

## **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, Ernie Banks,  
John Vickers, Eddy Krizon, John & Leah Book,  
Jane Sandieson

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**8/24 College Scholarship Awards  
8/27 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm  
9/1 Labor Day  
9/3 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm  
9/7 Communion  
9/9 Blanket Ministry 9 am  
9/10 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm  
9/11 Session Meeting 6:30 pm  
9/14 Linger Longer Luncheon 10:45 am**



**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 9/9 at 9 am**

**August Mission: Trevor Wood, H2O  
September Mission: Salvation Army**

**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,  
August 24, 2025  
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

**\*The Introit** “*In the Name of the Lord*” #132 (*Praise Book*)

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 71:1-6

**L:** In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**P:** In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

**L:** Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**P:** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**L:** For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**P:** Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** “*Here I Am, Lord*” #54 (*Praise Book*)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and righteous God, You call us out of the world for salvation and You call us into the Kingdom of God for obedient service. Much like the prophets, we feel unworthy of such a great commitment because we are sinful creatures. Empower us to accept Your grace, repent of our trespasses, look to Christ’s example, and embrace the Holy Spirit’s guidance. Give us courage in our hour of weakness, bold words in our hour to testing, and sound faith to walk the path of righteousness. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we humbly pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Ephesians 1:3-8

**L:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

**P:** Just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

**L:** He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

**P:** To the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

**All:** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:** Blessing of Backpacks

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Ernie Banks (8/30)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Rev. Gary Larson (HR), Rev. Jim Rimmer (HR); WOE (Worship on Wednesday), Meadville, Rev. Rachel Johns, Rose Hilliard, and Geula Love

**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** “*Stand Up for Jesus*”  
#456 (*Hymnal*)

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Jeremiah 1:4-10 (P) Amen  
Luke 13:10-17 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “Faithful Endurance vs. Divine Judgment”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Westminster Larger  
Catechism 7.301**

**Q. 191.** What do we pray for in the second petition (Lord's Prayer)?

**A.** In the second petition (which is, "Thy Kingdom come"), acknowledging ourselves and all humankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan, we pray: that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed, the gospel propagated throughout the world, the Jews called, the fullness of the Gentiles brought in; that the church may be furnished with all gospel-officers and ordinances, purged from corruption, countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrate; that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted; that Christ would rule in our hearts here, and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him forever; and that he would be pleased so to exercise the Kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"He Touched Me" #532 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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



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