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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY 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
Bleakley Strawbridge (4 yr old friend of Tripp Hansen
Who has Lyme's Disease)

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Upcoming dates & activities:

- 5/11 Mother's Day
- 5/14 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
- 5/15 Mother/Daughter Banquet 6 pm
- 5/20 Voting Day
- 5/20 Lake Erie Presbytery Meeting @ Wayside PC, Erie
- 5/21 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm
- 5/26 Memorial Day
- 5/28 Bible Study (Genesis) 6:30 pm



Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events May

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.

May Mission: Seneca Hills camping Scholarships Baby Bottle Boomerang (May 11-June 15)

Pam B. on vacation from 5/14 - 5/19. If you need anything from the office contact Pastor Larry Myers.

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, May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

*The Introit "Lord, We Praise You" #22 (Praise Book)

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 23:1-3, 6

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

L: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

P: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

P: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*PRAISE HYMN: "Lamb of God" #30 (Praise Book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we are so accustomed to hearing clamor, noise, and din all around us that we fail to hear the still quiet voice of our Good Shepherd. We are so accustomed to following our own selfish desires that we fail to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to the path of righteousness. We are so accustomed to caring for our own needs that we fail to hear the cries for help from our brothers and sisters in deep distress. It is not until we find ourselves in the valley of the shadows of sin, death, and destruction that we look to our Redeemer. Forgive our sinfulness, pride, and arrogance. Enable us to hear the voice of our Lord, follow him, and serve Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hebrews 13:20-21

L: Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, forgive you.

P: May the God of peace make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

All: And to him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri # 42

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Rev. Hal Kelley (HR), Rev. Nelson "Bud" Horne (HR); Rev. Emiy Chudy, Board of Pensions, Regional Representative

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 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" #319 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

*THE DOXOLOGY

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*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Revelation 7:9-17 (P) Amen

John 10:22-30 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: "Sheep in White Robes"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Second Helvetic

Confession 5.130

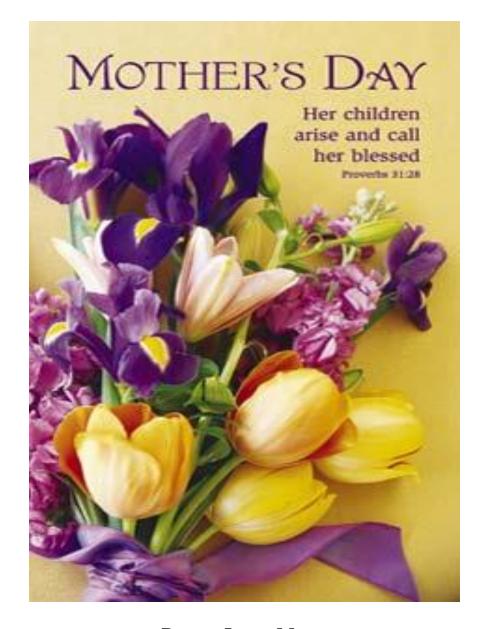
THE CHURCH AS BRIDE AND VIRGIN. This Church is also called a virgin and the Bride of Christ, and even the only Beloved. For the apostle says: "I betrothed you to Christ to present you as a pure bride to Christ" (II Cor. 11:2).

THE CHURCH AS A FLOCK OF SHEEP. The Church is called a flock of sheep under the one shepherd, Christ, according to Ezek., ch. 34, and John, ch. 10.
THE CHURCH AS THE BODY. It is also called the body of Christ because the faithful are living members of Christ under Christ the Head. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #365 (Hymnal)

*THE BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE "Bless His Holy Name" #155 (Praise Book)



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