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, Pat & John Karns, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Pat Feltenberger, June Mawhinney, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Janet Heister, Mason Martin, Mary Vickers, Matt Bean & Family Cindy Pankratz, Emma and family, Jean Myers, Lori White Family, Brian & Theresa Hudson, Robin Lafon Family, Gayle Wheeler

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Upcoming dates & activities:

4/7 Communion 9:30 am

4/9 Prayer Blankets 10 am – 12 pm

4/10 Bible Study 6:30 pm

4/11 Session Meeting 6:30 pm

4/14 Baked Potato Bar for Varha following worship 10:45 am

4/17 Worship Service with Communion at Verlander North

10 am

4/22 Earth Day



Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events April 2024

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

Per Capitata for 2024 is \$34

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

Camp Lambec – Erie. Camping schedule in the Narthex.

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, April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter

*The Introit "He Is Lord" #78 (Praise Book)

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 Acts 4:32-35

L: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

P: With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

L: There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

P: They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Praise Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" #201 (Praise Book)

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion have mercy upon us when our blindness to the truth allows our fears to weaken our lives, allows our selfish desires to cloud our walk of faith, and allows our doubts to impair our trust of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when our earthly greed overshadows our willingness to serve as faithful disciples. Empower each of us to see the signs of the resurrection, begin a new life, and embrace Jesus as the Christ, Lord, and Son of God. In the name of the glorified and risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1.John 1:8-10

L: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and his word is not in us.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Amen!

*Gloria Patri # 42

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Julie Motter (8), Jase Hansen (11)

Presbytery Prayers: Cochranton Commissioned Pastor Donald Kellner; Tidioute & Irvine Commissioned Pastor Dennis Ledebur

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.

<u>HYMN OF PREPARATION</u> "The Day of Resurrection!" #230 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

*THE DOXOLOGY

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*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 133 (P) Thanks be to God

John 20:19-31 (P) Amen

SERMON "A New Life through Believing"

Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967 9.31 To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men and women from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together

#162 (Hymnal)

*CLOSING HYMN "Breath on Me, Breath of God" #87 (Hymnal)

*THE BENEDICTION

*Our Response "Lord, We Praise You" #22

(Praise Book)

Lord, we praise You. Lord, we praise You. Lord, we praise You. We praise You, Lord.

Lord, we love You.

Lord, we love You.

Lord, we love You.

We love You, Lord.

Lord, we thank You.

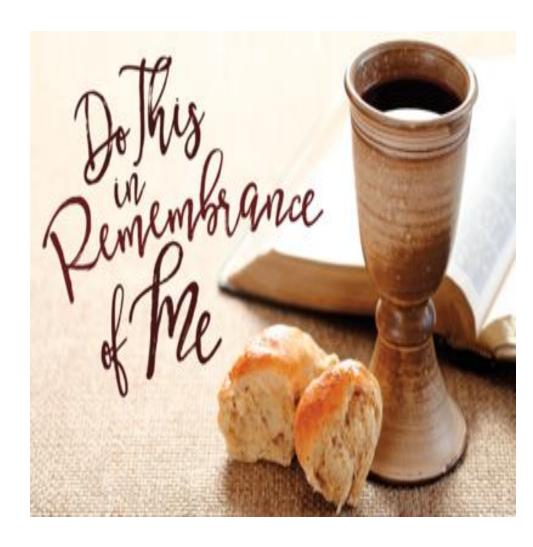
Lord, we thank You.

Lord, we thank You.

We thank You, Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! We give You praise.



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood
Music: Deb Myers