

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, Jane Sanderson, Leeda Reed, Althea, Kish family, Johnson family, Freer family, Kelly Miller, Violet.

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Upcoming dates & activities:

1/12 Session Meeting at 6:30pm
1/20 Burgers & Bingo at Zion/Good Hope (5:30pm)
1/21 Leadership Training (10am)
1/22 Annual Congregational Meeting
1/27 Movie Night at 6:30pm (LIFEMARK)
1/28 Super SOUPer Supper at Franklin Alliance (5pm)
2/11 Revival Planning Meeting (10 am)



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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 2nd 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.



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January 8th, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

***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 29: 1-2, 11

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

L: May the Lord give strength to his people!

P: May the Lord bless his people with peace!

***Praise Hymn** *Let the Redeemed* #28 purple

PRAYER OF CONFESSION BCW

Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from our brothers and sisters in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another into the faith. We continue to allow the past to hold us hostages. In Your loving kindness, have mercy upon us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises You make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in divine grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1: 6-9

L: If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

P: but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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SPECIAL *He Looked Beyond my Fault* **By the Choir**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys and concerns:

Happy Birthday: Brian Heffern, Angel Daye.

Happy Anniversary: Dave and Regina Allman.

Presbytery Prayers: Rev. Wayne A Yost; Temporary Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Lake Erie; Moderators of the 225th General Assembly; Shavon Starling-Louis; Ruth Santana—Grace.

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 *Here I Am, Lord* #54

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 42: 1-9
Matthew 3: 13-17

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON "Anointed for God's Purpose"

*Affirmation of Faith	The Confession of 1967	9.51
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By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to men in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism. Amen.

Ordination/Installation of Elders
Commissioning of Trustees

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together # 162

***CLOSING HYMN** *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* #87

*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
Elder on Call: Brian Heffern
Music: Debbie Myers