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

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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 2/4 Communion
- 2/7 Kids Club PUMC 3:15 5 pm
- **2/7 Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 2/11 Super Bowl of Caring Offering
- 2/13 Making Blankets 10 am 12 pm
- 2/13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper-PPC 6 pm
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday-PUMC 5:45 PM
- 2/22 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
- 2/25 Fundraising Breakfast for Trevor Wood-8 am
- 3/3 Communion
- 3/10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3/24 Palm Sunday
- 3/28 Maundy Thursday-PPC Tureen & Servicer 6 pm
- 3/29 Good Friday-PUMC 12 pm
- 3/31 Easter Sun Rise Service-PPC-7 am
- 3/31 Easter Breakfast-PPC 8
- 3/31 Easter Service-PPC 9:30 am



Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events February 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

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

Church of the Covenant is hosting an Overnight Shelter for Erie's homeless during the winter months. Donations to fill their cupboards are being accepted. Items can be dropped off at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Erie, PA.

Feb. - Souper Bowl for Caring (Community Services);
Trevor Wood Fundraising Breakfast
Ultra Sounds thru Christian Life Academy – AFA Radio – Pre-Bornthis organization saves the lives of babies and also presents the gospel to moms. Each ultrasound costs \$28.

Kids Club – Feb. 7th thru March 27th, 3:15 – 5 pm @ Polk United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed. For additional information contact Pam B or Nancy Kerr from PUMC.

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, February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

*The Introit "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" #117 (Praise Book)

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day, every tongue will confess You are God. One day, every knee will bow. Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

Time for meditation and reflection.

Call to Worship Psalm 147:1-11

L: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

L: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

L: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

P: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

All: Praise the Lord!

*Praise Hymn "Above All" #216 (Praise Book)

Prayer of Confession

Great heavenly Physician, we say that we believe in holiness, but we often choose unhealthy lifestyles. We allow ourselves to be tempted by addictions that corrupt body, mind, and soul. We carelessly pollute the pure earth, air, and water that all creatures require for existence. We let ourselves be home to the demons of war, prejudice, injustice, hatred, and the sins that destroy us from within. Help us to pray for the help we truly need and the grace to accept the physical and spiritual healing You send, so that the Kingdom of God may expand. We ask these things in the name of our risen Lord. Amen

Assurance of Pardon James 5:13-16

L: Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

P: Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

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

P: Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Amen

*Gloria Patri # 42

CHILDREN'S CHAT

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Lisa Heffern, David Stryffler, Colleen Scurry

Presbytery Prayers: First Church of the Covenant, Erie Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor, Rev. Britney Knight, Assoc. Pastor; Wayside, Erie, Rev. James Bernhardt, Pastor, Rev. Nathan Royster, Assoc. Pastor

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 "We've a Story to Tell" #502 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

*THE DOXOLOGY

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*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 40:21-31 Mark 1:29-39

(P) Thanks be to God

SERMON "Wait for the Lord's Healing"

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed 1.1-.3

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We



Pastor: Larry Myers Lay Reader: Jeff Karns Music: Deb Myers look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (Hymnal)

*CLOSING HYMN "He Touched Me" #532 (Hymnal)

*THE BENEDICTION

*Our Response "Awesome God" (Sing twice) #15 (Praise Book)

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!