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# The *Summit Herald*

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## How Can You Use your Talents at Summit Church ?

The Lord has blessed all Christians with gifts, interests and talents that



He asks us to use for the good of His Church! (1 Peter 4:10, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another . . .”) It’s that time of year again to consider how you can use those talents. This year’s Volunteer Campaign form can help you decide! The form is available at each of the sanctuary doors and in this issue of the *Herald*. Please return your Volunteer Campaign form to the church office by **Monday, September 28th** so that the new server schedule can be put together in a timely fashion!



A friend of mine took his aunt to the hospital for a procedure. The next day, when he was giving me an update on how she was doing, he said, "I don't know how you do it. I sat in the hospital for several hours waiting and when I got home I felt completely exhausted!" Anyone who has ever sat in a waiting room for an extended period of time knows how tiring it can be.

I guess that explains why I feel so tired at the moment. I am tired of waiting for the covid crisis to be over. I am tired of waiting for the election to be over. I am tired of waiting for our society to find some kind of middle ground that addresses legitimate concerns and problems and doesn't just sweep it all under the rug or completely undermine the freedoms that we enjoy.

The reason waiting in the hospital is so draining is because we are not just passively sitting enjoying the time of quiet but rather we are actively yearning for something to happen quickly. Our emotions are moving even if the body is sitting still. Often we don't even know it is happening but it is going on inside of us. We know that the end result may very well be bad so we sit there with anxiety running rampant on the inside.



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Sunday Schedule:  
10:00 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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Isaiah 40: 31 says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles." The Hebrew word Isaiah uses for "wait" is Qavah. It means "to wait, look for, hope, expect." In other words, when we wait in hope and expectation, we don't lose our strength, we renew it! We don't get weaker, we get stronger! The key is to turn the worry into an expectation of something good coming our way. To do that, we need to understand that God is still in control and is working out His plan. Instead of "waiting" for something bad to happen, we need to be looking for something good.

*Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom*

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS from the August 11 meeting**

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Tom officiated the wedding of Steven Fleeger/Emily Beabout, and the wedding of Gail Steinhiser/Douglas Montgomery.

**Clerk's Report:** Motion approved to accept the minutes from the June 9 Session Meeting.

**Finance Committee:** Motion to accept June treasurers report.

**Christian Education:** VBS went well! 31 families joined us this year.

**HIS Kids Christian School Report:** August 1 was a work day at the Sylvania property. The families made bird houses, and planted clover around the bee structure. The birdhouses will be painted and then put up on Sylvania property. Astronomy night is scheduled for August 12. The staff at HIS Kids have spent weeks preparing for school to begin on August 24! Motion approved to hire Cayce Johnson as first grade teacher, Maria Pugh as first grade aid, and Julie Barton as 5th grade teacher.

**Facilities Report:** Summit Church has reopened for worship service. It was decided to move to one service at 10:00 a.m. starting June 28.

*Submitted by Cheryl Nagel,  
Clerk of Session*



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

**Seek Wonders of Heaven...  
Escape Agony of Hell!**

Study Verses: 2Cor 28:3, 38:6; Eze 38:10-12; 2Kings 23:10; Matt 5:22-30, 8:12, 10:28, 13:42, 23:15, 24:51,25:30; Mark 9:43-45; Luke 13:28; Rev19:20, 20:10-15, 21:3

If somehow you missed the message, Heaven and Hell are actual places. The Bible tells me so! Allow this very old and wise children's verse to signify sacred documentation. Our vigilant God informs and warns repeatedly in Holy Scripture, what the acceptance or rejection of Jesus, the Christ results in. He clearly identifies the end of life destination for personal action taken or decidedly forsaken. Christian brethren, although long removed from the beautiful garden home of our not-so-wise ancestors, we nonetheless carry the "curse" passed down by a grave error in choosing a "demonic produce consultant"! This needy attempt to lighten the horrendous consequences of soul crushing terror that has plagued creation, only sharpens the contrast and further separates sacred truth from vicious evil intent. Praise God for His plan of redemption; Thank God for His unconditional love.

