

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, David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,
Kathleen Raecke, Gary & Teri Chisholm,
Kevin Gladd, Mary Lou Buckley, Bonnie Copeland,
Kohen Dunmire (Wendy Bellin's Grandson), Dottie Dillan.
Tim Vickers, Dave Kochis

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Upcoming dates & activities:

8/9 Katherin Hannum Scholarship awards 9:30 am
8/12 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
8/13 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
8/16 Katherine Hannum Scholarship awards 9:30 am
8/19 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
8/23 Blessing of Backpacks 9:30 am
8/26 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm



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Calendar of Events

August

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

August Mission: Reliant Mission (Trevor's Ministry)

Vacation Bible School – August 17, 18 & 19; 10:30 – 12:30
at Polk Presbyterian Church

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,
August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-6

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

All: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

***PRAISE HYMN: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” #374
(Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Compassionate heavenly Father, forgive us when our fears hold us captive, our doubts weaken our faith, our selfish desires cloud our judgment, and our sins separate us from the triune God. Enable us to recognize your divine presence, follow our Lord’s example, and walk the path of righteousness. Empower us to confess our sin, repent of our evil ways, and become faithful disciples of our risen Lord, in whose name we lift this penitent prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 10:9-13

L: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

P: For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

L: The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

P: For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: North East First

**Rev. Gregg Townsend, Pastor; Coordinating Commission of the
Presbytery of Lake Erie**

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 “Love Lifted Me” #519 (Hymna)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 P (Amen)

Matthew 14:22-33 P (Thanks be to God)

SERMON: “Faith vs. Fear”

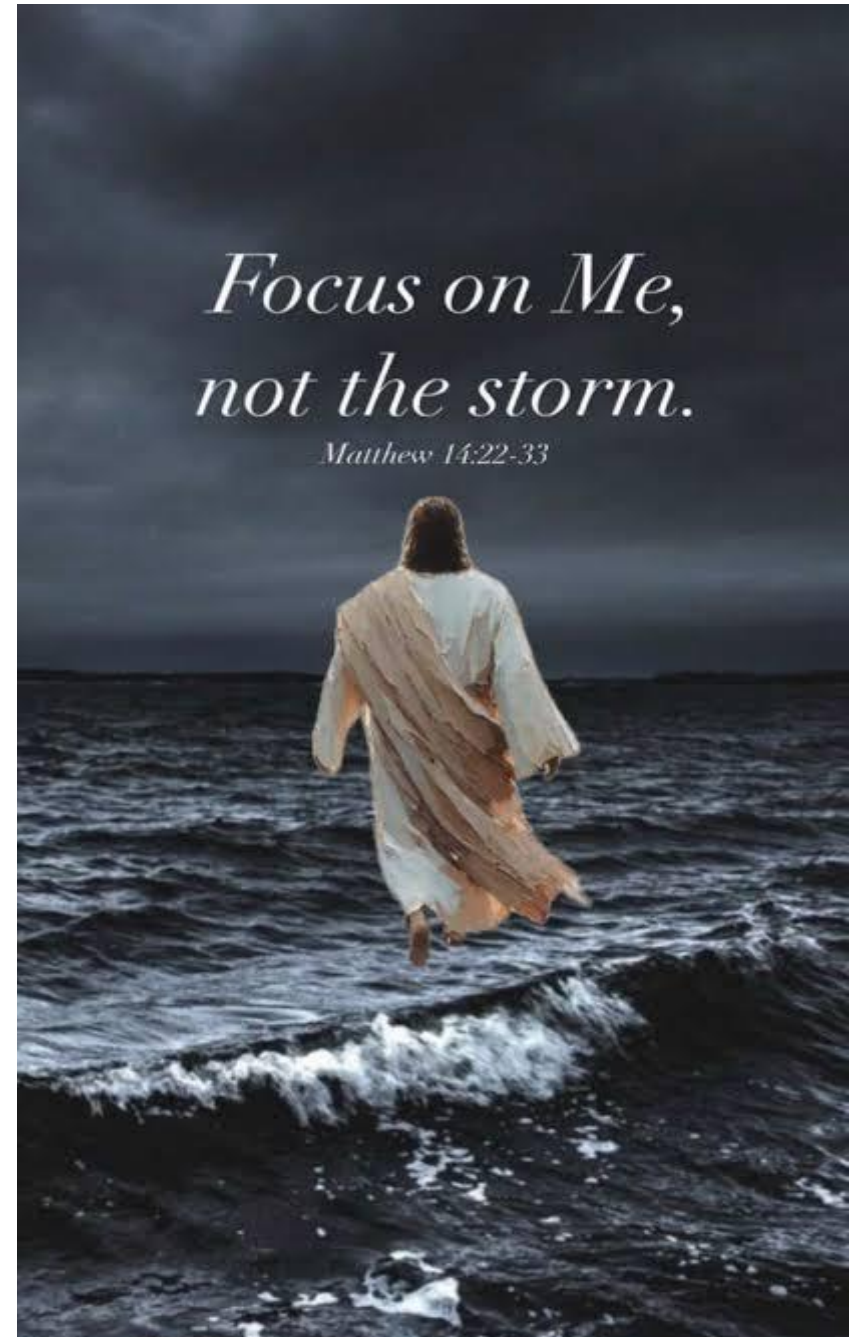
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed 2.1-.3

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"Make Me A Blessing" #389 (Hymnal)*

*THE BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" #319
(Praise Book)*



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