

## **NEWS OF INTEREST**

**Pennies From Heaven:** the monies collected help send children to the camp of their choice (mostly Seneca Hills). Your donations are appreciated and well spent. Other charities are often contributed to as worthy causes from Pennies From Heaven also.

## **PRAISES AND PRAYER**

*Please pray for God's guidance in the future of our church. Please pray for the peace of the world. Pray for the leaders of our country as they earnestly seek peaceful solutions to the problems and crises around the globe. Please pray for our military and police forces and their safety throughout each day. Pray for our public school system. Pray for the mental health of people everywhere. Pray for our mission to Ghana. Pray for all the Christian's who are being persecuted in the world.*

Would you like to know what our church has been up to? On the bulletin board in the entryway are the minutes and financial ledgers for each month. Please feel free to copy them and if you have a question, ask any session member or the pastor. We think this is the best way to keep everyone informed.

## **REMEMBER TO PRAY**

### **FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT HOME or HOSPITALS**

Jen & Marty Gilliland, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Skip & Nancy Davison,  
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,  
Cindy Pankratz, David Shearer, Cindy Sweetapple,  
Linda McDevitt, Chris Doyle, Alberta Swendsen,  
Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Lincoln (4 yr old Great-grandson of Skip & Nancy)  
Cindy Swendsen, Lisa Heffern

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**10/27 Reformation Sunday**  
**10/27 Congregational Mtg to Elect Officers 10:30 am**  
**10/30 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm**  
**10/30 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**11/3 Daylight Savings Time End, 2 amss**  
**11/3 Worship with Communion**  
**11/5 Election Day**  
**11/10 Linger Longer Luncheon to honor Veterans Dder**  
**11/12 Lake Erie Presbytery Mtg at Girard PC 2 pm**  
**11/13 Verlander Worship Service with Communion**  
**11/14 Prayer Blankets 9 am**  
**11/14 Session Mtg 6:30 pm**  
**11/24 Decorating the Sanctuary/Church for Advent**  
**11/28 Thanksgiving Day**  
**12/1 First Sunday of Advent**  
**12/1 Worship with Communion**



**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**October 2024**

**Sunday School at 8:30am**  
**Children Sunday School at 8:30am**  
**Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the church & via Zoom**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/559705244> Meeting ID Veterans 559 705  
244 The passcode is 202020

**Prayer Blankets will be done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:00 am**

**Mission: Venango Community Services, Salvation Army, Emmaus Haven, Samaritans Purse Disaster Relief**

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Knox Ladies Seminar – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 4 pm. Information in Narthex.**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program**  
**The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction Hurricane Helene left in her path.**  
**GIVE: Immediate donations can be made online, by scanning the QR code below with your mobile device, calling (800) 728-7228, ext. 5885 or mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.**

**Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery bags to make Mercy Mats. Amy Zemanski will see that Lynn gets any donations.**

**Save your Poptabs for a hospital in Pittsburgh. There is a container in the Narthex.**

**Lay Reader: We are in search of another Lay Reader. Would like to have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor**

Myers.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,  
October 27, 2024  
Reformation Sunday**

**\*The Introit** *“One Flock, One Shepherd” #60 (Praise Book)*

*We are one flock, one Shepherd;  
The sweetest story that has ever been told.  
We are one flock led by one Shepherd;  
And someday He will bring us to one fold.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 34: 1-4, 8

**L:** I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**P:** My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

**L:** O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**P:** I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**All:** O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“Open the Eyes of My Heart” #111  
(Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful Creator, you lovingly created us with the gift of free-will but all too often we choose to make decisions that reflect our sinfulness, pride, greed, and selfish desires. Forgive our lack of Christian love, stubbornness to heed our Lord’s teachings, blindness to see your plan of salvation, and total disregard of those neighbors in need. Enable us to perceive your guiding Holy Spirit, honor your sovereign Kingdom, and display the Lord’s grace, mercy, and love. Empower us to seek, embrace, and proclaim the ministry of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Hebrews 10:21-23

