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, the unspoken request, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Pam Bottomley, John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Amy Zemanski, Christian & Megan and family, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Rose, Sarah, Hank, Lori and granddaughter, Holly, Hunter Anderson, Kris, Mark, Dale, Alberta, Diane, Lisa's family, Althea, Violet, Linda MacDonald, Rich, Bryan Hudson, Larry, Steve Caldwell, Dennis Dingle, Rachel Johns, East Palestine OH, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Pat Stewart, Rhonda Atkins, Olivia Russell, Dan Rockwell, Yvonne, Reb Taylor, Brian, Mary Vickers, Denny Adams and family, Teri Chisholm, Bill Foster

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Upcoming dates & activities:

8/6 Communion during worship

8/8 10am Make blankets downstairs

8/6, 13 Awarding College Scholarships

Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events July 2023



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

Aug 6 and 13th: Katherine Hannum College Scholarship Applications are in the narthex and on-line. Applications will be received until the end of June.

Tuesdays: Prayer Blankets will be made every Tuesday downstairs in our Friendship Hall.

Aug 11 4-8pm Spaghetti dinner benefit for Jen Gilliland at Slippery Rock Township Building. Adults @ \$10; children 3-12 @ \$5 (Children under 3 free).



Polk Presbyterian Church, July 16, 2023 7th Sunday after Pentecost

*The Introit O How He Loves You and Me (Hymnal) # 214
O how He loves you and me,
O how He loves you and me;
He gave His life what more could He give?
O how He loves you, O how He loves me,
O how He loves you and me.

Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship Psalm 119: 105-111

L: The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

P: We have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

L: Accept our offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach us your ordinances.

P: Your decrees are our heritage forever; they are the joy of our hearts.

*Praise Hymn Where the Spirit of the Lord Is (Hymnal) # 98
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace,
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour.
There is light and life
There is help and power
In the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate God, forgive us when we harden our hearts to Your will and we refuse to heed that still quiet voice of grace. Have mercy on us when the passions of this world cause us to abandon our call to the Kingdom of God. Help us to embrace the Spirit of Christ that dwells within our being, so that we might walk the narrow path of righteousness, that leads to peace and eternal life. Empower us to faithfully plant seeds that produce fruit for the Kingdom. In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

P: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

P: In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

L: We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

P: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Gloria Patri

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(No choir special)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys and concerns:

Presbytery Prayers: Plumer, Oil City, Corry; Presbyterian Senior Care of Lake Erie, Jim Ohrn, Board Chair, Bobbie Gray, Director

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 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

89 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD
*THE DOXOLOGY

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*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 25:19-34

Romans 8:1-11

(P) Thanks be to God

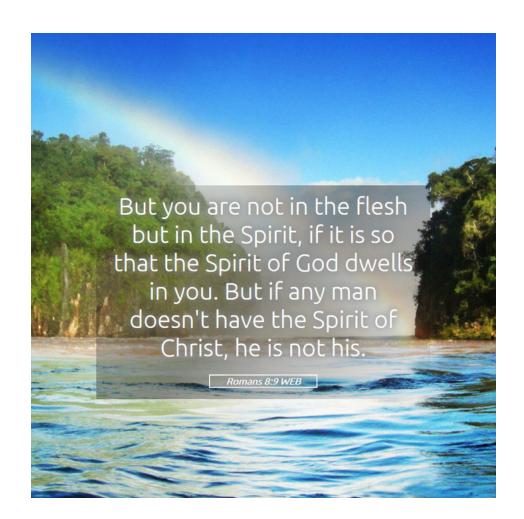
SERMON "Living by Our Choices"

Affirmation of Faith The Scots Confession 3.12 Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from flesh and blood, that is to say, from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth by his own working, without whom we should remain forever enemies to God and ignorant of his Son, Christ Jesus. For by nature, we are so dead, blind, and perverse, that neither can we feel when we are pricked, see the light when it shines, nor assent to the will of God when it is revealed, unless the Spirit of the Lord Jesus quicken that which is dead, remove the darkness from our minds, and bow our stubborn hearts to the obedience of his blessed will. And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we were not, as his Son our Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the Holy Ghost does sanctify and regenerate us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, be it before or be it after our regeneration. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN The Family of God (Hymnal) # 138

*THE BENEDICTION

*Our Response We Will Glorify # 67 (Praise book)
We will glorify the King of Kings;
We will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords,
Who is the great I AM.



Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood

Music: Debbie Myers