart and staple a heart to the chest. Punch out a large hole in the heart so "sin" shows through. Bunch together strips of orange and yellow tissue paper, pinch the tip, and push it through the hole so the "flame" bursts through the heart. Display your creation where your family can see it as a reminder.

**Stay on Track** Hide a Bible and give family members an easy map to find it. Then say: "The Bible contains God's laws and shows us how to stay on track and follow them." Read some "directions" and have family members tell you if they're from the Bible or not. For example, "Love your enemies" (yes!); "Lie only if you have to" (no!).

Love means doing what God has commanded us,  
and he has commanded us to love another, just as  
you heard from the beginning.

—2 John 1:6

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## MEDIA MADNESS



### MOVIE

**Title:** *The Lego Movie* 2

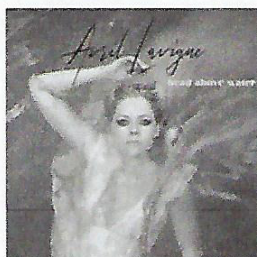
**Genre:** Animation, Action, Adventure

**Rating:** Not yet rated (likely PG)

**Cast:** Margot Robbie, Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, Channing Tatum

**Synopsis:** Five years after the original blockbuster hit theaters, everything is *not* awesome. Bricksburg has become a post-apocalyptic wasteland because of destructive space invaders (i.e., Lego Duplo characters). Emmet's building skills are put to the test when Lucy is kidnapped by a villain (who, interestingly, is female).

**Our Take:** Like the original, expect this movie to offer nonstop action and fun. The violence and peril are cartoonish, with lots of humor to entertain viewers of all ages. Of course, the movie also contains a built-in marketing plug.



### MUSIC

**Title:** *Head Above Water*

**Singer:** Avril Lavigne

**Synopsis:** After a five-year break during which she feared she was dying from Lyme disease, Lavigne is back with a powerful song and a video filled with Christian symbolism. Now 34, the singer who once embodied the "skate punk" sound says the lyrics to "Head Above Water" came to her after she prayed for God's help when she felt as if she were drowning.

**Our Take:** Lavigne, once known for her edgy persona, says she's going back to her roots because she got her start singing in church. The songs on her new album aren't all worship songs, though. And beware that on the album cover, Lavigne sits nude behind her guitar.

## Games, Sites & Apps

### Kingdom Hearts 3

Set in a variety of Pixar and Disney worlds, this game features Sora, who doesn't know he's inherited great power. Cartoon characters such as Donald Duck and Goofy help Sora battle against the dark, evil force known as Heartless. The game, rated E10+, also involves magical spells.

### Ear Snacks

This free musical podcast features Andrew & Polly, winners of two Parents' Choice Awards. With young helpers, they explore science, art, and culture. Topics range from getting glasses and caring for teeth to silly subjects such as talking like pirates. Kids of all ages—and parents—will enjoy listening.

### GooseChase

Send family members on virtual (or actual) scavenger hunts with this app. During setup, you decide if participants need to check in at certain locations or submit photos, videos, or text responses. Use the missions to encourage self-directed learning. Best for ages 8+. Free for recreational use only.

This page is designed to help educate parents and isn't meant to endorse any movie, music, or product. Our goal is to help you make informed decisions about what your children watch, read, listen to, and play.



## CULTURE & TRENDS

### Flip Phones Make a Comeback

For their children's first phones, more parents are choosing flip phones. Not only are the devices much cheaper than "smart" phones, but they don't come with internet access or social media. Parents say it's an ideal way to keep in touch with kids without exposing them to dangers. ([abc13.com](http://abc13.com))

**"Humanizing" Homelessness** To impact people's perceptions of the issue, *Sesame Street* added a homelessness storyline for pink puppet Lily. Previously, she was described as having food-security issues. About one in 20 kids under age 6 experiences homelessness each year. ([cnn.com](http://cnn.com))

