

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, 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

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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 1/7 Communion**
- 1/9 Making Blankets 10 am – 12 pm**
- 1/10 Bible Study 6:30 pm Ruth**
- 1/14 Annual Reports due to Secretary**
- 1/20 Officer Training Event 10:00 am -- 4:00 pm**
- 1/21 Session Meeting 11:00 am - 1:00 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**
- 2/11 Super Bowl of Caring Offering**
- 2/13 Making Blankets 10 am – 12 pm**
- 2/14 Valentine's Day**

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Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events December 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.

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.

Lake Erie Presbytery Youth Overnight. Saturday, Jan 13th. Sat. 5:30 to Sun. 12. For 6th – 12th graders. Covenant Presbyterian Church. Get permission forms and RSVP by Jan. 9th to

britney.knight@firstcovenanterie.org

Worship, games, fellowship and discovering the heights of God's love.

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 7, 2024
Baptism of the Lord**

***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 29:1-4

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

P: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

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

Prayer of Confession

Eternal and almighty heavenly Father, forgive our indifference to your presence in our lives, our blindness to the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and our lack of response to your purpose of salvation to a fallen world. Be merciful when our selfish interests overshadow your calling to repentance, salvation, and service. Give us a clear vision to see your divine light of salvation in the darkness of our sin. Empower us to seek Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, in whose name we lift this pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:6-9

L: If we say that we have fellowship with the Lord 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 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

BIRTHDAYS: Brian Heffern, Angel Daye

Presbytery Prayers: Harborcreek & Emmuel Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor; Rev Keith Sundberg (HR) Resource Consultant, 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 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit #89 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 1:1-5 Mark 1:4-11

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON “Anointed with the Holy Spirit”

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed 2.1-3

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (hymnal)

***CLOSING HYMN Spirit of the Living God #90 (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: Jeff Karns
Music: Debbie Myers**