

*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.

Youth Church 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.



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## *Pastor's Paragraphs*

*By Interim Pastor Doug Marshall*

In "God Came Near" Max Lucado tells the following story: The owner of the inn had awakened earlier than most in the town. After all, the inn was full, all the beds taken... Soon all the customers would be stirring and there would be a lot of work to do.

One's imagination is kindled thinking about the conversation of the innkeeper and his family at the breakfast table. Did anyone mention the arrival of the young couple the night before? Did anyone ask about their welfare? Did anyone comment on the pregnancy of the girl on the donkey? Perhaps someone raised the subject. But, at best, it was raised, not discussed. There was nothing *that* novel about them. They were, possibly, one of several families turned away that night.

Besides, who had time to talk about them when there was so much excitement in the air?... No, it is doubtful that anyone mentioned the couple's arrival or wondered about the condition of the girl. They were too busy. The day was upon them. The day's bread had to be made. The morning's chores had to be done. There was too much to do to imagine that the impossible had occurred. God had entered the world as a baby."

"They were too busy." These words hit me right between the eyes, kicked me right in the gut, and shouted, "Pay attention!" I'm writing this in the mad rush of planning my week, writing a sermon and preparing the bulletin, learning how communion will be served here on Sunday, learning lots of new names. On top of that is all the other busyness of the holidays; Christmas decorations to put up, a Christmas letter to write and send, presents to buy, cookies to bake... The list goes on and on. I'm too busy. My guess is most of us would say the same.

Will you and I be too busy and miss the good news of Jesus birth? Oh, I'm sure we will celebrate Christmas, joining in the mad rush of the holidays. Will we be so busy that come Christmas Eve, after the worship services, after finishing putting together and wrapping all the gifts, we will collapse in bed, sleep as long as our kids will let us, rush through the opening of gifts so we can rush to prepare a big meal, after which we will crash, and start up the next day with the same mad rush? Will we miss the good news of the incarnation, of God's presence in our lives, simply because we are too busy to sit and listen, in the silence, for God's word to us, too busy to stare in wonder at the beauty of Christmas lights or even better at the twinkling stars on a cold, crisp, and clear night, too busy to do nothing but listen to some of the wonderful Christmas music, too busy to read with open hearts and minds, the Christmas prophecies and story (Isaiah 9:2-7; Isaiah 11:1-9; Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2; John 1:1-14)?

I doubt anyone intends for Christmas to be like that, but it happens. If we miss Christmas because we are too busy, we will miss the true message of Jesus birth, life, death and resurrection and ascension. All of our activities, all our busy-ness, really don't matter. There is nothing we can do to earn God's love. There is nothing we can do to earn God's love. There is nothing we can do to earn God's love. It is free. It is a gift, wrapped in the package of a helpless little baby, born in a manger 2000 years ago, and still living in our world, and in our lives, today.



## In December

- 3 Chari Burtner
- 10 Mick Dober
- 17 Beth Dober
- 24 Mick Dober
- 31 Cliff McKay

### **Your Session:**

Debra Artman  
 Sue Close  
 Sophia Earhart  
 Rebecca Fisher  
 Jolene Kostelansky  
 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:**

Vi Adamsky  
 Sandy Ankney  
 Lori Antonacci  
 Beth Dober  
 Mick Dober  
 Lauretta Lockwood  
 Brenda McAllister  
 John McAllister  
 Irene Nelson  
 Maria Schafer  
 Denise Wehrle

### **CHURCH STAFF**

**Interim Pastor:**  
 Doug Marshall

### **Director of Youth Ministries:**

Caryn Nelson

### **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



- 3 Matt Wehrle and Rebecca Fisher
- 10 Sue Close and Jolene Kostelansky
- 17 Deb Artman and Sophia Earhart
- 24 Chuck West and Mike Tatem
- 31 Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle

### **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 Janet Karan and Deb Artman
- 10 Chuck and Judy West
- 17 Jolene Kostelansky and Sophia Earhart
- 24 Chari Burtner and Matt Wehrle
- 31 Janet Karan and Deb Artman

# Ministry Teams

Puckety has several teams established to help accomplish our ministries. Each team is usually lead by an Elder, and is made up of various people from the congregation. Below is a list of our teams, and who is currently leading that team. By clicking on a team name, you can learn more about the ministries this team oversees.

**Discipleship Team** - Rebecca Fisher - The Discipleship Team oversees the Christian Education Ministry Area at Puckety. These areas include Youth Church, Small Groups, and Vacation Bible School (VBS).

**Outreach Team** - Matt Wehrle - The Outreach Team oversees the mission outreach of Puckety Church. This includes all mission areas from local up to global.

**Fellowship & Care Team** - The Fellowship and Care Team works to provide exactly what their name states - fellowship opportunities and care of our membership.

