

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,
Ruth & Dave Lee

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Upcoming dates & activities:

May 1 Bible Study 6:30 pm
May 2 National Day of Prayer
May 4 Seneca Hills Workday/Open House
May 5 Communion
May 9 Mother/Daughter Banquet 6 pm
May 9 Ascension of the Lord
May 12 Mother's Day
May 15 Communion at Verland 10 am
May 16 Prayer Blankets 9 am – 12 pm
May 16 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
May 19 Day of Pentecost 9:30 am
May 21 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting @ Camp Lambec 2 pm
May 27 Memorial Day



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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

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

April Mission - VARHA

May 4 – Clean up day and Open House at Seneca Hills 10 am – 2 pm

May 9 – Ladies Luncheon, Seneca Hills, 11:00 am

May 12-June 16 Baby Bottle Boomerang Collection

**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.**

**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 28, 2024
Fifth 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 1 John 4:7-11

L: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

P: **Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

L: God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

P: **In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

All: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

***Praise Hymn “My Life Is in You, Lord” #32 (Praise Book)**

Prayer of Confession:

Most powerful Creator, show us compassionate mercy when we attempt to find sources of life other than through the triune God. Prune away those things in our lives that would sap our strength, cause us destruction, and lead us astray. Enable us to share our spiritual blessings with those who need to hear the Good News of Jesus the Christ. Allow us to produce much fruit for the Kingdom of God by constantly abiding in our Lord, in whose name we lift this humble and penitent prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 4:13-16

L: By this we know that we abide in God and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

P: And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

L: God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

P: So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri # 42**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Seton Pattison (29), Clay Karns (2)

Presbytery Prayers: Ripley, NY Commissioned Pastor Phil Johnson; Rev Carl Hull (HR), Rev Walter Green (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 “Pass It On” #507 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY # 39**

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 22:25-31 (P) Thanks be to God

John 15:1-8 (P) Amen

SERMON “Abiding in the Lord and Community”

Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967 9.07

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with human beings. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. The work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is foundation of all confessional statements about God, human beings, and the world. Therefore, the church calls human beings to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN “In Christ There Is No East or West”
#509 (Hymnal)**

***THE BENEDICTION**

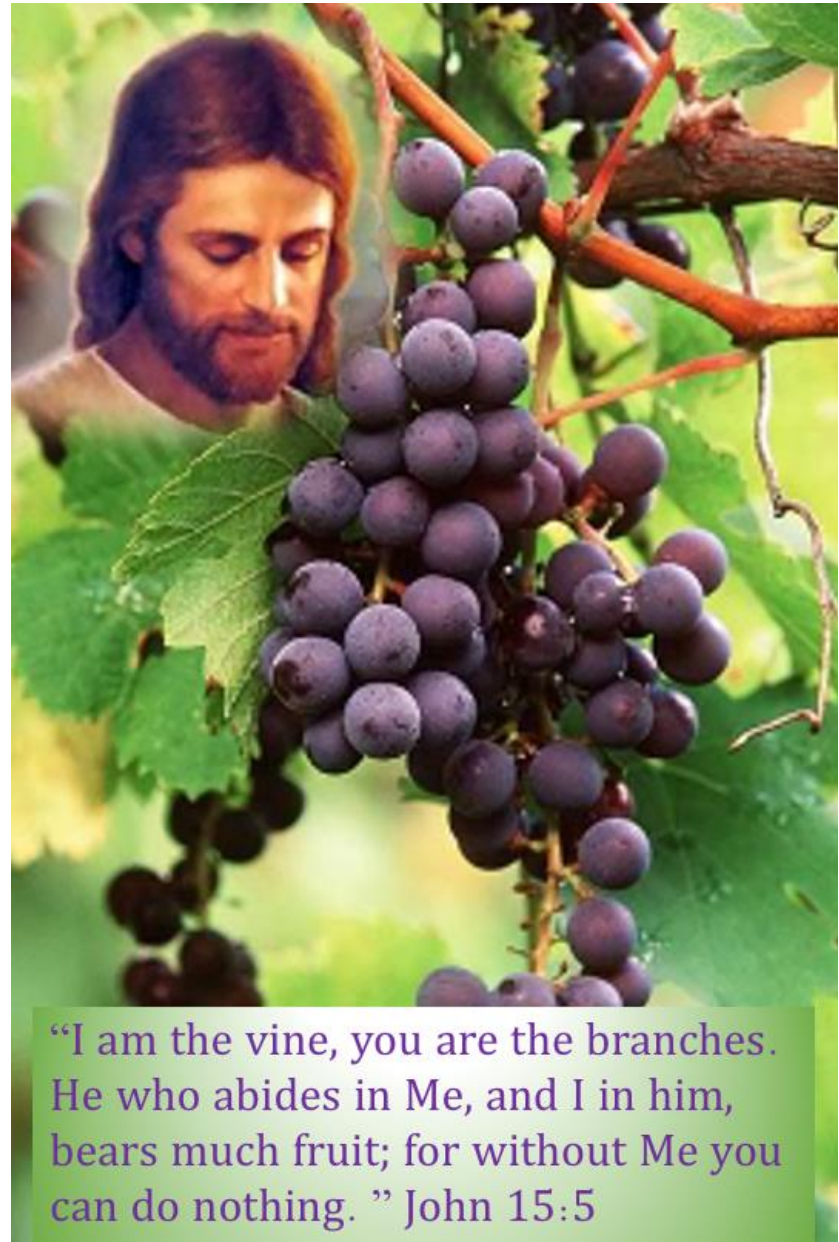
***Our Response “Lord, We Praise You” #22 (Praise Book)**

*Lord, we praise You.
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**