

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, Brian Hudson Family,
Joanie Bottomley, Teri Chisholm, George Smith,
John & Pam Vickers, Ralph Willyoung, Sandy Chisholm, Todd Bush,
Bette Bagnal Brooks

The Nazarene Church on Pone Lane is praying at various in Franklin on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. This is the list: 3/19-Franklin Jail; 3/26-Franklin Courthouse; 4/2-Franklin Police Station; 4/9-Sandycreek Township Building. Please keep these places in your prayers.

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Upcoming dates & activities:

3/17 St. Patrick's Day
3/19 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm
3/22 Craft Day 10 am
3/23 Varha Potato Bar Fund Raiser 10:45 am
3/26 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm



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 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am

Per Capita for 2025: \$35

March Mission: VARHA Riding Stable

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

Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery Spring Gathering-April 5th, 9 am – 1:30 pm at Oil City First Presbyterian Church. Registration due by March 24th.

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,
March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent

***The Introit** *“Change My Heart, O God” #2 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 27:1-4

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall, I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh they shall stumble and fall.

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

P: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Think About His Love” #24 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate and holy God, forgive us when we act like the crowds of Jesus’ day who ran to the throne of grace seeking earthly healing but failed to seek the true spiritual concerns of a sinful life. Teach us to follow our Lord to Jerusalem so we too may die to self and embrace the life of discipleship that obeys the will of God. Help each of us to listen for our Redeemer’s voice and to focus upon our Lord’s mission of reconciliation to a fallen world. In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: John 3:16-18

L: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

P: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

L: Those who believe in him are not condemned;

P: But those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev. Barry Cressman (HR), Rev. Jim Haas (HR); Rev. Jim McCormack (HR), Rev. Mary Louise McCullough (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** *“How Great Thou Art” #16 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (P) Amen

Luke 13:31-35 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “A Safe Refuge”

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Though It All" #543 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *"Lord, Be Gloried" #33 (Praise Book)*



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