

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.

Childrens' Church 10:00 a.m.



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Pastor's Paragraphs

By Interim Pastor Doug Marshall

One of the joys I've had as an interim pastor is exploring new areas of western PA. For 9 ½ years I worked in Churchill and got to know the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh fairly well. I spent 15 months in the south hills (Bethel Park) and 3 years in Moon Twp. (by the airport) and I've visited various hospitals all over the Pittsburgh region and been here in Lower Burrell for a few months. However, I still find it a challenge to get "there" from "here." Just last week I went through a part of Plum (the township where I live) that I had never seen before. There is no such thing as a straight road in this area. Trying to navigate can be a nightmare, or a fun adventure, depending on one's perspective and how much time you have. Thank God for GPS.

Before I head out to drive somewhere I often open up Google Maps and see where I'm going. The GPS on my phone is even handier because it goes with me. It's not perfect and sometimes doesn't work, but it works much better than directions that some people give:

- "Turn right at the corner with the big oak tree. (How many oak trees are there in Pittsburgh?) Go a couple of blocks and veer left where the old BP gas station used to be" (Used to be?)
- "Ya go down this road for a couple miles or so, and then turn at the barn that doesn't have a roof on it. My house is the third driveway on the right. We have a green mailbox out front." (The mailbox was probably painted green 20+ years ago, or fallen down, or covered by bushes)

In spite of my GPS there are still times when I find myself driving around looking for a place. The lack of street signs doesn't help either.

Sometimes the Christian life is like trying to navigate through Pittsburgh. Yet God has not left us without help, but has given us the Holy Spirit. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit is *not* like Google Maps. Though we know our ultimate destiny (heaven) we aren't given all the details of how we are going to get there. At best, we are usually given the next step or two. Rather than simply giving us directions that we have to follow, the Holy Spirit goes with us, to guide on our way. Rather than a map, we are given a companion for the journey.

The greatest part of God's way of leading us is that even when we make a wrong turn, even when we are on the wrong road, we are not alone, for the Holy Spirit is with us, and God owns all the roads. "All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness." (Psalm 25:10)

Join us, for worship on May 20 as we celebrate Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Doug



Coffee Time: May 23 @ 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. Coffee (regular and decaf), tea and hot chocolate will be provided. Come join us – in the Conference Room.

FELLOWSHIP AND CARE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT:

If anyone is interested in serving as part of the Fellowship and Care Team, please talk to Mike or Kim Tatem. The main New Testament word translated "fellowship" means, "partnership, close relationship, or communion". The goal of the team is to promote fellowship with God first, then believers at Puckety, other local believers, and Christians around the world. Our goal is for fellowship to be truly spiritual and practical. We believe that God wants everything that is done at Puckety (the body of believers, not the building) to promote fellowship with Him and other believers, to the glory of our Lord! Some of the things we are considering are: small groups, ways to get to know each other spiritually and personally at church meals and gatherings, connection with other local believers, and ministry of various kinds. If this is something you believe the Lord wants you to consider, please let us know.

SESSION UPDATE

Discipleship –20 women registered for women's retreat scheduled for April 14

Fellowship & Care - April 29 will be a small group information meeting after church, meetings will start the week after May 6

Vision Day – will have worship, presentation on where God has been involved in Puckety in the past, timeline events from the world and the church, present CSI results, and small group table discussions.

Pastor – Doug reported he met with high school students for pizza and fellowship, had a fun time, talked and hung out, would like to do again including middle school students.



In May

6 Jennifer McKay
13 Maria Schafer
20 Sophia Earhart
27 Chari Burtner

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

Custodian:
Dean Kunkle

Housekeeper:
Irene Nelson

Assistant Treasurer:
Sophia Earhart

Financial Secretary:
Judy West



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

6 Jolene Kostelansky
and Sophia Earhart
13 Helen Crissman and
Marilyn Crumley
20 Janet Karan and
Deb Artman
24 Chuck and Judy West

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!

TIME TO MOW!!!



