

## **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, Robin's mom Betty, Bonnie Copeland, David Allman, Pam Bottomley, Skip and Nancy Davidson, Elliot Crawford, Amy Zemanski, Christian and Megan and family, Carol Morrow, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Rose, Janet Heister, Joseph family, Polk Center residents and staff, Betty Moore, Our Country, Nolan family, Sarah, Jeanie's family, Emilene's Great Grandma, Baby Brogan and parents, Hank, Lori and granddaughter, Joanne, Diecher family, Holly, Hunter Anderson, Kris, Mark, Dale, Megan, Johnson family, Alberta, Diane, Lisa's family, James Sander-son, Lida Reed, Athea, Kish family.

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### **Upcoming dates & activities:**

**1/8 Annual Reports due to Taylor**  
**1/8 Communion Service (during Worship)**  
**1/8 Ordination/Installation/Commissioning Service**  
**1/12 Session Meeting at 6:30pm**  
**1/21 Leadership Training (10am)**  
**1/22 Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**1/27 Movie Night at 6:30pm (LIFEMARK)**  
**2/11 Revival Planning Meeting (10 am)**



## **Polk Presbyterian Church**

### **Calendar of Events**

### **January 2023**

**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: 559 705 244 The passcode is 202020

**Assisted hearing devices are now available. They are in the secretary's office on the file cabinet. Please mark your name on the box.**

**Home Communion:** If you know anyone who would like to receive communion at home, please let Pastor Larry know who they are.

**Food Drive:** Please place food items in box in the vestibule hallway and it will be taken to the **Community Services of Venango County.**

**Prayer Blankets are being made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 10am at Church**

**Bible Study:** We will be studying the Book of Proverbs. Bible Study is on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. You can meet at the church or on ZOOM.

**2023 Mission: Revival is a Team Effort--We will be coordinating with other local churches to attend and participate with their mission programs and events. Specific events will be advertised as they are announced throughout the year.**

**2024 Mission: Revival...It is Time--We will be hosting our Revival Weekend on 7/12/24. Revival is 7 days a week; 12 months of the year; 24 hours a day. Join us in prayer and planning as we prepare for this mission event.**

**Per Capita Contributions for this year are \$33 per person. For those who would like to contribute, you can use the designated envelope or mark it on your offering.**

**In the month of January we will be assisting Mustard Seed Ministries by providing bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters, etc.) If you would like to purchase items or offer financial donations, all contributions are appreciated. Any questions, please see Janet.**



**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**January 1st, 2023**

**\*Introit:**      *Joy To the World*      #170

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come!**  
**Let earth receive her King;**  
**Let every heart prepare Him room,**  
**And heav'n and nature sing,**  
**And heav'n and nature sing,**  
**And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Psalm 148: 1, 13-14

(L) Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

(P) Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

(L) His glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people.

(P) Praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

(A) Praise the Lord!

**\*Praise Hymn**      *Emmanuel*      #114 purple

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Glorious Heavenly Father, you have gifted us with your presence in the incarnation of your Son. Your constant and filling presence is the source of our salvation. While this gift of salvation is the most significant and meaningful offering in all of history, we confess that we do not take the time to understand what salvation truly means. Forgive us for taking the gift of salvation for granted. Forgive us when we do not share the blessings of this gift with all the world. AMEN

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**      **John 17: 15-19**

(L) I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

(P) They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

(L) Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

(P) And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Special Music**      *Mary Did You Know*      *By Tate Daye*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION :**

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

**Happy Birthday:** Gary Chisolm.

**Happy Anniversary:** Denny & Debbie Adams.

**Presbytery Prayers:** Harborcreek and Emmanuel; Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor; Rev. Keith Sundberg (HR); Resource Consultant, Presbytery of Lake Erie.

**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**      *Good Christian Men Rejoice* #198  
Verse 2 & 3

## **RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**#39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Isaiah 63: 7-9  
Hebrews 2: 10-18

(P) Thanks be to God

**SERMON** “Salvation: The Role of the Incarnation”

**Affirmation of Faith** The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.045

The Lord Jesus in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell: to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father; who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* #169  
*Verses 1 & 2*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*Response:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* #176 Chorus

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere---  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!**



**Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers  
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Music: Debbie Myers**