

## **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, Pam Bottomley, John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Dennis Dingle, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Bill Foster, Paul & Marty Griffen, Rudy Liebann, Rick McFeaters, Velma Stewart, Shoup Family, Deb Boyer family, Darlene, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Bill Heffern, Pat Stewart

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## **Polk Presbyterian Church**

### **Calendar of Events**

### **August 2023**

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

- 9/3 Communion**
- 9/4 Labor Day**
- 9/6 Bible Study – 6:30 PM**
- 9/12 Prayer Blankets in Fellowship Hall – 10 am – 12 pm**
- 9/12 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting, North East PC**
- 9/17 Linger Longer Luncheon - 11 am**
- 9/17 Session Meeting - 12 pm**
- 9/23 David Alman's Celebration of Life**
- 10/1 Worldwide Communion**
- 10/14 Session Records Review in Fellowship Hall - 10:30-12:00**
- 10/22 Firemen Appreciation Luncheon 11 am**
- 10/22 Session Meeting = 12 pm**
- 11/5 Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 11/5 Communion**
- 11/7 Election Day**
- 11/14 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting, Utica PC**
- 11/19 Session Meeting - 11 am**
- 11/23 Thanksgiving**
- 12/3 Communion**
- 12/17 Session Meeting - 11 am**

**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

**Tuesdays: Prayer Blankets** will be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month downstairs in our Friendship Hall.

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:** What Every Christian Should Know About: The dangers of the false teachings of the First Fruits of Zion and their Torah Clubs. By Pastor Randy Powell at First Baptist Church of Franklin, 1041 Liberty St, Franklin, 6-8 PM Free event, no reservations necessary.

**Sept 22 @ 7 PM** at Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin

**Sept 24 @ 5 PM** at Grace Chapel Community Church in Hermitage  
Aspire – Women's Events – an evening of laughter, learning, Stories and music. See flyer in Narthex



**Polk Presbyterian Church,**  
**August 27, 2023**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**\*The Introit** *What a Mighty God We Serve #177 (Praise Book)*  
*What a mighty God we serve.*  
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*Angels bow before Him, heaven and earth adore Him;*  
*What a mighty God we serve.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 124:1-3,8**

**L:** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say—

**P:** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

**L:** Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**\*Praise Hymn** *Go Light Your World #39 (Praise Book)*

**Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us Lord when we allow the glitter of this world to distract our attention from our Christian calling. Have mercy upon us when we fail to align ourselves with the will of God. Enable us to recognize Jesus the Christ as the Lord of our lives, give ourselves as a holy living sacrifice, and use our spiritual gifts to enhance the Kingdom of God. Empower us to humbly serve the body of Christ that is blessed with the keys of the Kingdom. We make this prayer in the name of the risen and glorified Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

**L:** Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight.

**P:** Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**L:** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**P:** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**(No choir special)**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION : Blessing of Backpacks**

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

**Happy Birthday: Ernie Banks**

**Happy Anniversary: Alan & Shawnee Wood**

**Presbytery Prayers: Polk - -Rev. Larry Myers, Temporary Supply Pastor; Sugar Grove – Commissioned Pastor Patti Orton Kuna**

**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** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #454 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Exodus 1:8-2:10 Romans 12:1-8

**(P) Thanks be to God**

**SERMON “Living a Godly Lifestyle”**

**Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Confession of Faith**

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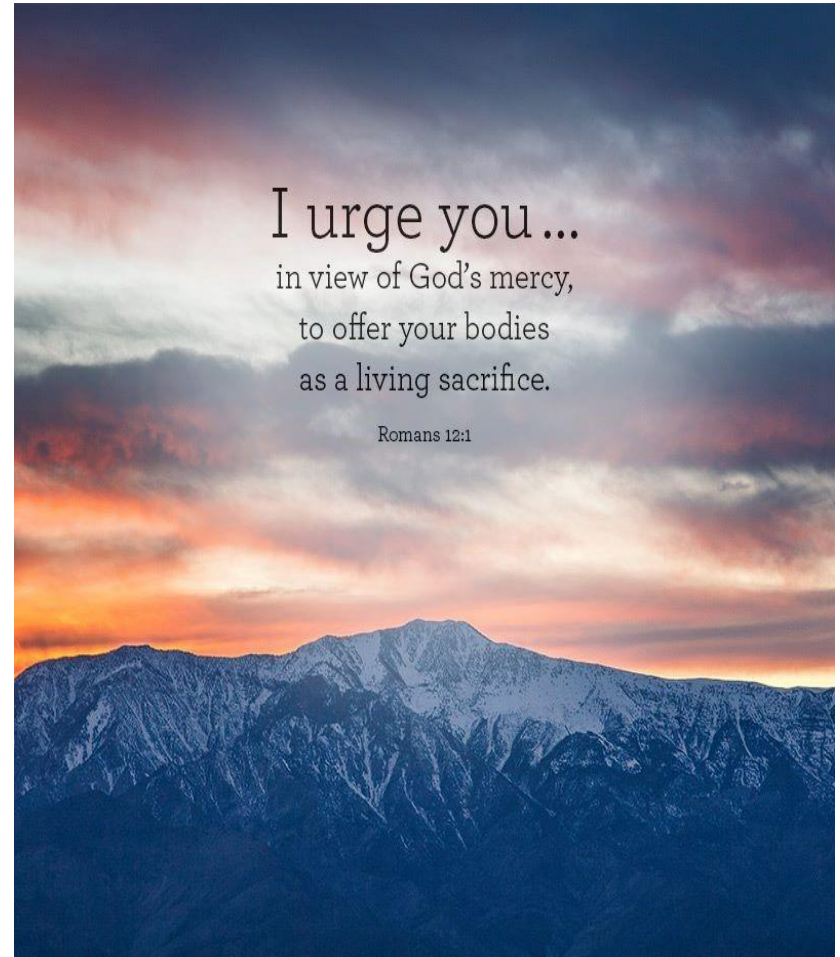
By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the Head, are thus united one to another in the Church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the Church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. He gives efficacy to the Word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By him the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *The Bond of Love #137 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*Our Response** *Sanctuary #158 (Praise Book)*

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.*



I urge you ...

in view of God's mercy,  
to offer your bodies  
as a living sacrifice.

Romans 12:1

**Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers  
Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood  
Music: Debbie Myers**