

## **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, Mary Vickers,  
David Shearer, Alberta Swendson, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,  
Lisa Heffern, Gail Rowland, Brian Hudson,  
Jane Timblin, Kathleen Raecke, Cindy Gregory, Karen Miller,  
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## **Polk Presbyterian Church**

### **Calendar of Events December 2024**

#### **Upcoming dates & activities:**

**1/1 New Year's Day**  
**1/5 Communion**  
**1/8 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**1/9 Prayer Blankets 9 am**  
**1/12 Installation of Officers**  
**1/12 Yearly reports due to Church Office**  
**1/15 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**1/16 Session Meeting 6:30 pm**  
**1/18 Officer's Training 10 am – 4 pm**  
**1/22 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**1/26 Yearly Congregational Mtg 10:30 am**  
**1/29 Bible Study 6:30 pm**

**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 Veterans 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**

**Missions: Fruit Baskets, Emmaus Haven, Mustard Seed Ministries**

**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. We would like to have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Myers.**



**Polk Presbyterian Church,  
December 29, 2024  
First Sunday of Christmas**

**\*The Introit** *“He is Lord” #78 (Praise Book)*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 148:11-13

**L:** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**P:** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**L:** Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**P:** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

**A:** Praise the Lord!

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“Emmanuel” #114 (Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Father, in your wisdom and your sovereign design, you know exactly what we need to grow: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. While we recognize the need to grow in those who are youthful—we must confess that we do not take an active role in ensuring this growth for others. When it comes to our own spiritual growth, we prefer to settle in where we are; we burn out, and seek retirement from serving your kingdom. Forgive our opposition to spiritual growth. Forgive our unwillingness to continue to grow in love and service. In the name of Christ, we offer this petition.  
**AMEN.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Colossians 3: 13, 15-16

**L:** Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.

**P:** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

**L:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;

**P:** And with gratitude in your hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Anna Aumiller (12/31)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors; All those needing prayers into the New Year

**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** *“We Three Kings” #192 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Galations 4:4-8 (P) Amen

Luke 2:22-40 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “The Gift of the Magi”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Confession of 1967 9.49

God instructs the church and equips it for mission through preaching and teaching. By these, when they are carried on in fidelity to the Scriptures and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the people hear the word of God and accept and follow Christ. The message is addressed to men and women in particular situations. Therefore, effective preaching,

teaching, and personal witness require disciplined study of both the Bible and the contemporary world. All acts of public worship should be conducive to people's hearing of the gospel in a particular time and place and responding with fitting obedience.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"Go Tell It on the Mountain" #176 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** *"Let Us Adore Him " #49 (Praise Book)*



**Guest Speaker: David Derby**  
**Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood**  
**Music: Deb Myers**