

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, Brian & Theresa Hudson, Gayle Wheeler
Ruth & Dave Lee, Ron Bottomley, Gary Moorehead family,
Gloria Wilkinson, Shari Myers, Kathy Hopkins

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Polk Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

May 2024

Upcoming dates & activities:

May 19 Day of Pentecost 9:30 am
May 21 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting @ Camp Lambec 2 pm
May 22 VBS planning meeting, 12 pm lunch at PUMC, mtg to follow lunch
May 22 Bible Study 6:30 pm
May 27 Memorial Day.
May 29 Bible Study 6:30 pm

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

Prayer Blankets will be done on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am.

May 12-June 16 Baby Bottle Boomerang Collection

May 22 – Planning meeting for Vacation Bible School; 12 pm lunch with quilters at United Methodist Church – bring a dish to share or a \$3 donation; meeting for VBS will follow.

2024 Katherine Hannum Scholarship Application -Applications will be made available on May 20, 2024 and must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for consideration by July 5th, 2024. Applications can be downloaded from the Polk Presbyterian Church website page <https://polkpresbyterianchurch.com/scholarship>. Please send completed application to the following address: Polk Presbyterian Church PO Box 1027 Polk PA 16342 or you can email it to: scottheffern@yahoo.com

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.

A friend of Shawnee's is collecting Poptabs for a hospital in Pittsburgh. There will be a container 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,
May 19, 2024
Day of Pentecost**

***The Introit** *“Praise the Name of Jesus” #167 (Praise Book)*

*Praise the name of Jesus,
Praise the name of Jesus.
He’s my Rock, He’s my Fortress,
He’s my Deliverer; in Him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.*

Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship **Psalm 104:31-34**

L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

P: I will sing to the Lord as long as I shall live.

L: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

P: May my mediation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

***Praise Hymn** *“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” #19 (Praise Book)*

Prayer of Confession: **BCW**

Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of the Holy Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy upon us, Oh God. Transform our timid lives by the power of the Holy Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: **Romans 8:9-14**

L: You are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

P: But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

L: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

P: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Thanks be to God

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

Presbytery Prayers: **Cranesville, Bethel Mel Bendig (UMC), preaching; PCUSA World Mission Co-worker Rev. Josh Heikkila, Ghana**

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 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #87 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: **Ezekiel 37:1-14 (P) Thanks be to God
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 (P) Amen**

SERMON **“The Spirit of Truth”**

Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith 11.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*
#90 (Hymnal)**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***Our Response *"Lord, Be Glorified"* #33 (Praise Book)**

**In my life, Lord,
Be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord,
Be glorified today.**

**In my song, Lord,
Be glorified, be glorified.
In my song, Lord,
Be glorified today.**

**In Your Church, Lord, Be glorified, be glorified
In Your Church, Lord, Be glorified today.**



**Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood
Music: Deb Myers**