This lesson will concentrate on the place where each of us should "plan" on avoiding when "our soul is required of us; the smokey, tortuous pit termed **Hell!** I'll gladly be accused of playing the fire and brimstone preacher if it awakens one unrepentant soul to pray..." Lord Jesus, please forgive and cleanse me of my sins, atoned for on Calvary's cross. Through saving grace, pay my debt in full with your precious, innocent blood shed as purposed in Father God's plan of salvation and empowered by the Holy Spirit. That day of Salvation is now! You need never see the gates of the bottomless pit.

Years ago, upon accepting the first of several lead Sunday school teacher assignments, I came to realize I needed to proceed very carefully. As time passed, and upon taking on more ardent tasks, I learned that I was still "the least of God's servants"; thank you Lord for teaching guides. More importantly, the Word makes it very clear and the Holy Spirit bears witness, that this spiritual gift must be responsibly and precisely carried out. No principle, promise or prophesy will be added to, or changed (content) in any manner, or God's righteous consequences will apply. Your lesson preparer remains diligent to the cause of presenting solely God's truth.

The one and only enduring self-help book in the universe and hopefully sitting dust-free on your nightstand is devoted to what happens to you once breath is no more. Both the Old Testament and New persistently trace mankind's origin, development (or lack of) through the ages and cultural concern over finality. Holy Scripture asks the questions and gives the answers, also for allowing free-will choices. Contemplate what your loving Creator is pleading for all to do. Consider the inordinate amount of end-time prophesy recorded to blend in concert with eyewitness accounts of Jesus' ministry, humiliation, misery, death and victorious resurrection. Consider carefully the personal consequences of neglecting or disregarding the call to eternal life.

The all knowing Lord describes Heaven in glorious detail to disfavor the only other option...Hell! Likewise, Hell is explained as excruciating misery...the second death. Upon choice of life and Heaven, let it be said... Heaven requires a deliberate decision; Hell requires only the status quo and easy entry.

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# Scripture Saavy

## CAUTION...DETOUR NOW!

Men and women died for the Gospel of Christ over the past two thousand years, including many who became devoted servants of the Lord during His earthly ministry and martyrs after the ascension. That alone should be convincing evidence of God's fervent desire to save Creation. As stated earlier, the entire Bible builds God's case to overcome betrayal and the sedition of a huge, organized force of evil. Key end-time prophesy is given to and recorded by Moses (Genesis), David (Psalms), Isaiah, Daniel and John in Revelations. Meticulous detail describes our Lord's glorious, looming victory over Satan and his agents. It is the perfect plan and will be enforced with crucial, precise timing. Additional prophesy will be forthcoming as the Kingdom Age dawns. Father God's mercy continues through the end of this age. "He is not willing that any should perish". We need to follow the risen Jesus' evangelizing mandate to cover the world with Good News.

Nelson's Dictionary declares that the Bible exhausts human language in describing Heaven and Hell; "former...more glorious, latter...more terrible than words can express! Jesus refers to Hell, (Gehenna in Greek), twelve times in the New Testament. He likens it to the putrid garbage dump in the Valley of Hinnom, where acrid fires incinerate filth, garbage, animal carcasses and executed criminals. In essence Jesus used Hinnom to visually convince listeners to repent: "...outer darkness and furnaces of fire, where there will be wailing, weeping and gnashing of teeth". Finally...for the unholy alliance, Satan, the Beast (Antichrist) and the False Prophet, following the Millennium; "...a lake of fire burning with brimstone" is their just reward!



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## You're Invited

**Come and join us as we celebrate Evelyn Gallagher turning 90 years old!**

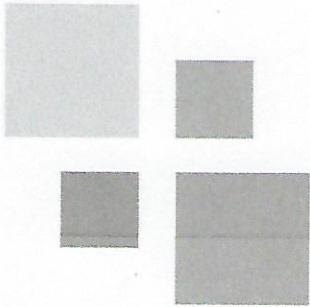
**Where:** Jayme Steighner's House  
627 Fisher Road  
Butler, PA 16002

**When:** Saturday, September 26th, 1 - 4 p.m.

\*Lunch will be provided and served around 1 p.m. Please RSVP by September 18th to Joy Duboise at 724-591-8191.

