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# *The Summit Herald*

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## May Dates to Remember

**May 4**

HIS Kids  
Spring Bash

**May 5**

P.L.A.C.E.  
Luncheon



**May 12**



**May 27**



## FROM THE PASTOR



This month we will celebrate Memorial Day. It is, of course, the day we set aside each year to remember and honor the men and women who died while serving in the US military. Normally we become so caught up in our picnics and early summer activities that we forget to take a moment to remember and give thanks for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

I had planned to include "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" in our worship service on Memorial Day weekend. However, I just looked at our hymn book and realized that the words had been changed. I was disappointed. The version I grew up singing had a second verse that started with the words: "Here I raise my Ebenezer." But, those words have been replaced because, I guess, nobody knows what an Ebenezer is.

As a reminder of a great victory God gave to Israel, Samuel took a great stone and raised it as a memorial. As he raised it he called the name of it Ebenezer, which means "stone of help," saying, "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us!" (1 Samuel 7:12). Whenever the Israelites looked at the stone, they would remember how God had helped them.



### Presbyterian Church

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#### *The Summit Herald*

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Evangelical Presbyterian Church.*

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Rev. Dr. Tom Jones, *Pastor*

Carol Novy, *Minister of Education*

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**

(PreK--6th grade)

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I think it is sad that the editors of our hymn book choose to replace those words which have so much meaning and power when we understand their origin. It is sad to think that the Old Testament has lost its relevance in the modern Christian church. To reclaim that relevance, we need to focus more on the Old Testament than we do. Never should we forget the sacrifice of the men and women of faith made while serving the Lord. And, never should we forget the sacrifice of the men and women who served our country. If we do, Memorial Day will be replaced just like the words of the hymn were!

*Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom*

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

from the April 9 Meeting

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Tom noted that next month the Session and Deacons will have their annual combined meeting at 7:00 p.m. downstairs. Pastor Tom provided an update on his journey with diabetes. He gave an update on Georgiana's condition; she had a neurosurgeon appointment and will have an MRI when she comes back from California.

**Clerk's Report:** **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the March 12 Session Meeting. Communion was served on April 7.

**Finance Committee:** **Motion** to accept the March Treasurer's Report.

**Christian Education:** The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the CCO.

A VBS Funshop/Workshop was attended last Saturday. This year's t-shirt samples have been received and are hanging outside of Carol's office.

**Mission Committee:** Alpha Omega Center joined us on March 31 and was well received by the congregation. The Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, May 18.

**Worship Committee:** Diana reviewed the Worship Committee plans for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter services.

**HIS Kids Christian School Report:** HIS Kids Talent Show is scheduled for April 26. They are also raffling a half pig. Tickets are \$5.

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

**New Business:** Carol provided information about RightNow Media which is like the "Netflix" of Christian Videos. It helps church equip their congregations with more than 20,000 videos (bible studies, adult and children videos, parenting series, marriage series, and Dave Ramsey to name a few). **Motion** was made and approved to purchase one year using the Lay Leadership fund.

*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.*

## TIME IS SWIFT...SEEK YE THE LORD

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

Just how critical is this weighty concern the Church holds for salvation? Why all the fuss and bother over what the world considers theological nonsense or by some as pious scare-tactics? With many matters requiring attention, so little time is available for such an "iffy" proposition. An opportunity will surely come available once things settle down! Satan smiles, the casino cashier shouts "place your bet", the odds lower unfavorably. This concurs with that presumptuous attitude you cling to. Truths to ponder: the life/death decision is strictly a Sovereign God decree; secondly Jehovah-jireh is in the supply-the-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, inducing God's blessings to flow.

As a lion-hearted 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 mid-life 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 an alloy of quotes, inferences and conclusions, I dutifully offer 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 mid-most 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 wanting spirit 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.