**Upkeep Team** - Vince Appleman - The Upkeep Team is in responsible for maintaining the buildings and the grounds at Puckety.

**Worship Team** - Sue Close - The Worship Team, along with the pastor, oversees the worship at Puckety.

**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!**



The annual Angel Tree still has a few requests on display in the hallway by the library. We increased our requests to be fulfilled for families with children the Deacons have helped this year from 20 to 30. Please have all wrapped BAGGED gifts into the office by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Maria Schafer with any questions.

**Meals 4 Children** Food packing has begun! Wednesdays at 9:30am downstairs in the choir room. **Please be sure to take a schedule on the front of Kelly's desk if you're interested in helping out with this wonderful community ministry!** There is also a copy of the schedule in the Post Scripts each month and on the bulletin board.



Beginning Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Youth Church kids will once again be delivering Christmas cards to/from the congregation. There will be a "mailbox" by the hall entrance to the Sanctuary. Just place your cards in there by Dec 17<sup>th</sup> for delivery to someone you wish to send a Merry Christmas postage free!

*Doug Marshall, our Interim Pastor, has a mail slot in the metal cabinet at the top of the stairs for any correspondence you would like to leave him. You can also email him at [pastor@pucketychurch.org](mailto:pastor@pucketychurch.org).*



## Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

### For the week of:

#### December 3:

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Cor. 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

#### December 10:

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

#### December 17:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thess. 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

#### December 24:

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

#### December 31:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Gal. 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40



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

*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 here at  
Puckety!*

## Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 3 Donovan Cosentino
- 6 Howard Newell
- 8 Mark Benish
- 9 Debbie Fotheringham
- 10 Nita Serene
- 11 Mary Orr
- 12 Bernard Adams
- 13 Karen Tkach
- 14 Jeffrey Burtner
- 17 Emma Hough
- 20 Becky Cosentino
- 21 Julia McAllister
- 23 Bill Dailey
- 24 Amanda Schirato
- 27 Linda Zurenski
- 29 Joyce Ewing
- 30 George Tkach
- 31 Jack Guyer

## Burrell Meals4Children Packing Schedule 2017-18

December 6 <sup>th</sup>	BCC
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Comm
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bethesda
<b>January 3rd</b>	<b>Puckety</b>
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	BCC
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Comm
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bethesda
<b>January 31st</b>	<b>Puckety</b>
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	BCC
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Comm
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bethesda
<b>February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Puckety</b>
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	BCC
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Comm
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Bethesda
<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Puckety</b>
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	BCC
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Comm
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Bethesda
<b>May 2nd</b>	<b>Puckety</b>
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	BCC
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Comm
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bethesda
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	



## Advent Candle Lighters

- 3 Matt & Denise Wehrle
- 10 Irene Nelson & Marti Rugh
- 17 Mick & Beth Dober
- 24 (a.m.) Chuck & Judy West
- 24 (p.m.) Sophia Earhart & ?

## What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!



## Let's Be Healthy Together!

- **If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases**
- **\$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease**
- **Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes**

The **6 for Life Health Assessment** measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment. These are separate from our vascular screenings.

Puckety Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

### Are you at Risk for Stroke, Heart Disease and Diabetes?

***Did you know that a 10% decrease in cholesterol can reduce your risk for heart disease 30%?***

- ***Diabetes is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the US***
- ***Elevated CRP levels in the blood are indicators of risk for heart disease and high blood pressure***
- ***Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death***

Life Line Screening offers finger-stick blood tests with results in 10 minutes. Protect your health by finding out your risk of diabetes and vascular disease by participating in the Life Line Screening that will be at Puckety Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

### Do you know your TSH level?

***Thyroid Disorders TSH can indicate an underactive thyroid***

- ***20 million Americans have an underactive thyroid but half don't know it***
- ***An underactive thyroid can cause an increased risk of heart disease and lead to an enlarged heart***
- ***Underactive thyroid is more common among men and women aged 60 and older***

Life Line Screening offers a finger-stick blood test with results in less than 10 minutes. Protect your health by finding out your risk of an underactive thyroid by having a TSH screening. Life Line Screening will be at Puckety Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

### Attention all Men!

***Do you know your risk for Prostate Cancer?***

- ***A Prostate Cancer PSA test is the most accurate method for the detection of prostate cancer***
- ***1 in 6 men will get Prostate Cancer***
- ***PSA tests have been used for over 25 years***

