

## **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, Skip & Nancy Davison, Elliot Crawford, Mary Lou Buckley, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mason Martin, Mary Vickers,  
Cindy Pankratz, Joe Karns, Shawnee Wood, David Shearer,  
Ben Andrews, Cindy Sweetapple, Rich Harriger, Deborah Bossett,  
Tammy Strain, John Karns Family, Teri Chisholm, Rhonda Rust,  
Sue Keelan, Valerie Wakefield, Linda McDevitt,  
Dave Burgoyne, Baker Family

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**Upcoming dates & activities:**

**Aug 25 Blessing of Backpacks**  
**Sept 1 Verlander North, coming to morning Worship**  
**Sept 1 Communion**  
**Sept 2 Labor Day**  
**Sept 4 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**Sept 11 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**Sept 12 Blanket Ministry 9 am**  
**Sept 12 Session Mtg 6:30 pm**  
**Sept 17 LEP meeting at Church of the Cross, Erie 2 pm**  
**Sept 18 Bible Study 6:30 pm**  
**Sept 25 Bible Study 6:30 pm**



**Polk Presbyterian Church**  
**Calendar of Events**  
**August 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

**Prayer Blankets will be done on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:00 am**

**There will be no Bible Study in the month of August**

**Mission: Kairos Prison Ministry; Trevor Wood Ministry**

**Aspire Women's Events: Information in the narthex. If interested please let Pam B. know.**

**Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery bags to make Mercy Mats. Amy Zemanski will see that Lynn gets any donations.**

**Save your Poptabs for a hospital in Pittsburgh. There is a container 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,  
August 25, 2024  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**\*The Introit “Awesome God” #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.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 84:1-10**

**L:** How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**P:** My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**L:** Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

**P:** Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**L:** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**P:** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

**\*PRAISE HYMN “There’s Something About that Name” #106  
(Praise Book)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful heavenly Father, forgive our prideful attempts to face the struggles of life, faith, and discipleship on our own human strengths. Be merciful when our sin, apathy, doubt, selfishness, and fears prevent our faithful service to the Kingdom of God. Help us to pray constantly, putting our faith in the Lord, who is our true spiritual power. Teach us daily to put on the armor of God, rely on the mantle of Christ, and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit into spiritual battle. In the name of the risen and glorified Christ, we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Ephesians 2:3-10**

**L:** All of us once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

**P:** But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ

**L:** For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

**P:** For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION: Blessing of backpacks**

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

**BIRTHDAYS: Ernie Banks (30<sup>th</sup>)**

**ANNIVERSARIES: Alan & Shawnee Wood (27<sup>th</sup>)**

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Edinboro, Warren & Meadville Pastor  
Nominating Committees; Children of Lake Erie Pastors, Rev. Craig  
Cashdollar (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 “Wonderful Words of Life”  
#128 (Hymnal)**

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 (P) Amen

John 6:55-69 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “Spiritual Words of Eternal Life”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Heidelberg Catechism 4.076

**Q. 76.** What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his shed blood?

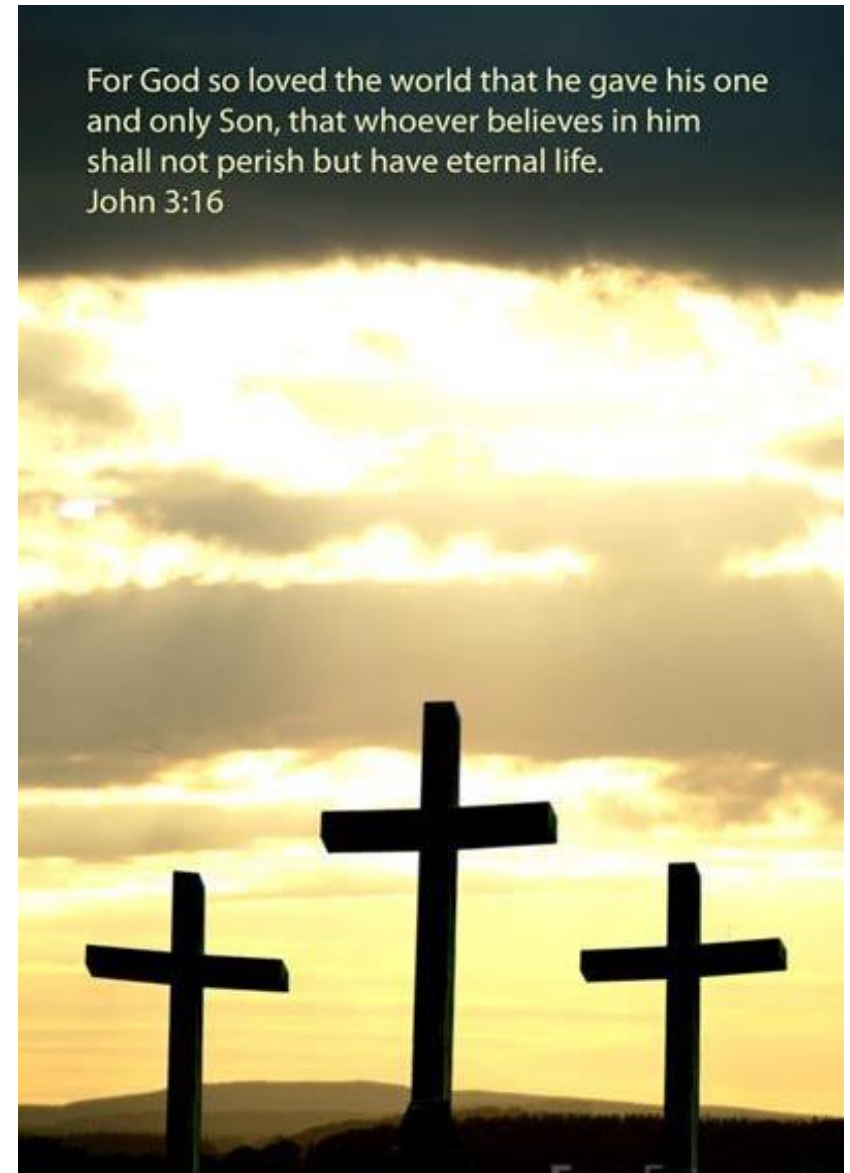
**A.** It is not only to embrace with a trusting heart the whole passion and death of Christ, and by it to receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. In addition, it is to be so united more and more to his blessed body by the Holy Spirit dwelling both in Christ and in us that, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone, always living and being governed by one Spirit, as the members of our bodies are governed by one soul.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*” #414 (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: Larry Myers**  
**Lay Reader:**  
**Music: Deb Myers**