

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, David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns,
Kathleen Raecke, Gary & Teri Chisholm,
Kevin Gladd, Mary Lou Buckley, Bonnie Copeland,
Kohen Dunmire (Wendy Bellin's Grandson), Dottie Dillan.
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Upcoming dates & activities:

7/29 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
8/2 Communion 9:30 am
8/5 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
8/9 Katherin Hannum Scholarship awards 9:30 am
8/12 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
8/13 Session Meeting 6:30 pm
8/16 Katherine Hannum Scholarship awards 9:30 am
8/19 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm
8/23 Blessing of Backpacks 9:30 am
8/26 Bible Study Isaiah 6:30 pm



Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events July

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

July Mission: Central Help Fund

2026 Katherine Hannum Scholarship Application -Applications will be made available on May 17, 2024 and must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee for consideration by July 28, 2026. Applications can be downloaded from the Polk Presbyterian Church website page <https://polkpresbyterianchurch.com/scholarship>. Please send completed application to the following address: Polk Presbyterian Church PO Box 1027 Polk PA 16342 or you can email it to: scottheffern@yahoo.com

Lynn Harriger from Nazarene church in Franklin is collecting grocery bags to make Mercy Mats and also jigsaw puzzles for the Soldiers & Sailors Hospital in Erie. Amy Zemanski will see that Lynn gets any donations.

Save your Poptabs for a hospital in Pittsburgh. There is a container in the Narthex.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
July 26, 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

***The Introit “Lord, We Praise You” #22**

(Praise Book)

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 105:1-4

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

P: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of his wonderful works.

L: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

***PRAISE HYMN: “All Hail King Jesus” #99 (Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Great loving and holy God, we come this day to Bethel, the house of the Lord, seeking forgiveness, transformation and revitalization. We come with a mustard seed of faith seeking the eternal Kingdom of God but are constantly drawn back into a fallen world. Enable the Holy Spirit to help us in our weakness, intercede on our behalf, and empower us to walk the path of righteousness. Help us to hear the still quiet voice of God, recognize His divine love, and embrace the Kingdom of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we humbly pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:31-34

L: Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.

P: Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

L: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

P: God did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will God not with Christ also give us everything else?

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Maggie Voorhies (7/26)

ANNIVERSARIES: Alan & Shawnee Wood (7/27)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: New Hope, Erie

Commissioned Pastor Clay Woodring; Warren First

Rev. Tara Eastman, (ELCA) 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 “Seek Ye First” #438 (Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 29:15-28 P (Amen)

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-53 P (Thanks be to God)

SERMON: “Kingdom Images”

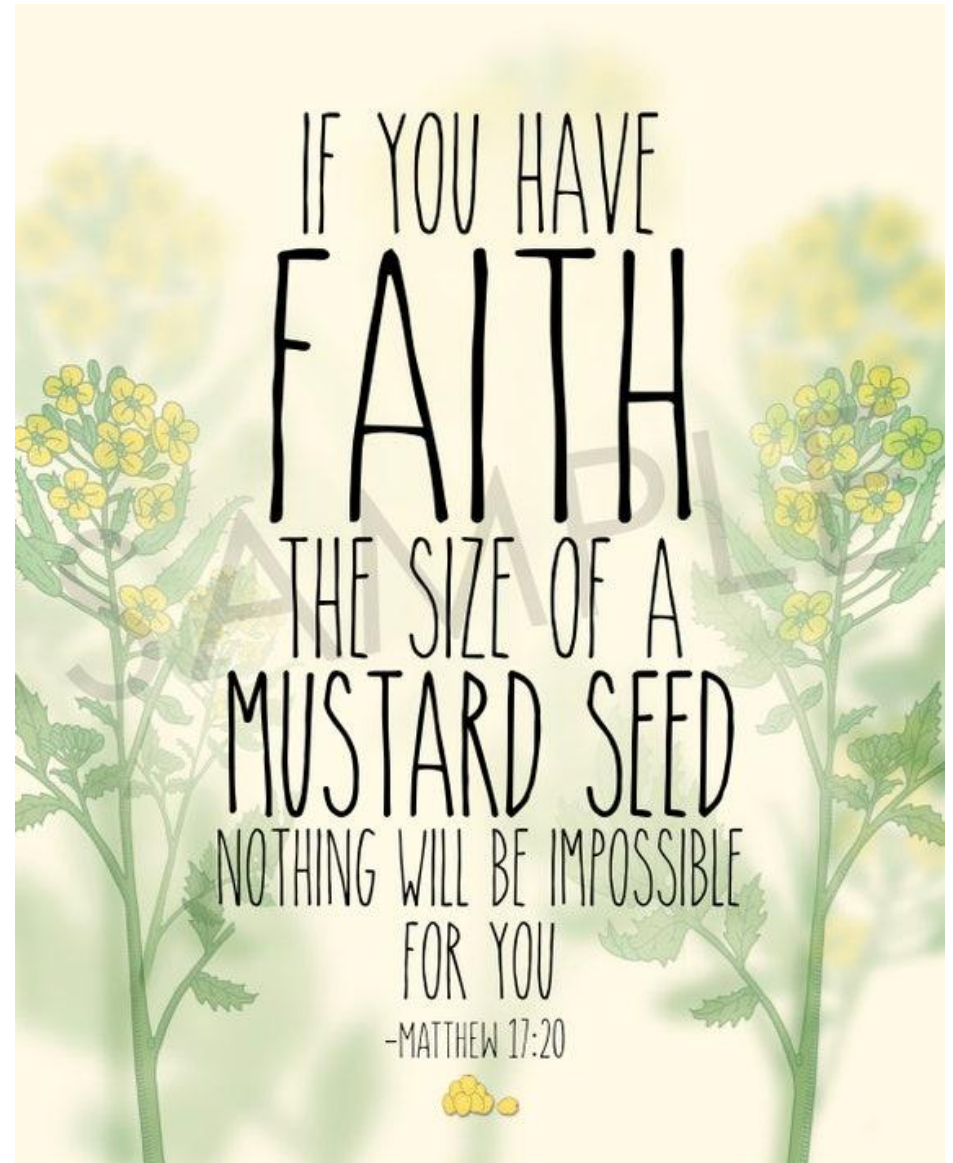
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.54, 9.55
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in human beings and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *"Jesus Loves Me" #555 (Hymnal)*

*THE BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE *"One Flock, One Shepherd" #60
(Praise Book)*



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Scott Heffern
Music: Deb Myers