

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:

4/29 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
5/3 Communion 9:30 am
5/6 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
5/7 National Day of Prayer
5/10 Mother's Day
5/12 Mother's Day Banquet 6 pm
5/13 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
5/14 Ascension Day of the Lord
5/14 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
5/20 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
5/25 Memorial Day
5/27 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
6/3 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
6/7 Communion 9:30 am
6/10 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
6/11 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
6/17 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
6/18 Father's Day Banquet 6 pm
6/21 Father's Day
6/24 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm



**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
April**

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

Per Capita for 2026: \$37

April Missions: One Great Hour of Sharing, Our Daily Bread

Seneca Hills Bible Camp registration is now open!

Save the Date: Saturday, May 2 Spring Work Day & Open House
Work Day 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; Open House 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Click the link to learn more. RSVPs are appreciated:

<https://www.senecahills.org/programs>

Camp Yard Sale — Saturday, May 2 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Harmony Pavilion — follow signs when you arrive. More Info in the Narthex.

May 3rd – “Night of Praise” New Lebanon Community Church;
4166 Mercer St., Sandy Lake. 4 pm; Free Will Offering

Elder's Communion training at the Waterford Presbyterian Church on
Wednesday, May 20, beginning at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP with Melinda
in the office or with RE Rick Learn, richardlearn22@gmail.com

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,
April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

***The Introit** *“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”*
#159 (Praise Book)

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

L: He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“One Flock, One Shepherd #60 (Sing 2 times)*
(Praise Book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God, You reach out to us with perfect divine love, offer Your lifesaving grace when we do not deserve it, and send the Spirit of Christ to knock on the door of our hearts. Only when we are in a desperate crisis do we seek Your face, reach out for the grace that will save us, and call upon our Lord to fix our problems. Enable us to return Christian love when we are abused unjustly, instead of seeking revenge. Allow us to live our faith, love others, and follow our Lord’s example of mercy. In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:23-24

L: When Jesus was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges with righteousness.

P: Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds, you have been healed.

All: Praise be to Almighty God.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Ripley, NY

**Commissioned Pastor Phil Johnson; Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors
Rev. Walter Green (HR)**

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** *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*
#3655 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION** ,

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ezekiel 34:7-15 (P) Amen
John 10:1-10 (P) Thanks Be to God

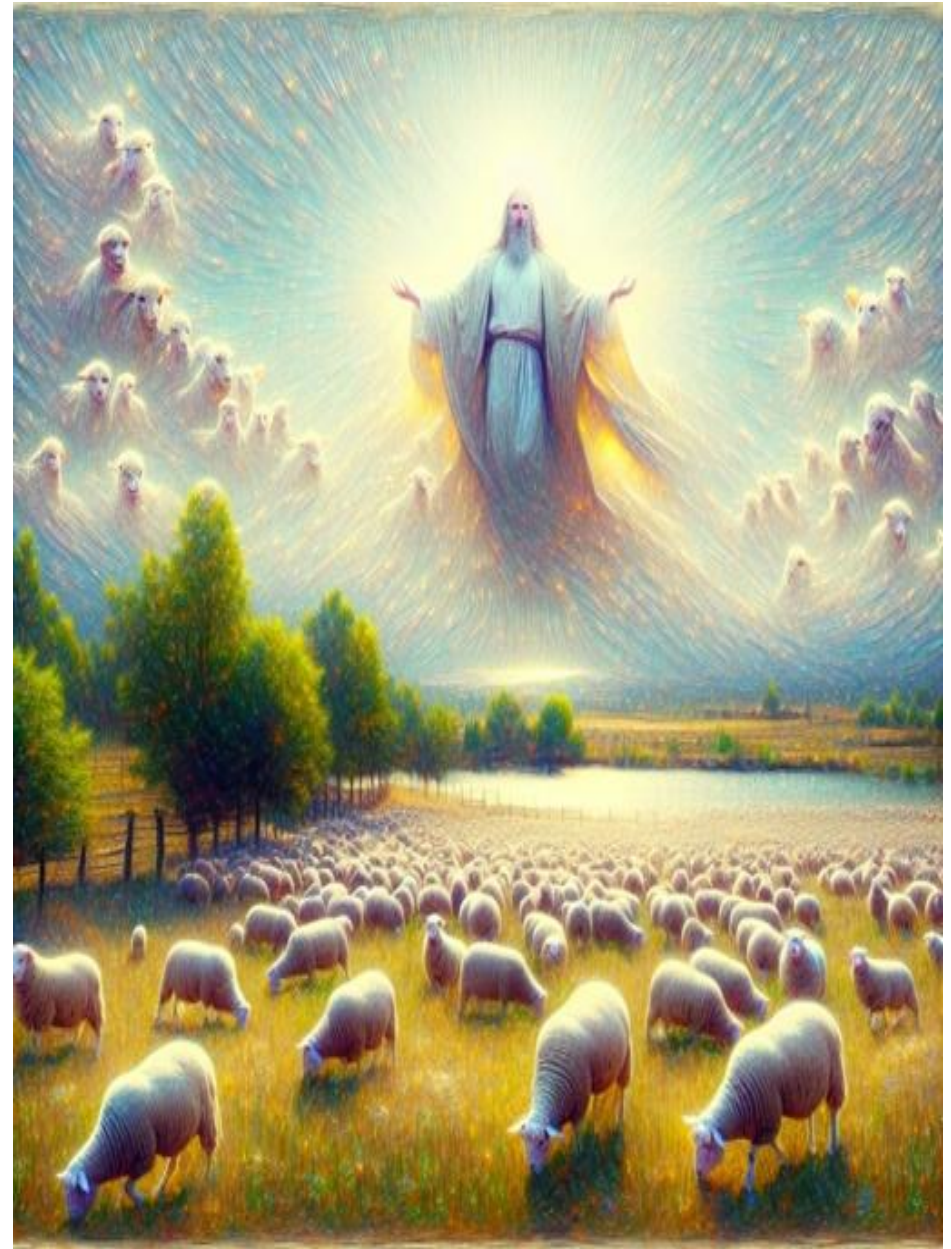
SERMON: “Who Is Our Shepherd?”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.32
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on man’s inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of man’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*” #374
(Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** “*In the Name of the Lord*” #132
(Praise Book)



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