

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, Rudy Liebmann,
David Shearer, Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Kathleen Raecke,
Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd
Sandy Chisholm, Jeff Karns, Ernie Banks,
John Vickers,
George Smith, Eddy Krizon, John & Leah Book,
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Upcoming dates & activities:

**8/17 Blessing of Backpacks
8/17 & 8/24 College Scholarship Awards
8/20 Summer Picnic at PUMC 4 pm
8/20 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
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**Polk Presbyterian Church
Calendar of Events
August**

**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 not be done in June, July or August.

August Mission: Trevor Wood, H2O

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.



**Polk Presbyterian Church,
August 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Blessing of Backpacks**

***The Introit** “*In the Name of the Lord*” #132 (*Praise Book*)

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Faithfulness is the mark of your people, O God,

P: The faith of Rahab, David, Samuel, and the prophets.

L: The faithful ones in times past blessed your holy name, O God, and walked in your way.

P: It cost them persecution, torture, or even their very lives.

L: We remember what faithfulness cost Jesus – abuse and a cross.

P: And now we are called to faithfulness,

L: To run with endurance the race that is set before us,

P: Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus as we do so.

L: I will not be easy, but you, O God, will deal gracefully with us.

P: Thanks be to you, O God!

***PRAISE HYMN:** “*Bind Us Together*” #212 (*Praise Book*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, once again we dare to sheepishly approach the Throne of Grace seeking absolution for our selfish and misguided transgressions. Forgive us when we put our physical and emotional desires ahead of our obedience to Your divine will. Enable us to rid ourselves of all materialistic pleasures that weigh us down, prevent our faithful service to the Kingdom, and hinder our walk with the Lord. Empower us to fix our eyes upon our Lord and make him first in our lives. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 10:19-23

L: Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),

P: And since we have a great priest over the house of God,

L: Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

P: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION: Blessing of Backpacks

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Denny Adams (8/18)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Coudersport Rev. Warren Cederholm & Elder Don Caskey, preaching; Ministry of the Presbyterian Foundation & Ministry Relations Officer Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

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** “*Reach Out to Jesus*”

#427 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 5:1-7 (P) Amen

Luke 12:49-56 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Faithful Endurance vs. Divine Judgment”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.08
In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all human beings.

***CLOSING HYMN “Jesus Calls Us” #424 (Hymnal)**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE “He Is Lord” #78 (Praise Book)**



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