

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, 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:

May 5 Communion
May 8 Bible Study 6:30 pm
May 9 Mother/Daughter Banquet 6 pm
May 9 Ascension of the Lord
May 12 Mother's Day
May 15 Bible Study 6:30 pm
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 22 Bible Study 6:30 pm
May 27 Memorial Day.
May 29 Bible Study 6:30 pm

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

Per Capitata for 2024 is \$34

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

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,
May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

***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 98:1-3

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

P: The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

P: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

***Praise Hymn** *“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place”
#159 (Praise Book)*

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we do not deserve Your love, nor do we deserve the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We have not obeyed the commands of Jesus. We have not loved others as Jesus has loved us. We have not laid down our lives for our friends. Jesus has called us friends; but all too often we have treated our Lord as a stranger or even as an enemy. Eternal God, we do not deserve the life You offer nor to be called a friend of Jesus Christ but still You reach out to us in divine love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Have mercy upon us, blessed Jesus, in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 John 5:1-4

L: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

P: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments.

L: For the love of God is this, that we obey His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome,

P: For whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: John Aumiller (11)

Presbytery Prayers: Watson Run & North Shenango Greg VanderVeen, preaching; Rev. Samuel YaoAmafu-Dey, Synod Moderator, Upper Northern Presbytery, 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 *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
#412 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 98 (P) Thanks be to God

John 15:9-17 (P) Amen

SERMON “Abiding Love – Lasting Fruit”

Affirmation of Faith The Brief Statement of Faith 11.3

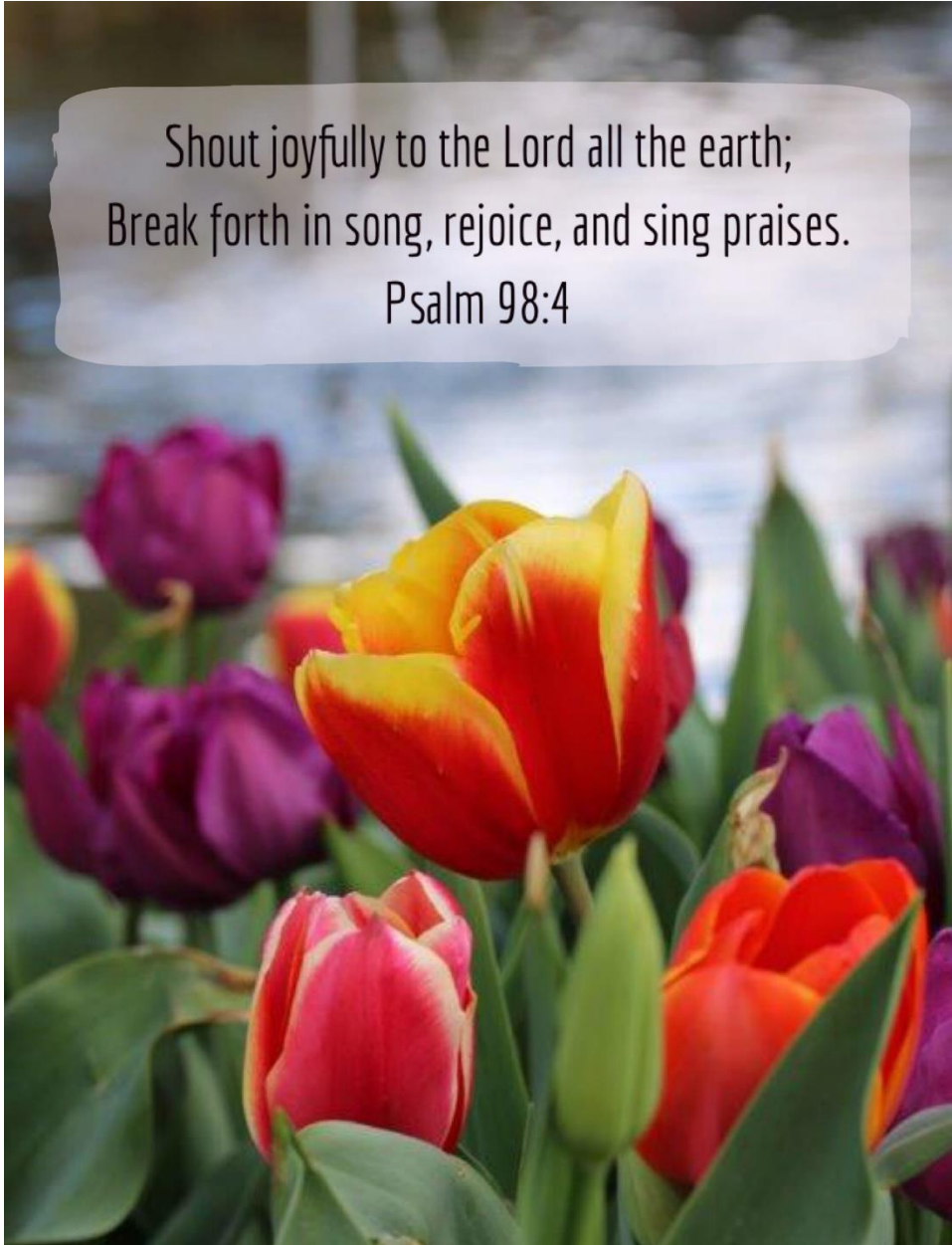
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (Hymnal)

***CLOSING HYMN** “Jesus Loves Me!” #555 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**



Shout joyfully to the Lord all the earth;
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Psalm 98:4

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

***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.**