

## **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, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Nancy Davison,  
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,  
David Shearer, Alberta Swendson, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,  
Lisa & Scott Heffern, Gail Rowland, Kathleen Raecke,  
Becky Hedglin, Joanie Bottomley, Teri Chisholm,  
John & Pam Vickers

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**2/19 Kid's Club mtg at PUMC 3 pm**  
**2/19 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**2/23 Linger Longer 10:30 am**  
**2/26 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**3/2 Communion 9:30 am**  
**3/4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6: 30 pm**  
**3/5 Kids Club Program at PUMC (Every 3-5:00 pm**  
**Wednesday afternoon)**  
**3/5 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm**  
**3/7 World Day of Prayer**  
**3/9 Daylight Savings Time begins**  
**3/12 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**3/13 Prayer Blankets 9 am**  
**3/13 Session Meeting 6:30 pm ?**  
**3/16 Varha Potato Bar Fund Raiser 10:45 am**  
**3/17 St. Patrick's Day**  
**3/19 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**3/26 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**



**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**February 2025**

**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 be done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:00 am**

**Per Capita for 2025: \$35**

**February: Souper Bowl for Caring; CLA Ultrasounds for Pregnancy Centers (\$28 each); Meal Home Delivery List**

**Kid's Club: March 5<sup>th</sup> thru April 9<sup>th</sup> – Polk United Methodist Church (on Wednesday's) 3 pm – 5 pm.**

**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.**

**Lay Reader: We are in search of another Lay Reader. We would like to have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Myers.**



**Polk Presbyterian Church,  
February 23, 2025  
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 37:4-8,39

**L:** Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**P:** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

**L:** He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

**P:** Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

**L:** Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**P:** The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“Bind Us Together” #212 (Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Most High and loving heavenly Father, forgive our individual and corporate inflated egos, self-centeredness, and self-serving actions. Have mercy upon us when we demonstrate our love of self over our love of the Triune God and our neighbors in need. Forgive us when we are quick to point out the speck in other eyes and fail to see the log in our own. Enable us to become faithful disciples of Christ as we extend divine mercy and love, even to our enemies. Fill our hearts with compassion and enable us to see Christ in all those we encounter. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 1 John 1:6-9

**L:** If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

**P:** But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from sin.

**L:** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**P:** If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Scott Heffern (2/26); Trevor Wood (2/27)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Waterford Rev. Robin Sharp, Pastor;  
Rev. Katherine Randall, Moderator of the Coordinating  
Commission

**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** *“Pass It On” #507 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (P) Amen

Luke 6:27-38 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “The Blessings of Discipleship”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Brief Statement of Faith 11.3  
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #135 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** *“Alleluia” v. 1 #142 (Praise Book)*



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