As we again feel the freedom to be outdoors that comes with spring, we have a way for you to celebrate its arrival. How about enjoying the spring time air and sunshine by helping with the grass mowing. The Upkeep committee would welcome your participation in this spring ritual by signing up to mow. We can use all the help we can get. We are flexible and can arrange times that fit your schedule. You can mow with a

team or mow individually. If you can only help once or twice during the eight month mowing season it is truly appreciated. We do not discriminate by age or gender. All are welcome.

We have two riding mowers, two push mowers and three gas trimmers, so you have some preference choices. No matter what, we are very accommodating and always appreciative.

You may sign up by contacting Vince Appleman or Kelly in the office. Please state your degree of interest, preferences for times and availability. We will then attempt to put a tentative schedule together. As you can well imagine, we are a business that operates under the limitations and demands of the weather. Coordination is sometimes challenging, but with your help and patience we will get by.

April Deacon Meeting Minutes

Mick opened the meeting with prayer.

Our pastor, Doug Marshall, was present. We welcomed two newly elected deacons. Rodney Schafer who will be installed and Peg Uhing who will be ordained and installed on Sunday April 15, 2018.

Our balance as of 3/31/2018 is \$1,306.11.

We had 7 requests for help. We were able to help 4 with utility bills and food.

We have created a list for persons who call for help that disqualify themselves (*don't follow the rules or abuse the system*). This list will be kept by the moderator with their other help lists.

There were 4 Easter baskets packed and ready for pick-up. They assisted 9 adults and 2 children.

The funeral dinner held for the custodian who had no family had leftovers. Fortunately, the team was able to use the leftovers to further support the community by sharing with the local fire and police personnel.

Denise reported on the Session meeting she attended in March. Rodney will attend the April meeting.

Maria volunteered to order 80 bookmarks to be handed out on Mother's Day. Mick will look for something for Father's Day.

The duties for the 2018-2019 year were passed around for deacons to decide what special jobs they would like to handle for the year.

The ushering schedules for the May 2018 – April 2019 year were passed out to the deacons who will be serving.

Two sign-up sheets were sent around for a commitment to attend a Session meeting and if any deacon was willing to go with Doug on a communion visit to our shut-ins.

We voted to have Sandra increase the Large Print "Our Daily Bread" from 60 to 70 copies.

Sandra reported there are 9 students who will receive Walmart gift cards to encourage them during finals.

The meeting closed with Denise leading the prayer time.

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday May 2, 2018 at 6:30pm. It will be partly a dessert social time to welcome new deacons and thank the deacons retiring from active service.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Dober

Shipwrecked

Where kids learn that they are
rescued by Jesus!

Vacation Bible School at Puckety
Monday June 18th – Friday June 22nd
6:00pm-8:45pm

- Any child who is 3 years old, and been to a year of Pre- School through students finishing 5th grade are welcome to come! You do not have to be a member to attend! Bring a friend or two!!
- There is **no cost** for this event and you can register online at www.pucketychurch.org beginning in May.
- For more information, contact Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or rfisher@syfcomputing.com
- **We still need crew leaders!!!** Please consider volunteering to fill this important role!
- **We will have a VBS Staff Meeting** offered two times...please plan to attend the one that works best for you!
 - The first will be after worship on Sunday June 3rd at 6:30
 - A second meeting will be on Tuesday June 5th

This is the same info just offered two different times





Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

May 6:

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 13:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 20:

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104:24-34
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27:

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



*(If your name does not appear
or if the information is
incorrect, please contact the
office so that the records may
be updated.)*

Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 1 Morgan Girard
- 2 Dean Hurlbut
Carolyn Stanley
- 3 Joy Burd
Jean Morrow
- 4 Jessica Yohe
Jolene Kostelansky
- 5 Kayla Johnston
- 9 Scott Johnson
- 10 John Matisko
- 11 Vicki Orr
Cheyenne Kirchartz
- 12 Vince Appleman
- 13 Matt Wehrle, Jr.
- 14 Ami Zellefrow
- 17 Matthew Johnston
Brittany Meyer
- 18 Braden Serene
- 19 Anne Johnson
- 20 Janet Szalai
- 25 Laura Such
- 27 Eleanor Kantorskie
Evan Chen
- 29 Jean Welte
Nancy Ellen Law
- 30 John Wilds

Ladies Lunch

*4th Sunday of each month

*Meet near the conference room at 11:15

We get to know each other better while we
enjoy some good food!

