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, Dottie Dillin, Bonnie, Skip & Nancy Davison,
Lisa's cousin Bonnie, Rudy Liebmann, Mary Vickers,
Cindy Pankratz, David Shearer, Cindy Sweetapple,
Linda McDevitt, Chris Doyle, Alberta Swendson,
Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Lincoln (4 yr old Great-grandson of Skip & Nancy)
Cindy Swendsen, Lisa Heffern

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Upcoming dates & activities:

- **10/23 Kids Club-PUMC 3 5 pm**
- 10/27 Congregational Mtg to Elect Officers 10:30 am
- 10/30 Kids Club-PUMC 3 5 pm
- 10/30 Bible Study 6:30 pm



Polk Presbyterian Church Calendar of Events October 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: 559 705 244 The passcode is 202020

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

Mission: Venango Community Services, Salvation Army, Emmaus Haven, Samaritans Purse Disaster Relief

No Bible Study on Oct 23rd due to Pastor Myers being on vacation.

Seneca Hills - Fall Work Day, Oct 26th, 9:30 am – 3 pm

 37^{th} Annual Knox Ladies Seminar – Nov. 9^{th} , 9 am – 4 pm. Information in Narthex.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction Hurricane Helene left in her path. GIVE: Immediate donations can be made online, by scanning the QR code below with your mobile device, calling (800) 728-7228, ext. 5885 or mailing a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

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. Would like to have 3 in the rotation. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Myers.



Polk Presbyterian Church, October 20, 2024 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

*The Introit "Come Now is the Time to Worship #117 (Praise Book)

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

One day, every tongue will confess you are God. One day, every knee will bow. Still, the greatest treasure remains for Those who gladly choose you now.

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 19:7-10, 14

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

P: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

L: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*PRAISE HYMN: "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" #193 (Praise Book)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Divine, merciful, and heavenly Father, we thank You for creating us in Your perfect image. Forgive your wayward children who spurn Your divine will and seek to satisfy our own selfish

desires. Have mercy upon us when we fail to live by Your righteous Commandments and follow the paths of evil that lead to destruction. Enable us to heed the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that leads us unto eternal life. Empower us to embrace the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, in whose name we lift this penitent prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Hebrew 4:14-16

L: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

P: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

L: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P: Thanks be to Almighty God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Warren First Rev. Lee Beckes, State Supply; Rev. Rachel Johns, Rev. George Espy (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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #393 (Hymnal)

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

*THE DOXOLOGY

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*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 20:8-10 (P) Amen

Hebrews 4:1-2, 9-13 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: "Let's Stop Ignoring the Sabbath"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed 2.1-2.3 I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

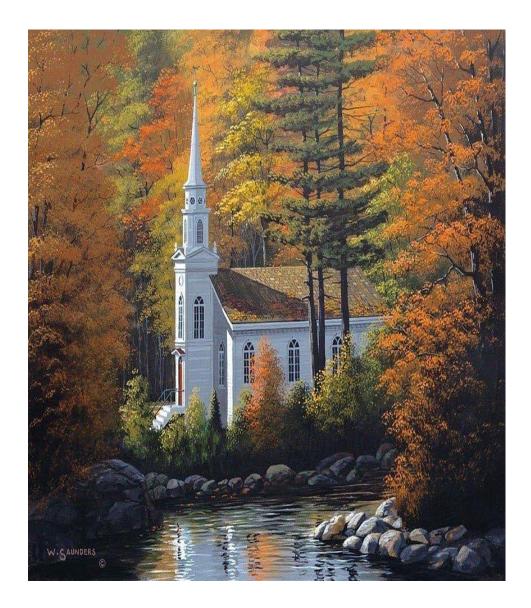
*CLOSING HYMN "The Solid Rock" #340 (Hymnal)

*THE BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE "Majesty" #8 (Praise Book)

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship His majesty— Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.



Guest Speaker: Trevor Wood Lay Reader: Shawnie Wood Music: Deb Myers