## QUICK STATS

### Pricey Preschools

American parents spend an average of \$5,008 on preschool tuition for their children. In Washington, D.C., the average is almost \$17,000. ([nieer.org](http://nieer.org))

**Fluency Deadline** By age 10, research shows, a child's chances of becoming fluent in a second language plummet. (*Cognition*)

**Young Love?** Among surveyed parents, 23% admit to having a favorite child. Among those, 56% say it's their youngest. ([inews.co.uk](http://inews.co.uk))





**\*Mark These Dates!!\***

**Our meeting dates will be a little different this month so write this down! Stay tuned for more info!**

**\*Sunday, Feb. 3 - NO Youth Group**

**\*Sunday, Feb. 10 - YES Youth Group**

**Sunday, Feb. 17 - YES Youth Group**

Join us this Summer for

## **The Great Escape**

**June 9-14, 2019**

**Lee University, Cleveland, TN**

Calling all youth who will complete 6th-9th this school year!

Come be a part of this amazing event! Non-stop fun, crazy games, great speakers and worship—you may even find you learn something and grow closer to God!!

Watch for info coming to an email and snail mail box near you!!



## **June 23-27, 2019**

**Mark you calendar for this summer's "mane" event- ROAR VBS - where kids will find that God is good, even when life gets wild!!**

At ROAR VBS we will be learning that GOD IS GOOD!!! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, 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 concludes with the Safari Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Mark down these dates, Sunday, June 23 – Thursday, June 27 (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 an African Savanna!! Wait 'til you see the t-shirts - they are amazing!! WE LOVE VBS!!!



## NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS!

The season of winter brings cold weather; therefore, it is a perfect temperature for our Kindergarten class to enjoy studying our polar regions. They learned all about the Arctic and Antarctica. Their favorite animals were the polar bears and penguins. Through an experiment, they used "blubber" to discover when they put their hands in cold water, the one with the "blubber" glove stayed warmer. Students learned the life cycle of the penguin and found that the daddy penguin is the one who keeps the egg warm on top of his feet until it hatches. Students tried walking with a ball on their feet to simulate a daddy penguin and soon found out it was not an easy task. One of our stories for our afternoon enrichment class was titled The Mitten. Students made mittens and animals to use to retell the story. They also used mittens and M & M's to learn measurement during our Math class. In Reading, our students are working toward becoming champion readers as they continue to learn to sound out words and read longer stories. As we celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., students compared a brown egg to a white egg. They found that God had created the eggs in different colors, but that they were the same on the inside. Even though God has created us all to look differently on the outside, we need to treat each other fairly. We, like snowflakes, are all different, but we are all God's children.

"Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." Psalm 51:7.

*Mrs. Beamer—Kindergarten Teacher*

The students are learning so much in our class and having fun learning. We have started our reading series Flat Stanley. Flat Stanley is a great reading series to read with your child. We take time every day to read a chapter from this reading series. The students relax on the carpet and they really enjoy listening to the adventures of Flat Stanley. Of course, the students are developing comprehension skills by making predictions and making mental images in their minds of the settings and characters. In addition, a popular way to integrate the curriculum is to address a topic or theme through different subject areas. For example, in social studies we are learning about the four seasons. They are learning that in different parts of the world people experience different weather events in the same season. In our language and reading block, we are reading a story called *Seasons*. We learned about all the fun activities that can be enjoyed in each season. In order to make a connection to both subjects, the students made painted season trees and wrote about their favorite season. These projects are displayed in our hallway. The students had a great time painting and writing about their favorite season. It was hard for some of the students to pick only one favorite season and I can't blame them. After all God has provided us with all the different seasons in Pennsylvania to enjoy. Thanks for reading about First Grade's Adventures. Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it"

