

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, Rudy Liebmann,
David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Kathleen Raecke,
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd
Sandy Chisholm, Jeff Karns, Julie Karns, Ernie Banks,
David Woodworth Family, John Vickers, Brian Chisholm,
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Upcoming dates & activities:

**7/30 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
8/3 Communion
8/6 Planning Mtg for Aug 20th summer picnic at PUMC 4 pm
8/6 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
8/9 Lisa Heffern's Memorial Service 11 am
8/13 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
8/14 Session Mtg 6:30 pm
8/17 Blessing of Backpacks
8/17 & 8/24 College Scholarship Awards
8/20 Summer Picnic at PUMC 4 pm
8/20 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
8/27 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
August**

**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 not be done in June, July or August.

**July Mission: Central Help Fund
August Mission: Trevor Wood, H2O**

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.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
July 27, 2025
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

***The Introit** *“Bind Us Together” #212 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 85:4-9

L: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

P: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

L: Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

P: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

L: Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

P: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Sweet Hour of Prayer” #414 (Hymnal)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One of Israel, shower mercy upon Your wayward stiff-necked children when we turn to idols, selfish interests, or materialism. Forgive us when we seek all manner of sinful religious practices instead of praising our righteous Redeemer. Show us divine compassion when we create physical shrines instead of developing spiritual hospitals for repentant sinners. Merciful God help us to see Your perfect love, recognize Jesus as Lord, and become disciples of the risen Christ, in whose name we offer this penitent pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 3:12-15

L: As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

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

L: Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Cambridge Springs Rev. Tommy O’Leary, Temporary Supply Pastor; Rev. Greg Gillispie, Validated Ministry, Rev. Lyta Seddig (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** *“This Is My Father’s World” #56 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hosea 1:2-10 (P) Amen
Luke 11:1-13 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Children of the Living God”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.50

The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response, it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation. Confession of sin is admission of all men's guilt before God and of their need for his forgiveness. Thanksgiving is rejoicing in God's goodness to all men and in giving for the needs of others. Petitions and intercessions are addressed to God for the continuation of his goodness, the healing of men's ills, and their deliverance from every form of oppression. The arts, especially music and architecture, contribute to the praise and prayer of a Christian congregation when they help men to look beyond themselves to God and to the world which is the object of his love.

***CLOSING HYMN** “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*” #412
(Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** “*Sanctuary*” #158 (Praise Book)



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