

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.
Tim Vickers, Dave Kochis, Family of James Eubanks (Pam B.'s) cousin

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Upcoming dates & activities:

8/16 Katherine Hannum Scholarship awards 9:30 am
8/19 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
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)

Vacation Bible School – August 17, 18 & 19; 10:30 – 12:30
at Polk Presbyterian Church

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 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 133

L: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

P: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

P: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

***PRAISE HYMN: “Bind Us Together” #212 (Hymnal)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Holy God, forgive us when we erect human boundaries that segregate, prideful attitudes that disconnect, and isolating walls that detach ourselves from neighbors. Enable the Holy Spirit to soften our hardened hearts, convict us of sin, lead us to repentance, increase our faith, and guide our path into loving kindness. May we follow the examples of Joseph and Jesus who reached across divisive restrictions in order to enact God’s plan of salvation. In the name of the risen Christ, we humbly pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 2 Colossians 2:11-14

L: In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ;

P: When you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

L: And when you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands.

P: Almighty God set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Denny Adams (8/18)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Coudersport Rev. Warren Cederholm & Elder Don Caskey, preaching; Ministry of the Presbyterian Foundation and Ministry Relations Officer Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

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 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” #502 (Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 45:1-15 P (Amen)
Matthew 15:21-28 P (Thanks be to God)**

SERMON: “Crumbs from the Master’s Table”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Second Helvetic
Confession 5.128, 5.129**

The Particular Church. Moreover, the Church Militant upon the earth has always had many particular churches. Yet all these are to be referred to the unity of the catholic Church. This [Militant] Church was set up differently before the Law among the patriarchs; otherwise under Moses by the Law; and differently by Christ through the Gospel. The Two Peoples. Generally, two peoples are usually counted, namely, the Israelites and Gentiles, or

those who have been gathered from among Jews and Gentiles into the Church. There are also two Testaments, the Old and the New. The Same Church for The Old and New People. Yet from all these people there was and is one fellowship, one salvation in the one Messiah; in whom, as members of one body under one Head, all united together in the same faith, partaking also of the same spiritual food and drink. Yet here we acknowledge a diversity of times, and a diversity in the signs of the promised and delivered Christ; and that now the ceremonies being abolished, the light shines unto us more clearly, and blessings are given to us more abundantly, and a fuller liberty. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* #509
(Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

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



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Jeff Karns
Music: Deb Myers