**Memorial Day**

May 27



**Saturday—May 18**

**Alpha Omega Center**

**Fun Run & Walk for Life**

Register online at: [AOCPARTNERS.ORG](http://AOCPARTNERS.ORG)



**ADULT FICTION SERIES**

Mysteries of Martha's Vineyard  
9. Swept Away, by Ruth Logan Herne

Secrets of Wayfarers Inn  
7. At Face Value, by Ocieanna Fleiss

Tea Room Mysteries  
24. A Cup of Grace, by Leslie Gould

Miracles of Marble Cove  
22. Tracks and Ties, by Camy Tang

Patchwork Mysteries  
12. Mystery on the Midway, by Vera Dodge

Montana Marshalls by Susan May Warren  
1. Knox

**ADULT FICTION**

Secrets at Cedar Cabin, by Colleen Coble  
The Persian Gamble, by Joel C. Rosenberg

**YOUTH FICTION**

Spy Penguins, by Sam Hay  
Ballet Shoes, by Noel Streatfeild  
Mary Poppins, by P.L. Travers

**CHILDRENS FICTION**

Pig the Pug, by Aaron Blabey



**May 2**

**HIS Kids Spring Bash**

**May 4**

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

CCO



Come to the **P.L.A.C.E.:**

**P**icnic

**Sunday, May 5**

**L**unch

in the Fellowship Hall

**A**fter

**C**hurch

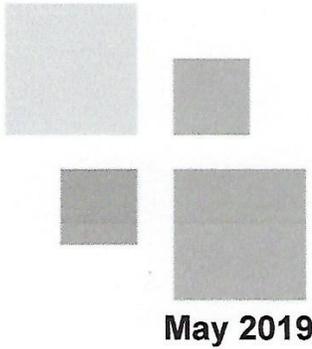
**E**veryone



- Fellowship after worship then...
- Luncheon at 11:45

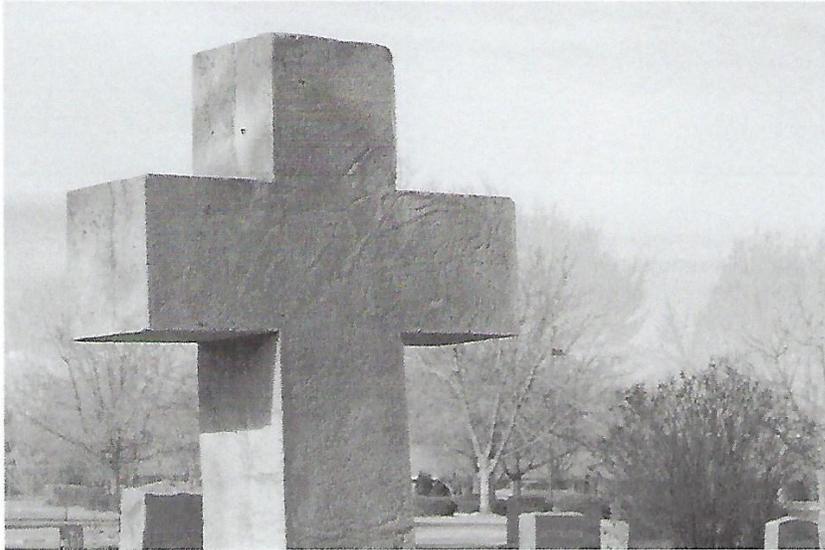
All ages are welcome to this special picnic hosted by Summit Church Deacons!





May 2019

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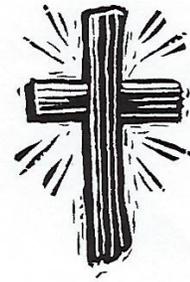
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## Jesus Is the Way to Heaven

### POWERSOURCE

#### PRAY TO JESUS:

1. Thank Jesus for dying on the cross and for rising from the tomb to forgive and save us.
2. Ask Jesus to remind your family members of his love and his promise of heaven.
3. Ask Jesus to help you tell others about him—and about heaven.

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parenting  
CHRISTIAN  
kids



Death is a tough topic, especially for children. It's challenging to explain why people die and what happens to them after they die. Some kids have little experience with death, while others may have had their world turned upside-down by a loved one's passing.

Death is sin's ultimate "sting," but for Christians, Jesus has erased it. By rising from the grave, Jesus "gives us victory over sin and death" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). Jesus promises to "prepare a place" for us in heaven, saying, "There is more than enough room in my Father's home" (John 14:2).

The concepts of heaven, hell, and eternity are too abstract for younger children to understand, but we can assure them we'll always be with Jesus

in a place with no sadness or pain. As kids grow older, we can let them know Jesus is the *only* way to heaven—and any teachings about different paths to eternal life are false. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

During life's trials and challenges, followers of Jesus can find comfort in the sure hope of heaven. Yet we don't need to wait until we arrive there to experience Jesus' presence and peace! He promises to be with us "always" (Matthew 28:20)—a message that children and adults of all ages need to hear often.

