

## *Puckety Presbyterian Church*

1009 Puckety Church Road  
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

*(Return Service Requested)*

### Last Day For:

#### **Post Scripts Information:**

Third Friday 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.

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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS:

From January 27 – February 17 (four Sundays), I'm going to preach from Nehemiah. Nehemiah's story (along with Ezra) tells of God's people as they try to put their lives back together after the Babylonian exile. I invite you to read through Ezra and (especially) Nehemiah to become familiar with this wonderful, though poorly known, story of God's work in the Old Testament. This story is a metaphor for the rebuilding and revitalizing of the church.

In the groups that gathered last summer and fall to talk about the future of Puckety Church, the consensus was that the "golden years" of Puckety church were either in the mid-1960s – early-1980s (when Harry Fisher was pastor) or the 1990s-2000s (when Gary Close was pastor). Since then Puckety has been on the typical Presbyterian decline – almost every Presbyterian church has experienced this – losing members and influence in the community. There are many factors that are included in this, both external (cultural, community) and internal (mistakes, conflict, etc.).

As we look toward getting a new pastor, and as we think about rebuilding the church, I invite you to think about and discuss with others the Seven Marks of Vital Congregations. I don't remember where I first got this, but these are ideas worth considering, working on together, and praying about, as we engage in this work of God. What is God doing in, among, and around Puckety Church? What is God calling us to do? What will this look like for Puckety?

## *Seven Marks of Vital Congregations*

- 1) **Lifelong Discipleship Formation** – Going beyond teaching information about God, the Bible, and how to live moral lives, offering opportunities to continue the journey of faith.
- 2) **Intentional Authentic Evangelism** – Intentionally sharing the good news of Jesus, not just being nice people and doing good works.
- 3) **Outward Incarnational Focus** – A missional focus, into our community and into the world, where Christ is already living and present and calling us to dwell.
- 4) **Empowered Servant Leadership** – Identifying, nurturing and supporting the use of spiritual gifts of all people. Less of a focus on "it's the pastor's job."
- 5) **Spirit-Inspired Worship** – Worship that isn't self-gratifying but focuses on God and ultimately challenges, transforms and sends people out differently.
- 6) **Caring Relationships** – Creating a place where people can freely share stories, ask questions and be loved through the struggles of life.
- 7) **Ecclesial Health** – Understanding why a church community comes together. Being open to changes. Nurturing and supporting the health of the pastor, staff, and all who are called to lead and participate in the church.



## In January

6 Cliff McKay  
13 Chari Burtner  
20 Michelle Gordon  
27 Mick Dober

### **Your Session:**

Debra Artman  
Sophia Earhart  
Rebecca Fisher  
Jolene Kostelansky  
Charlene McKay  
Jennifer McKay  
Doug Marshall  
Mike Tatem  
Matt Wehrle  
Chuck West

### **Corporate Officers:**

**President:** Sophia Earhart  
**Vice-Pres.:** Matt Wehrle  
**Secretary:** Debra Artman  
**Treasurer:** Donna Bracken

### **PRAYER REQUESTS!**

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  
Beth Dober  
Mick Dober  
Margie Hazlett  
Brenda McAllister  
John McAllister  
Maria Schafer  
Rodney Schafer  
Kim Tatem  
Peg Uhing  
Jean Welte

### **CHURCH STAFF**

**Interim Pastor:**  
Doug Marshall

**Administrative Secretary:**  
Kelly Kapelewski

**Treasurer:**  
Donna Bracken

**Choir Director:**  
Lorraine Menk

**Organist/Pianist:**  
Sue Close

**Housekeeper:**  
Irene Nelson

**Assistant Treasurer:**  
Sophia Earhart

**Financial Secretary:**  
Judy West

## **GREETERS** **SCHEDULE**

6 Matt Wehrle and  
Rebecca Fisher  
13 Deb Artman and  
Sophia Earhart  
20 Jolene Kostelansky and  
Chuck West  
27 Mike Tatem and  
Jen McKay

### **POWER OF PRAYER**

To the family of God here at Puckety: We want to remind you that there are people here at Puckety who are available to pray for you after the worship service and we invite you to take advantage of these opportunities for prayer. We are asking that all who desire prayer to come and be seated in the first or second pew, up by the communion table. This will help us be aware of your desire for prayer. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16b)

