

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, Bonnie, Lisa's cousin Bonnie,
Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers, David Shearer, Pat Karns,
Joe Karns, Lisa & Scott Heffern, Kathleen Raecke,
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd
Sandy Chisholm, Jeff Karns, Families of Robert Greenlee &
Seth Baughman – 2 PennDot workers who sustained
Fatal injuries in an accident

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Upcoming dates & activities:

7/4 Independence Day
7/6 Communion
7/9 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
7/10 Session Mtg 6:30 pm
7/13 Linger Longer 11 @ the Wood's Home
Bring your own meat for grilling
7/16 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
7/23 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
7/30 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
June**

**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

Prayer Blankets will not be done in June, July or August.

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.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
June 29, 2025
Third Sunday After Pentecost**

***The Introit** *“Come Now is the Time to Worship #117*
(Praise Book)

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 77:1-2, 12-13

L: I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

P: In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

L: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

P: I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

All: Your way, O God, is holy.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Surely the Presence #159 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we wrestle day and night with the struggle to crucify our dark sin nature and to walk the path of righteousness. Grant us the power to resist our physical desires that hold us captive and to embrace our new life in Christ. Enable us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit, to walk a spiritual life, to heed the Spirit’s guidance, and produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We offer this prayer in the name of our glorified and risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Titus 3:3-8

L: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another.

P: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

L: This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

P: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Melinda Wingenbach Administrative Assistant, Presbytery of Lake Erie; Harborcreek & Emmanuel Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor

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** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #393*
(Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (P) Amen

SERMON: “Freedom for What”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Brief Statement of
Faith 11.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the Prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"The Solid Rock" #340 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

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



IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT,

Let's also walk by the Spirit.

GALATIANS 5:25

Guest Speaker: Tom Phillips
Lay Reader: Judy Krizon
Music: Deb Myers