

## 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, Rudy Liebann, Rick McFeaters, Darlene, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Bill Heffern, Pat Stewart, James Stewart, Shirley Zilhaver, Dan Smayda, New Freshmen at Kent State and the H2O program, Trevor Wood

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### Upcoming dates & activities:

**9/17 Linger Longer Luncheon - 11 am**  
**9/17 Session Meeting - 12 pm**  
**9/20 Bible Study – 6:30 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**  
**11/11 2023 Knox Ladies Seminar**  
**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**

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## Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events September 2023

**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 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

**Oct 20:** Performing at the Barrow Civic Theatre - Grammy and Dove Award-Winning artist Guy Penrod (Christian Gospel singer) He is known for his work as the lead singer of the Gaither Vocal Band, a position he held from 1995 to 2009.

Performance is at 7:30 PM – 10 PM. Tickets are \$39 (No group discounts)

**Nov 11:** 2023 Knox Ladies Seminar 9 AM – 4 PM at Trinity Point Church of God, Clarion, PA. See Insert for more information.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,  
September 17, 2023  
16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Education Sunday**

**\*The Introit “He Is Lord”**

**# 234 (Hymnal)**

*He is Lord, He is Lord!*

*He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!*

*Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 32:1-5, 11**

**L:** Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**P:** Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**L:** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**P** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**All:** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**\*Praise Hymn *Let the Redeemed***

**#28 (Praise Book)**

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God each week we confess our individual and our corporate sins during this worship service and in our personal prayer time. Compassionate God, each week we accept your grace and mercy for pardoning our transgressions. Sadly, as forgiven sinners, we have not always extended the same forgiveness to others. Help us to show compassion to those who wound us. Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those we wound. Enable us to demonstrate the love of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer this penitent prayer. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon Colossians 3:12-15**

**L:** As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

**P:** Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

**L:** Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**P:** Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. And be thankful.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION :**

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

**Happy Anniversary: David & Amy (Zemanski) Burgoyne**

**Presbytery Prayers: District Pastor, Rev. Eusebius K. Aghesi; Second Pastor, Rev. Smith V. Freeman; Third Pastor, Rev. Christopher K. Nfodzo; Tamale District, Upper Northern Presbytery, 11 congregations**

**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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #54 (Hymnal)**

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Exodus 14:19-31 Romans 14:1-12

**(P) Thanks be to God**

**SERMON “Standing before a Righteous Judge”**

**Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967 9.13**

Wise and virtuous men through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All men (and women), good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus, all men (and women) fall under God’s judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the man (or woman) who assumes that he (or she) is guiltless before God or morally superior to others. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN How Great Thou Art #16 (Hymnal)**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*Our Response O How He Loves You and Me #83 (Praise Book)**

*O how He loves you and me,  
O how He loves you and me;  
He gave His life what more could He give?  
O how He loves you, O how He loves me,  
O how He loves you and me.*



**Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers  
Lay Reader: Jeff Karns  
Music: Debbie Myers**