

## **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, Rudy Liebmann,  
David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Kathleen Raecke,  
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd  
John Vickers, Mary Lou Buckley, Amy Zemanski, Bonnie Copeland,  
Kohen Dunmire (Wendy Bellin's Grandson), Dottie Dillan.  
Becky Hedglin, Family of Rudy Liebmann

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

- 2/25 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 3/4 Kid's Club PUMC 3:30 – 5:30 pm**
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- 3/6 World Day of Prayer**
- 3/8 Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- 3/8 Communion during worship**
- 3/11 Kids Club PUMC 3:30 – 5:30 pm**
- 3/11 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 3/12 Session Meeting 6:30 pm**
- 3/14 Officer Training at Polk PC 9:30 am – 2:30 pm**
- 3/18 Kids Club PUMC 3:30 – 5:30 pm**
- 3/18 Isiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 3/25 Kids Club PUMC 3:30 – 5:30 pm**
- 3/25 Isiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 3/29 Palm Sunday, Reaffirmation of Baptism**



**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**February**

**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**

**Per Capita for 2026: \$37**

**February Missions: CLA ultrasounds, \$28 each, Souper Bowl for Caring, Chair-Lift Repair**

**March Missions: Varha Riding stables, Chairlift Repair**

**Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery bags to make Mercy Mats and also jigsaw puzzles for the Soldiers & Sailors Hospital in Erie. 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,  
February 22, 2026  
First Sunday in Lent**

**\*The Introit** “*Sanctuary*” #158 (*Praise Book*)

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 32:1-2,10-11

**L:** Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**P:** Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**L:** Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**P:** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** “*You Are My All in All*” #1 (*Praise Book*)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Hebrews 4:14-16

Merciful heavenly Father, we confess the sin that seems ever before us and our inability to resist the power of darkness. Forgive our weakness in the hour of temptation and our stubborn pride that thinks we can live for ourselves. Yet we boldly approach the throne of grace seeking divine mercy and grace because we realize we have a Redeemer who was tested in every respect, as we are tempted, but Jesus did not sin. Forgive our prideful weakness, as we put our faith in the faithfulness of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Romans 5:18, 21

**L:** For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

**P:** So that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**N 49CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Scott Heffern (2/26)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Rev. Carl Hull (HR) Rev. Tim Solomon; RE Donna Cammarata  
**Moderator of the Coordinating Commission**

**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** “*I Need Thee Every Hour*”  
#382 (*Hymnal*)

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (P) Amen  
Matthew 4:1-11 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “How to Resist Sinful Temptation”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Heidelberg  
Catechism 4.127

**Q.** What does the sixth petition mean?

**A.** “And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one” means: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies— the devil, the world, and our own flesh— never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* #398 (Hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** *“Change My Heart, O God”* #2  
(Praise Book)



**Pastor: Larry Myers**  
**Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood**  
**Music: Deb Myers**