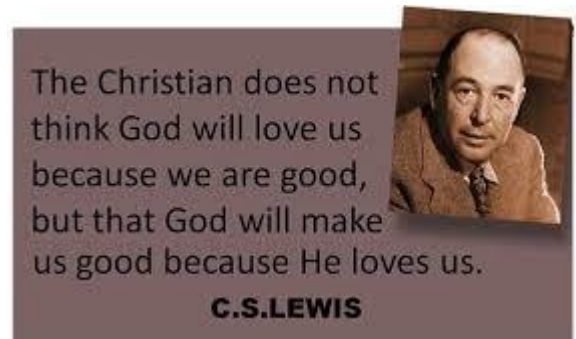
A simple PSA blood test could save your life. Protect your health by finding out your risk of Prostate Cancer. Life Line Screening that will be at Puckety Presbyterian Church on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Call **1-888-653-6441** or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word **circle** to **797979** to schedule the PSA, test for only \$49. Ask about our other stroke and heart tests. Taking control of your health doesn't have to be hard. **KELLY HAS 2 COMPLIMETARY SCREENINGS AVAILABLE. PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE TO PICK ONE UP. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED ☺**

**ATTENTION!!!! THERE WILL BE A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> TO RECEIVE THE BUDGET. PLEASE PLAN TO STAY.**



The Christmas Joy Offering Envelopes will be in the pew racks in front of you beginning Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This corresponds with the first Sunday in Advent and runs until Christmas Eve.

***The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.*** You may have seen the blockbuster movie. You may even have read the book or the whole Narnia series. But what do you know about C.S. Lewis, the man behind the book? He was one of the most published authors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a professor of medieval literature at Oxford and Cambridge, a man who loved long walks, going to a pub to drink beer, smoke his pipe and tell jokes with friends. Join the ***Small Group*** as Doug Marshall leads them in a look at the life & writings of C.S. Lewis, whose faith and writings are still contemporary, encourage us in our own lives and challenge us to grow in our faith.



***This class will meet in the conference room from 11:30 am – 12:45 pm for 4 Sundays beginning January 7th. Bring a lunch.*** Please let the office know if you are interested in attending by January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



### **Puckety Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon**

December 10<sup>th</sup> following the Congregational Meeting. Fellowship and Care will provide chicken. Please bring a side dish, dessert or salad to share. Contact Irene Nelson with any questions. Please fill out below and place it in the offering plate.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_



The December, January and February editions of Our Daily Bread is now available at each entrance to the Sanctuary. Please take one for yourself and some to share!

**Worship Team meeting will be Wednesday, December 6 at 1:00.  
If there are questions, contact Sue Close @ 724.448.7871.**



*The Worship Team is providing the opportunity to purchase poinsettias for Christmas for \$12/each. The orders and your payment must be placed with Sue Close no later than December 10th and they will be placed in the sanctuary on December 16th, to remain there until the time on Christmas Eve Day that you would take yours home with you. Please fill out this form and give to Sue Close no later than December 10:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you take your poinsettia after the morning service on Christmas Eve Day? \_\_\_\_\_  
 OR after the evening service on Christmas Eve Day? \_\_\_\_\_

The Deacons will be collecting names of local families in need of a Food Basket for Christmas until December 13, 2017. Delivery will be Saturday, December 16th from 9:30-10:30am. Please email or call the church office or drop the note below into the offering plate!



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Your Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Receiving Food Name/Number/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#of adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of children/ages \_\_\_\_\_



## Christmas Concert

**Date:** December 3, 2017

**Time:** 4:30PM

The Monroeville Choir will be at **Union Presbyterian Church** to sing a Christmas Concert. The address of the church is 656 Rt. 380, Murrysville, PA 15668, and is located about a mile from 380 auction going toward North Washington.

After the Concert there will be refreshments consisting of Sandwiches, Chips, and Cookies.

Then at 6:00 there will be a Live Nativity.

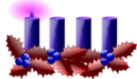





Come and start your Christmas Season with us and fill your hearts with the Joy of Christmas

We will need a count of how many will be attending this event so please call Pearl Jones at 724-337-4959 no later than November 28, 2017.





## December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>28</b> 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>29</b> Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 12:30 PM Bulletin Board Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> McKay/Motosicky Wedding Rehearsal Meals on Wheels	<b>2</b> McKay/Motosicky Wedding
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting 	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Upkeep Team Meeting	<b>5</b> 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>6</b> Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 1:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> Lifeline Screening 5:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Meals on Wheels Votquin Birthday Party ??? 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>9</b> Burrell High School Marching Band Spaghetti Dinner
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting 11:30 AM Christmas Dinner 8:00 PM AA Meeting 	<b>11</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels Board 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 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>16</b> Snow/Guenther Reunion
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 1:00 PM Riddle Birthday Party 8:00 PM AA Meeting 	<b>18</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>19</b> 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> 5:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Happy  First Day of Winter	<b>22</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 7:00 PM Candlelight Worship Service 	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED 	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>30</b> 2:00 PM Krolicki Eagle Scout Dinner
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