

## **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  
John Vickers, Mary Lou Buckley, Amy Zemanski, Bonnie Copeland,  
Kohen Dunmire (Wendy Bellin's Grandson)

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

### **Upcoming dates & activities:**

- 1/21 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 1/25 Annual Congregational Meeting 10:30 am**
- 1/25 Linger Longer Luncheon 11 am**
- 1/28 Kids Club Mtg @UMC 4:30 pm**
- 1/28 Genesis Bible Study 6:30 pm**
- 1/31 Worship Training Event at Titusville PC**

**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**

**Per Capita for 2026: \$37**

**January Mission: Heifer Project**

**Lake Erie Presbytery is offering a training on January 31, 2026 -  
Worship: Basics and Beyond at the First Presbyterian Church in  
Titusville. If you would like to attend let Pam know and I can register  
everyone together.**

**Christian Life Academy is trying to pay off a loan from 2016 for an  
addition to the high school. Any donations would be greatly  
appreciated. More information in the Narthex.**

**The following items were donated to the Emmaus Have: 14 bed pillows,  
10 blankets, 3 pajama bottoms, 8 t-shirts, 2 hoodies, 6 pair of  
sweatpants, 6 sweatshirts, 36 pair of underwear, 5 toothbrushes.**

**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,  
January 18, 2026  
Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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

**Time for meditation and reflection.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 40:3-5

**L:** The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**P:** Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**L:** Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

**P:** O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

**\*PRAISE HYMN:** *“Jesus Calls Us” #42 (Praise Book)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Radiant and majestic God, we confess that our sins drive a wedge between human beings and a divine Creator. Have mercy when our guilt and shame force us to hide from Your holy presence. Allow the grace, love, and mercy of the Lord to penetrate our sinful darkness and lead us onto the righteous pathway. Give us the vision to see Jesus as the Christ and the faith to follow him as his obedient disciple. In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** 1 Corinthians 1:8-9

**L:** If you repent of your sins, God will strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** God is faithful and just to forgive sin. By the power of Almighty God, you were called into the fellowship of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**# 42**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MOMENTS FOR MISSION:**

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

**PRESBYTERY PRAYERS:** Meadville Redeemer Administrative Commission's faithful work; Union City and Mill Village Rev. Robert Willert, Pastor

**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** *“Here I Am, Softly and Tenderly Lord ”*  
#301 (Hymnal)

**RETURNING THANKS TO GOD**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

**# 39**

**\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 49:1-7 (P) Amen

John 1:29-42 (P) Thanks Be to God

**SERMON:** “An Effectual Calling”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Westminster Confession  
of Faith 6.064, 6.065

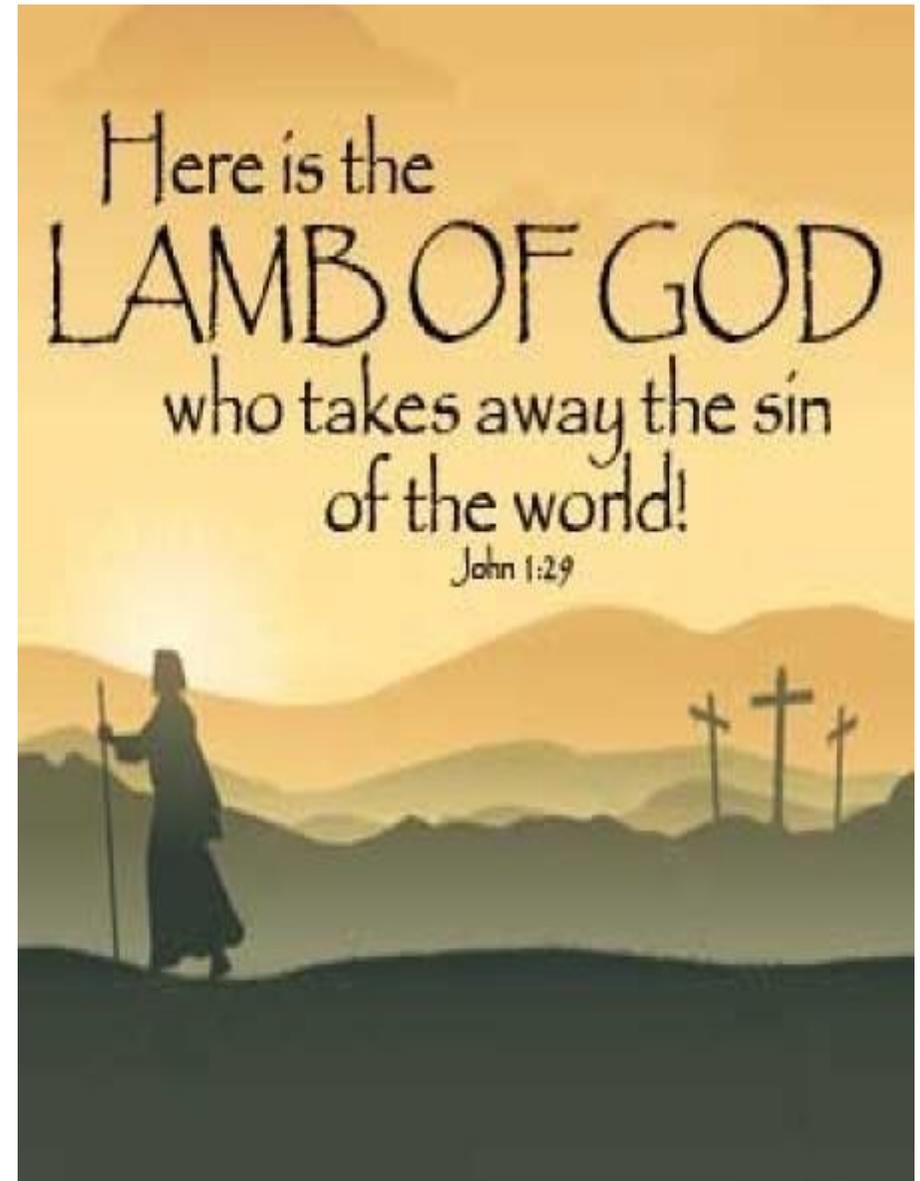
All those whom God has predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ: enlightening their minds, spiritually and savingly, to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and by his almighty power determining them to that which is good; and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ; yet so as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.

**This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #454  
(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**