## **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, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Pam Bottomley, John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Dennis Dingle, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Bill Foster, Paul & Marty Griffen, Rudy Liebann, Rick McFeaters, Velma Stewart, Shoup Family, Deb Boyer family, Darlene, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Bill Heffern, Pat Stewart

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## **Upcoming dates & activities:**

- 9/12 Prayer Blankets in Fellowship Hall 10 am 12 pm
- 9/12 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting, North East PC
- 9/13 Bible Study 6:30 PM
- 9/17 Linger Longer Luncheon 11 am
- 9/17 Session Meeting 12 pm
- 9/23 David Alman's Celebration of Life
- 10/1 Worldwide Communion
- 10/14 Session Records Review in Fellowship Hall 10:30-12:00
- 10/22 Firemen Appreciation Luncheon11 am
- 10/22 Session Meeting = 12 pm
- 11/5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11/5 Communion
- 11/7 Election Day
- 11/14 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting, Utica PC
- 11/19 Session Meeting 11 am
- 11/23 Thanksgiving
- 12/3 Communion
- 12/17 Session Meeting 11 am



## Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events September 2023

Sunday School at 8:30am
Children Sunday School at 8:30am
Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30pm: at the church & via Zoom
<a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/559705244">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/559705244</a>
Meeting ID: 559 705 244 The passcode is 202020

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

**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.

Sept 22 @ 7 PM at Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin Sept 24 @ 5 PM at Grace Chapel Community Church in Hermitage Aspire – Women's Events – an evening of laughter, learning, Stories and music. See flyer in Narthex



Polk Presbyterian Church, September 10, 2023 15th Sunday after Pentecost Education Sunday

\*The Introit "He Is Lord"

# 234 (Hymnal)

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord.

#### Time for meditation and reflection.

## **Call to Worship**

Psalm 149:1-4

**L:** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

P: Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

**L:** Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

P: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

## \*Praise Hymn Bind Us Together #212 (Praise Book)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Holy and righteous God, have mercy upon us when we engage in the works of darkness and allow sin to rule our lives. Forgive our failure to love our neighbor, our failure to keep the Law of God, and our failure to love the Lord with our whole being. Merciful God, enable each of us to remember the promises of our baptism, to put on the righteousness of Christ, and to see Jesus, our Lord, in the faces of our brothers and sisters of the faith. In the name of the risen Christ, we humbly pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon James 5:15-16** 

L: The prayer of the faithful will save the sick, and Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

P: Therefore, confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

L: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

P: The Lord who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God.

\*Gloria Patri

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(No choir special)

### **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

## **MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joys and concerns:

Happy Anniversary: David & Deborah Perry

Presbytery Prayers: Union City & Mill Village – Rev. Robert Willert, Pastor; Rev. Mary Kathryn Crom (HR), Rev. Rick Cepris (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** Bless Be the Tie That Binds #135 (Hymnal)

## **RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

# 39

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 12:1-14 Romans 13:8-14

(P) Thanks be to God

**SERMON "Activities of a Faith Community"** 

Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967 9.32

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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

## \*THE BENEDICTION

\*Our Response O How He Loves You and Me #83 (Praise Book)

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.



Pastor: Rev. Larry Myers Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood Music: Debbie Myers