

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 Zihaver, Dan Smayda

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Upcoming dates & activities:

9/27 Bible Study – 6:30 PM
10/1 Worldwide Communion
10/4 – 11/15 Kid's Club PUMC-3 – 5 PM
10/14 Session Records Review in Fellowship Hall - 10:00-12:00
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
11/19 Linger Longer Luncheon
11/23 Thanksgiving
12/3 Communion
12/17 Session Meeting - 11 am

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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 2nd Tuesday of each
month downstairs in our Friendship Hall.

Sept 25th: 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.

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.

Lay Reader: We are in search of another Lay Reader. Would like to have 3
in the rotation. If you are interested please contact Pastor Myers.

Oct. 4th – Nov. 15th: Kid's Club will be provided at PUMC at
approximately 3-5 pm (when kids get off the bus), meals will be provided.
Help is needed.

October each Sunday, special collection of food and money for local food
bank (Community Services).



Polk Presbyterian Church,
September 24, 2023
17th 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 Psalm 105:1-6

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

L: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

P: O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

***Praise Hymn Lord, Be Glorified Response #33 (Praise Book)**

Prayer of Confession

God of goodness and mercy, forgive us when we have not always gone early into the harvest but have allowed others to bear the burden of service in the heat of the day. Have mercy upon us when we are resentful of the Lord’s generosity toward our brothers and sisters who we consider unworthy of forgiveness. Show us compassion when we demonstrate our true nature of pride, greed, and selfishness. Instill within each of us the mind, love, and peace of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:6-9

L: If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

P: But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION :

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys and concerns:

Happy Birthday: Amy Zemanski; Amelia Sybert

Presbytery Prayers: Fairview, Church of the Cross Rev. Drew Himes, Pastor; Rev. Susan Speakman (HR), Rev. John Dyke (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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
#359 (Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 16:2-15 Philippians 1:21-30

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON “And this is God’s doing”

Affirmation of Faith The Brief Statement of Faith 11.3

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equal in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless the families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
#293 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

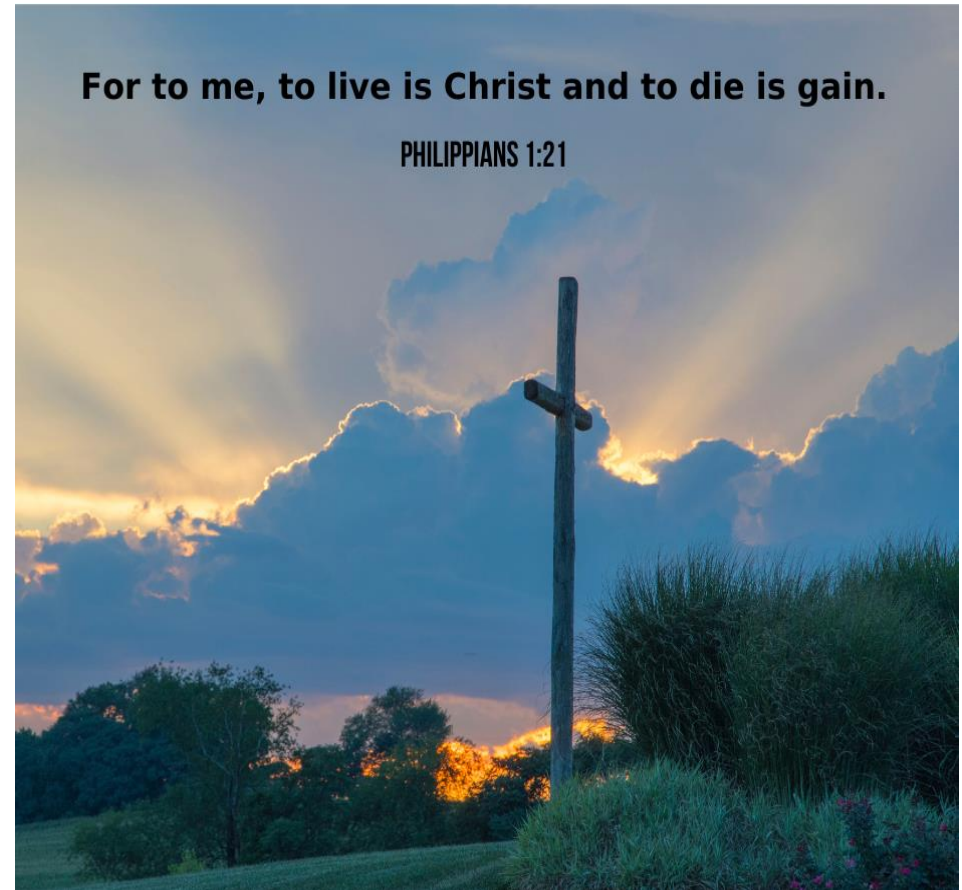
O how He loves you and me,

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.



For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21

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