

Puckety Presbyterian Church

Following Jesus... Making Disciples... Loving One Another as He Loves Us

November 2015

Post-Scripts
a monthly publication

The Greatest Thanksgiving

"Are you going grocery shopping today?" my husband, Roy asked when I picked up the telephone. "I plan to," I answered.



Thanksgiving was only a couple days away. Everyone in our family would be coming to our house. My funds were limited, therefore my box of coupons awaited me in the car. I knew I had to be creative in my shopping that day. I had to stretch every dollar.

For a few seconds, Roy sat silently on the other end of the line. "Why do you ask?" I uttered, fearing what he might say. "Nancy, there's a family with a half dozen kids that will not have anything to eat for Thanksgiving. The little one is only five-years-old." "So what are you saying?" I whispered. "While you're at the store could you possibly buy something for them?" Roy's words echoed in my heart. Groceries\$ a five-year-old\$ eight in the family\$ My head began to spin thinking about the fifty dollars I had reserved for our family's Thanksgiving dinner.

In the back of my mind I counted the hungry guests who would be coming to our house for dinner. I put my head down on my desk, already feeling defeated. There's no way possible, I thought. But the compassion I heard in my husband's voice struck a nerve inside me.

"Sure," I replied. "But only if God helps." "Thanks, sweetheart," Roy whispered. "Just do what you can." He then hung up the telephone. I finished my work and prayed all the way to the nearest grocery store.

I entered the parking lot. I noticed a big sign in the grocery store window: Turkeys - 29 cents a pound. "This is the place, Lord" I whispered. I grabbed my box of coupons, went inside, secured two buggies, and headed to the frozen foods. The turkeys were indeed on sale, but I discovered one big problem. When I read the sign posted on the freezer door my heart sank. "Limit one." "But I need two," I uttered to myself. I decided to find the manager. I explained the problem. He made an exception. After tossing a turkey in each buggy, I began my shopping fury. It was amazing how many buy-one, get-one free items were being featured that day. The first item went into one buggy. The free item went in the other. In addition, I had all the right coupons to get exactly what both families needed for a hearty Thanksgiving dinner. I proceeded to the register and held my breath while the cashier rang up my groceries. To my surprise, I had enough money. I was even able to purchase a package of cookies for the five-year-old who had stolen my heart, even though I had never met her.

Later that afternoon, Roy and I made a special delivery to a home filled with children of all ages. I will never forget the smiles on the six kids' faces, as they made several trips from my car carrying

numerous bags of groceries inside.

This event reminded me of a story. Even though He only had a few loaves and fishes, Jesus multiplied them and fed five thousand people. And to top it off, there was food left over. I wondered if God was doing the same thing that day.

By far, that was the greatest Thanksgiving Day of my life. My entire family shared a hearty meal with us. We had plenty to eat. We even had enough food left over for the evening meal.

That afternoon, when I had time to think about what had happened, I imagined a home, not far from where I lived. There was a mother and a father and six children sitting around the kitchen table, laughing and rejoicing. They enjoyed the same meal that our family had shared together that day.

Then I realized that miracles happen when we step out in faith and in steps God. For with us, some things are impossible. But with God, all things are possible.

~ Nancy B. Gibbs ~



The Board of Deacons met on October 8, 2015 and opened the meeting with prayer.

Shoeboxes are at all entrances to the church for Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child. The deadline for returning them is November 1st. The drop-off for the filled boxes will be at Grace Presbyterian Church. Bob Bates will see that they are delivered.

The Deacons will donate \$100 to Girl Scout Troop 20130 who will use the money to buy candy and nuts for our service members – Operation Sweet Appreciation.

We will check with the Burrell School District nurse, Mrs. Dastolfo to offer four \$25 gift cards to Roses Department Store in Lower Burrell. The cards will be used at her discretion for students in need and passed onto them discreetly.

A donation was approved to the publishers of Daily Bread. The Daily Bread is a daily devotional made available to our congregation. It is a free publication; they only accept donations.

There was discussion about Charlene's niece who has been designing and arranging the seasonal silk flower arrangements that we all enjoy in the sanctuary. She has been donating her time and talents. We will give her a love gift in appreciation.

The Angel Tree was discussed. Irene will contact Try City Life and the Mars Home. The tree will be decorated at our next meeting.

Rodney will ask Kelly to put in the bulletin requests for Thanksgiving food baskets.

Ushering and Deacon responsibilities were discussed. It was decided that Deacons should remain at the door at least ten minutes after the service begins to welcome late comers.