Or you may flood Evelyn with birthday cards at the following address:

Evelyn Gallagher  
112 Marwood Road, Apt 4111  
Cabot, PA 16023



# parenting CHRISTIAN kids

September 2020



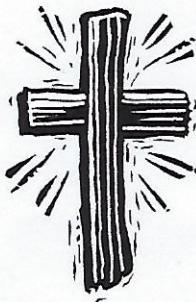
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## Address Rebellion with Love

### POWER SOURCE

#### ASK JESUS:

1. To help you deal with rebellion in a loving, calm, and positive way.
2. For guidance as you set age-appropriate boundaries and rules.
3. To forgive you when you rebel against God and his laws.

After a summer of "freedom" and relaxed rules, September's return to school and schedules often poses a challenge for children. On top of that, 2020 has been filled with new restrictions and limits that are tough for everyone to comply with and comprehend.

As the pandemic drags on, kids are likely to have more questions about why they need to stay home or wear masks, and why they can't enjoy certain activities or venues that are temporarily shut down.

Although rules are set for our own good, following them isn't always fun or easy. Because of sin, all humans rebel against authorities and against God. Children are no exception, as new parents quickly

discover. From a surprisingly young age, little ones begin asserting their independence by pushing back against limits and saying "no!" Just as God deals with our rebellion out of love, he instructs parents to raise and discipline children lovingly. That approach molds them into followers of Jesus who strive to obey God and respect other people.

Rebellion takes different forms as children grow (see the next page), so you'll need to adapt your approach to rule-setting and discipline. No matter your children's age, however, one of the most important things you can do is pray for them—and for yourself in the vital role of parent. Thank Jesus for each of your children by name, and ask Jesus to work in their hearts and lives, giving them a strong desire to always follow God faithfully.

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## Staying on the Right Path

Use these strategies for dealing with rebellion as children grow:

**Birth to 2 years:** Accept that God gives even infants and toddlers unique temperaments. Provide lots of comfort, physical touch, and warmth.

**3 to 4 years:** Listen carefully, and respond to physical and emotional needs. Explore what upsets children. Model Jesus' love through affection.

**5 to 7 years:** Offer choices and clear consequences for disobedience. Balance your growing demands with warmth and reason.

**8 to 12 years:** Be consistent. Express trust, and praise kids for jobs well done. When kids fall short, ask what they can do differently next time.



## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

### A Muddy Situation

Set out a dishpan full of mud with some coins mixed in. Tell family members to dig for coins, which they can keep. Don't let anyone wash up. Ask: **How did it feel to dig for treasure? Now that our search is over, how do your hands feel?**

Say: Jesus tells about a boy who left his father to hunt for a better life. As I read, stand when you hear good actions and attitudes, and sit for bad actions and attitudes. Read Luke 15:11-32. Review by asking people to describe times when they stood or sat. Ask: **What's so special about this father's love? What happened when the son wouldn't receive that love? How is that like the way your muddy hands feel? Who loves you the way this father loves his son?**

Say: God loves us even more than this father loved his son. Ask: **What's one way you know that God loves you?** Pray and then wash your hands.

**Commandments 2.0** As a family, work to reword each of God's Ten Commandments as a loving rule with positive purposes; for example, "Because I want you to be protected from religions that would mislead you, don't worship any other god besides me."

**Walking with God** Either trace one another's feet on paper or make footprint impressions with plaster of Paris. As prints dry, read Joshua 22:5 (NIV) and discuss what it means to "walk in obedience" with God. Also talk about what it's like to veer from God's path—and how he brings us back to his ways.

**Grace Abounds** During family devotions about people in the Bible who rebelled, address not only the consequences each person faced but also God's abundant grace. For example, King David paid a hefty price for sinning, but he asked for—and received—forgiveness.

**Going God's Way** Beforehand, use tape to mark start and finish lines at opposite ends of a room. Share times you've done the opposite of what you should have done. Gather on the starting line and say: "See how fast you can get to the finish line—but you must crawl or crabwalk backward. Go!" Read John 1:35-40. Ask: "How was

this game like or unlike following Jesus? When it's tempting to do the opposite, how can we live God's way?"