### **Counters Schedule**

3 Chuck and Judy  
West  
10 Jolene Kostelansky,  
Sophia Earhart and  
Matt Wehrle  
17 Marilyn Crumley and  
Helen Crissman  
24 Janet Karan and  
Deb Artman

### **Pastor Nominating Committee:**

Fisher,

Deb Artman, Sophia Earhart, Rebecca  
Kelly Kapelewski, Brenda McAllister, Mike Tatem

Please be sure to check the bulletin board outside the church office any time you are visiting the church. It is full of useful information and announcements from throughout the community!



Like and follow us on Facebook for updates and info on activities and events as well as announcements!

## Women's Retreat

April 5-6, 2019

Come join us for a wonderful time of worship and fellowship, to help us grow closer to Jesus, that's just for women!

**Where:** Puckey Church (go home to sleep Friday night and return Saturday for the day).

**Cost:** \$20.00 (includes workbook, breakfast, and lunch).

Watch our website [www.pucketychurch.org](http://www.pucketychurch.org) and [Puckety Presbyterian Church on Facebook](#) for more info and updates!

Registration goes through Thurs. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> for:



"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble."

– Psalm 46:1, NLT

If you have questions, please contact  
Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at [rfisher@syfcomputing.com](mailto:rfisher@syfcomputing.com)



## Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

### For the week of:

#### February 3:

Jer 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Cor 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

#### February 10:

Isa 6:1-8  
Psalm 138  
1 Cor 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

#### February 17:

Jer 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Cor 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

#### February 24:

Gen 45:3-11  
Psalm 37:1-11, 29-40  
1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38



### **Coffee Time:** **Thursday, February** **28 @ 10:00 AM.**

You are invited to join Pastor Doug for a monthly Coffee Time – an opportunity to share a cup of coffee (or whatever your favorite drink might be) with no agenda other than enjoying the company of those who gather. Come join us – in the Conference Room.



**MUSICAL NOTES -** Chase the winter blues away by joining us on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to rehearse with the choir for the upcoming Lent and Easter worship services. The music selections are rich with beautiful, prayerful texts and wonderful melodies and harmonies. If you would like to sing

with the choir for perhaps just Easter Sunday, that can be arranged and I encourage that as well! Our anthem for Easter Sunday is an amazing composition and we really need a couple more men's voices for this one. Rehearsals for Easter will begin on Thursday, January 31 at 6:30. p.m. Won't you consider helping to minister to your congregation? See Lorraine or any other choir member if interested.

## **Blessings On Your Birthday!!!**

- 3** Dylan Meyers
- 7** Joshua Dober  
Kirk Orr
- 9** Jodi Piernik
- 10** Rodney Schafer  
Martha Matisko
- 15** Mark Nelson
- 18** Joshua Johnston  
Ron Kapustik
- 19** Karen David
- 24** Vicky Baker  
Audrey J. Morrow
- 26** Jim Heasley
- 27** Christina Logan
- 28** Kristine Schafer

Please include the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) in your daily prayer list!

\*Ask God to work schedules out, so that they can meet when needed and all be able to participate.

\*Ask God to give them wisdom as they read through the PIF (Pastor Information Forms), and do interviews with candidates, to hear what is being said as well as what is not being said.

\*Ask God to give them unity of thought and mind as they rate/rank candidates, so that they would be led to the pastor God desires for Puckety.

\*Pray about anything else for them that God brings to your mind.

Please help yourself to a **FREE 2019 calendar** located at each entrance! They are courtesy of Gigler and Rusciewicz Funeral Homes.



