

## **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, Kathleen Raecke,

Joanie Bottomley, Teri Chisholm, George Smith,

John & Pam Vickers, Ralph Willyoung, Sandy Chisholm, Todd Bush,  
Bette Bagnal Brooks, Dave Burgoyne, Kevin Gladd, Gail Eakin

Dan Prichard, Gary Hedglin, Mary Dickson

The Nazarene Church on Pone Lane is praying at various in Franklin on  
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. This is the list: 4/2-Franklin Police Station; 4/9-

Sandycreek Township Building. Please keep these places in your prayers.

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**3/23 Varha Potato Bar Fund Raiser 10:45 am**  
**3/26 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**4/2 Kid's Club 3 pm**  
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**4/9 Kid's Club 3 pm**  
**4/9 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**4/10 Prayer Blankets 9 am**  
**4/10 Session Mtg 6:30 pm**  
**4/13 Reaffirmation of Baptism during Palm Sunday Worship**  
**4/16 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**4/17 Maundy Thursday Tureen 6 pm**  
**4/17 Worship Service with Communion 7 pm**  
**4/18 Good Friday Service at PUMC 7 pm**  
**4/19 Easter Egg Hunt in Village Green 10 am**  
**4/20 Easter Sunrise Service 7 am**  
**4/20 Easter Breakfast 8 am**  
**4/20 Easter Service 9:30 am**  
**4/23 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
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**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**March 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**

**March Mission: VARHA Riding Stable**

**April Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing**

**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.**

**The Devine Inspirations present AT THE CROSS Sunday, April 13, 2025, 5:00 pm Hosted By: Cooperstown United Methodist Church 156 Cooperstown Rd Cooperstown, PA 16317**

**Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery bags to make Mercy Mats. Amy Zemanski will see that Lynn gets any donations.**

**Good Friday Laymen's Service 4/18, Grace UM Church, Oil City**  
**More information in the Narthex.**

**Oil City Good Friday Crosswalk, 4/18, 10:30 AM. More information in the Narthex.**

**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,  
March 30, 2025  
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Ezekiel 18:30-32

**L:** Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God.

**P:** Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise, iniquity will be your ruin.

**L:** Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

**P:** For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place” #159 (Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in our fast-paced lives we find ourselves identifying with the prodigal son in today’s passage who wasted his inheritance on sinful abundance or with the stubborn unforgiving older son who refused to show his repentant brother compassion. Help us to see the error of our ways and demonstrate the love and compassion of the prodigal father who showered wasteful grace and mercy upon both of his disrespectful sons. Enable us to rejoice with those who have found their way back to the path of righteousness. May we faithfully proclaim Jesus as the Christ, in whose name we penitently pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

**L:** So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**P:** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

**L:** In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**P:** So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Finlee Hansen (3/30); Pat Karns (3/31)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Tionesta: Roger Snyder & Kevin Vinson, preaching; RE Donna Cammarata & Rev Gregg Townsend Moderator & Vice Moderator of the Presbytery

**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:** Joshua 5:9-12 (P) Amen

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “Repentance and Reconciliation”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Confession of 1967

9.12, 9.15

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in men as sin in the sight of God. In sin, men claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow men, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"The Solid Rock" #340 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** *"Majesty" #8 (Praise Book)*



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