**Rules Roulette** Search online for outdated rules that were in communities and schools years ago—or that might still remain today. Share some funny rules with family. Then read Luke 16:17. Ask: "Why do rules exist? Why do they sometimes need to change? How does it feel to know that God's rules will never change?"

**Starting Over** As a family, choose an item to draw on an Etch-A-Sketch. Every 60 seconds, pass the toy to someone else. When it returns to you, start drawing and say, "Oops, I messed up!" Shake the toy. Say: "Sometimes we mess up by not following God's rules, but he lets us start over." Read Luke 15:11-32. Discuss how the prodigal son rebelled against his father but got a second chance.

**Map Treks** Hand out paper and pencils. Say: "Keeping your eyes closed, draw a map from our house to school, church, or a friend's house." After comparing maps, read Psalm 119:10. Ask: "How is the Bible like a map for our lives? How can the Bible keep us from wandering away from God?"

"So why do you keep calling me, 'Lord, Lord,' when you don't do what I say?"

—Luke 6:46

## MEDIA MADNESS



### MOVIE

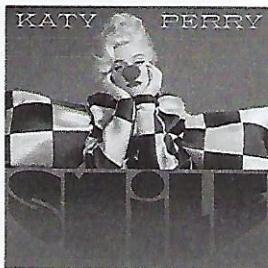
**Title:** *The One and Only Ivan*

**Genre:** Animation, Adventure, Comedy  
**Rating:** PG

**Cast:** Sam Rockwell, Angelina Jolie, Phillipa Soo, Bryan Cranston

**Synopsis:** In this CGI/live-action film streaming on Disney+, Ivan the gorilla ponders life in captivity. He and other animals kept at an Atlanta mall form unexpected friendships while plotting an escape plan. The movie is based on Katherine Applegate's middle-grade novel, which won the Newbery Award.

**Our Take:** *Ivan* explores themes such as hope, freedom, one's sense of home, and new perspectives. It also can spark conversations about when to question or challenge one's situation. Because the movie is inspired by a true story, the concept of animal abuse could upset some viewers.



### MUSIC

**Title:** *Smile*

**Artist:** Katy Perry

**Synopsis:** Perry's fifth album—and her first since 2017—coincides with the birth of her first child. Though the title track has an upbeat sound and lyrics, the pop singer says it emerged from "one of the darkest periods" of her life, when she'd lost her smile. "This whole album is my journey toward the light," she says, "with stories of resilience, hope, and love."

**Our Take:** "Daisies," the lead single, talks about overcoming odds and defying expectations. On "Smile," Perry expresses gratitude for renewed happiness, noting that "every tear has been a lesson." Perry has been vocal about bouts with depression. Be aware: Some lyrics contain profanity or suggestive phrases.



## CULTURE & TRENDS

**Back to School?** Experts predict a sharp uptick in homeschooling this fall, with many parents leery of health risks or unhappy with hybrid-learning options. Only 3% of kids were homeschooled in 2016, but that's expected to rise significantly—and possibly become a lasting trend. (*Washington Post*)

**At-Risk Educators** Kids who do return to classrooms should be prepared to see new people at the helm. Almost one-third of U.S. teachers are 50 or older, putting them at higher risk for Covid-19. Those with pre-existing conditions or at-risk family members may sit out this year, and more than usual are expected to retire. (*various sources*)

## Games, Podcasts & Apps

### Jump Rope Challenge

This simple Nintendo Switch game, inspired by pandemic-related lockdowns, is free on the eShop until Sept. 30. Using the Joy-Con, players make a bunny jump in time with them. Jump Rope Challenge makes a noble yet limited attempt to get gamers moving.

### Music Box

Using interactivity, this music-education podcast teaches children about fundamentals in fun ways. Episodes explore concepts such as meter and pitch, song-writing basics, and what different instruments sound like. Host Faith Murphy and special guests introduce listeners to a wide range of musical styles.

### WideOpenSchool

From the nonprofit Common Sense Media, this app offers a vast, organized collection of educational resources. Parents new to online learning or home-schooling will appreciate all the subject matter—for pre-K through grade 12—from sources such as Scholastic, National Geographic, and PBS.