# Meals 4 Children

*weekend meals for hungry kids*



## **Burrell Meals4Children Packing Schedule 2018-19**

February 6th Puckety  
February 13<sup>th</sup> BCC  
February 20th Grace Comm  
February 27th Bethesda

March 6<sup>th</sup> Puckety  
March 13<sup>th</sup> BCC  
March 20th Grace Comm  
March 27th Bethesda

April 3rd Puckety  
April 10<sup>th</sup> BCC  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Grace Comm  
May 1st Bethesda

May 8th Puckety  
May 15<sup>th</sup> BCC  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> Grace Comm  
May 29th Bethesda

### **Food items needed:**

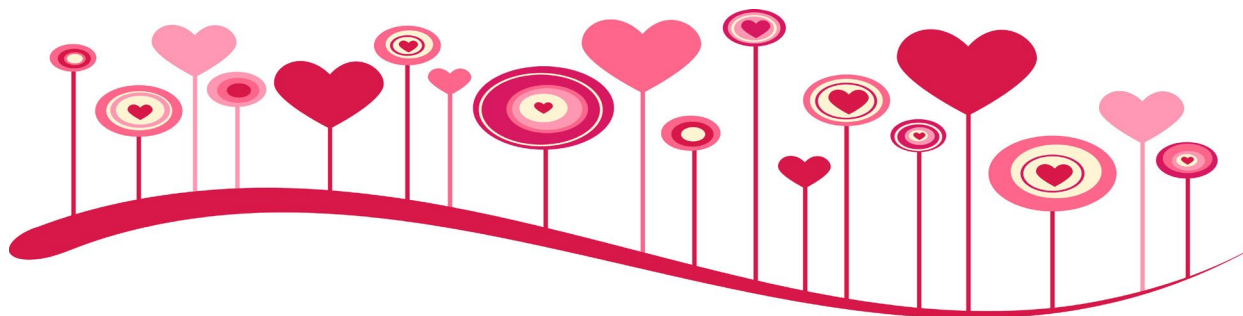
individual mac and cheese servings  
single serving cereal  
individual servings of chicken, tuna, etc  
small packages/boxes of trail mix  
small canned pasta meals (must have pop off lids)  
soup cups  
breakfast bars  
any healthy, single serving breakfast or lunch item  
small packs of crackers

### **At this time, we have 75 children registered for the program.**

Each week we pack at least one piece of fruit in each bag (apple, orange, tangerine). I would like to keep the current arrangement where the church which is doing the packing brings the fruit for the each of its scheduled packing weeks. We purchase the fruit a day or two before the packing.



to Bob Bates for his service as our sign changer in front of the church for 10 years! Just like the Post Man, no rain, snow, sleet, hail or heat of summer stopped him from changing out the sign every Sunday after afternoon! If you are interested in volunteering to continue this ministry, please contact the church office!



# Stories of Redstone

## Christ at work in our midst

### *Presbytery leadership for the future!*










Rev. Laura Blank was baptized, nurtured and shaped within one of Redstone Presbytery's congregations. Nearly five years since her ordination as a Teaching Elder, Rev. Blank will become Presbytery Moderator for 2019. Concerning Presbytery involvement, Laura notes: *"Any time we get together*



*with folks from around the presbytery, we leave with fresh ideas, encouragement and a sense of how connected we all are."* Serving as Presbytery Moderator she models and expresses that *"when we engage in the larger work of the church, we get a panoramic view of what Jesus is up to in the world. We can start to see how our "little c" church is part of the "big C" Church!"* With her proven, varied skills as pastor, musician, teacher, animal wrangler, pancake flipper, costume designer and gardener, we look forward to her leadership among us.

*Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World  
Together!*

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> Maloney Birthday Party??? 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch	<b>28</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Compassion Network Meeting	<b>29</b> 1:00 PM Bracken Small Group 6:30 PM Outreach Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>30</b> Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b>  February 2019 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing 6:30 PM Fly Tying	<b>2</b> 
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 11:30 AM Tatem Small Group 12:00 PM Mele Baby Shower 	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	<b>5</b> 1:00 PM Bracken Small Group 6:30 PM PNC Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>6</b> Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 	<b>11</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	<b>12</b> 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>13</b> Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>14</b>  6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 11:30 AM Tatem Small Group	<b>18</b> Meals on Wheels 	<b>19</b> 1:00 PM Bracken Small Group 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>20</b> Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>23</b> 1:00 PM Girl Scout Thinking Day Event
<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 11:30 AM Ladies' Lunch 	<b>25</b> Meals on Wheels 4:15 PM Worship Team	<b>26</b> 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>  10:00 AM Coffee Hour 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing  March 2019	<b>2</b>

