

## **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, Bonnie, Lisa's cousin Bonnie,  
Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers, David Shearer, Pat Karns,  
Joe Karns, Lisa & Scott Heffern, Kathleen Raecke,  
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd  
Sandy Chisholm, Jeff Karns, Families of Robert Greenlee &  
Seth Baughman – 2 PennDot workers who sustained  
Fatal injuries in an accident

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**6/25 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm  
7/2 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm  
7/4 Independence Day  
7/6 Communion  
7/9 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm  
7/10 Session Mtg 6:30 pm  
7/13 Linger Longer 11 @ the Wood's Home  
Bring your own meat for grilling  
7/16 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm  
7/23 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm  
7/30 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**



## **Polk Presbyterian Church**

### **Calendar of Events**

### **June**

**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 not be done in June, July or August.**

**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,  
June 22, 2025  
Day of Pentecost**

**\*The Introit** *“What a Mighty God We Serve” #177 (Praise Book)*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 43:2-5

**L:** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

**P:** For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

**L:** O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**P:** Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“The Servant Song” #40 (Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful heavenly Father, forgive us when our prideful arrogance leads us to believe we can labor for the Kingdom of God using our human physical abilities. Set us free from the prisons we create for ourselves using our misguided sins of pride, greed, lust, and other selfish iniquities. Enable us to break the chains of fear, doubt, shame, and disbelief that hold us spiritually captive. Protect us from all forms of evil distractions that would prevent us from fulfilling our responsibilities in serving our Lord and Savior as faithful disciples. Heal us of all unrighteousness. Strengthen us by clothing us with the risen and glorified Christ, in whose name we lift this penitent prayer. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Romans 3:21-26

**L:** But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

**P:** For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**L:** They are now justified by God’s grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

**P:** God did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed.

**All:** It was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus the Christ.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Julie Karns (6/23); Sarah Kochis (6/23)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** John & Anna Aumiller (6/26)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Emlenton & Nickelville Moderator Rick Learn; New Hope, Erie Commissioned Pastor Clay Woodring

**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** *“To God Be the Glory”  
#8 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a (P) Amen

**Luke 8:26-39 (P) Thanks Be to God**

**SERMON:** “Set Free to Serve the Lord”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Confession of 1967  
9.21, 9.23

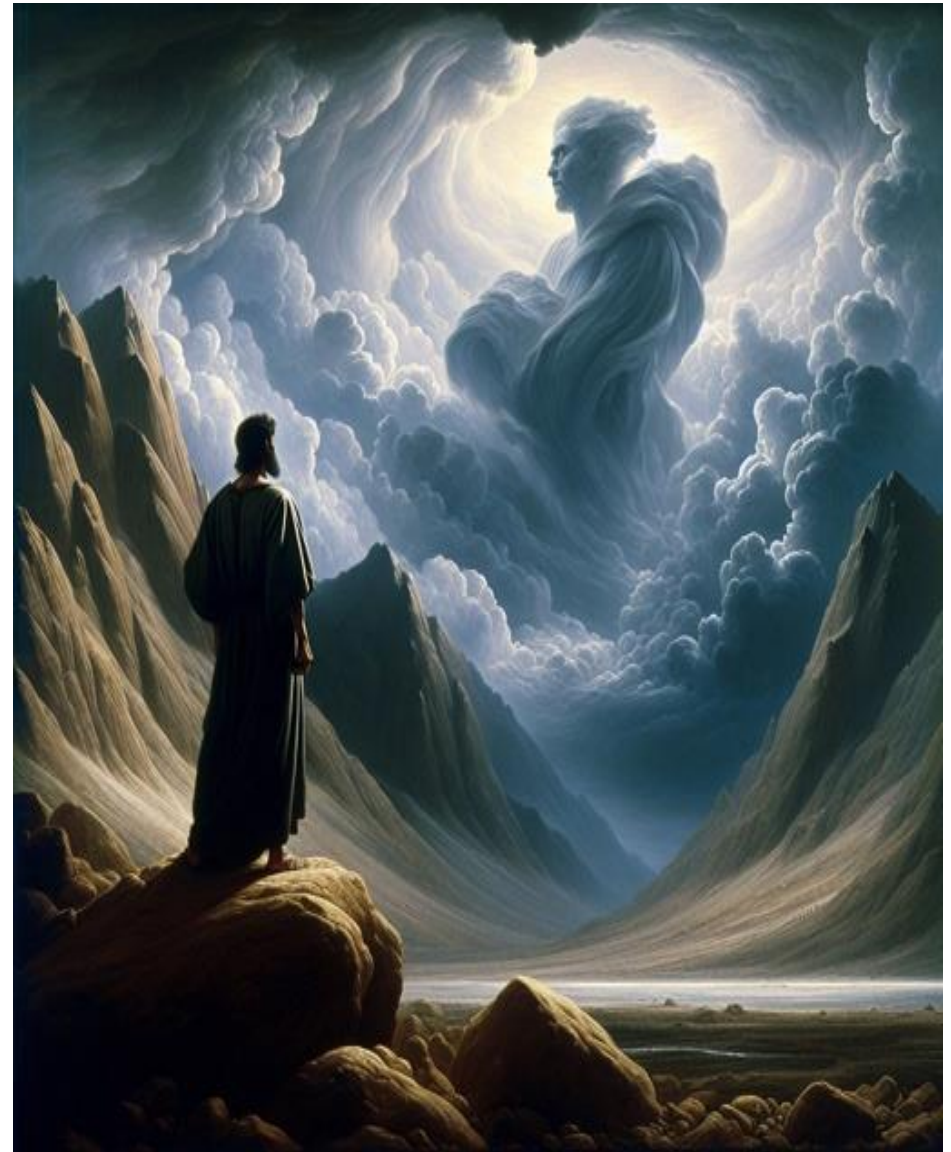
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for human beings when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “*Reach Out to Jesus*” #427 (Hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** “Spirit of the Living God” #201  
(Praise Book)



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