## QUICK STATS

**On the Move** More than one-fifth (22%) of Americans moved or know someone who moved due to the pandemic. Of the people who have moved, three-fifths (61%) relocated to a family member's home. (*Pew Research*)

**COVID Conundrum** Though 59% of parents worry that their kids are falling behind academically during the pandemic, only 44% of adults with school-age children are willing to send them back to school this fall. (*ABC News/Ipsos*)

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



2	Celeste Faust	19	Mary Jo Sanks
	Danica McLay	20	Aiden Corace
5	Lisa Beattie		Garry Faust
7	Bill McLay	22	Hannah Hassler
8	Bob Nowakowski		Collette Musati
10	Seth Thompson		Renee Slupe
11	Travis Fife	24	Connie Luppe
12	JoAnn Lawson	25	Evelyn Gallagher
14	Shanda McLay	26	Andy Kingan
15	Rick Gallagher		Marjorie Kingan
17	Dan Corace		Ethan Thompson
	Russ Morrow	27	Lauren Nagg
18	David Campbell	30	Gail Montgomery (Steinhiser)
	Ben Kingan		
	Andrew Moyer		

Andrew & Debbie Moyer	9/1/90
Jim & Celeste Faust	9/5/09
Don & Helen Hortert	9/8/64
Frank & Barb Cichra	9/18/93
Glenn & Michelle Farrell	9/20
Terry & Christy Thompson	9/25/95
Paul & Mary Jane Kelly	9/28/68
Travis & Pollie Fife	9/29/99
Jason & Kathy Acquaviva	9/29

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

Saturday - September 26

Time TBD



Articles for the October Herald are due to the church office by Monday, September 21. Thanks!

Many thanks to Pastor Tom and Carol for their messages each Sunday. We appreciate all who have made the videos possible doing our online ministry. We looked forward to our Sundays, knowing our church was there.



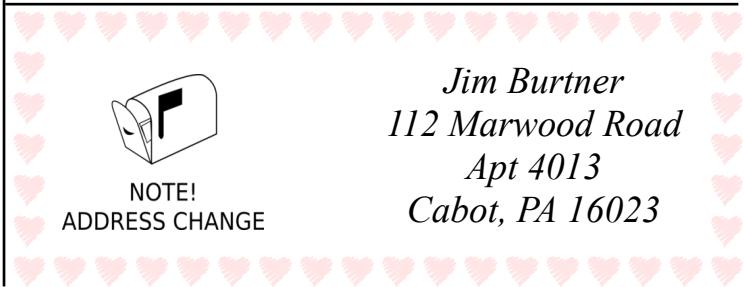
~ Darrell & Eleanor Kingan

Esther Stepanovich reported that out of her 83 cards, a lot were from her church family here at Summit. Thank you!



#### Herald Assembly Team for the October issue:

Dave Faust	Peggy Peters
Dorothy Steighner	Jim Burtner
Kathi Fischer	Cheryl Rumbaugh
Paul Steighner	



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***Using our gifts to glorify God at Summit Church!***  
**2020-21 VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FORM**



Through the Holy Spirit, Christians are blessed with different gifts and talents. As part of exercising our faith in the Lord, we contribute these talents to bless the family of God here at Summit Church. Once again it is time to fill out a Volunteer Form to indicate your gifts of service. **If you are sharing this form, please indicate your individual choices by using different colored pens or by placing your initials beside your selections.**

*Please return your form by September 28th to the church office. Thank you!*

Name(s):

**Address:**

Email:

Phone:

**LEADERSHIP.** I want to serve as a:

- Ruling Elder:** oversee the entire life of the congregation, including spiritual conduct, evangelism, oversight of members, and budgetary matters.

**Deacon:** provide sympathy and service to those in need.

**WORSHIP.** I can help with:

- Head Usher, Attendance Taker & Lock-up person:** Oversee church services for smoothness, be a helpful host. Count attendance, gather attendance sheets, operate sound system, lock doors after services
  - Collection Usher:** Collect the offering during worship services.
  - Communion Preparation:** Prepare and sets up for Communion & clean up afterward.
  - Liturgist:** Assist the Pastor in worship services, includes reading liturgical parts of the worship.
  - Greeter:** Arrive early for the church service to greet worship attendees and hand out bulletins.
  - Flower Ministry:** Provide flowers (from personal garden or florist) for the Communion Table on a rotating basis.
  - Sanctuary Decorating Committee:** Decorate windowsills and with banners according to the season on a rotating basis.
  - Christmas Decorating Team:** Decorate sanctuary for Christmas. After Christmas help put the decorations away.

