

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
John Vickers, Eddy Krizon,
Mary Lou Buckley, Family of Jim Prichard,
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Upcoming dates & activities:

**11/18 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting at Meadville PC 11 am
11/19 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
11/23 Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent 10:45 am
11/23 Thanksgiving Linger Longer Luncheon 11 am
11/26 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
11/27 Thanksgiving Day
11/30 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am**



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
November**

**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**

November mission is the Mustard Seed

Everybody Wins Used Toy Sale Galloway Methodist Church, located at 196 Seysler Rd, Franklin, is hosting a used toy sale in collaboration with the Presbyterian churches in the area on Saturday, December 6th. Sale is from 9 to 1 (12 -1 half price). From 2 - 3 pm, Free Toys! Toy donations are needed of any clean and gently used toys for babies to teens. Proceeds Benefit Family Service & Children's Aid Society, Shelter for Domestic and Sexual Abuse. More Infor in the narthex.

Items needed for Emaus House are: Sweat pants, sweatshirts, T-shirts, pajama bottoms, socks and underwear.

Lake Erie Presbytery is offering a training on January 31, 2026 - Worship: Basics and Beyond at the First Presbyterian Church in Titusville. If you would like to attend let me know and I can register everyone together. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information.

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,
November 16, 2025
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**

***The Introit** *“Come Now is the Time to Worship #117”
(Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Ezekiel 18:30-32

L: Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God.

P: Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise, iniquity will be your ruin.

L: Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

P: For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Amazing Grace” #293 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in our fast-paced lives we find ourselves identifying with the prodigal son in today’s passage who wasted his inheritance on sinful abundance or with the stubborn unforgiving older son who refused to show his repentant brother compassion. Help us to see the error of our ways and demonstrate the love and compassion of the prodigal father who showered wasteful grace and mercy upon both of his disrespectful sons. Enable us to rejoice with those who have found their way back to the path of righteousness. May we faithfully proclaim Jesus as the Christ, in whose name we penitently pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

L: So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

P: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

L: In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

P: So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Debbie Adams (11/18); Rudy Liebmann (11/19); Tripp Hansen (11/20)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Clerks of Session in the Presbytery of Lake Erie; All Session Members in 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** *“Softly and Tenderly”
#301 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 15:14-32 (P) Amen

SERMON: “The Big Brother”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of
1967 9.12, 9.15**

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in men as sin in the sight of God. In sin, men claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow men, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"The Solid Rock" #340 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *"Majesty" #8 (Praise Book)*



**Guest Speaker: Tom Phillips
Lay Reader: Scott Heffern
Music: Deb Myers**