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

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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 10/22 Firemen Appreciation Luncheon11 am
- 10/22 Session Meeting 12 pm
- 10/28 Seneca Hills Workday 9 am 3 pm
- 10/28 Craft Day, Friendship Hall 10 am 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



Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events October 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.

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

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.

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

Feed-A-Family – Lakeview Area Helping Hands Center, Inc. See insert.

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, October 22, 2023 Fireman Appreciation Sunday

*The Introit Awesome God"

#15 (Praise Book)

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love, our God is an awesome God.

Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-4

L: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

L: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

P: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

*Praise Hymn Open the Eyes of My Heart #111 (Praise Book)

Prayer of Confession

Eternal and Almighty God, have mercy upon us when we value our earthly existence more than our citizenship in the Kingdom of God. Forgive our selfish human attraction to materialistic pleasures instead of seeking the narrow spiritual path of righteousness. Empower us to become true Christian witnesses who demonstrate divine love of God and neighbor. Enable us to seek a relationship with our heavenly Father and remain faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior, as we forsake earthly desires. In the name of Jesus the risen and glorified Christ we offer this prayer. Amen

Assurance of Pardon Colossians 1:11-14

L: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints of light.

P: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

All: Praise be to Almighty God.

*Gloria Patri

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION :Blessing of the Blankets, Honor Firemen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys and concerns:

Happy Birthday: Heather Karns

Presbytery Prayers: Meadville Redeemer, Rev. Tim Solomon, Temporary Supply Pastor; Rev. George Espy (HR), Rev. David Oyler (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 We Gather Together #13 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

*THE DOXOLOGY

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*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 33:12-23 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON "God's Chosen People, The Elect"

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

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.

*CLOSING HYMN To God Be the Glory #8 (Hymnal)

*THE BENEDICTION

*Our Response "He Is Lord" #78 (Praise Book)

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.



Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers
Lay Reader:
Music: Debbie Myers