

## **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, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmman, Mason Martin, Mary Vickers, Cindy Pankratz, David Shearer, Ben Andrews, Cindy Sweetapple, Tammy Strain, Teri Chisholm, Rhonda Rust, Sue Keelan, Valerie Wakefield, Linda McDevitt, Dave Burgoyne, Baker Family

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**Sept 25 Kids Club Mtg PUMC 4:30 pm**

**Sept 25 Bible Study 6:30 pm**



**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**September 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: 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: Kairos**

**Lakeview Helping Hands Center – Feed a Family Campaign. See inserts. Night of Praise Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Flyers also in the Narthex.**

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

**Aspire Women's Events: Information in the narthex. If interested please let Pam B. know.**

**Address for Jen Gilliland, PCU, Room 9, c/o Grand Strand Medical Center, 809 82<sup>nd</sup> Parkway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572**

**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,  
September 22, 2024  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**\*The Introit** *“Holy Ground” #129 (Praise Book)*

*We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 124:6-8

**L:** Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to the teeth of our enemies.

**P:** We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

**L:** The snare is broken and we have escaped.

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“O How He Loves You and Me” #83  
(Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and loving God, we find ourselves living in a culture that urges the focus of self, but our faith teaches us to lift up the one true God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and our fellow human beings.

Empower us to confess our sins, repent of our evil ways and seek the path of righteousness. Show us divine love, teach us the power of prayer and grant us ability to sing the praises of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

**L:** If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**P:** Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in the place. Thanks be to God.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sam Daye (26<sup>th</sup>), Amy Zemanski (28<sup>th</sup>)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Rev. Robert Awuah, District Pastor, Bolgatanga District; Rev. Tawiah-Ttu, District Pastor, Chereponi District

**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** *“Peace Like a River” #345 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Psalm 1 (P) Amen

Mark 9:30-37 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “Being the Best of Ourselves in Christ”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Heidelberg Confession  
4.116, 4.117

**Q. 116** Why do Christians need to pray?

**A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us and also because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.**

**Q. 117** What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

**A.** First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"O How I Love Jesus" #520 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



**Guest Speaker: Rose Hilliards**  
**Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood**  
**Music: Deb Myers**