NEWS OF INTEREST

<u>Pennies From Heaven</u>: 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.

<u>REMEMBER TO PRAY</u> FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AT HOME or HOSPITALS

Jen & Marty Gilliland, Bonnie, Nancy Davison, Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers, David Shearer, Alberta Swendson Family, Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Lisa & Scott Heffern, Kathleen Raecke, Gary & Teri Chisholm, Kevin Gladd John & Pam Vickers, Sandy Chisholm, Dave Burgoyne, Gail Eakin Gary Hedglin, Roger Lambert, Becky Quail Christy McCandless

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Upcoming dates & activities: 4/30 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm Seneca Hills Open House, Work Day 5/3 5/4 Communion 5/7 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm 5/8 **Praver Blankets 9 am** 5/8 Session Mtg 6:30 pm **Mother's Day** 5/11 **Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm** 5/14 5/15 Mother/Daughter Banquet 6 pm 5/20 **Voting Day** Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting @ Wayside PC, Erie 5/20 **Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm** 5/21 **Memorial Day** 5/26 5/28 **Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm**



Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events April 2025

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^{nd} Thursday of the month at 9:00 am

April Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

May Mission: May 3rd - Seneca Hills Open House, Workday Seneca Hills camping Scholarships Baby Bottle Boomerang (May 11-June 15)

May 10th – Victorian Mother's Day Concert, First Baptist Church, Franklin.

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. We would like to have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Myers.



Polk Presbyterian Church, April 27, 2025 **Second Sunday of Easter**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 150

L: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

P: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

L: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

P: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

L: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

P: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*<u>PRAISE HYMN:</u> "Go Light Your World" #39 (Praise Book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and righteous God, our sin, fear, and doubt drive us to hide behind all kinds of locked doors of our own making. Yet, You love us beyond measure, send Jesus Christ into our midst, and breathe the Holy Spirit upon us, so that we can become the children of God. Father, You are the God of second chances. Such divine grace is impossible to comprehend within the human mind. Grant us the ability to extend the same forgiveness to others that has been demonstrated through the grace, mercy, and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 3:15-17

L: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

P: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;

L: And with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

P: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Alleluia, Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION: Blessing of blankets

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Clay Karns (5/2)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Ripley, NY Commissioned Pastor Phil Johnson; Rev. Carl Hull (HR), Rev. Walter Green (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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #87 (Hvmnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY *THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION** # 39

SCRIPTURE READINGS Revelation 1:4-8 (P) Amen

John 20:19-23 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: "Anointed For Service"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.20 & 9.31

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in man. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men are reconciled to God and to one another. He enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, he gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all men. To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

*<u>CLOSING HYMN</u> "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" #98 (Hymnal)

*THE BENEDICTION

*<u>OUR RESPONSE</u> "Spirit of the Living God" #201 (Praise Book)



Pastor: Larry Myers Lay Reader: Shawnee Wood Music: Deb Myers