WEEK OF November 1

Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 24
 Revelations 21:1-6a
 John 11:32-44

WEEK OF November 8

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
 Psalm 127
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44

WEEK OF November 15

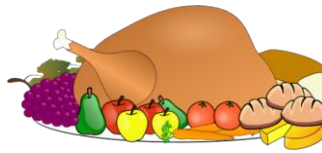
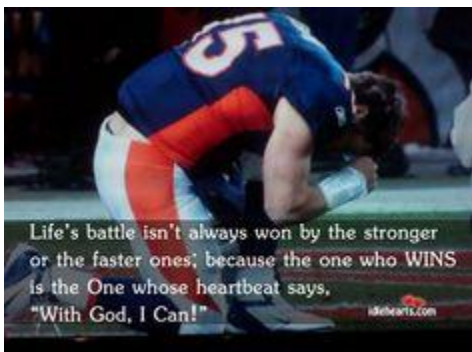
1 Sam 1:4-20
 1 Sam 2:1-10
 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
 Mark 13:1-8

WEEK OF November 22

2 Sam 23:1-7
 Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
 Revelations 1:4b-8
 John 18:33-37

WEEK OF November 29

Jer. 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Thess. 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36



The **Deacons** are starting to collect names for Thanksgiving food baskets and gift certificates. You have until November 15th. to fill out this form and give to any Deacon or place it in the offering plate. You may also mail it to the office or call in with your request. The boxes will be packed on November 16th and ready for pick-up on the 17th.

Contact Name/number: _____

Family
 name/number _____

Number of Adults _____

Children _____ (ages) _____



To the men and women that came out to help beautify the church grounds on October 18th. The work party included: Jack Barnett, Jack and Jessie Guyer, Sandy Ankney, Matt Wehrle, Mick Dober, Dean Kunkle, Vince Appleman and Chuck Mann. Your hard work is evident and is greatly appreciated!

Please note the change:
PRAISE IN MOTION

All dancers are to be here from 6:00-7:00pm on October 26, November 2, and November 9th. Please try your best to make it to all rehearsals.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS In November

1 Beth Dober
8 Vince Appleman
15 Irene Nelson
22 Paul and Marcie Leo
29 Kristen Orr

Your Session:
Michelle Hough
Rebecca Fisher
Cliff McKay, Sr.
Debbie Fotheringham
Deb Artman
Kirk Orr
Jolene Kostelansky
Mick Dober
Mike Tatem
Vicki Orr

Corporate Officers:

President: Sophia Earhart
Vice-Pres.: Cliff McKay
Secretary: Michelle Hough
Treasurer: Donna Bracken

THE POWER OF PRAYER!

IF YOU ARE NOT ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR IT. IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO LIFT SOMEONE WHO MAY NEED YOUR PRAYERS! CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE. WE HAVE AN EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN AS WELL AS A PHONE CALL PRAYER CHAIN.

Your Deacons:

Sandy Ankney
Vi Adamski
Cliff McKay, Jr.
Rodney Schafer
Charlene McKay
Jennifer Motosicky
Irene Nelson
Bob Bates
Kim Soulcheck
Nita Serene
Hilda Maxwell
Denise Wehrle

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Kirk Orr

Director of Youth Ministries:

Brandon Brim

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Treasurer:

Donna Bracken

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

Custodian:

Dean Kunkle

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Assistant Treasurer:

Sophia Earhart

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

GREETERS SCHEDULE

1 Debbie Fotheringham
and Mick Dober

8 Michelle Hough and
Vicki Orr

15 Rebecca Fisher and
Mike Tatem

22 Cliff McKay and
Mick Dober

29 Deb Artman and
Jolene Kostelansky



1 Janet Karan and
2 Deb Artman
8 Chuck and Judy West
15 Jolene Kostelansky and
Sophia Earhart
22 Chari Burtner and
Matt Wehrle
29 Janet Karan and
Deb Artman



The A/V Team is in need of anyone that can push buttons to join their team! Please see anyone on the team or let the office know if you are interested!

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:

GENERAL FUND INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER 2015	\$ 15,071.00
EXPENSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015	\$ 18,270.92
TOTAL INCOME FOR THIS YEAR 2015	\$ 149,300.30
TOTAL EXPENSES THRU SEPTEMBER 2015	\$ 151,816.30

All of our financial responsibilities continue to be met. We are grateful to God for His faithfulness to our church family!

ATTENTION: **ALL PUCKETY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN** **Your clearances need to be completed!!**

Please go to the following web-sites to get your clearances: www.keepkidssafe.pa.gov and www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. There is also an affidavit that needs signed. We have it in the office. We are here to help you fill these out if need be. Also, if you do not have access to the internet, you may do this in the church office.

