

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, Dan Smayda, Jim Dickson, Brenda Sensenbaugh, Jan Archer, David Shearer, Mary Vickers, Keith Reynolds, Connor McCall, Jane & Bob Sandieson, Cody Buckley & Family, Sally Kadylak

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Upcoming dates & activities:

3/3 Communion
3/6 Bible Study (Book of Mark) 6:30 pm
3/10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
3/12 Worship Services with Communion at Verlander North
3/24 Palm Sunday
3/26 Prayer Blankets 10 – 12
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

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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

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

Kids Club – Feb. 7th thru March 27th, 3:15 – 5 pm @ Polk United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed. For additional information contact Pam B or Nancy Kerr from PUMC.

March: Collecting for Kairos Prison Ministry and One Great Hour of Sharing

Presbytery of Lake Erie Youth Retreat, April 5-6 - “Back to Earth” Renewing Our Connection to Creation and the Creator. For 6th – 12th grades; \$50/participant. Contact the Rev. Britney Knight with RSVPs and for registration forms at Britney.knight@firstcovenanterie.org

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 3, 2024
Third 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 19:7-10

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

P: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

L: More to be desired are commandments than gold, even much fine gold;

P: Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

***Praise Hymn “Step By Step” #207 (Praise Book)**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and Almighty God, how easily we are led astray from the path of righteousness. All too often we find ourselves deep in the muck and mire of sinfulness. Forgive us when we become like the money changers of old, worshipping our religious rituals instead of praising the God of salvation. Purge our hearts of all evil darkness,

as our Lord purged the Temple of deceptive idols. Create in us clean hearts that seek to follow the living and risen Christ, in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 2:24-25

L: Jesus Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

P: We were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and the guardian of our souls.

All: This saying is sure and worthy of acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Cindy Swendsen (8th)

Presbytery Prayers: Erie, Belle Valley and Elmwood Avenue Rev. Dave Edmunds, Temporary Supply Pastor; Marsha MacKinnon Presbytery Webmaster, Presbytery of Lake Erie

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 “Be Thou My Vision” #378
(Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 20:1-17 John 2:13-22

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON “Spring Cleaning”

Affirmation of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism 4.114, 4.115

Q. 114. But can those converted to God obey these (Ten) commandments perfectly?

A. No. In this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some, of God’s commandments.

Q. 115. Since no one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly, why does God want them preached so pointedly?

A. First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, we may never stop striving, and never stop praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be renewed more and more after God’s image, until after this life we reach our goal: perfection.



**Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Jeff Karns
Music: Deb Myers**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (Hymnal)

***CLOSING HYMN** “*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*” #135
(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.**