

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,
Cindy Pankratz, David Shearer, Cindy Sweetapple,
Linda McDevitt, Chris Doyle, Alberta Swendsen,
Pat Karns, Joe Karns, Lincoln (4 yr old Great-grandson of Skip & Nancy)
Cindy Swendsen, Lisa Heffern, Cheryl Hedglin Family, Tye Karns,
Greg Kassick, Dale Chisholm, Mike Peterson

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Upcoming dates & activities:

11/24 Decorating the Sanctuary/Church for Advent

11/24 Choir Practice after church

11/27 Bible Study 6:30 pm

11/28 Thanksgiving Day

12/1 First Sunday of Advent

12/1 Worship with Communion

12/4 Bible Study 6:30 pm



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

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

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

Collecting the following items for Emmaus Haven: Spray Cleaner (ex. 409 no bleach added), towels, wash clothes, cotton bath mats (like the ones used in hotels/motels), snacks and homemade cookies. Items need to be at the church by Saturday, Dec. 21st. Delivery will be on Dec. 22nd.

Everybody Wins Used Toy Sale - Saturday December 7, 2024
See insert

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,
November 17, 2024
Christ the King Sunday**

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

Time for meditation and reflection.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 132: 11-18

L: The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: “One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

P: If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne.”

L: For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his habitation: “This is my resting place forever; here I will reside, for I have desired it.

P: There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed one.

L: His enemies I will clothe with disgrace, but on him, his crown will gleam.”

***PRAISE HYMN:** *“Soon and Very Soon” #27 v. 1 (Praise Book)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION BCW

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your abundant mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, so that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:34

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ, died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us.

P: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

***Gloria Patri**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MOMENTS FOR MISSION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and concerns

BIRTHDAYS: Gail Banks (25th), Larry Myers (26th), Tripp Hansen (20th)

PRESBYTERY PRAYERS: Cooperstown Commissioned Pastor Diane Whitman; Ruling Elder Donna Cammarato Moderator of the Presbytery of Lake Erie

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 *“Crown Him with Many Crowns” #243 (Hymnal)*

RETURNING THANKS TO GOD

***THE DOXOLOGY**

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***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (P) Amen

John 18:33-37 (P) Thanks Be to God

SERMON: “Embracing the Kingdom”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Westminster Larger Catechism 7.155
Q. How does Christ execute the office of king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself; and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and

powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good;
and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and
obey not the gospel. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *“Come Thou Almighty King” #48 (Hymnal)*

*THE BENEDICTION

*OUR RESPONSE *“Spirit of the Living God” #201 (Praise Book)*



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

EVERYBODY WINS USED TOY SALE

Saturday December 7, 2024

Sale from 9 – 1, (12 – 1 Half price)

FREE TOYS!!!!!!

Give away 2 -3 pm

TOY DONATIONS NEEDED

Any clean, gently used toys accepted. Baby through teen

Drop Off Locations:

Galloway Church: Dec. 5th – Dec. 6th 4 – 8

Franklin YMCA: Nov. 18th – Dec. 6th Mon. – Fri. 8 – 5 (Marcy)

Franklin Floral: 309 13th St. Mon. – Fri. 9 – 4; Sat. 10 – 2

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During drop off Thursday and Friday and sale Saturday

PROCEEDS BENEFIT

Venango County Children's Aid Society

Shelter for Domestic and Sexual Abuse

GALLOWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

196 Seysler Rd, Franklin PA

(2.5 miles past Valley Grove High School on Rte 417)

Contact Jeanne at 814-428-1737 for more information

TOY DONATIONS NEEDED

What we take: Anything a kid might want!

Games, books, stuffed animals, baby dolls, action figures, bikes, scooters, baby toys, athletic equipment, puzzles, movies, toys of all shapes and sizes.

FREE FOR ALL

Clothes closet will be open during the sale. This is a clothes closet run by Galloway Church and provides free clothes and shoes to anyone free of charge.