**L:** Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

**P:** With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

**L:** Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our Redeemer who was promised is faithful.

**All:** Thanks be to Almighty God!

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Joys and concerns

**BIRTHDAYS:** Heather Karns (28<sup>th</sup>); Jen Gilliland (31<sup>st</sup>)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Meadville, Redeemer Rev. Tim Solomon, Temporary Supply Pastor; Linesville, Nickelville

**THE LORDS PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
#54 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (P) Amen

Mark 10:46-52 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “Seeing with Humility”



**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Brief Statement of  
Faith 11.3**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN "Open My Eyes" #119 (Hymnal)**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE "Majesty" #8 (Praise Book)**

*Majesty, worship His majesty.*

*Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.*

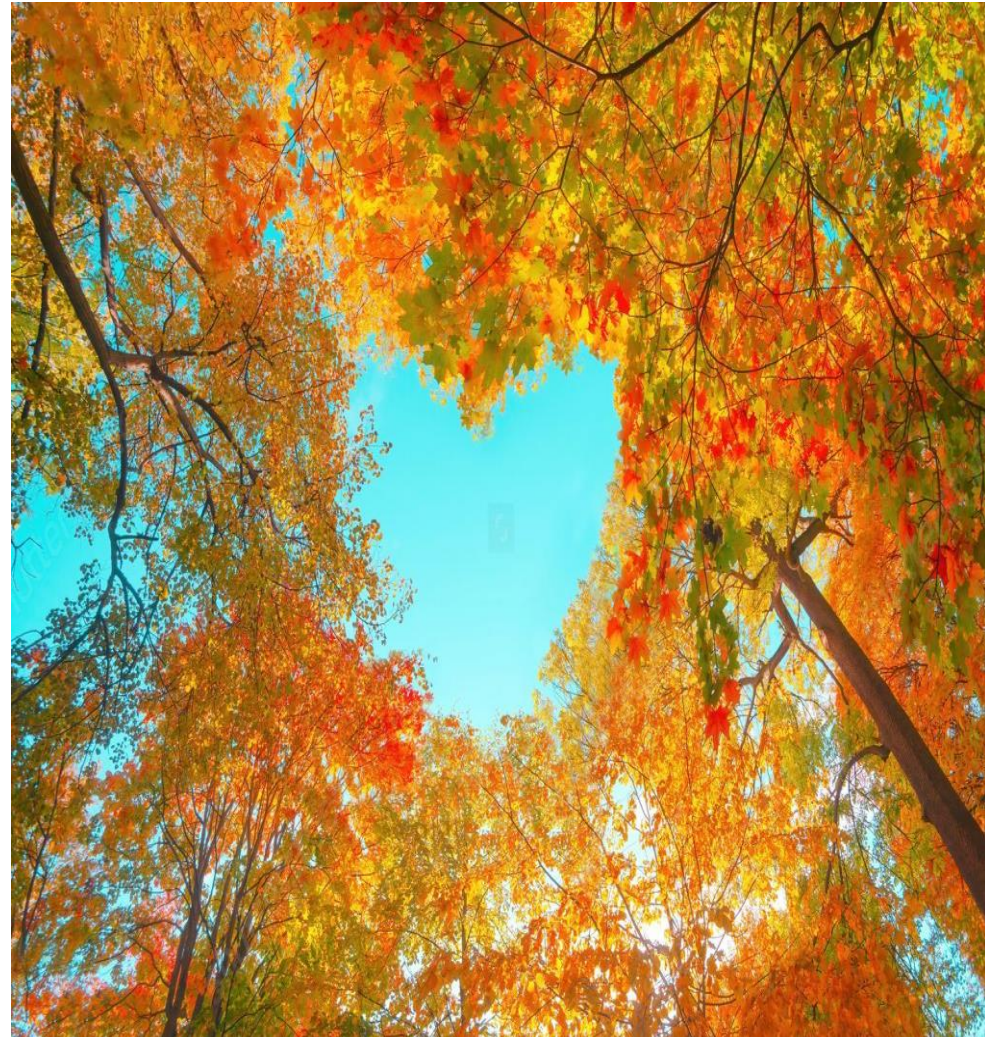
*Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own;  
His anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.*

*Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.*

*Majesty, worship His majesty—*

*Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.*



**Pastor: Larry Myers  
Lay Reader: Jeff Karns  
Music: Deb Myers**