

## **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, 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, Dan Rockwell, Yvonne, Reb Taylor, Brian, Denny Adams and family, Teri Chisholm, Bill Foster, Paul & Marty Griffen, Rudy Liebann, Rick McFeaters, Velma Stewart, Shoup Family

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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

**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).

**Aug 7- 9 6 – 8 pm** Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School. Contact Julie Karns for more information, 814-673-0764.

**Sept 23:** David Allman Celebration of Life at Hog Heaven Rescue Farm, 2681 Mallory Rd, Cochran - 2 PM. Bring side dish and Beveridge and chair. For more info call Regina at 814-720-2480.

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

**8/6 Communion during worship**

**8/8 10 AM Make blankets downstairs**

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

**8/7,8,9 6:00 – 8 PM VBS in fellowship hall**

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

**8/11 Spaghetti Dinner for Jen & Marty**

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

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



Polk Presbyterian Church,  
August 6, 2023  
10th 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**

**Psalm 17: 1-6, 15**

**L:** Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

**P:** As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

**\*Praise Hymn** *The Battle Belongs to the Lord* #61 (Praise Book)

*In heavenly armor we'll enter the land,*

*The battle belongs to the Lord!*

*No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand,*

*The battle belongs to the Lord!*

*We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.*

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*When the power of darkness comes in like a flood,*

*The battle belongs to the Lord!*

*He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood,*

*The battle belongs to the Lord!*

*We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord.*

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**Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and faithful God, we dare to come into this place of worship knowing that you love us beyond our wildest imagination. Yet, we confess that we allow sin, fear, doubt, and shame to hold us captive. We resist answering our call to service, reaching out to our neighbor in need, and living as

children of the Kingdom. Empower us in our daily struggles, walk of faith, and discipleship through the power of the Holy Spirit. We lift this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ or Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Colossians 1:11-14**

**L:** May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints of light.

**P:** God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**(No choir special)**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION : Scholarships**

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

**Happy Birthday:** Nancy Davison

**Happy Anniversary:** Skip & Nancy Davison

**Presbytery Prayers:** North East, Rev. Gregg Townsend, Pastor;  
Coordinating Committee of the Presbytery of Lake Erie

**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** *"Precious Lord Take My Hand"*  
#374 (Hymnal)

## RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**    Genesis 32:22-31  
                                     Romans 9:1-5

**(P) Thanks be to God**

**SERMON “Wrestling Stories”**

**Affirmation of Faith    The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy  
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

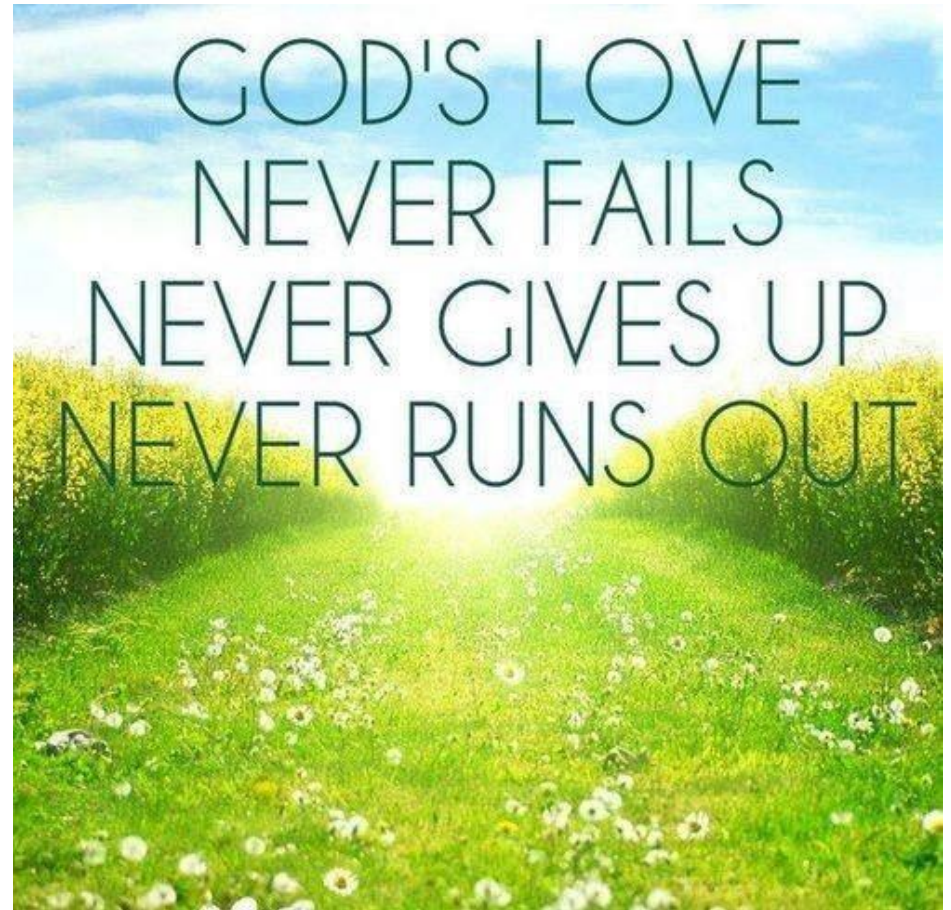
*Let Us Break Bread Together        #162 (Hymnal)*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**    *Reach Out to Jesus    # 427    (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.*



**Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers**  
**Lay Reader: Jeff Karns**  
**Music: Debbie Myers**