

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.
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Upcoming dates & activities:

8/23 Blessing of Backpacks 9:30 am

8/26 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm



Polk Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

August

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

August Mission: Reliant Mission (Trevor's Ministry)

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,
August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

***The Introit “Holy Ground” #129 (Praise Book)**

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 124:1-3,8

L: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say—

P: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

L: Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

***PRAISE HYMN: “His Name is Wonderful” #209 (Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Forgive us Lord when we allow the glitter of this sinful world to distract our attention from our Christian calling. Have mercy upon us when we fail to align ourselves with the will of God. Enable us to recognize Jesus the Christ as the Lord of our lives, give ourselves as a holy living sacrifice, and use our spiritual gifts to enhance the Kingdom of God. Empower us to humbly serve the body of Christ that is blessed with the keys of the Kingdom. We make this prayer in the name of the risen and glorified Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

L: Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight.

P: Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

L: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

P: Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev. Gary Larson (HR) Rev. Jim Rimmer (HR); WOW (Worship on Wednesday), Meadville 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 “Blessed Be the Name” #82 (Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 1:8-2:10 P (Amen)
Matthew 16:13-20 P (Thanks be to God)

SERMON: “What’s in a Name?”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed 2.1-3
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.

CLOSING HYMN: *“There’s Something About That Name” #66*
(Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

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



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Scott Heffern
Music: Deb Myers