## **MUSIC.** I want to be in:

- Chancel Choir:** Lead more traditional worship music.  
 **Praise Team:** Lead more contemporary worship music.  
 **Ensembles** (Instrumental or vocal)



## Worship Volunteers

### ***HOSPITALITY. I can help with:***

For all the following: Team effort prepares luncheons, dinners or refreshments for various events.

- Advent Luncheons**
  - Mother's Day Dinner**
  - 60+ Luncheons**
  - Funeral Dinners**
  - Church Picnic**
  - After worship Fellowship Time:** Provide beverages and cookies after Sunday worship on a rotational basis during the summer or through donations in winter.

***SUMMIT KIDS IN SERVICE. I would like to be:***

- Acolyte** (1st grade and up): Light/extinguish candles in worship, hand offering plates to Ushers, assist at Children's Sermon or as needed during worship.

**Greeter** (3rd grade and up)                     **Collection Usher** (6th grade and up)

**Nursery Team** (6th grade and up)             **Easter Egg Hunt Team** (6th grade and up)

**Worship multi-media (6th grade and up)**: Run Power Point presentations to aid in worship services.

**FACILITIES. I can help with:**

- (  ) Plumbing      (  ) Electrical      (  ) Carpentry      (  ) Painting  
(  ) Mechanical      (  ) Maintain a specific Garden: Describe location: \_\_\_\_\_  
(  ) Leaf Raking      (  ) Use whatever skills I have whenever I can help!

**OFFICE HELP. I can help with :**

- (  ) Monthly Assembly of *Herald*: Two teams rotate to fold and assemble the *Summit Herald* every other month.  
(  ) Occasional Bulk mailings: Work on a team to assemble large number of mailings to send to membership.

**TEACHING. I want to be a:**

Duties for all the following: Prepare Bible lessons for classes. Team teaching/rotation option available. Curriculum/training provided if needed.

- (  ) Adult Sunday School Teacher/Substitute \*  
(  ) Youth Sunday School Teacher/Substitute \*  
(  ) Elementary Sunday School Teacher/ Substitute \*  
(  ) Preschool to K Sunday School Teacher/ Substitute \*  
(  ) FDFX Leader  
(  ) Bible study leader



**MISSIONS. I can be on:**

- (  ) Mission Committee: Help determine which missions to support and help organize special collections.  
(  ) Monthly Food Bank team: Prepare bags of groceries for those in need in our community.  
(  ) HIS Kids Christian School: There are many areas of service available. Please contact me to discuss!

**PRAYER. I want to be on:**

- (  ) Prayer Chain Call List      Preferred phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(  ) Prayer Chain Email List      Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER MINISTRIES. I can help with these ministries:**

- (  ) Nursery Team: \*Provide care for infants to 5 year-olds during worship on a 6-week rotation schedule.  
(  ) Library Committee: Help maintain library materials.  
(  ) VBS Planning Team  
(  ) VBS Volunteer \*  
(  ) Easter Egg Hunt Team: Plan/set up refreshments and lesson for the annual Easter Egg Hunt

**What other areas of service do you see and would you like to serve in?**

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\*These areas of service require PA State clearances for those over 18. Please see Carol Novy for details.

## NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

Hello there! My name is Diana Skurka and I am so very grateful and excited to be teaching art this year at HIS Kids. It seems as though each and every chapter in my 'book of my life' has included work with children. From nanny, to camp counselor, to elementary teacher, preschool teacher, art teacher and Mom, I simply enjoy helping kids believe in themselves. And... I love that I learn something new right along with my students each and every time I teach a lesson. Thank you for sharing your kids, HIS Kids, with me. I can't wait to see where this adventure leads!

