

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.
Tim Vickers, Dave Kochis

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Upcoming dates & activities:

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



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Calendar of Events

August

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

August Mission: Reliant Mission (Trevor's Ministry)

Vacation Bible School – August 17, 18 & 19; 10:30 – 12:30
at Polk Presbyterian Church

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,
August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
College and Young Adult Sunday**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 17:1-6, 15

L: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

P: From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

L: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

P: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

***PRAISE HYMN: “Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place”
#159 (Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful heavenly Father, forgive us when our faith wanes and we fail to live as heirs of the Kingdom of God. Forgive us when we doubt the divine promises of God, when we fear to suffer for our Lord, and when we ignore the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to walk in faith, equip us with the armor of God, and bless us with the gifts of the Spirit so that we might obediently follow our Lord’s example of reaching out to others with loving compassion. In the name of the glorified and risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Colossians 1:11-14

L: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints of light.

P: God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev. Mawuli Agbo, Tale District Pastor
Presbyter Dr. Eng. Anthony Mawutor Atsu, Ghana
Partnership Coordinator, EPCG; Rev. Eusebius K. Agbesi, Tamale
District Pastor Rev. Christopher Nfodzo, Second Pastor, Najong
Rev. Stephen Nibo, Third Pastor, Buipe, EPCG

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 “Break Thou the Bread of Life” #123
(Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 32:22-31 P (Amen)
Matthew 14:13-21 P (Thanks be to God)**

SERMON: “Blessings and Christian Compassion”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed 2.1-.3

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy

Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (hymnal)

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Make Me A Blessing"* #389 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** *"Sanctuary"* #158 (Praise Book)



Pastor: Larry Myers
Lay Reader: Judy Krizon
Music: Deb Myers