

## 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 Liebmann, Janet Heister, Mason Martin, Pat Stewart, Brenda Sensenbaugh, Jan Archer, David Shearer, Mary Vickers, Keith Reynolds, Connor McCall

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

- 3/17 Choir Practice after church services**
- 3/21 Session Mtg 6:30 pm**
- 3/24 Palm Sunday**
- 3/26 Prayer Blankets 10 am – 12 pm**
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday-PPC Tureen & Servicer 6 pm**
- 3/29 Good Friday-PUMC 12 pm**
- 3/30 Easter Egg Hunt -Polk Village Green – 9 am**
- 3/30 Holy Saturday Worship Service – PUMC 10 am**
- 3/31 Easter Sun Rise Service-PPC-7 am**
- 3/31 Easter Breakfast-PPC 8 am**
- 3/31 Easter Service-PPC 9:30 am**



## **Polk Presbyterian Church**

### **Calendar of Events**

### **March 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.

**Kids Club – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> thru March 27<sup>th</sup>**, 3:15 – 5 pm @ Polk United Methodist Church on Wednesdays.

**Good Friday Laymen's Service** – March 29 Breakfast @ 6 am K of C Hall, 111 Petroleum St., Oil City. Tickets \$10. See information in the Narthex for ticket availability. Worship @ 7 am Grace UM Church, 100 Central Ave, Oil City

**Oil City Good Friday Cross Walk** – March 29 @ 9:30 am, Main & Center Streets.

**Easter Flowers** – order form in the Narthex. Make checks payable to John Vickers

**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,  
March 17, 2024  
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**\*The Introit “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!*

*Jesus to Calvary did go,  
His love for sinners to show.  
What He did there brought hope from despair.  
O how He loves you;  
O how He love me;  
O how He loves you and me!*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 32:1-5, 11**

**L:** Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**P:** Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**L:** While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**P:** Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**All:** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**\*Praise Hymn “What A Mighty God We Serve” #177 (Praise Book)**

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, in our fast-paced lives we find ourselves identifying with the prodigal son in today’s passage who wasted his inheritance on sinful abundance or with the stubborn unforgiving son who refused to show his repentant brother compassion. Help us to see the error of our ways and demonstrate the love and compassion of the prodigal father who showered wasteful grace and mercy upon both of his disrespectful sons. Enable us to rejoice with those who have found their way back to the path of righteousness. May we faithfully proclaim Jesus as the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

**L:** So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**P:** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

**L:** In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**P:** So, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns**

**Birthdays: Samantha Pattison (22<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Presbytery Prayers: Rev. Barry Cressman (HR), Rev. Jim Haas (HR); Rev. Jim McCormack (HR), Rev. Mary Louise McCullough (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** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*  
#54 (Hymnal)

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** # 39

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Luke 15:11-32

(P) Amen

**SERMON:** “The Prodigal Sailboat”

**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.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* #280  
(Hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

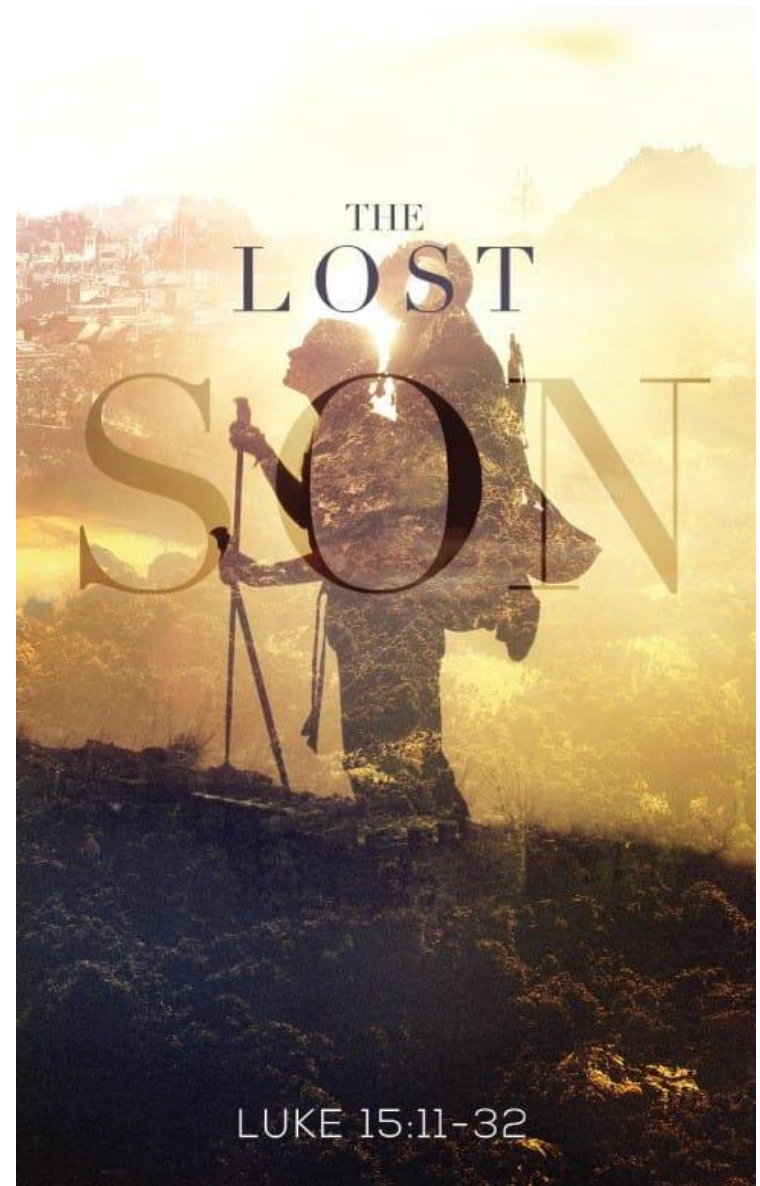
**\*Our Response** *“He is Lord”* #78 (Praise Book)

**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.**



**Guest Speaker: John Reisinger**

**Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood**

**Music: Debbie Myers**