

## **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, Robin's mom Betty, Dottie Dillin, Polk Center, Bonnie and Cookie Copeland, Dave Allman, Pam Bottomley, John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Amy Zemanski, Christian & Megan and family, Carol Morrow, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Rose, Janet Heister, Joseph family, Betty Moore, Sarah, Baby Brogan and family, Hank, Lori and granddaughter, Joanne, Diecher family, Holly, Hunter Anderson, Kris, Mark, Dale, Alberta, Diane, Lisa's family, Althea, Kish family, Violet, Linda MacDonald, Neal Rothen family, Harry Johns family, Rich, Bryan Hudson, Larry Steve Caldwell, Drussell family, Dennis Dingle, Rachel Johns, East Palestine OH, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Ellen Kelly, Zena & baby, our country

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### Upcoming dates & activities:

**4/9 7am Easter Sunrise Service**  
**4/9 8am Easter Breakfast**  
**4/9 9:30am Easter Service**  
**4/13 6:30pm Session Meeting**  
**4/22 10am Revival Planning Meeting**



## Polk Presbyterian Church

### Calendar of Events

#### April 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

**2023 Mission: “Revival is a Team Effort”**—We will be coordinating with other local churches to attend and participate with their mission programs and events. Specific events will be advertised as they are announced throughout the year.

**2024 Mission: “Revival...It Is Time”**—We will be hosting our Revival Weekend on 7/12/24. **Revival** is 7 days a week; 12 months of the year; 24 hours a day. Join us in prayer and planning as we prepare for this mission event.

Our congregational mission in the month of March is our support of members of the **Citizen’s Church in Akron** and their Puerto Rico mission trip. Throughout the month, we will be collecting donations to offset the cost for these dedicated young missionaries. Please mark your offerings “Citizens Akron” to participate in this outreach.

**May 20 10am to 1:30pm: Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie**  
**Presbytery** are holding the Spring Gathering at Irvine Presbyterian Church. This year topic is **“The Power of One – You!”** More information is in the vestibule.

**Camp Lambec Summer Camps** schedule is posted in the vestibule. Starting date is June 18<sup>th</sup>. A place apart to explore God’s love!



# Polk Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunrise Service

**\*The Introit** *Alleluia* by Jerry Sinclair # 142

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*  
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*Alleluia, Alleluia*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Luke 24:34, Matthew 28:5-6

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia**

L: "Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."

P: **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

L: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us;

P: **therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, have mercy upon us when our fears, doubts, and shame cause us to hide from our obligations as followers of Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we fail to proclaim the good news of the empty tomb, the risen Christ, and the avenue for eternal life. Allow each of us to embrace the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, the faithfulness of our Savior, and the perfect love of God that surrounds the Easter message. May the sound of "He Is Risen" transform our sinful lives, energize our walk of faith, and empower us to carry the Word of God into a fallen world. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Romans 8:34, 2 Cor. 5-17

L: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

P: **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Fear not, know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**#42**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**Happy Birthday: Jase Hansen**

**Happy Anniversary: Ed & Judy Krizon**

**Presbytery Prayers: Endeavor, Commissioned Pastor Roger Snyder; Commissioned Pastor Josh Botts, Moderator of Presbytery**

## **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** *Day of Resurrection*

**# 230**

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 28:1-10

**(P) Thanks be to God**

## SERMON “Fear Not, Go, Tell”

**Affirmation of Faith    The Apostles’ Creed                      2.1-2.3**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten 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 at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will 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.**

### THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

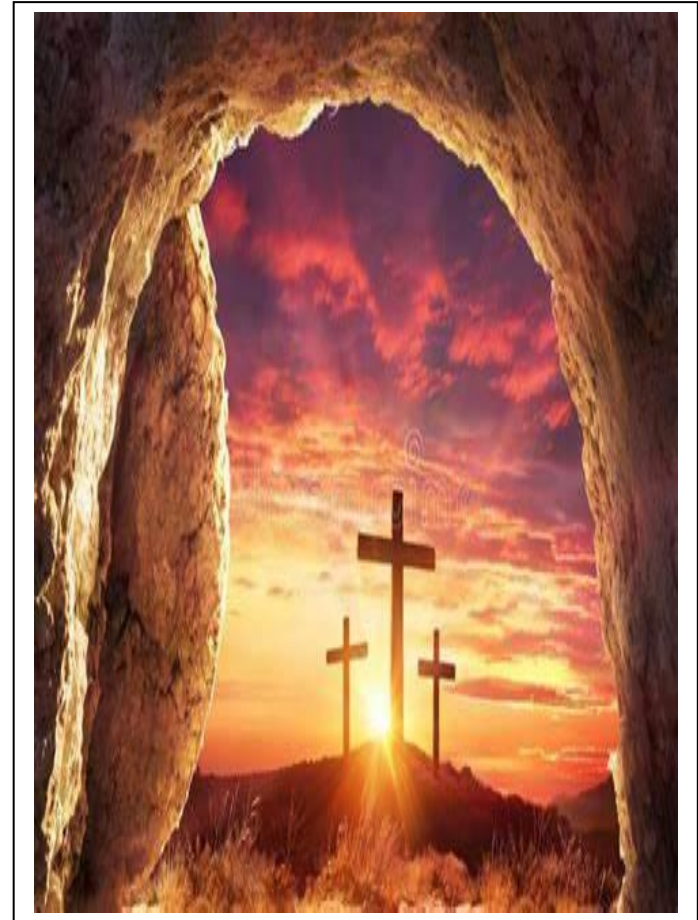
**Prayer of Illumination**

**\*CLOSING HYMN    *Christ Arose*                                      # 232**

### **\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*Our Response    *What a Mighty God We Serve*                                      # 177**

**What a mighty God we serve.  
What a mighty God we serve.  
Angels bow before Him  
Heaven and earth adore Him;  
What a mighty God we serve.**



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