

## **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, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Skip & Nancy Davison,  
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mason Martin, Mary Vickers,  
Cindy Pankratz, David Shearer, Cindy Sweetapple,  
Linda McDevitt, Chris Doyle, Alberta Swendson,  
Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Dennis Dingle Family

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**10/6 Communion 9:30 am**  
**10/9 Worship/Communion Verlander North 10 am**  
**10/9 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm**  
**10/9 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**10/10 Prayer Blankets 9 am**  
**10/10 Session Mtg 6:30 pm**  
**10/13 Linger Longer to honor Polk Volunteer Firefighters  
10:30 am**  
**10/16 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm**  
**10/16 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**10/23 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm**  
**10/23 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**10/27 Congregational Mtg to Elect Officers 10:30 am**  
**10/30 Kids Club-PUMC 3 – 5 pm**  
**10/30 Bible Study 6:30 pm**



**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**October 2024**

**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 be done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:00  
am**

**Mission: Venango Community Services, Salvation Army, Emmaus  
Haven**

**Wee Kirk 2024, Small Church Conference – Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Laurelville Retreat Center, Mount Pleasant, PA. Information in the  
Narthex.**

**Seneca Hills - Fall Work Day, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 3 pm**

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Knox Ladies Seminar – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 4 pm. Information  
in Narthex.**

**Address for Jen Gilliland, PCU, Room 9, c/o Grand Strand Medical  
Center, 809 82<sup>nd</sup> Parkway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572**

**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.**

**Lay Reader: We are in search of another Lay Reader. Would like to  
have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor  
Myers.**



**Polk Presbyterian Church,  
October 6, 2024  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Day**

**\*The Introit**    *“One Flock, One Shepherd” #60 (Praise Book)*

*We are one flock, one Shepherd;  
The sweetest story that has ever been told.  
We are one flock led by one Shepherd;  
And someday He will bring us to one fold.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**                      Psalm 130:1-6

**L:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**P:** Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**L:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**P:** But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**L:** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his Word, I hope;

**P:** My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:**    *“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord” #53  
(Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and compassionate Creator, forgive our feeble excuses when we give in to temptation, fail to resist the subtle traps of Satan, and allow fear to hold us captive. Grant us courage to joyfully endure suffering for our faith, clear vision to foresee the wiles of the devil, and wisdom to make wise and sound decisions. Enable us to offer prayers of thanksgiving in all circumstances and praise our Lord even when we are suffering for the Kingdom of God. In the name of the risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**                      1 Peter 4:12-14,16

**L:** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

**P:** But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when His glory is revealed.

**L:** If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

**P:** Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Joys and concerns

**BIRTHDAYS:** Alan Wood (11<sup>th</sup>)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jeff & Julie Karns (6<sup>th</sup>); Ernie & Gail Banks (8<sup>th</sup>); Scott & Lisa Heffern (12<sup>th</sup>)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Franklin First, Rev. Barry Jenkins, Pastor; Garland Franklin, Rocky Grove Ave

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

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Job 1:1; 2:1-10    (P) Amen

Mark 10:2-16    (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:**    “How Does the Righteous Suffer?”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed 2.1-2.3  
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.

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

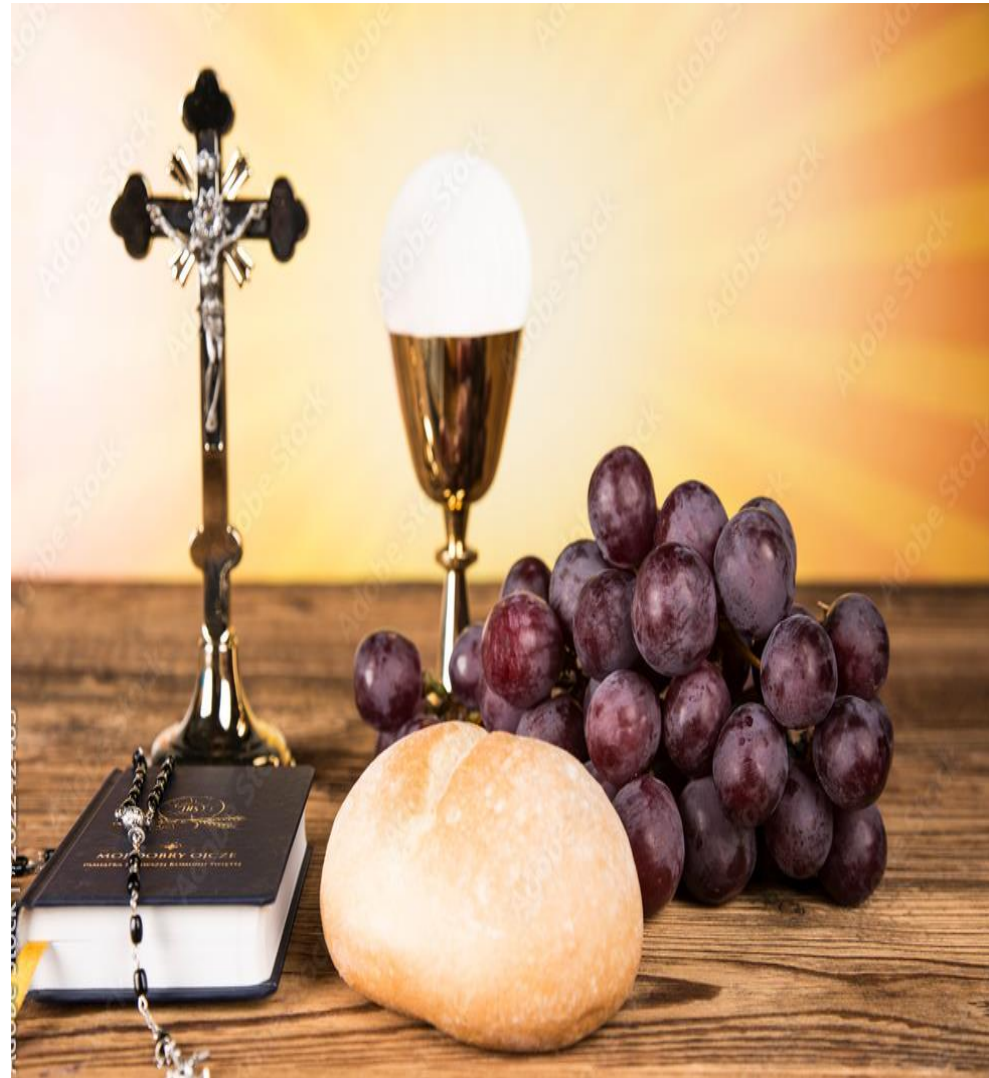
*Let Us Break Bread Together* #162 (Hymnal)

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Through It All" #543 (Hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** "He Is Lord" #78 (Praise Book)

He is Lord, He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord.



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