Use the ideas on the next page to celebrate Jesus' promise of heaven.



## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

### Postcard Perfect

You'll need a Bible, postcards or pictures from vacations, pencils, and blank card stock cut in postcard shapes. Look through postcards together and discuss favorite vacation memories.

Say: **These places are beautiful, but I know of an even better place. It has streets of gold, no tears or pain, and no night. Ask: Do you know what this place is? Have you ever received a postcard from heaven? Say: No, me neither. But someone who went there has given us a special gift!**

Read aloud Acts 1:8-11. Say: **When Jesus went back to heaven, he didn't send a postcard; he sent the Holy Spirit. The Spirit helps us believe in Jesus so we can go to heaven.**

Hand out pencils and card stock. Say: **On one side of the postcard, write or draw a thank-you to Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit. On the other side, draw a picture of what you think heaven is like. Close in prayer.**

## We Have the Hope of Heaven

Until children are about 5 or 6, it's best to talk about heaven as a place where they can live someday. Don't try to explain the spiritual or abstract aspects of heaven yet. As children grow, they'll begin asking more questions—especially why people go to heaven or hell when they die. If you don't have all the answers, be honest and research what the Bible says. Explain that Jesus wants everyone to live with him forever, and remind kids that people's actions don't send them to heaven or hell. Believing in Jesus is the only way to heaven, and it's his free gift to us.

**A Special Place** Say: **When we're friends with Jesus, we'll go to heaven someday. The Bible says heaven is amazing.** Have family members use modeling dough to create shapes of what they imagine heaven will be like. Say: **Matthew 6:20 says we'll have treasures in heaven. John 14:2 says heaven has rooms for many people. Revelation 19:1 says people in heaven shout praises to God. Revelation 21:3-4 says God lives with us in heaven and wipes away our tears. There's no more sadness or death in heaven. It's our forever home with God.**

**Transformed** When you see butterflies, discuss their lifecycle and how that symbolizes our rebirth in Jesus. Say: **After a caterpillar spins a cocoon, it begins a new life as a beautiful butterfly. Someday we'll die, but when we believe in Jesus, he gives us a beautiful new life in heaven. We'll be happy and free forever!** Draw or make butterflies as reminders of new life in Jesus.

**Headed to Heaven** Place a variety of small items on a tray. Say: **Look at these items and try to remember them all.** Have family members close their eyes while you remove one item. Then have them guess what's missing. Play several rounds. Read aloud Acts

1:8-11. Ask: **How hard was this game? What do you think about how Jesus disappeared in the clouds? Why do you think Jesus returned to heaven? Say: Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven, but he's still with us today, in our hearts. Jesus is never missing.**

**A Work of Heart** On Memorial Day (or when there's a death in your family), make a reminder of people who've gone to heaven. Decorate paper squares, listing one person or group (such as soldiers) on each square. Tape squares to form a remembrance quilt. Say: **When people die, we miss them. The Bible tells us a reason to not feel so sad. Read John 3:16. Say: If we believe in Jesus, we'll go to heaven. What do you think we'll do there? Pray, thanking God for people who've already gone to heaven.**

**Crown Jewels** Make crowns out of construction paper and craft gems. Read aloud Revelation 21:10-11, 18-23. Ask: **Why do you think heaven is filled with gold, precious gems, bright light, and no darkness? Read Revelation 2:10. Say: We're children of Jesus the King; we're his heirs. That means we'll live in his kingdom of heaven.**

**"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."**

**—John 3:16**

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## MEDIA MADNESS



### MOVIE

**Title:** *UglyDolls*

**Genre:** Animated musical comedy

**Rating:** Not yet rated

**Cast:** Emma Roberts, Kelly Clarkson, Nick Jonas, Janelle Monáe

**Synopsis:** Free-spirited misfit dolls are each searching for an ideal human match. They leave UglyVille for the Institute of Perfection, where beauty and conformity are prized. Moxy, the group's leader, helps the UglyDolls feel good about being exactly who they are—flaws and all.

**Our Take:** As a kid-friendly parable, this movie champions the value of individuality. Parents can add a biblical perspective, emphasizing that God makes us each different and special. Encourage kids to be proud of their unique traits and talents.