If you are a woman, and you eat lunch after church on Sundays, consider joining us every 4th Sunday of the month, at Villa Ballanca (in Lower Burrell) for a yummy lunch, and some good fellowship! This is just a time to visit and catch up with one another and all that is going on in our lives! If you are interested in going, please let Rebecca Fisher know ahead of time by e-mailing her at rfisher@syfcomputing.com or texting her at 412.260.1571.

Even if you don't sign up, if it fits your schedule...just COME!!!!



NOVEMBER 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Youth Group Bonfire 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM After Worship Small Group	2 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:00 PM Praise in Motion 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting 7:00 PM Vicki and Kirk Small Group	3  1:00 PM Faith Group 6:30 PM Worship Purpose Team	4 Meals on Wheels 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Line Dancing	7
8 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM After Worship Small Group 6:30 PM Youth Group	9 Meals on Wheels 5:45 PM MS Group Meeting 6:00 PM Praise in Motion 7:00 PM Vicki and Kirk Small Group	10 1:00 PM Faith Group 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	11  Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 Meals on Wheels 5:30 PM Scheftic Piano Recital 6:00 PM Line Dancing	14
15 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 1:00 PM Barr Birthday Party 6:30 PM Youth Group	16 Meals on Wheels	17 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	18 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	20 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Line Dancing	21 9:00 AM Nelson Baby Shower
22 Gerthoffer Birthday Party ?? 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:30 PM Youth Group	23 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	24 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	25 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26  OFFICE CLOSED	27 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Jordan Baptism Party 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch @ Villa Ballanca 6:30 PM Youth Group	30 Meals on Wheels	1  8:00 PM N.A. meeting	2 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3 5:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 Meeting	4 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Line Dancing	5



October-November Prayer Focus



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, so our prayers for October will be for Kirk especially but his family as well.

- ✓ Pray that Kirk would always preach the Word, being prepared in season and out of season, to correct, rebuke, and encourage, with great patience and careful instruction. (2 Timothy 4:2)
- ✓ Pray that God would supply all of Kirk's needs, according to His riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)
- ✓ Pray that with the shield of faith, that Kirk would be able to quench all flaming darts of doubt, mental distraction, or anything else that Satan throws at Kirk. (Eph. 6:16)
- ✓ Pray for discernment to prioritize the precious minutes in his day. Let Kirk be able to discern what is most important and be guarded against the tyranny of the urgent.
- ✓ Pray that Kirk would never boast except in the cross of Jesus Christ. (Galatians 6:14)
- ✓ Pray for all the relationships in Kirk's life...that they would honor God and bring glory to God.
- ✓ Pray that Kirk would love Vicki, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. (Ephesians 5:22)
- ✓ Pray that Kirk would love his children and grandchildren and be the parent God has called him to be.
- ✓ Pray that Kirk will rest in the shadow of the Almighty, and say that the Lord is his refuge and fortress, his God in who he trusts. (Psalm 91:1-2)

During the month of November, focus on gratitude, and being grateful.

- ✓ Pray that we would recognize God's faithfulness, which is new every morning. (Lamentations 3:23)
- ✓ Pray that in everything we do, in word or deed, we would do all of it in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God. (Colossians 3:17)
- ✓ Thank God because every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights... (James 1:17)
- ✓ Make a list during the month of November ~ write something each day, which you are grateful for. We have so much to be thankful for!



Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

November 3
Doreen Dailey
Ryleigh Smith

November 5
Dakota Jones
Jesse Cribbs

November 6
Jane Newell
Eldaree Meyer

November 11
Craig Szalai
Jeff Ewing

November 12
Sharon Nadolny

November 13
Dorothy Beveridge

November 14
Nicolas Nadolny

November 15
Norene Nelson

November 16
Lauren Grady
Debbie Artman
Linda Weston

November 17
Kristen Gordon

November 18
Chuck West

November 23
Jordan Jones

November 25
Linda Benish
Rebecca Dunkel

November 26
Cliff McKay

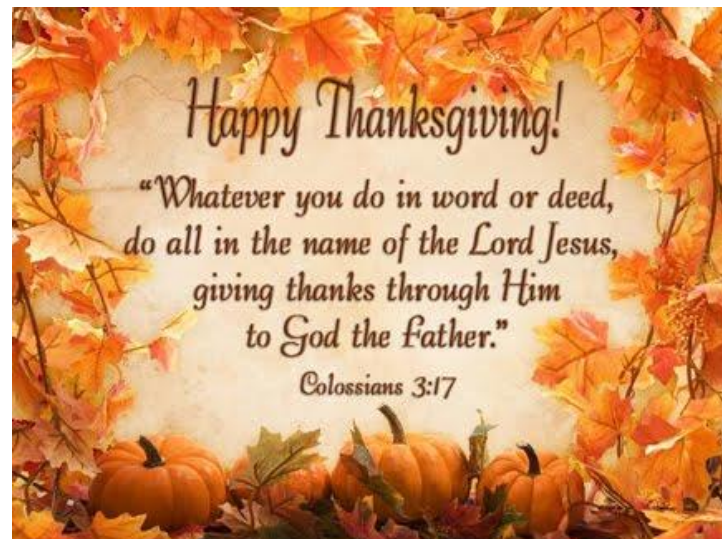
November 27
Barbara Smallwood
Mick Dober



The Deacons will be putting the annual Angel Tree up in the hallway near the library on November 8th. On the tree will be "angels" with children's names and wishes.