If you haven't joined us for lunch yet, or if it's been
a while since you came, consider
Coming in May!! Hope to see you there!

We won't have Ladies Lunch in June...the kids from
VBS will be leading us in worship and we will have a
time of coffee and fellowship afterwards with them
and their families.

Burrell Meals4Children Packing Schedule 2017-18

May 2nd

May 9th
May 16th
May 23rd
May 30th

Puckety

BCC
Grace Comm
Bethesda

**If you are a "regular attender"
here at Puckety Presbyterian Church,
please be sure the office has your
address, phone number/s and email
address/es so that you can stay up to
date with the events at Puckety!**

Puckety Vision Day: May 6 –Save The Date

On Sunday, May 6 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (at the latest), all members and friends of Puckety Church are invited to join us for a day of coming together as the Family of God and the Body of Christ. We will worship together, eat lunch together (potluck), and spend some time talking about how God has worked in the life of Puckety Church, and how God is continuing to work. We hope you will make this a priority and join us. Please sign the board in the sanctuary to let us know what you will be bringing!



VBS will be here very soon!! If you want to help with anything other than donating items from our donation board, you need to have your clearances on file in the church office, don't wait!!

Ask Rebecca Fisher or contact Kelly in the church office, for information on how to get your clearances so you can be able to join the fun!



"Like and follow us on Facebook for updates and info on activities and events such as VBS and many others!"



Graduate Recognition will take place on Sunday June 10, 2018. If you have a family member who is graduating from high school or college, in May or June this year, please send any information/picture you'd like to have shared to Rebecca Fisher (rfisher@syfcomputing.com) by or before Thursday, May 31st. Thank you!!



May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Ehrlich Spaghetti Dinner 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:00 AM Small Groups Meeting 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch 11:30 AM Middle/High School Bowling 8:00 PM AA Meeting	30 Meals on Wheels	1 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	2 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3  7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	5  9:00 AM Menk Scrapbooking Event
6 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Puckety Vision Day 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	7 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 4:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 6:30 PM Upkeep Team Meeting	8 5:45 PM MS Group Meeting 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	9 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	10 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	12
13  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	14 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM MS Group Meeting	15  7:00 PM Sewing Guild	16 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	17 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	18 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	19 
20  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	21 Meals on Wheels 6:45 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	22 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	23  Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 10:00 AM Coffee Hour with Doug 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	25 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	26
27  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	28 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 	29 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	30 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	31 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	1 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	2





A special thank you to
Charlene McKay and her
“helpers” for making our
sanctuary look so very
lovely for Maundy
Thursday and Easter
Sunday. Your time and
efforts are greatly
appreciated!



WHAT IS PENTECOST?



The word itself means “fiftieth”.
Pentecost is 50 days after Easter and ten
days after the Ascension of our
Lord into heaven.

Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the
Holy Spirit at Pentecost .

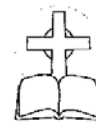
Puckety Church Media Worship

The Deacons and the Puckety Church family want you to be aware and encourage you to use the Media Worship resource that is available on the church’s website. All sermons for the year 2018 and 2017 have been recorded and are available for playback.

For first time users go to: www.pucketychurch.org

Then go to: Worship

Then: Media



The sermons are arranged “calendar style,” and the title, date, and length of each sermon is provided. The Puckety Church family urge you to visit the website and listen to sermons on the character of God’s love that will help you reflect on your spiritual well-being and help you to develop a closer relationship with God – A God whose love is perfect and powerful, holy and healing, and ever present.