### MUSIC

**Artist:** *Halsey*

**Synopsis:** Singer-songwriter Halsey rose to fame via Tumblr and has built a following for the past five years. Now 24, Halsey has gone mainstream, often appearing on TV and awards shows and ever-present on kids' playlists. Her single "Without Me" was a chart-topper, and she's working on her third album. Halsey's lyrics and videos are often dark and sexually explicit, featuring violent imagery and alcohol use.

**Our Take:** Halsey has bipolar disorder and advocates for suicide prevention, which is admirable. She's also vocal about her bisexuality and struggles as a homeless teenager. The mature content in her lyrics and videos isn't a positive influence or appropriate for kids.



## CULTURE & TRENDS

**Dolls With Disabilities** The 2019 line of Barbie dolls, out in June, includes a doll with a prosthetic limb and one with a wheelchair (plus a ramp for the Barbie Dream House). Mattel consulted a 13-year-old disability activist and medical experts for advice. Also debuting are dolls with "a new body type and braided hair texture." ([disabilitycoop.com](http://disabilitycoop.com))

**Walk & Talk Therapy** A new mode of counseling is ideal for stroller-pushing parents. Some therapists now offer "on the go" sessions, walking alongside parents who either lack child-care or prefer to stay with their kids. Counselors say people tend to open up more while walking side by side, when eye contact isn't required. Plus, exercise releases mood-boosting endorphins. ([cnn.com](http://cnn.com))

## QUICK STATS

**Sorry, Young Chefs** Only 4% of moms say they want breakfast in bed for Mother's Day. Instead, make reservations! Almost 40% of moms prefer brunch at a restaurant. ([Zagat](http://Zagat))

**Rats!** In a survey, people who owned rats when they were 17 or younger say they were happier with those pets than with others such as cats and dogs. ([rightpet.com](http://rightpet.com))

## Games, Sites & Apps

### Candygrams

This colorful anagram board game for two to four players involves luck and strategy. It's like a child-friendly Scrabble hybrid, with color-coding thrown into the mix. Candygrams helps kids develop word skills and can be played at different paces. It costs \$24.99 and is designed for ages 7+.

### Pants on Fire

In this silly game show, listeners become lie-detectors to decide which of two "experts" is real. On each episode, a child interviews two people to determine who knows their stuff and whose pants are on fire from lying. The podcast, geared toward preteens, teaches kids to be good question-askers.

### Kanopy Kids

To access the content available through this app, all you need is a library card. The kids' section is filled with a wide variety of animated books, educational videos, and TV series. Parents should oversee usage, though, making sure young users stay only in the Kanopy Kids section.

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.



## VBS Friends!!

This summer we are going to have an amazing adventure at ROAR VBS! Together we will learn that though life can

be wild—GOD IS GOOD!!

Youth and Adults— we need you to make this adventure happen!! Crew leader and Station Leader positions are available for both elementary and preschool. Volunteer now before your favorite spot is gone!! See the volunteer forms in this Herald or go to the Summit Church website: [www.summitchurchpa.org](http://www.summitchurchpa.org) and click on the Roar VBS link!

*\*\*In order to comply with PA laws— all Crew Leaders and Station Leaders age 18 and older must have current PA Criminal and Child Abuse Clearances. If you have clearances from another position, volunteer or paid, and they are current—just give us copies.*

If you need to get clearances—contact Carol Novy at 724-287-2378. It's easy to do online and it's free for volunteers!!

### WOULD YOU HELP US SUPPLY OUR HUNGRY HERD CAFÉ?

Every evening some of our kid crews prepare the snack for the entire VBS!! It's a wonderful opportunity to learn service! This year, because of the variety of options surrounding our snack needs, **monetary donations** would be most helpful!

Checks made out to "Summit Church" or cash would allow us to get exactly what we need! Thank you very much!!

Contact Carol Novy: 724-287-2378 or 724-679-0326.



## Summit Youth News for May!

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Mark your calendar for these dates in May!

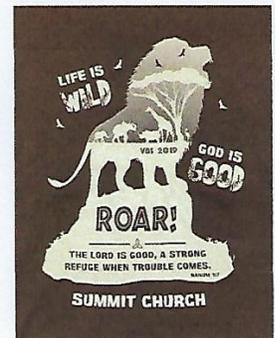
Sunday, May 5th—Youth Group at the movies—leave after church—stay tuned!!

Sunday, May 19th—Yth Group at manse 6 pm

# Life is wild, but God is good.

## Order your VBS T-shirt TODAY!

This year's amazing ROAR VBS t-shirt is available in 4 colors: Gold, Purple, Military Green, and Dark Chocolate Brown! You can see samples hanging outside of Carol's office.



