

## *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.



# *Puckety Church*

*Post-Scripts*  
a monthly publication

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



July 2020

# Post-Scripts

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## Salutation from the Pastor

As I was thinking about what to include in the August *Post-Scripts*, I learned that author J.I. Packer passed away on July 17, 2020. Packer's book, *Knowing God*, arguably had a greater effect on me than any other book I read in the early part of my life. I read it as a Senior in high school, and though I wouldn't discern a call to ministry until mid-college, this book did for me, *intellectually*, what people like my grandmother did for me *relationally* – deepen my *faith* in Christ and my *purpose* as his servant. There is no way I can summarize all the powerful parts of his writing and teaching, so I'll try to give you a sampling that I pray will whet your appetite for more:

In *Knowing God* J. I. Packer writes: "If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his outlook on life, it means that he does not yet understand Christianity very well."

How would Packer summarize the whole of New Testament teaching in one word? The best single word would be **adoption**, as he writes that the New Testament religion is "*A revelation of the Fatherhood of the holy Creator ...*

*the knowledge of God as one's holy Father ... Everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new, and [completes] the Old, everything that is distinctively Christian ... is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God.*"

Packer says that each of us should ask ourselves the following questions: Do I, as a Christian, understand myself? Do I know my own real identity? My own real destiny? Calling this "the secret of a Christian life and of a God-honoring life," he says that we should take the following truths, and "Say them over and over to yourself first thing in the morning, last thing at night, any time your mind is free, and ask that you may be enabled to live as one who knows it is all *utterly and completely true*." I am a child of God by adoption.

1. God is my Father, through faith in Christ.
2. Heaven is my home.
3. Every day is one day nearer.
4. My Savior is my brother.
5. Every Christian is my brother or sister too.

A caveat: the book, *Knowing God*, is *definitely* a theological work, but I believe it is also very engaging – for "new" or "old" Christians alike. If you haven't read it, I highly recommend it.

~ Pastor Brian

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## In August

None at this time.

### Your Session:

Deb Artman – Clerk  
 Chari Burtner  
 Jack Barnett  
 Rebecca Fisher  
 Michelle Gordon  
 Charlene McKay  
 Jennifer McKay  
 Matt Wehrle  
 Chuck West  
 Mira Whalen

### Corporate Officers:

**President:** Matt Wehrle  
**Vice-Pres.:** Jennifer McKay  
**Secretary:** Debra Artman  
**Treasurer:** Donna Bracken



### Your Deacons:

Sandy Ankney  
 Mick Dober  
 Pat Fish  
 Margie Hazlett  
 Traci Kirchartz  
 John McAllister  
 Cecil McCutcheon  
 Brandy Roland  
 Maria Schafer  
 Kim Soulcheck  
 Peg Uhing  
 Jean Welte



### Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

### Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

### Treasurer:

Donna Bracken

### Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

### Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

### Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

### Financial Secretary:

Judy West

# GREETERS SCHEDULE

## August

None at this time



### Offering counters:

Chuck West will handle  
 Counting with Donna  
 Bracken until further notice.



The Board of Deacons would like to express a special thanks to the congregation for the donations we received during the Coronavirus pandemic. We appreciate you remembering us with you generous financial support. Your contribution to the Deacon fund will help us to continue to provide assistance to families who are experiencing difficult circumstances. Grace and peace to all of you. Thank you for support, prayers, and thoughtfulness.



***Ephesians 5:19 "speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord..."***

We know that God meets us where we are. We know he is omnipresent. So we know he hears us when we sing whether with our lips or from the silent recesses of our hearts. Sometimes the most powerful musical prayer is sung in the dark of the evening in whispers. We know he hears it. So as we sing from home during virtual worship or silently from our pew, He hears us.

Our Puckety choir has met a few times via "zoom" to meet and chat and yes, try to sing. We learned that did not go so well because of delays and such, and we got a chuckle out of that!

We truly need people to step forward to offer special music this summer either at worship or via recording. Please contact Lorraine Menk, choir director, at 724-339-9531 or kirbie1@comcast.net if you would like to learn more.

And keep a song in your HEART!

### **A Special Thank You for Remembering**



We would like to express our deepest appreciation to all our Puckety Church friends for their congratulatory cards for our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We received dozens upon dozens of heartfelt expressions from more folks than we could list here. We wish to thank Pastor Brian for his special video tribute he forwarded to us and his kind comments during the Sunday services. It was a unique experience to have our special event fall in the middle of a pandemic where our outside contacts were very limited. This gave the cards and phone calls added significance. We recognized that gathering cards and mailing them during this challenging time had to be difficult. We always knew that our Puckety family is very special. You have proven it yet again by going all out. You made our day very special.

We are looking forward to the day when we can thank one and all in person for your thoughtfulness, but until that day comes please stay healthy and safe.

