

## **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, 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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## **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

### **Upcoming dates & activities:**

**7/30 Congregation Meeting following worship to discuss  
selling our manse**

**8/6 Communion during worship**

**8/8 10am Make blankets downstairs**

**8/6, 13 Awarding College Scholarships**

**8/7,8,9 @ 6:30 pm VBS in fellowship hall**

**8/10 Session meeting 6:30 pm**

**8/20 Blessing of Backpacks during worship**

### **Aug 6 and 13<sup>th</sup> : 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).

Aug 7- 9 @6:30pm Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School.  
Contact Julie Karns for more information. 814-428-2754.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,  
July 23, 2023  
8th 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 139:1-4**

**L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.**

**P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

**\*Praise Hymn *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*  
(Praise Hymn) # 159**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us Lord when we concern ourselves with our own priorities and permit Satan to distract our attention from the Kingdom of God. Have mercy upon us when we begin to resemble weeds instead of the good seed that produces good fruit. Empower each of us to focus upon the coming harvest,**

**behave as good seed, and follow the example of the Son of God. Allow the Holy Spirit to plant the seeds of hope within us so that we anticipate the coming glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:1-4, 11**

**L: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

**P: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.**

**L: For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,**

**P: So that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

**All: 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.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**(No choir special)**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION :**

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

**Happy Birthday: Bonnie Copeland and Maggie Voorhees**

**Happy Anniversary: Alan & Shawnee Wood**

**Presbytery Prayers: Cambridge Springs, Rev. Tommy O'Leary,  
Temporary Supply Pastor; Rev. Jack Graham, HR & Rev. Lyta Seddig, 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**    *Holy Ground vv.1-2 (praise book)*

# 171

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

# 39

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**    Genesis 28:10-19a  
Romans 8:12-17

**(P) Thanks be to God**

**SERMON “Presence of God”**

**Affirmation of Faith**                      **The Confession of 1967**                      **9.12, 9.13, 9.14**

The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in men and women as sin in the sight of God. In sin, individuals claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow human beings, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.

Wise and virtuous people through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All individuals, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus, all human beings fall under God’s judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the person who assumes that he or she is guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

God’s love never changes. Against all who oppose him, God expresses his love in wrath. In the same love, God took on himself judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all human beings to repentance and new life. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
*(Hymnal)# 54*

**\*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: Jeff Karns**

**Music: Debbie Myers**