

## **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, John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Christian & Megan and family, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Dennis Dingle, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Pat Stewart, Bill Foster, Paul & Marty Griffen, Rudy Liebann, Rick McFeaters, Velma Stewart, Shoup Family, Deb Boyer, Darlene

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## **Polk Presbyterian Church**

### **Calendar of Events**

### **August 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:**

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

**9/23 David Alman's Celebration of Life**

**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 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 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).

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:** What Every Christian Should Know About: The dangers of the false teachings of the First Fruits of Zion and their Torah Clubs. By Pastor Randy Powell at First Baptist Church of Franklin, 1041 Liberty St, Franklin, 6-8 PM Free event, no reservations necessary.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,  
August 13, 2023  
11th Sunday after Pentecost**

**\*The Introit** *What a Mighty God We Serve #177 (Praise Book)*  
*What a mighty God we serve.*  
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*Angels bow before Him, heaven and earth adore Him;*  
*What a mighty God we serve.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 43:1-3a

**L:** But now thus says the Lord,

**P:** He who created you, O Jacob,

He who formed you, O Israel:

**L:** Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

**P:** I have called you by name; you are mine.

**L:** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

**P:** And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**L:** When you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

**P:** And the flame shall not consume you.

**L:** For I am the Lord your God,

**P:** The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**\*Praise Hymn** *Wonderful Words of Life #128 (Hymnal)*

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy Spirit, We gather here in these familiar pews, in our beloved sanctuary, where we have met you before over countless years. You know our hopes and our fears. We hardly need to confess aloud our sins. Knowing that--- we come each week to hear a word of grace and to thank you once again for your love and forgiveness. Forgive us we pray and bless us on our way. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

As Paul wrote to the Romans so he writes to us: “<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in

all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

(No choir special)

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION :**

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

**Happy Birthday: Denny Adams**

**Presbytery Prayers: Coudersport-Rev. Warren Cederholm & Elder Don Caskey, Preaching; Ministry of the Presbyterian Foundation and Ministry Relations Officer Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley**

**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** *Nothing But the Blood #269 (Hymnal)*

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy Spirit, our teacher and guide, search our hearts and hear our questions for we are forever in search of our purpose in life. Help us to understand our personal gifts and then give us courage to share them in our daily lives. To the end that in whatever we do and say we give honor to our Lord Jesus Christ and spread his love and forgiveness to people you send our way. May we grow in wisdom, in service, and in generosity. Bless us and those we serve through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING:**     Matthew 14:22-33

**(P) Thanks be to God**

**SERMON “Water All Around”**

**Affirmation of Faith    “Brief Statement of Faith” PCUSA**

**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 one body of Christ, the Church.**

**With believers in every time and place,**

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death**

**can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    *Trust an Obey*     #320 (Hymnal)

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

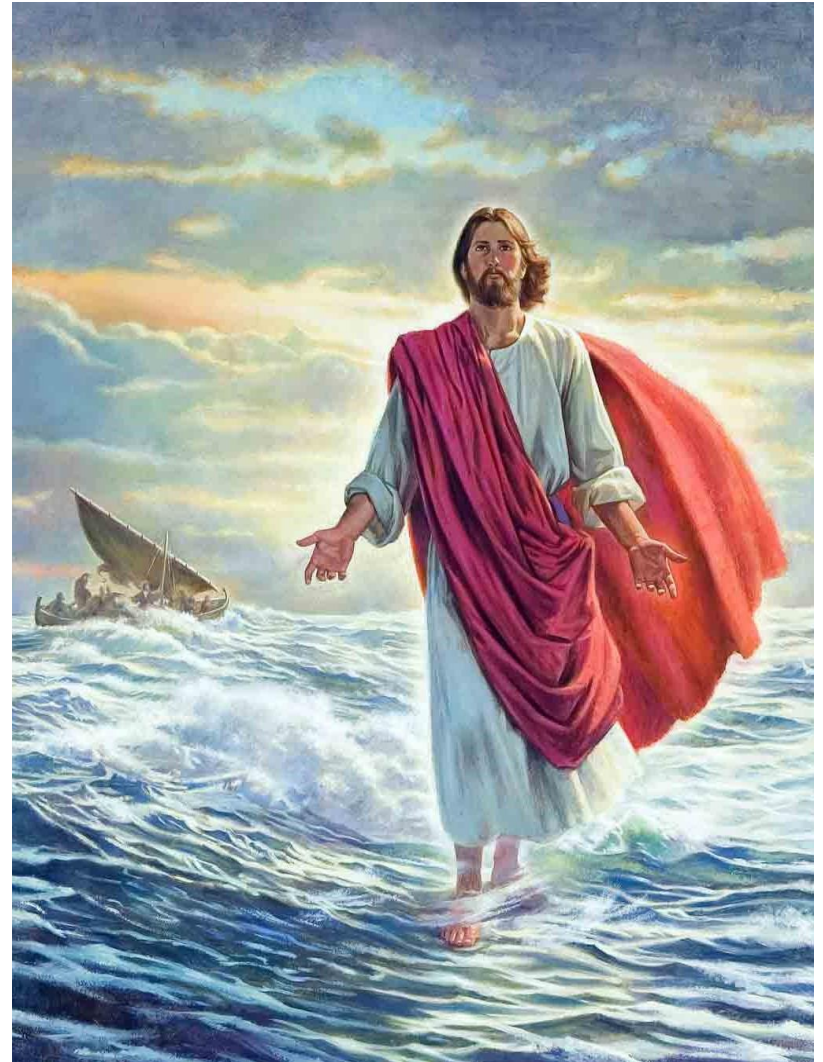
**\*Our Response**        *Sanctuary #158 (Praise Book)*

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,*

*Pure and holy, tried and true;*

*With thanksgiving I'll be a living*

*Sanctuary for You.*



**Guest Speaker: Keith Sundberg**

**Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood**

**Music: Valerie Zahuranec**