

## **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 Liebmman, Mason Martin, Mary Vickers, Cindy Pankratz, David Shearer, Ben Andrews, Cindy Sweetapple, Tammy Strain, Teri Chisholm, Rhonda Rust, Sue Keelan, Valerie Wakefield, Linda McDevitt, Dave Burgoyne, Baker Family

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## Upcoming dates & activities:

**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**

### **September 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**

**Mission: Kairos**

**Lakeview Helping Hands Center – Feed a Family Campaign. See inserts. Night of Praise Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. Flyers also in the Narthex.**

**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Knox Ladies Seminar – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 4 pm. Information in Narthex.**

**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,  
September 15, 2024  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Evangelism Sunday**

**\*The Introit “Holy Ground” #129 (Praise Book)**

*We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now.  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.*

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 19:1-4, 14

**L:** The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**P:** Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

**L:** There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**P:** Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**All:** Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Righteous God, we confess that we have spoken hurtful words in anger, opened festering wounds during arguments, and used painful words to insult others. We admit we have lied as we bragged about ourselves, caused mischief with gossip, and created confusion to our advantage. For all thoughtless, harsh, arrogant, and violent words, we humbly ask forgiveness. Teach us a new language that will bless, encourage, and instruct our neighbors in the way of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 1 John 1:6-9

**L:** If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true;

**P:** But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from sin.

**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.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Union City and Mill Village, Rev. Robert Willert, Pastor; Rev. Mary Kathryn Crom (HR); Rev. Rick Cepris (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** “*I Love to Tell the Story*” #516  
(Hymnal)

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Proverbs 1:20-33 (P) Amen

Mark 8:27-38 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “Who Do You Say I Am?”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967**

**9.48, 9.49**

**Jesus Christ has given the church preaching and teaching, praise and prayer, and Baptism, and the Lord's Supper as means of fulfilling its service of God among human beings. These gifts remain, but the church is obliged to change the forms of its service in ways appropriate to different generations and cultures. God instructs his church and equips it for mission through preaching and teaching. By these, when they are carried on in fidelity to the Scriptures and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, the people hear the Word of God and accept and follow Christ. The message is addressed to men and women in particular situations. Therefore, effective preaching, teaching, and personal witness require disciplined study of both the Bible and the contemporary world. All acts of public worship should be conducive to people's hearing of the gospel in a particular time and place and responding with fitting obedience.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *"Pass It On" #507 (Hymnal)*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*OUR RESPONSE** *"Change My Heart, O God" #2 (Praise Book)*

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.**



**Pastor: Larry Myers  
Lay Reader: Jeff Karns  
Music: Deb Myers**