

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, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Bill Foster, Rick
McFeaters, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Pat Stewart, Shirley Zilhaver, Dan
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Upcoming dates & activities:

10/4 – 11/15 Kid's Club PUMC-3 – 5 PM
10/8 – Session Mtg following Church Services
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
10/31 VARHA 22 Annual Benefit Auction Doors open at 6 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

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, 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.

Oct 20th: 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)

Oct 31st: VARHA 22nd Annual Benefit Auction to be held at Wildcat
Mansion. Doors open at 6 pm; Live Auction begins at 7 pm. See insert for
more information.

Nov 11th: 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.



Polk Presbyterian Church,
October 8, 2023
19th Sunday after Pentecost

***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 19:7,10,14

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure making the wise simple.

P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

***Praise Hymn** *“Knowing You”* #244 (Praise Book)

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, forgive us when we cling to material possessions, elevate our own self-worth, retain the world’s value system, and refuse to embrace our life in Christ. Have mercy when we run the race of life half-heartedly and fail to embrace the Kingdom of God with enthusiasm. Empower each of us to fully trust our Lord, seeking to become faithful disciples who cheerfully serve God, our neighbors, and the body of Christ. In the name of Jesus the Christ, our Lord, we humbly pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

L: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways,

P: Then the Lord will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION :

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys and concerns:

Happy Birthday: Alan Wood

Happy Anniversary: Ernie & Gail Banks

Presbytery Prayers: Port Allegheny, Commissioned Pastor Garen Smith; Rev. Bill Mills (HR), Ghana Mission Network

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’ve A Story to Tell”* #502 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9,12-20
Philippians 3:4b-14

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON “Keeping Our Eyes on the Goal ”

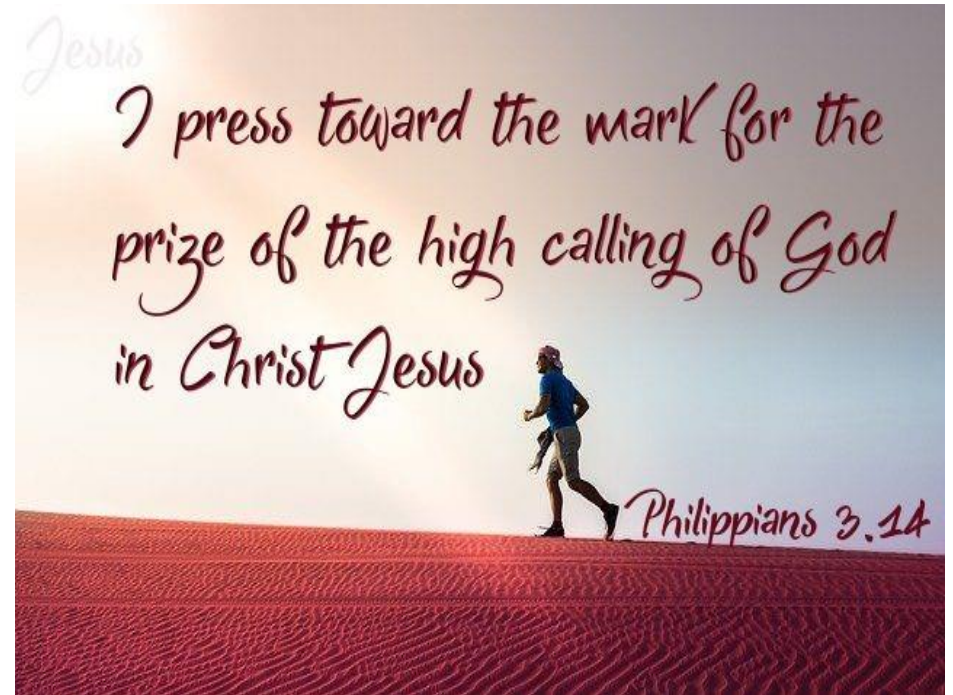
Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967 9.18, 9.19
God expressed his love for all mankind through Israel, whom he chose to be his covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, he disciplined the nation with his judgements and maintained his cause through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God’s promise for Israel and for mankind would be realized. Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“Pass It On”* #507 (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: Shawnee Wood
Music: Debbie Myers