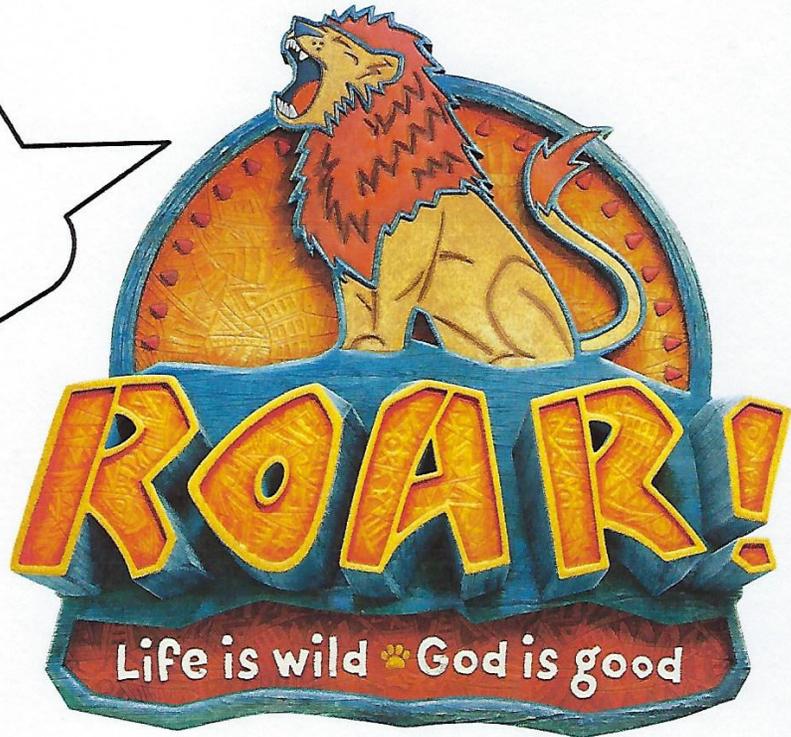
Can't decide on just one color? Order 2!! The price is right—\$6.50 for one and \$12.00 if you get two! 2XL & 3XL sizes available at the same price.

There is a sign-up sheet on the VBS bulletin board in the church fellowship area or you can email Carol: [canovy3@gmail.com](mailto:canovy3@gmail.com) with sizes and colors.

### DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: May 24th

A limited number of extras will be ordered, but why risk not getting what you want—order today!! You know you want one!!

The "Mane"  
Event!



## 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.

ROAR VBS will last from: June 23-27, 2019 (Sun. - Thurs.)

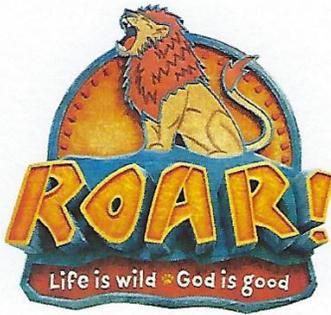
ROAR VBS fun begins at: 5:50 pm

ROAR VBS fun ends at: 8:30 pm

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

Register online: [www.summitchurchpa.org](http://www.summitchurchpa.org) or [www.vbspro.events/p/summitchurchvbs2019](http://www.vbspro.events/p/summitchurchvbs2019)

**Register today!!!**



# Registration Form

(one per child)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be 3 yrs by June 23, 2019 up through completing 5th grade)

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ School grade completed 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Color options are back this year!! Check out the order chart ⇄⇄⇄⇄**

**\*\*Can't decide? Get more than one color!! \$6.50 for one shirt; \$12.00 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 May 24th.**

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
Gold								
Purple								
Military Green								
Dark Chocolate Brown								

2X-3X sizes are available.



Get ready for the “mane” event of your summer!! At ROAR VBS, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life! ROAR VBS will be an amazing, fun, wild, week - June 23-27 (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 ROAR VBS! Read through the list below, PRAY through it, 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. This will be a fun adventure with your help – so let’s get together and help kids discover even when life is wild – God is good! Thanks!!