Thanks for thinking of us,  
Sandy and Vince Appleman





The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

**For the week of:**

**August 2:**

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

**August 9:**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

**August 16:**

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

**August 23:**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

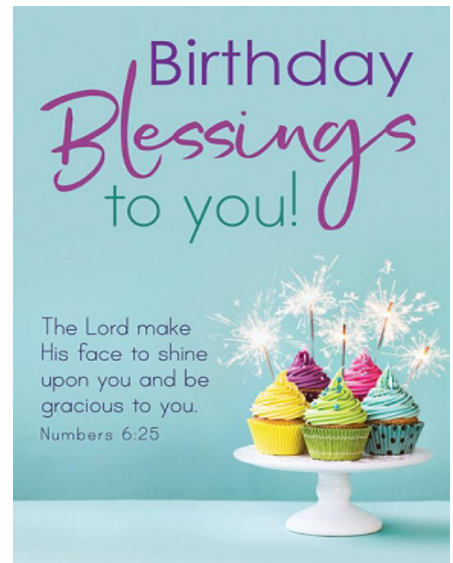
**August 30:**

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28



The Lord make  
His face to shine  
upon you and be  
gracious to you.  
Numbers 6:25

- 1 Sandra Ankney
- 3 Todd Johnston
- 9 Kim Soulcheck
- 10 George Davis  
John Fisher
- 12 Nicholas Yohe  
Jessica Guyer  
Justin Varner
- 13 Kelly Kapelewski
- 15 Janet Yurkin  
Jack Barnett  
Marilyn Crumley  
Leroy Anthony
- 16 Cooper Spenick
- 17 Julie Teichman
- 19 Sandy Appleman
- 20 Caroline McAllister
- 22 Dorothy Brackin
- 30 Leatha O'Neil
- 31 Laurel Thomm



From Pastor Brian: I would like all our members to know that I am happy to come and visit you at home if that is something you would like. Of course, I will continue to practice the wise precautions (face covering, social distancing, etc.) as long

as they are in effect. For all those who are not quite comfortable with home visits yet, I would love to start with a phone conversation. If either sounds good to you, feel free to call Pastor Brian: 724-678-6976 (mobile number). I am greatly looking forward to getting to know everyone.

### Wednesday Women's Bible Study:

A new Women's Bible Study has been proposed to meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. We will meet in the library and if needed move to a bigger space for discussion. There are two possible studies to kick off this group, "Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts" by Lisa Harper or "It's All Under Control. A journey of letting go, hanging on, & finding a peace you almost forgot was possible." by Jennifer Dukes Lee. The first meeting is slated for Wednesday September 9th, following safety guidelines as they are at the time. This group is open to all women in the church and any friends you feel might like an evening Bible Study. Please let Wiebke Kilbert know if you are interested in joining the study group at 724-799-3323 or [veesb@yahoo.com](mailto:veesb@yahoo.com).



**I'M A YARNAHOLIC  
ON THE ROAD  
TO RECOVERY.**

*Just Kidding.*

**I'M ON THE ROAD  
TO THE  
YARN STORE.**

Yarnaholic seeking other Yarnaholics to form a "support" group. As an avid crocheter there is great joy in meeting together with other yarn crafters to share what we are working on, knowledge, skills and love of our craft. I would love to put together a monthly meeting time with fellow crafters, knitters, crocheters, cross-stitchers, sewers, etc, where we can get together and enjoy time with our crafts together. You are welcome to bring anyone who might like to come and join us. If you would be interested in a group like this please reach out to me, Wiebke Kilbert, at 724-799-3323 or [veesb@yahoo.com](mailto:veesb@yahoo.com).



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

### 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>28</b> 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>29</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b>	<b>3</b> Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry	<b>4</b> 4:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>5</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 12:00 PM Strategic Planning Meeting	<b>10</b> Meals on Wheels 5:45 PM MS Group Meeting 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	<b>11</b> 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>12</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b>	<b>17</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>19</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>22</b> 
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You will be notified by mail when we are reopening for in-person worship.

An update from Compassion International on praying for our sponsored child, Maria:

We're living in a world full of unknowns right now. We don't know when this pandemic will end or what school and work will look like in the fall. And for many, all of those unknowns make us feel anxious and afraid.

What can bring us peace in the midst of the unknowns? For me, it's been prayer. Because what I do know is that we serve a God who hears our prayers and who is not surprised by what is happening right now.

**The world needs our prayers right now.** Each region Compassion serves in is dealing with the grief the pandemic is bringing to its people ...

- While **Latin America** is home to just 8% of the world's global population, it is now suffering half the world's new coronavirus deaths.
- Food shortages, supply chain challenges, rising food prices and loss of income due to COVID-19 restrictions mean that millions across **Africa** are facing food insecurity.
- The pandemic is unraveling decades of progress in health, education and other advances for children in **South Asia**, pushing up to 120 million more children into poverty.

Here, you will find [an update](#) from the country where Maria lives. [Also included is a link to more information, including stories, specific prayer requests and a video update.](#)

I hope this information enriches your prayers for Maria as you learn more about what she is facing as the pandemic progresses.

On behalf of your sponsored child, I want to say thank you for your continued support and prayers. God is in control, and we are so grateful to partner with him in lifting up these precious children during this difficult time.

Rich Van Eaton  
Sponsor and Donor Relations Director  
Compassion International