The children are from the Mars Youth Home and Tri-Life Center. Please take an "angel" from the tree, shop for their wishes or anything else you care to purchase, place all items in a **gift bag**, attach their "angel" ornament to the bag and place it in the office. The gift bags will be delivered soon after December 6th. The gifts need to be into the office by that date! If you have any questions, please see one of the Deacons.

Thank you!



Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child! We appreciate all who filled and shoe box and all who prayed for this project. The Deacons





If you are interested in joining any of any of our teams, please let one of the team members or the office know. Thank you!

Discipleship Team

Brandon Brim
Beth Dober
Chari Burtner
Joyce Ewing
Kirk Orr
Vicki Orr
Brenda McAllister
Jolene Kostelansky
Rebecca Fisher

The **Worship Team** consists of:

Debbie Fotheringham- Leader
Kirk and Vickie Orr
Nita Serene
Cliff and Charlene McKay
Janet Karan
Lorraine Menk
Irene Nelson

Outreach team members:

Leader – Deb Artman
Members - Matt Wehrle
Denise Wehrle
Marcie Leo
Paul Leo
Rebecca Fisher

Praise Team: Kirk Orr

Rebecca Fisher
Paul Leo
Jennifer Motosicky
Mick Dober
Marcie Leo

Card Ministry team:

Nancy Scibilia, Helen Crissman, Mary Wilds, Carol Johnston, Ann Johnson, Janet Karan, Marti Rugh, Dorothy Beveridge, Donna Bracken

Fellowship and Care Team: Mary Goldinger, Hilda Maxwell, Jean Morrow, Doris Prinkey, Kellie Jaworski, Charlene McKay, Dorothy Beveridge, Clare Kapustick, Irene Nelson, Cliff McKay

Praise in Motion members: Sandy Ankney,

Sophia Earhart, Charlene McKay,

Lorraine Menk, Jennifer Motosicky, Vicki Orr,

Irene Nelson

Upkeep Team: Kirk Orr, Vince Appleman, Dean Kunkle,

Jack Guyer, Jack Barnett, Cliff McKay, Sr., George Davis and Sandy Ankney.

Choir members: Vi Adamsky, Sandy Ankney, Gary Close, Sue Close, Beth Dober, Mick Dober, Sophia Earhart, Jessica Guyer, Jim Johnston, Clare Kapustik, Janet Karan, Cliff McKay, Lorraine Menk, Jennifer Motosicky, Irene Nelson, Howard Newell, Kirk Orr, Vicki Orr, Marti Orren, Dorrie Prinkey, Marti Rugh, Nita Serene, Chuck West.

Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst



A Year of Service for a Lifetime of Change: Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteers

I'm Mara Sawdy, a PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Washington, D.C. from the West Newton Church in Redstone Presbytery. I am currently living in D.C. with my fellow YAVs as I work at Miriam's Kitchen and the Office of Public Witness.

Miriam's Kitchen seeks to end chronic homelessness by providing guests with a meal, an art program, and access to various services. I help people fill out paperwork to get vital records that they may need, search for jobs, and listen to their stories.. One day, I helped a guest apply to various jobs on the computer. The next day I saw the same person at a bus stop, and he gave me the biggest smile and thanked me yet again for all of my help.

I also work for the Office of Public Witness to advocate for the social witness perspectives and policies of the Presbyterian General Assembly. I recently attended a strike of low-wage federal contract workers to protest poverty pay. The entire time I was present at the strike, I felt such a feeling of unity and strength. Hearing the stories of those striking brought me to tears. I see God at work in thank yous and experiencing the unity of those suffering.

Check our Mara's blog: www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/mara-sawdy/

Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World

Together!



NO, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT TWITTER.
I LITERALLY WANT YOU TO FOLLOW ME.

—JESUS

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PERMIT NO. 247*(Return Service Requested)***Last Day For:****Post Scripts****Information:**Third Wednesday
of the month.**Bulletin Information:**The Tuesday before the Sunday the
article is to be announced**REMINDER:**

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Children's Church 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.

Every Sunday ☺

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