**I can help before VBS by...**

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



**I can help during VBS by serving as...**

- Roar photographer** – Take photographs of kids doing amazing things!!
- Roar child-care coordinator** – Arrange or provide childcare for kids of VBS workers.
- Roar registration worker** – check in children, help them find their assigned crews.
- Little Paws Preschool Station Leader** – Help lead an activity center for preschoolers.
- Roar Crew Leader** – During Roar 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!!!
- Wild Bible Adventures Leader** – Lead kids (ages 5-11) in exciting, hands on Bible adventures.
- Stampede Sports Leader** – Teach kids (ages 5-11) zany games that encourage Christian love, teamwork, and cooperation.
- Hungry Herd Cafe 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? \$6.50 or 2 for \$12 (2XL & up available too!) Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

Color (circle): Gold      Purple      Military Green      Dk Chocolate Brown



**Thanks for serving with us at Roar VBS! ??? - Call the church office: 287-2378.  
Come help kids discover that God is good even when life is wild!**

**\* 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!!**

# Summit Youth Group Hoagie/Pizza Fundraiser!

Summit Youth will be selling Marianna's Hoagies/Pizzas in order to raise money for their upcoming summer conference trip and well as other youth activities!!

The 14" hoagies come in 10 different varieties with all the "extras" vacuum sealed for freshness. The 12" pizzas come in 5 different varieties and are delivered fresh ready for you to bake or put in your freezer for another time!

\*Price: \$8.00

\*Orders due by Sunday, May 12

\*Delivery Wednesday, May 22 at the church after 2:30

Orders can be placed with youth group members or on the order form outside Carol's office.



## NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS!

May is here and it hard to believe that the school year will be coming to a close soon! I am so proud of all the Preschoolers! They have learned so much over this school year and they all have grown by leaps and bounds! During the month of May we look forward to showing off our Hand painted Garden Pots that will be auctioned off at the Annual Spring Bash on Saturday May 4th. I hope all of you will be able to attend. We will be making our Mother's Day gifts and finishing up the letters of the alphabet and reviewing all the numbers, shapes and colors during this month as well. We want to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support and I hope you have a blessed Summer!

*Mrs. Yamnitsky — Preschool Teacher*

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My goodness the year is slipping by! It seems that just yesterday we were thinking spring would never come, and here it is Easter already! Preschool through second grade has been singing lots of songs about spring, "Spring is here, spring is here, how do you think we know?"... frogs, butterflies, flowers, and rain of course! All grades worked very hard to learn our song "Kind Hearted Hand" to sing at the closing ceremony of Kindness Week. The third graders have been focusing on music from around the world and we studied Inuit and Hawaiian music styles. Several students brought in their own ukuleles to share with the class. Fourth grade impressed me immensely by practicing their recorders faithfully. I had promised them at the beginning of the year that if we reached the song "Blue Jeans" (a duet), and each student could play both parts with a partner, then we would watch a movie in class of their choosing. They accomplished that goal and voted unanimously to watch the original 1964 Mary Poppins. It was a fun reward for all their hard work! We are now preparing for our Fine Arts Night coming up May 16th. Each grade is working hard to show off their musical abilities. The students never cease to amaze me with their talents and joy for music.

*Mrs. Adams — Music Teacher*



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| April 26 | All-school Talent Show                                                                                                            |
| April 30 | Enrollment Night – Visitation and Scholarship Info (6:30-8:00 p.m.)                                                               |
| May 2    | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip – Aviary<br>Lunch Lady Hero Day                                              |
| May 3    | Early Dismissal                                                                                                                   |
| May 4    | Spring BASH – Public Welcome                                                                                                      |
| May 6-10 | Teacher Appreciation Week                                                                                                         |
| May 8    | DIBELS End-of-the-Year Screening                                                                                                  |
| May 10   | Early Dismissal<br>Staff Luncheon<br>Preschool Concert (1:30 pm) – All Invited<br>Last Session for Spring HIS Little Kids Program |
| May 16   | HIS Kids Elem. Festival of the Arts – All Invited (6:30 p.m.)                                                                     |
| May 21   | McBoard Night – Board Members Behind the Counters                                                                                 |
| May 27   | No School – Memorial Day                                                                                                          |
| May 29   | Fun Day (Assembly – 9:45 am) Sponsored by Boosters                                                                                |
| May 31   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip                                                                              |
| June 6   | Last Day of School<br>Report Cards Go Home with Students                                                                          |

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

### Family Matters

Yikes! With only a little over a month of school left in the 2018-19 school year, my mind is amazed by the list of activities on the calendar still left to enjoy. However, it is with mixed emotions that we send our precious little ones home for the Summer months.

