

## **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,  
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mason Martin, Mary Vickers,  
Cindy Pankratz, David Shearer,  
Ben Andrews Family, Cindy Sweetapple, Teri Chisholm,  
Jim Dickson Family, Linda McDevitt, Dave Burgoyne,  
Jayne Russell Family, Chris Doyle, Alberta Swendson,  
Pat Karns, Joe Karns

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## Upcoming dates & activities:

10/2 Bible Study 6:30 pm  
10/6 Communion 9:30 am  
10/9 Worship/Communion Verlander North 10 am  
10/9 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm  
10/9 Bible Study 6:30 pm  
10/10 Session Mtg 6:30 pm  
10/13 Linger Longer to honor Polk Volunteer Firefighters  
10:30 am  
10/16 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm  
10/16 Bible Study 6:30 pm  
10/23 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm  
10/23 Bible Study 6:30 pm  
10/27 Congregational Mtg to Elect Officers 10:30 am  
10/30 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm  
10/30 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: Venango Community Services, Salvation Army, Emmaus  
Haven

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

Aspire Women's Events: Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> Information in the narthex. If  
interested please let Pam B. know.

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

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 29, 2024  
Nineteenth 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:** *“What a Mighty God We Serve #177 (sing 2x)  
(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, enable us to demonstrate forgiveness, 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 this place.

**A:** Thanks be to Almighty God.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dawn Stryffeler (10/5)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Fairview, Church of the Cross, Rev. Drew Himes, Pastor; Rev. Susan Speakman (HR), Rev. John Dyke (HR)

**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 Surrender All” #451 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 (P) Amen

Mark 9:37-50 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “The Origin of the Feast of Purim”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Confession of 1967 9.21, 9.23  
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to human beings, moves them to

respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life does not release human beings from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. They still must struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in his life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *“Freely, Freely ” #517 (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.



**Pastor: Larry Myers**  
**Lay Reader: Jeff Karns**  
**Music: Deb Myers**