

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, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Skip & Nancy Davison,
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,
David Shearer, Cindy Sweetapple,
Alberta Swendsen, Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Cindy Swendsen,
Lisa Heffern, Tye Karns, Gail Rowland, Brian Hudson,
Jane Timblin, Kathleen Raecke, Cindy Sweetapple family,
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Upcoming dates & activities:

12/24 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

12/25 Christmas Day

1/1 New Year's Day

1/5 Communion

1/8 Bible Study 6:30 pm

1/9 Prayer Blankets 9 am

1/12 Installation of Officers

1/12 Yearly reports due to Church Office

1/15 Bible Study 6:30 pm

1/16 Session Meeting 6:30 pm

1/18 Officer's Training 10 am – 4 pm

1/22 Bible Study 6:30 pm

1/26 Yearly Congregational Mtg 10:30 am

1/29 Bible Study 6:30 pm



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Calendar of Events

December 2024

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 Veterans 559 705

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Prayer Blankets will be done on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am

Missions: Fruit Baskets, Emmaus Haven, Mustard Seed Ministries

Collecting the following items for Emmaus Haven: Spray Cleaner (ex. 409 no bleach added), snacks and homemade cookies. Item need to be at the church by Saturday, Dec. 21st. Delivery will be on Dec. 22nd.

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,
December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

***The Introit** *“Bless His Holy Name” #155 (Praise Book)*

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 23:1-4

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

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

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

P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Love Through Me” # 213 v. 1 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God, gather us together when we stray as a loving shepherd seeks those wandering inexperienced lambs. Forgive us for searching for greener pastures in a secular world instead of being satisfied with the blessings You provide for us. Show us mercy when we disobey Your commandments when we climb the mountains of pride, egotism, and selfishness. Fill our hardened hearts with the true hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent and the mystery of Christmastide so that we can faithfully reflect Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Roman 5:1-3

L: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

P: Through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

L: Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep.

P: By the blood of the eternal covenant, Christ made you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will and have eternal life. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE: Scoot & Lisa Heffern & Pam Bottomley

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. We light this candle for peace. We light this candle in joy. We light this candle with love. (Light two purple candles, one pink candle, and the last purple candle)

“And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.’” **Luke 1:46-47**

God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, God of love, you are love, and those who abide in love abide in you. Teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world.

A: God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Sandra Houk (12/25)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Missionaries of the PC (USA) throughout the World; Members of the Presbytery of Lake Erie Committees

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 Little Town of Bethlehem” #192 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Micah 5:2-5a (P) Amen

Luke 1:39-45 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “The Shepherd of Israel”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Scots Confession 3.06

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into the world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the “just seed of David,” the “Angel of the great counsel of God,” the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “*What Child Is This*” #180 (Hymnal)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***OUR RESPONSE** “*Let Us Adore Him*” #49 (Praise Book)



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