We have all been through a lot this year. We have cried and rejoiced **with** our students and **about** them. There have been birthday celebrations, weddings, family reunions, new brothers and sisters being born, students returning to HIS Kids for a visit, pets being welcomed into our families, and loved ones being returned to health. We have been made stronger by the common pleasures of life that we have shared. We have laughed a lot. Boy, how we have laughed!

Likewise, we have endured many trials and heartaches during this year. Beloved friends have moved away, children and adults have gotten sick and are still under treatment, loved one have been taken away from us, jobs have been lost, and misunderstandings have occurred. We have cried a lot. Boy, how we have cried!

We look forward to the beginning of the new school year. Hopefully, most of our “family” members will return in good health and in good spirits. We pray for the safety of all while we are apart. It is obvious that our common bond is LOVE! *“We love because he first loved us.”* - 1 John 4:19

### If You Want to Know – Just Ask!

So, I’ve done enough talking for now. I felt it was time to ask the students what they thought would make HIS Kids Christian School a better place. The answers are revealing. Without identifying our young respondents, here are some of their suggestions:

- A water slide on the playground (Wait! We don’t have a pool!)
- Longer recess every day, rain or shine
- More playground equipment
- Lunchroom Theater every week (Mrs. Dawson likes that idea)
- Cafeteria should serve cookie cake every week
- More time to do arts and crafts (This was by far the most common response)
- Less homework (You just knew this one would come up, didn’t you?)
- Computers, computers, computers
- Lots of field trips
- Eat whenever and whatever we want
- STEAM activities period more often in MakerSpace room
- Work on a global warming project to help the earth
- Make a giant ant farm (I’ll answer that one – NO!)
- More SERVICE projects
- A couple of sports teams
- Learn to play musical instruments for a band
- Air conditioning (Sure, why not?)

The adult staff members agreed with several of these suggestions (especially the air conditioning). Our focus for the future does involve adding more STEAM, MakerSpace, art, and enrichment opportunities.

Please feel free to contact me with your suggestions for improving HIS Kids Christian School. We are always open to making things better! Reach me at [ddawson@hiskidscs.org](mailto:ddawson@hiskidscs.org)

### Lucky Parents – Lucky Kids!

This old grandma (Mimi) is a little bit jealous because you get to have your kids around you all Summer. Parents, I gotta tell ya – I will miss them.

You already know what I’m about to tell you. There are many ways to encourage your kids and to empower them to feel good about themselves. Self-confident children thrive on praise when it is earned. Listed below are some phrases of encouragement that you can use every day:

|                         |                            |                                  |
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| Way to go!              | Nice going!                | How did you get so smart?        |
| You’ve got this.        | You’re such a nice kid!    | I think you are amazing.         |
| Good question.          | You are!                   | I didn’t know you could do that. |
| I knew you could do it. | How generous of you.       | You make my heart happy.         |
| Thank you for sharing.  | You are my hero!           | I love to see you smile.         |
| Great effort!           | Just look at what you did! | You did that as well as I could. |

Parents, please a personal favor for me. Take your kids home until August 26. Keep them safe. Keep them healthy. Keep them happy. If you run out of these phrases of encouragement, you can always use a good old stand-by – I LOVE YOU!

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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)  
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| 2 Jennifer Suttor  | 18 Kevin Corace   |
| 4 Ruth Barton      | 19 Joanne Huff    |
| Kay Foertsch       | 20 Kirsten Dean   |
| 7 Christy Thompson | 24 Brady Cichra   |
| 8 Chris Corace     | 28 Linda Harbison |
| Britny Fischer     | 29 Steven Fleeger |
| 12 Brecken Farrell | 31 Bailey Kriebel |
| 13 Tony Sanks      | Lori McCabe       |
| 14 Bill Kingan     | Steven Yamnitsky  |

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| Carl & Tammy Mowry    | 5/1  |
| Jim & Denise Foertsch | 5/4  |
| Doug & Trish Harrison | 5/12 |
| Chuck & Cheryl Nagel  | 5/22 |
| Jim & JoAnn Lawson    | 5/25 |

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

# THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you for volunteering for the following ministries! Please check to see when you are scheduled to serve in May.