*Mrs. Skurka- Art Teacher*

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Hello! My name is Cayce Johnson and I am the new 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. I am very excited to be a part of HIS Kids Christian School! I grew up in Cabot and graduated from Knoch High School in 2012. I attended Slippery Rock University and graduated with a dual degree in early childhood and special education. I have spent the last two years teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Redeemer Lutheran School. I still live in the South Butler school district with my husband and our daughter, Mia. We are so excited to be welcoming another baby in January! I love to read, build puzzles, and travel with my friends and family. I feel so blessed to be working at HIS Kids and look forward to a wonderful year!

*Mrs. Johnson - First Grade Teacher*

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Hi! My name is Maria Pugh. I am the new instructional aide for Mrs. Johnson's first grade class. Previously, I worked at South Butler Primary School as an aide. My husband, Ryan, and I have been married for twenty years and have two boys, Sebastian (age 12) and Killian (age 10). My family loves taking our two dogs for walks and having family movie nights.

One of my favorite things to do is to relax on our front porch, listen to music, and play games. I also enjoy reading and playing cello.

I am so excited to join the HIS Kids team, and I look forward to my future at this school.

*Mrs. Pugh- First Grade Aide*

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It's hard to believe that we are back to school already. This has been simultaneously the longest and the shortest summer ever. We are having fun utilizing our new music room this year with extra room to spread out and move. We are starting out the year talking about steady beats, keeping time and asking, "What is music?" The technical answer is organized sound, but I'm sure you'll agree that some organized sounds are nicer to listen to than others! The older grades are reviewing what we've been learning over the last few years, and Kindergarten is learning that we can say thank you to God through song. I asked the kids if they were happy to be back in school and the majority responded with a resounding yes! I too am happy to be back in the classroom interacting with the kids and praising God.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. Psalm 28:7

*Mrs. Adams - Music Teacher*

## Proud Principal's Page – Debora Dawson, M.Ed.

### Because We Care

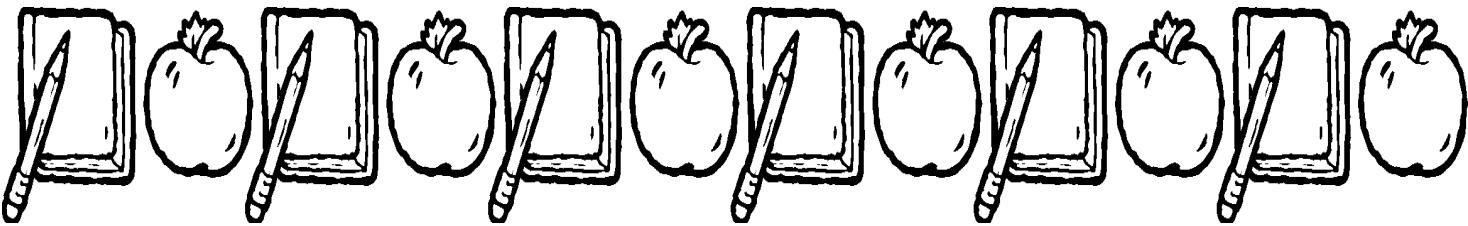
On August 24, nearly one hundred bright, shiny, smiling faces were seen entering HIS Kids Christian School. Well, at least the top part of their bright, shiny, smiling faces were seen entering HIS Kids Christian School.

There is little doubt that back-to-school clothing shopping included the addition of several face masks and/or face shields which students will need to wear every day. Guidelines for wearing face masks while at school were outlined by the HIS Kids Health and Safety Committee. According to that committee's report, masks will be worn while students are on the bus, in the hallways, and anywhere that six-foot social distancing cannot be maintained.

We are all kid-people at HIS Kids. We know that it is not easy for anyone to wear a face mask or face shield all day long. For that reason, teachers will have the discretion to allow students 10 minute mask breaks while they are seated and working at their own desks. Teachers will also make opportunities for students to get outside to move around in the fresh air without their masks.

This will be a new experience for all of us. Why do we do it? We do it because we care. We care about ourselves. We care about our classmates and teachers. We care about our families and friends. That's the message we hope to instill in our students.

We care. That's why we wear our face masks!



### Did You Know?

When was the last time you checked the HIS Kids Christian School website? If it has been a while, now might be a good time to check it out. There is a wealth of information about the school, special events that will be happenings, health and safety procedures in place for 2020-21, adorable pictures of kids, and contact information for teachers and other staff members.

