

## **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, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat  
Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Dennis Dingle, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Bill  
Foster, Rudy Liebann, Janet Heister, Jerry Baum, Bill Heffern, Pat Stewart,  
James Stewart, Shirley Zihaver, Dan Smayda, Mason Martin, Jim Dixon

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### Upcoming dates & activities:

**11/5 Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
**11/5 Communion**  
**11/7 Election Day**  
**11/8 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**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**

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## Polk Presbyterian Church

### Calendar of Events

### November 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

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

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Kid's Club will be provided at PUMC at approximately 3-5 pm (when kids get off the bus), meals will be provided..

**Nov.** – Collecting Food for the Salvation Army.

**Nov 11:** 2023 Knox Ladies Seminar 9 AM – 4 PM at Trinity Point Church of God, Clarion, PA. See Insert for more information.

Church of the Covenant will be hosting an Overnight Shelter for Erie's homeless during the winter months. Their cupboards are running low on supplies. Please bring any donations to the next Presbytery Meeting – **November 14<sup>th</sup>**, in Utica, PA or you may drop them off at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie, PA. See Insert for needed supplies

**Feed-A-Family** – Lakeview Area Helping Hands Center, Inc.

**Lay Reader:** We are in search of another Lay Reader. Would like to have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested please contact Pastor Myers.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,  
November 5, 2023  
23 rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**\*The Introit “Surely the Presence” #159 (Praise Book)**

*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.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**Call to Worship Psalm 107:1-7**

**L:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**P:** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

**L:** The Lord gathered them in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**P:** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**L:** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

**P:** He led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

**\*Praise Hymn Holy Ground (vv. 1-2) #171 (Praise Book)**

**Prayer of Confession**

Compassionate Creator, forgive us when we fail to realize we were known before conception, loved before birth, and formed in the image of God. Have mercy when we fail to believe through faith in the blood of our Redeemer, our sin debt has been paid in full. Show us compassion, as we do not trust the Sustainer to prepare us for service to the Kingdom of God and

the second coming of Christ. Help us to accept unmerited grace, embrace our call to ministry, and make constant preparation for encountering our risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2:4-9**

**L:** By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift from God.

**P:** Salvation is not the result of our works, so that no one may boast.

**L:** We were dead through our trespasses, but made alive together with Christ.

**P:** By grace, we have been saved, raised up with Christ, and seated with him in heavenly places. Glory be to God.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION : Blessing of the blankets**

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

**Happy Birthday: Roger Ghering, Matthew Sybert, Sloan Pattison**

**Presbytery Prayers: Rev. Lee Beckes (HR); Rev. Hal Kelley (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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
#359 (Hymnal)**

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Joshua 3:7-17 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

**(P) Thanks be to God**

**SERMON “Faith in God’s Presence”**

**Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed 2.1-.3**

**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**

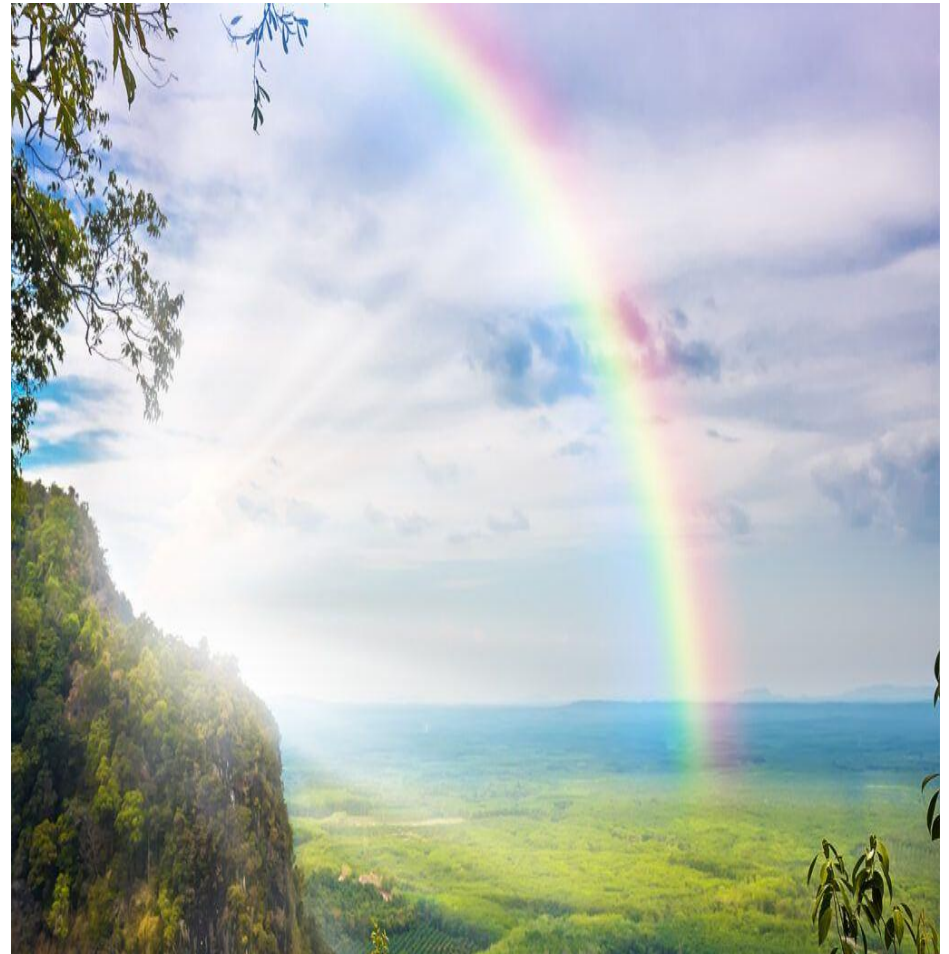
*Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (Hymnal)*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Blessed Assurance #319 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*Our Response** *“Praise the Name of Jesus” #167 (Praise  
Book)*

*Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus.  
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress,  
He's my Deliverer; in Him will I trust.  
Praise the name of Jesus.*



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