**Elders Serving Communion, May 5**

Bruce & Terry Dean, Jim Faust, Kim Steighner, Travis Fife, Phil Henkel

**Head Usher:** Dave Cadugan

**Liturgist:** Celeste Faust

**Collection Ushers:**

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|--------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| May 5  | Glenn, Michelle, & Brecken Farrell, Chuck Nagel          |
| May 12 | Phil Henkel, Darlene Grabe, Bruce & Terry Dean           |
| May 19 | Judy Sutton, Errol Foertsch, Sherry Pfeifer, Skip Wagle  |
| May 26 | Gail Steinhiser, Kim Steighner, Skip Brown, Jim Hartzell |

**Greeters:**

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|--------|--------------------------------------------------|
| May 5  | Evelyn Gallagher, Gail Steinhiser, Kim Steighner |
| May 12 | Harrison Family (3)                              |
| May 19 | Rex & Judy Jewell, JoAnn Lawson                  |
| May 26 | Amy Warner, Jim Hartzell, Bill Richard           |

**Nursery:**

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|--------|---------------------------|
| May 5  | Pollie, Shane & Zach Fife |
| May 12 | Tori Mowry, Shanda McLay  |
| May 19 | Amy Warner, Kaya Morgan   |
| May 26 | Jim & Celeste Faust       |

**Acolytes:**

- May 5  
May 12  
May 19  
May 26

**Communion**

- Hunter Harrison  
Grady Morgan  
Mia Byers

**Flowers:**

- May 5  
May 12  
May 19  
May 26

**Communion**

- Joanne Huff  
Lisa Beattie  
Terri Antoszyk

**Herald Assembly Team for the May issue:**

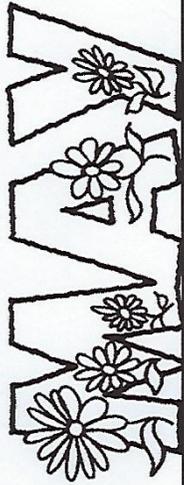
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| Skip Brown       | Peggy Peters      |
| Dave Faust       | Cheryl Rumbaugh   |
| Kathi Fischer    | Dorothy Steighner |
| Evelyn Gallagher | Paul Steighner    |
| Jeanne Loudin    |                   |



Articles for the June/July Herald are due to the church office by Monday, May 20. Thanks!



Saturday -  
May 25



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                  | Wednesday                      | Thursday                                                                                         | Friday                                                       | Saturday                                                                                                                    |
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| <br><b>5 Communion</b><br>P.L.A.C.E Luncheon<br><b>1:3</b> meeting (TBA) |                                                                                                                                     |                                                          | <b>1</b><br>7:00 Chancel Choir | <b>2</b><br>    | <b>3</b><br>9:30 the Sew-Sews                                | <b>4</b><br><br>SPRING BASH<br>11-3 at CCO |
| <b>6</b><br>6:30 Women's Grp.<br>7:00 Men's Group                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                     | <b>7</b><br>9:30 FDFX<br><br>7:00 HIS Kids Board Mtg.    | <b>8</b>                       | <b>9</b>                                                                                         | <b>10</b><br>9:30 the Sew-Sews                               | <b>11</b><br>                              |
| <b>13</b><br><b>I Mom</b><br>Hoagie Orders Due                                                                                                              | <b>13</b><br>6:30 Women's Grp.<br>7:00 Men's Group                                                                                  | <b>14</b><br>9:30 FDFX<br><br>7:00 Session/Deacon's Mtg. | <b>15</b>                      | <b>16</b><br>   | <b>17</b><br>9:30 the Sew-Sews                               | <b>18</b><br>Walk for Life                                                                                                  |
| <b>19</b><br>Pentecost<br>6:00 <b>1:3</b> meeting                                                                                                           | <b>20</b><br><i>Herald</i> articles due<br>6:30 Women's Grp.<br>7:00 Men's Group                                                    | <b>21</b><br>9:30 FDFX                                   | <b>22</b><br>Hoagie Delivery   | <b>23</b><br> | <b>24</b><br>9:30 the Sew-Sews<br>VBS T-Shirt Order Deadline | <b>25</b><br>7:30 Food Bank                                                                                                 |
| <b>26</b><br>                                                          | <b>27</b><br><br>Memorial Day<br>Office Closed | <b>28</b><br>9:30 FDFX                                   | <b>29</b>                      | <b>30</b><br> |                                                              | <b>Sunday Schedule:</b><br>Worship: 9:30 a.m.<br>Small Group meetings: 10:45 a.m.<br><b>1:3</b> as scheduled: 6 p.m.        |