#### **NEWS OF INTEREST**

<u>Pennies From Heaven</u>: 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, Pat & John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Dennis Dingle, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebann, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Pat Stewart, Dan Smayda, Mason Martin, Jim Dickson, Family of Ethel Eckleberger, Ronda McCartney, Brenda Sensenbaugh, Jan Archer, Robert Shearer

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

Valentine's Day

2/14

| 1/14        | Annual Reports due to Secretary              |
|-------------|--|
| <b>1/17</b> | Bible Study 6:30 pm                          |
| 1/20        | Officer Training Event 10:00 am 4:00 pm      |
| 1/21        | Per Capita Sunday                            |
| 1/21        | Session Meeting 11:00 am1:00 pm              |
| 1/28        | Annual Congregational Meeting 10:30-11:00 am |
| 1/28        | Linger Longer Luncheon 11:00 am - 12:30 pm   |
| 2/4         | Communion                                    |
| <b>2/11</b> | Super Bowl of Caring Offering                |
| 2/13        | Making Blankets 10 am – 12 pm                |
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### Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events January 2024

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

#### Per Capitata for 2024 is \$34

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

**Jan**. – Collecting monetary donations for Trevor Wood's mission.

**Church of the Covenant** will be hosting an Overnight Shelter for Erie's homeless during the winter months. Their cupboards are running low on supplies. Items can be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie, PA.

**Kids Club** – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> thru March 27<sup>th</sup>, 3:15 – 5 pm @ Polk United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed. Meals need to be provided. For additional information contact Pam B or Nancy Kerr from PUMC.

**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.



Polk Presbyterian Church, January 14, 2024 Second Sunday after Epiphany

\*The Introit "The Servant Song" (v. 1) #40 (Praise Book)

Brother, let me be your servant Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant too.

Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship Psalm 139:1-6

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

**L:** You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

\*Praise Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand #374

(Hymnal, vv. 1-2)

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Compassionate heavenly Father, have mercy upon us when we fail to listen to the still quiet voice that calls us to a life of faith, righteousness, and salvation. Forgive us when we are led astray by the world's glittering attractions, our own sinful human desires, and the devil's subtle suggestions. Equip us with eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to embrace the divine will of God. Empower us to faithfully follow our Lord when he bids us to, "Follow Me." In the name of the risen Christ, we humbly pray. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon 2 Timothy 1:8-10

**L:** Rely on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.

P: This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

All: Praise the Lord!

\*Gloria Patri

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#### **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

#### **MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

**BIRTHDAYS: David Perry** 

Presbytery Prayers: Rev. Tim Harmon, Stated Clerk of Synod of the Trinity; Participants in the Presbytery of Lake Erie's Bubble Up!

#### 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:** 1 Samuel 3:1-11 John 1:43-51

(P) Thanks be to God

**SERMON** "Speak Lord, For Your Servant is Listening"

Affirmation of Faith The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.189-6.190

It is the duty and privilege of everyone who hears the gospel immediately to accept its merciful provisions; and they who continue in impenitence and unbelief incur aggravated guilt and perish by their own fault.

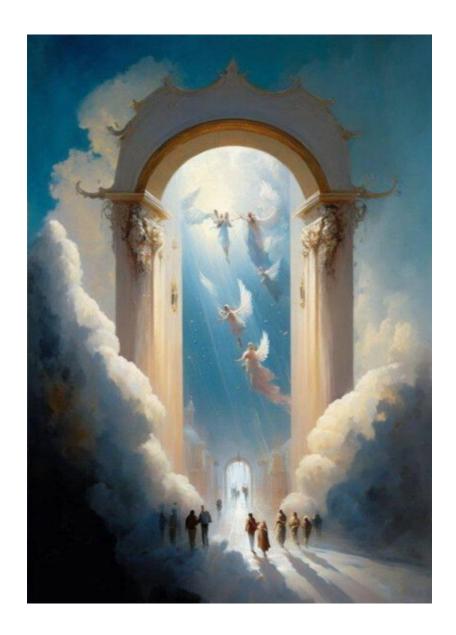
Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace, faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Christ has commissioned his Church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinance of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.

\*CLOSING HYMN Jesus Calls Us #424 (Hymnal)

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

\*Our Response "Lord, Be Glorified" #33 (Praise Book)

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.



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