

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, Family of Kevin Kachik

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Upcoming dates & activities:

7/22 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm

7/29 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm



Polk Presbyterian Church **Calendar of Events** **July**

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

July Mission: Central Help Fund

2026 Katherine Hannum Scholarship Application -Applications will be made available on May 17, 2024 and must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for consideration by July 28, 2026. Applications can be downloaded from the Polk Presbyterian Church website page <https://polkpresbyterianchurch.com/scholarship>. Please send completed application to the following address:n Polk Presbyterian Church PO Box 1027 Polk PA 16342 or you can email it to: scottheffern@yahoo.com

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,
July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

***The Introit “Lord, We Praise You” #22**

(Praise Book)

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 139:1-4

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

***PRAISE HYMN: “Holy Ground” #129 (Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Forgive us Lord when we concern ourselves with our own physical priorities and permit Satan to distract our attention from the spiritual Kingdom of God. Have mercy upon us when we begin to resemble weeds instead of the good seed that produces good fruit. Empower each of us to focus upon the coming harvest, behave as good seed, and follow the example of the Son of God. Allow the Holy Spirit to plant the seeds of hope within us so that we anticipate the coming glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:13-17

L: If we live according to the flesh, we will die; but if we live according to the Spirit, we put to death the deeds of the flesh and we will live.

P: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

L: If we are children of God, then we will be heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

P: We suffer with Christ, so that we may also be glorified with our Lord.

All: Praise be to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Bonnie Copeland (7/24)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Plumer, Oil City Corry First;
Presbyterian Senior Care of Lake Erie Jim Ohrn Board Chair and
“Bobbie” Gray, Director

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 “Amazing Grace” #293 (Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 28:10-19a P (Amen)
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 P (Thanks be to God)

SERMON: “Weeds in the Church”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.12, 9.13,
9.14

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in men and women as sin in the sight of God. In sin, individuals claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow human beings, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation. Wise and virtuous people through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the

light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All individuals, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus, all human beings fall under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the person who assumes that he or she is guiltless before God or morally superior to others. God's love never changes. Against all who oppose him, God expresses his love in wrath. In the same love, God took on himself judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all human beings to repentance and new life.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" #319*
(Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *"One Flock, One Shepherd" #60*
(Praise Book)



Pasor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Jeff Karns
Music: Deb Myers