

## **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, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Janet Heister, Mason Martin, Mary Vickers, Matt Bean & Family  
Cindy Pankratz, Emma and family, Jean Myers,  
Brian & Theresa Hudson, Gayle Wheeler  
June Mawhinney family, Stover Family of Knox, Dennis Gross family

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**4/24 Bible Study 6:30 pm**

**4/22 Earth Day**

**Trevor Wood**  
609 Lincoln St, Apt J-102  
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**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**April 2024**

**Sunday School at 8:30am**

**Children Sunday School at 8:30am**

**Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the church & via Zoom**  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/559705244> Meeting ID: 559 705 244 The  
passcode is 202020

**April mission – VARHA**

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

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

**May 9 – Ladies Luncheon, Seneca Hills. See insert.**

**Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery  
bags to make Mercy Mats.**

**Lynn is also collecting jigsaw puzzles for the Soldiers and Sailors  
Hospital in Erie. Amy Zemanski will see that Lynn gets any donations.**

**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 21, 2024  
Fourth 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  
Ezekiel 34:12-15**

**L:** As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep.

**P:** I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

**L:** I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land

**P:** I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

**\*Praise Hymn “How Majestic Is Your Name” #243  
(Praise Book)**

**Prayer of Confession:**

Compassionate God, have mercy upon your willful sheep, which stray from the safety of the Lord’s sheepfold looking for greener pastures, sweeter water, and personal freedom to roam through the world as we please. Forgive us when we fail to answer the call to become good stewards of the Lord’s flock, allowing the evil one to devour the fragile and unsuspecting lambs. Empower us to become obedient shepherds who watch over the flock of Jesus Christ until He returns. In the name of the risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 13:20-21**

**L:** Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

**P:** Make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight,  
**L:** Through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri # 42**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sue Smith (26)

**Presbytery Prayers:** Utica Commissioned Pastor Tina Kaye; Commissioned Pastor Josh Botts, Moderator of the Coordinating Commission

**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 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
#365 (Hymnal)**

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY # 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 23 (P) Thanks be to God  
John 10:11-18 (P) Amen**

**SERMON “Trusting the True Shepherd”**

**Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967 9.09**

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again, it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for human beings. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN "The Solid Rock" #340 (Hymnal)**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

*Lord, we praise You.  
Lord, we praise You.  
Lord, we praise You.  
We praise You, Lord.*

*(Praise Book)*

*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: Shawnee Wood  
Music: Deb Myers**