

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:

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

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

9/30 Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 pm



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 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Christian Education Sunday**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 32:1-5, 11

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

P: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

***PRAISE HYMN: “*Change My Heart, O God*” #2 (Praise Book)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God each week we confess our individual and our corporate sins during this worship service and in our personal prayer time. Compassionate God, each week we accept your grace and mercy for pardoning our transgressions. Sadly, as forgiven sinners, we have not always extended the same forgiveness to others. Help us to show compassion to those who wound us. Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those we wound. Enable us to demonstrate the love of Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer this penitent prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Colossians 3:12-15

L: As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

P: Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

L: Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

P: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. And be thankful. Amen

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Linesville Harmonsburg; Rev. Mary Kathryn Crom (HR) Rev. Lee Beckes (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 “*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*”
#508 (Hymnal)**

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 14:19-31 P (Amen)
Matthew 18:21-35 P (Thanks be to God)**

SERMON: “Standing before a Righteous Judge”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 9.13
Wise and virtuous men through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All men (and women), good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus, all men (and**

women) fall under God's judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the man (or woman) who assumes that he (or she) is guiltless before God or morally superior to others. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** *"At Calvary" #524 (Hymnal)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

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



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