

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.
Family of Chris Latchaw, Tim Vickers,

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Upcoming dates & activities:

7/12 Communion

7/15 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm

7/16 Session Meeting 6:30 pm

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: Polk Presbyterian Church PO Box 1027 Polk PA 16342 or you can email it to: scottheffern@yahoo.com

July 17-22 – 121st New Wilmington Mission Conference; Register at NWMCmission.org

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 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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

(Praise Book)

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 119: 105-111

L: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

P: We have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

L: Accept our offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach us your ordinances.

P: Your decrees are our heritage forever; they are the joy of our hearts.

***PRAISE HYMN:** “*Surely the Presence*” #159 *(Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Compassionate God, forgive us when we harden our hearts to Your will and we refuse to heed that still quiet voice of grace. Have mercy on us when the passions of this world cause us to abandon our call to the Kingdom of God. Help us to embrace the Spirit of Christ that dwells within our being, so that we might walk the narrow path of righteousness, that leads to peace and eternal life. Empower us to faithfully plant seeds that produce fruit for the Kingdom. In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:5-11

L: For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

P: To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

L: But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

P: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRHDAYS: Gary Motter (7/13)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Pleasantville Presbyterian Waterford First; Rev. Forrest Claassen, Executive, Synod of the Trinity

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** “*Wonderful Words of Life*” #128
(Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 25:19-34 P (Amen)
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 P (Thanks be to God)

SERMON: “What to Do with these Seeds?”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Scots Confession 3.12
Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from flesh and blood, that is to say, from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth by his own working, without whom we should remain forever enemies to God and ignorant of his Son, Christ Jesus. For by nature, we are so dead, blind, and perverse, that neither can we feel when we are pricked, see the light when it shines, nor assent to the will of God when it is revealed, unless the Spirit of the Lord Jesus quicken that

which is dead, remove the darkness from our minds, and bow our stubborn hearts to the obedience of his blessed will. And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we were not, as his Son our Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the Holy Ghost does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, be it before or be it after our regeneration. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (hymnal)

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

***THE BENEDICTION**

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



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