*Mrs. Kunkel—1st Grade Teacher*

Wow, we have made it to February. This month we will be celebrating our 100th day of school. Which means we are over half way through the year. The students have been working so hard! In Math we are learning about dividing numbers but how God does not want us divided and alone. As we learn division, the students are working on getting those multiplication facts memorized. They have been earning rewards for each set they learn and at the end we will celebrate with a Multiplication Movie Celebration. After all that hard work, they will have definitely deserved it!! Our new Social Studies curriculum this year has been fantastic. We are now learning about communities. We get to do some fun activities using the computer lab. Like we were on Google Earth looking up places all around the world. The students were amazed by what detail they could see by using Google Earth. It has been a fun learning experience. Our writing skills have improved so much from the beginning of the year. Third grade writes in complete cursive now. We have been working on the process of putting together a complete paragraph. Through this I have been learning so much more about my students, as all the writing prompts are "All about Me". I have enjoyed it and their writing skills are improving everyday. In bible class, Ms. Carol has been teaching about the second book: Exodus.

*Mrs. Maxwell—3rd Grade Teacher*

Again I am going to say my favorite word, WOW! It's hard to believe that we are official at the half way mark for the school year, and by the time this article reaches you all, we will have also hit the 100 day mark. Soon as we know it, it will be Easter, than the end of the school year! The first half of the school year has been great for the 4th graders, especially when it comes to responsibility. Since the school doesn't have any 5th or 6th graders enrolled, the 4th graders have to take on more of a role in helping out at the school. They have the responsibility of leading the morning announcement and prayer, cleaning the floor in the lunchroom after lunch, and are in charge of the recess equipment for the entire student body. The 4th graders have a greater responsibility when it comes to service projects. During the Christmas season the class traveled to the Butler YMCA to help their members with their holiday luncheon. Classroom wise we have kept busy as well, we have been learning a lot about our local and state history, as well as our states and capitals. We are brushing up on our multiplication facts as well so that we can master them without thinking. We have been utilizing our new computers in the lab, by using the interactive literature units and using our new Social Studies series that uses a lot of interactive activities. We will be embarking on a lot of cool research projects that I will let you know in the future about; don't want to spoil the surprise. Stay safe and God Bless!

*Mr. McKruit—4th Grade Teacher*

February 5	Chinese New Year – Chinese food for lunch 6:30 PM – Parents are invited to HKCS Board Meeting at the school
February 7	Move-up Day for Kindergarten to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
February 13	Valentine Parties – 10:30 AM Preschool, 1:30 PM Preschool
February 14	Valentine Parties – 10:30 AM PreK, 1:30 PM PreK Valentine Parties – 1:45 – 2:45 PM Elementary
February 15	No School – Vacation Day
February 17	Pancake Breakfast
February 18	No School – Presidents' Day
March 5	Kindergarten Field Trip to Lutherlyn for Maple Sugaring



## From the Principal – Debora Dawson, M.Ed.

### Third Graders Speak Out

We can learn a lot by listening to our students. Third graders are so wise, and they had a lot to say. When Mrs. Maxwell asked her students what they liked about being a student at HIS Kids Christian School, here are their responses:

Mia B. – learning about God, going to computer class, smaller classes  
Willow – making friends, going to chapel, and singing  
Ariel – worshipping God at school, going on field trips  
Ryan – going to a small school, having smaller classes, knowing everyone, closer friends  
Mia G. – awesome teachers  
Evyn – making more friends, learning math better  
Abby – teachers that do fun things, learned CPR  
Cynthia – learning science because she wants to be an inventor

### Your Family is Our Family, Too

At HIS Kids, we like to say that we have a family-like atmosphere. We like to get to know as many of your family members as we can. Grandmas and Grandpas, Aunts, Uncles, Little Sisters and Little Brothers are all welcome in our family. Knowing about the homes our students come from and go to each day helps us to figure out what makes our students tick.

Communication among family members is a valuable key to understanding each other. We encourage teachers and family members to write notes, send emails, leave phone messages, and to keep in touch any way available. As we know, many families have problems from time to time. Perhaps sharing our joys and our sorrows will help us all.

