

## **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, Bonnie, Nancy Davison,  
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,  
David Shearer, Alberta Swendson Family, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,  
Lisa & Scott Heffern, Kathleen Raecke,  
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd  
John & Pam Vickers, Sandy Chisholm,  
Dave Burgoyne, Gail Eakin  
Gary Hedglin, Roger Lambert, Becky Quail  
Christy McCandless

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## **Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events May**

### **Upcoming dates & activities:**

**5/4 Communion**  
**5/7 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**  
**5/8 Prayer Blankets 9 am**  
**5/8 Session Mtg 6:30 pm**  
**5/11 Mother's Day**  
**5/14 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**  
**5/15 Mother/Daughter Banquet 6 pm**  
**5/20 Voting Day**  
**5/20 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting @ Wayside PC, Erie**  
**5/21 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**  
**5/26 Memorial Day**  
**5/28 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**

**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**

**May Mission: Seneca Hills camping Scholarships**  
**Baby Bottle Boomerang (May 11-June 15)**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – Victorian Mother's Day Concert, First Baptist Church, Franklin.**

**Pam B. on vacation from 5/14 – 5/19. If you need anything from the office contact Pastor Larry Myers.**

**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,  
May 4, 2025  
Third Sunday of Easter**

**\*The Introit** *“Lord, We Praise You” #22 (Praise Book)*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12

L: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

P: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing.

P: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“What a Mighty God We Serve” #177 (Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Andrea LaSonde Anastos

Miraculous God, we can forget to ask for Your help when our lives are empty of grace, hope, love, or joy. We can forget to ask for Your help when our souls are laden with despair, with broken dreams, with loss, and with apathy. We forget to ask for Your help when we are hungering for You. In those times, show us where to cast our nets to fill them with Your blessings, how to drench ourselves in the living water of Your presence, and how to find Your table where we will be filled with the physical and spiritual food we so desperately need. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we humbly pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Psalm 40:1-3

L: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

P: He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

P: Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

All: Praise Be to the Lord.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Debbie Myers (5/6)

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Watson Run & North Shenango, Greg VanderVeen, preaching; Rev. Sylvester Gawuga, Wa District Pastor; Rev. Seth S. Nipani, Bimbilla District Pastor

**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** *“Take My Life and Let it Be”*  
Vv 1-3 #449 (Hymnal)

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Revelation 5:11-14 (P) Amen

John 21:1-19 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “We Worship Who or What We Love”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Confession of 1967  
9.36 & 9.37

The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for mankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to

order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relationship with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Amen.

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Let Us Break Bread Together* #162 (hymnal)

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"Take My Life and Let it Be" vv 4-6*  
#449 (Hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** *"Bless His Holy Name" #155 (Praise Book)*



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