## **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

Jen & Marty Gilliland, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Pam Bottomley, Pat & John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Janet Heister, Mason Martin, Mary Vickers, Matt Bean & Family Cindy Pankratz, Emma and family, Jean Myers, Lori White Family, Brian & Theresa Hudson, Robin Lafon Family, Gayle Wheeler

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## **Upcoming dates & activities:**

4/14 Choir Practice following worship4/14 Baked Potato Bar for VARHA following worship 10:45

4/17 Worship Service with Communion at Verlander North

**10 am** 

**4/17 Bible Study 6:30 pm** 

4/22 Earth Day



## Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events April 2024

Sunday School at 8:30am
Children Sunday School at 8:30am
Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30pm: at the church & via Zoom
<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/559705244">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/559705244</a>
Meeting ID: 559 705 244 The passcode is 202020

Per Capitata for 2024 is \$34

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

In May, Prayer Blankets will be done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:00 am.

April mission - VARHA

May 4 – Clean up day and Open House at Seneca Hills

**Camp Lambec – Erie. Camping schedule in the Narthex.** 

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, April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

\*The Introit "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.

#### Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship 2 Timothy 3:14-17

**L:** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you have learned it.

P: From childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**L:** All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

P: So that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

\*Praise Hymn "Praise the Name of Jesus" 2X #167

(Praise Book)

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Loving and Merciful heavenly Father, forgive our lack of faith that allows the evil one to plant fear, doubt, and confusion in our minds and hearts. Through the gifts of grace, mercy, love, and faith, may we have the courage to embrace the resurrected Christ, believe the gospel messages, repent of our evil natures, and seek forgiveness of our sins. Allow the Word of God to transform our lives such that we are empowered to boldly proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to lost souls through Jesus the Christ, in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon:** Colossians 3:15-17

L: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

P: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

L: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P: Thanks be to the triune God!

\*Gloria Patri # 42

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

**BIRTHDAYS: John Vickers(20)** 

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Eddie & Judy Krizon

Presbytery Prayers: Endeavor Commissioned Pastor, Roger Snyder; Rev. Katherine Randall and RE Donna Cammarata Moderator & Vice Moderator of the Presbytery

## **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** "He Lives" #550 (Hymnal)

## **RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

# 39

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Psalm 4 (P) Thanks be to God

Luke 24:36b-48 (P) Amen

#### **SERMON** "Guess Who Came to Dinner"

**Affirmation of Faith:** Confession of 1967 9.21, 9.23

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection became personal crisis and present hope for men and women when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to men and women, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life does not release a human being from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their lives with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

## \*CLOSING HYMN "Because He Lives" #238 (Hymnal)

## \*THE BENEDICTION

\*Our Response "Lord, We Praise You" #22

Lord, we praise You.

(Praise Book)

Lord, we praise You.

Lord, we praise You.

We praise You, Lord.

Lord, we love You.

Lord, we love You.

Lord, we love You.

We love You, Lord.

Lord, we thank You.

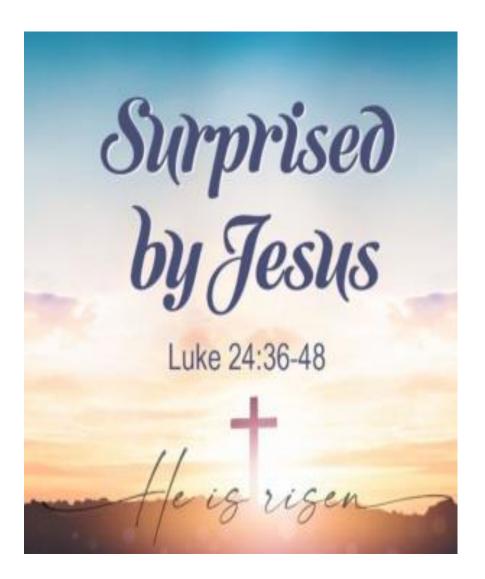
Lord, we thank You.

Lord, we thank You.

We thank You, Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! We give You praise.



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