The following Blessing for the Home and Family really spoke to me during my advent readings. I share it with you now in the hope that our home and school families will enjoy many blessings in the coming year.

*May your household be a peaceful place,  
with gentleness in the air all round. May it be a  
place filled with life, a home where life is nurtured  
and held precious. May your front door open out upon  
the whole world, and the walls embrace the concerns of  
human beings everywhere, not just your own.*

*May your home be a place of forgiveness –  
of each other to be sure, many times – but of family  
and friends, too. May your home provide warmth in  
winter, coolness in summer, for people of all kinds,  
even those not welcome elsewhere. May it be a place  
where the past is cherished, and the future is welcomed  
with the confidence of the children of God.*

Bishop Ken Untener

### On a Serious Note

As I've said repeatedly, we take the safety of our students very seriously. All employees and volunteers at HKCS must go through the process of receiving and submitting certificates/clearance papers for us to keep on file.

The Child Protective Services Law states that adults who have responsibility with children are mandated reporters. If a mandated reporter has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to any form of child abuse, he/she must report immediately to any of the agencies listed below. If it is suspected that a child is in imminent danger, a mandated reporter is obligated to call 911 immediately.

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

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



(Pre-K - 6th grade)  
650 Saxonburg Road  
Butler, PA 16002  
724-352-8177  
[www.hiskidscs.org](http://www.hiskidscs.org)

### Staff

Debora Dawson, Principal  
Rachel Trudgen, Secretary  
Katie Anderson, Financial Administrator  
LeAnn Yamnitsky, Preschool  
Patty Hankey, Pre-K & K Aide  
Marlene Beamer, Kindergarten  
April Watson, Kindergarten  
Christine Kunkel, 1st Grade  
Sherry Smith, 1st Grade Aide  
Holly Collins, 2nd Grade  
Kim Maxwell, 3rd Grade  
Josh McKruit, 4th Grade  
Perry Dawson, Computer  
Chrissy Filges, Cafeteria  
Michele Wardle, Cleaning & YMCA Cook  
Kelley Grabenstein, Art  
Suzanne Adams, Music  
Carol Novy, Bible (3-4), Phys. Ed.

### 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](mailto:office@hiskidscs.org)  
School Website <http://www.hiskidscs.org>  
School Facebook Page [HIS Kids Christian School](https://www.facebook.com/HISKidsChristianSchool)  
Boosters E-mail [boosters@hiskidscs.org](mailto:boosters@hiskidscs.org)  
Boosters Facebook Page [HKCS Boosters](https://www.facebook.com/HKCSBoosters)

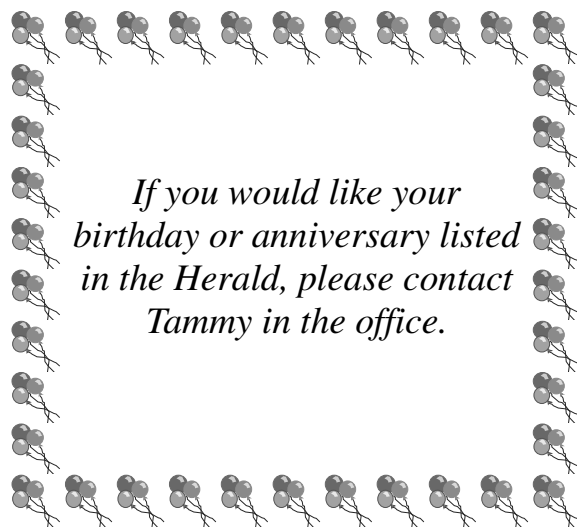
**\*\*To read the entire Summit Herald, please visit:**

