

## **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:

**9/6 Communion during Worship**

**9/7 Labor Day**

**9/9 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**

**9/12 Session Meeting**

**9/16 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**

**9/22 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting at Ripley, NY PC 2 pm**

**9/23 See You at the flag Pole in the AM**

**9/26 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**

**9/30 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm**

**9/27 Blessing of the Pets during worship, pending Session  
9:30 am**



## **Polk Presbyterian Church** **Calendar of Events** **September**

**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**

**September Mission: Salvation Army**

**North Sandy Presbyterian Church – Craft Show, Bake Sale & Food**  
**Saturday - September 19 – 9 am to 2 pm**

**Fall Festival – Saturday – October 17 – 5 pm; Music by Mike Peterson**

**Our Mission in October & December is Emmaus Haven. Here is a list of items that are needed. Shower shoes – size 10 & up; travel size deodorant, shaving cream & shampoo/conditioner combo; bath towels, Men briefs – size L & XL; white t-shirts – size L & XL; drawstring shorts – size L & XL; pajama bottoms – size L & XL; pants – size L & XL; Tide Pods**

**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,  
September 6, 2026  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**\*The Introit “*This Is the Day*” #118 (Praise Book)**

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 149:1-4**

**L:** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**P:** Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

**L:** Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

**P:** For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Holy and righteous God, have mercy upon us when we engage in the works of darkness and allow sin to rule our lives. Forgive our failure to love our neighbor, our failure to keep the Law of God, and our failure to love the Lord with our whole being. Merciful God, enable each of us to remember the promises of our baptism, to put on the righteousness of Christ, and to see Jesus, our Lord, in the faces of our brothers and sisters of the faith. In the name of the risen Christ, we humbly pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON: James 5:15-16**

**L:** The prayer of the faithful will save the sick, and Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

**P:** Therefore, confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

**L:** The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

**P:** The Lord who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Thanks be to God.

**\*Gloria Patri**

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION**

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

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Fairview Rev. Emily Zeig Lindsey, Pastor; Kane Rev Carol Sharp

**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 “*The Family of God*” #138 (Hymnal)**

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

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**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 12:1-14 P (Amen)  
Matthew 18:15-20 P (Thanks be to God)**

**SERMON: “Church in Community”**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.07**  
In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. The work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, human beings, and the world. Therefore, the church calls men and women to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

***\*Let Us Break Bread Together #162 (Hymnal)***

***\*CLOSING HYMN: "There's a Quiet Understanding" #140  
(Hymnal)***

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

***\*OUR RESPONSE "O How He Loves You and Me" #83  
(Praise Book)***



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