In addition to parent forms and enrollment instructions, you will find an important section from the Pennsylvania Department of Heath listing symptoms in children connected to COVID-19 exposure.

The website can be found at [www.hiskidscs.org](http://www.hiskidscs.org). Check it out now; check it out often!



### New Faces. New Places

We will miss Tamie Malencia, last year's first grade teacher, but we wish her well in her new teaching position at another Christian School. She promised to keep in touch with all of us.

We welcome Mrs. Cayce Johnson as our new first grade teacher. Mrs. Maria Pugh will join her as the paraprofessional assigned to work alongside Mrs. Johnson. They will be a great team.

Mrs. Julie Barton will serve as our fifth grade teacher. Her classroom will be in last year's music room. The music room has found a permanent home in the room we used as the library. Because proper sanitization of books could not be adequately conducted at this time, a new location for the library will be determined at a later time.

The art room will also have a new look and a new teacher. Mrs. Diana Skurka has created an art center, complete with individual materials and social distancing for students.

Wow! Exciting changes will keep us all on our toes this year. 2020-21 will be hard to forget!

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### In the Name of Safety

Thanks to Pastor Tom and his posse of Summit Church helpers, teachers, and other HKCS staff members for helping to get the school ready for an invasion of young people on August 24. One Facebook meme described opening day as a box of Mentos ready to be dumped into a vat of Coca Cola. Sounds pretty accurate to me!

The following list of accomplishments will just give you a flavor of all the work that has been done during June, July, and August to get ready for the unknown:

- Classrooms were measured and class size limits were determined
- Classrooms were stripped of rugs, stuffed animals, fuzzy carpets and anything that could not be disinfected adequately
- Desks and chairs were arranged in the classrooms to allow for social distancing. Fortunately for us, classrooms are large
- Touchless hand soap and hand sanitizer dispensers were placed in rest rooms and outside each classroom door
- Air conditioning units were installed in the office and classrooms to ventilate rooms by pulling in outside air
- PVC pipes were used to create frames for attaching clear plastic to separate students when social distancing was not possible
- Plexiglass barriers were installed on teachers' desks to create a "safe zone" to protect teachers and aides within the classrooms
- Policies and procedures were put into place to anticipate what to do if a His Kids student, staff, or family member tests positive for COVID-19.

These are only a few of the measures taken to keep staff and students safe and healthy. Recommendation from Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Center for Disease Control, and other health agencies change weekly, it seems. We will stay on top of this challenging and fluid situation to determine the best plan for HIS Kids.

Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

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

August 24	First Day of School - Elementary K-6
August 25	First Day of School - 2 Day Preschool
August 26	First Day of School - 3 Day Preschool
September 1	School Board Meeting
September 7	Labor Day - No School
September 16-17	Picture Day (Pre-K - 6)

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

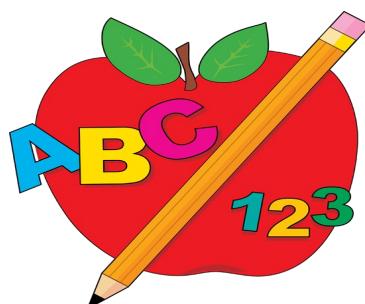
### Staff

Preschool—LeAnn Yannitsky  
Preschool Aide—Patty Hankey  
Kindergarten—Rachel Moeller  
Kindergarten—April Watson  
1st Grade—Cayce Johnson  
1st Grade Aide—Maria Pugh  
2nd Grade—Holly Collins  
2nd Grade Aide—Sherry Smith  
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell  
4th Grade—Josh McKruit  
5th Grade—Julie Barton  
6th Grade—Christian Baker  
Music—Suzanne Adams  
Computer—Perry Dawson  
Art—Diana Skurka  
Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy  
Physical Education (K-6th Grade)—Carol Novy  
Cafeteria—Chrissy Filges  
Cleaning—Michele Wardle  
Principal—Debora Dawson  
Secretary—Rachel Trudgen  
Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson

### 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  
Boosters E-mail [boosters@hiskidscs.org](mailto:boosters@hiskidscs.org)



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