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





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| 4  | Darlene Grabe     | 20 | Anthony Acquaviva |
|    | Beth Nagel        | 21 | Anna Crider       |
|    | Carl Mowry        |    | Steve Hassler     |
| 5  | Lloyd McCommon    | 22 | Bruce Crider      |
| 7  | Isaiah Child      | 23 | Brooke Wamsley    |
| 8  | Trish Harrison    | 25 | Grace Grabe       |
| 13 | Lori Ann Painter  |    | Olivia Nagg       |
| 15 | Eden Moyer        | 27 | Geoffrey Hankey   |
|    | Miranda DeLuca    |    |                   |
| 16 | Dorothy Steighner |    |                   |
| 18 | Tom Mainhart      |    |                   |
|    | Calvary Moyer     |    |                   |



## THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

**Thank you for volunteering for the following ministries! Please check to see when you are**

### **Elders Serving Communion, February 3**

Bruce & Terry Dean, Doug Harrison, Jim Faust,  
Phil Henkel, Errol Foertsch

**Head Usher:** Gail Steinhiser

**Liturgist:** Dave Cadugan

### **Collection Ushers:**

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| February 3  | Kim Steighner, Chuck Nagel,<br>Skip Brown, Jim Hartzell |
| February 10 | Harrison Family (3), Darlene Grabe                      |
| February 17 | Tom Grabe, Amy Warner,<br>Lori McCabe, Sherry Pfeifer   |
| February 24 | Mike & Jennifer Suttor<br>Pollie & Travis Fife          |

### **Greeters:**

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| February 3  | Rex & Judy Jewell, JoAnn Lawson             |
| February 10 | Amy Warner, Jim Hartzell,<br>Bill Richard   |
| February 17 | Skip Brown, Valarie Wolfe,<br>Jeanne Lawson |
| February 24 | Fife Family (3)                             |

### **Nursery:**

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|-------------|---------------------------|
| February 3  | Michelle & Grady Morgan   |
| February 10 | Pollie, Shane & Zach Fife |
| February 17 | Tori Mowry & Shanda McLay |
| February 24 | Amy Warner & Kaya Morgan  |

### **Acolytes:**

- |             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| February 3  | <b>Communion</b> |
| February 10 | Hunter Harrison  |
| February 17 | Grady Morgan     |
| February 24 | Mia Byers        |

### **Flowers:**

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|-------------|------------------|
| February 3  | <b>Communion</b> |
| February 10 | Judy Sutton      |
| February 17 | Joanne Huff      |
| February 24 | Lisa Beattie     |

### **Herald Assembly Team for the March issue:**

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Skip Brown       | Peggy Peters      |
| Dave Faust       | Cheryl Rumbaugh   |
| Kathi Fisher     | Dorothy Steighner |
| Evelyn Gallagher | Paul Steighner    |
| Jeanne Loudin    |                   |








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



Saturday -  
February 23

# February

## Happy Valentine's Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9:30 the Sew-Sews	<b>2</b> 
<b>3 Communion</b> Soup-R Bowl LX+	<b>4</b> 7:00 Men's Group	<b>5</b> 9:30 FDFX 6:30 HK Board mtg	<b>6</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 the Sew-Sews	<b>9</b> 
<b>10</b> 6:00 <b>1:3</b> Group	<b>11</b> 7:00 Men's Group	<b>12</b> 9:30 FDFX 6:30 Deacons' mtg 7:00 Session mtg	<b>13</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 the Sew-Sews	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Booster Pancake Brunch at CCO 	<b>18</b> <i>Herald articles due!</i> President's Day	<b>19</b> 9:30 FDFX	<b>20</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 the Sew-Sews	<b>23</b> 7:30 Food Bank 
<b>24</b> 6:00 <b>1:3</b> Group	<b>25</b> 7:00 Men's Group	<b>26</b> 9:30 FDFX	<b>27</b> 7:00 Chancel Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>Sunday Schedule:</b> Worship, 9:30 a.m. Small Groups, 10:45 a.m. <b>1:3</b> Group, as scheduled	