

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.
Family of Chris Latchaw, Tim Vickers,

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Upcoming dates & activities:

7/8 VBS Planning Meeting at PUMC
7/8 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
7/12 Communion
7/15 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
7/16 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
7/22 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
7/29 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm



Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
July

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

July Mission: Baby Bottle Boomerang (May 10-June 21)

2026 Katherine Hannum Scholarship Application -Applications will be made available on May 17, 2024 and must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for consideration by July 28, 2026. Applications can be downloaded from the Polk Presbyterian Church website page <https://polkpresbyterianchurch.com/scholarship>. Please send completed application to the following address:n Polk Presbyterian Church PO Box 1027 Polk PA 16342 or you can email it to: scottheffern@yahoo.com

July 17-22 – 121st New Wilmington Mission Conference; Register at NWMCmission.org

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,
July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

***The Introit “Come Now is the Time to Worship” #117
(Praise Book)**

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145: 8-9, 13-14

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

L: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

P: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

***PRAISE HYMN: “Surely the Presence” #159 (Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Immanuel, “God with Us”, have mercy upon Your wayward children who fail to keep Your commandments. Forgive us when we allow sin to enslave us during those difficult times when we are engaged in the spiritual battle of good and evil, which rages inside our hearts. Help us to embrace our Lord’s yoke of grace that permits us to enter the very presence of the triune God. Grant us the gifts of grace, mercy, love, and faith that enable us to embrace Christian unity, forgiveness, and peace in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:5-11

L: For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

P: To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

L: But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

P: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick & Colleen Scurry (7/8)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev Gregg Townsend New Moderator of the Coordinating Commission; Rev. David Lee (HR) Rev. Dan Corll

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 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #393
(Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Romans 7:15-25 P (Amen)

SERMON: “Who Can be Free?”

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 “*God Bless America*”**

God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE “*Majesty*” #8 (Praise Book)**



Guest Speaker: Tom Phillips
Lay Reader: Judy Krizon
Music: Deb Myers