

## *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.

Zoom/video at [pucketychurch.org](http://pucketychurch.org)



# *Puckety Church*

*We are determined to be  
the heart, voice, and  
hands of God, making a  
lasting difference in your  
life, our community and  
the world!*

*Post-Scripts*  
a monthly publication



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*At Puckety we personally and collectively Honor God, Grow in Faith,  
and Improve our Community and World.*

**May 2022**

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### Pastor's Corner

*If the Dead are Not Raised – Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-28*

What is the ultimate victory of the Cross? That it could not hold the Savior of the world, who triumphed over sin and death, winning salvation for humanity. The resurrection story of Jesus Christ is what gives meaning and power to the Cross. What a failure Christianity would be if it could not carry our hopes beyond the coldness and depths of the grave.

Without Easter, without the resurrection of Christ, there is no Christianity. There is no personal relationship with the living God of the universe. The Apostle Paul puts it this way: “If the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised your faith is futile; you are still in your sins” (1 Cor 15:16-17).

John Piper expounds: “Our Christian faith hinges not only on the death of Christ for human sin, but on the resurrection, which is God’s verdict that the powers of sin, death and alienation from God have been defeated. The resurrection of Christ gave clear evidence that he was no mere mortal, but a divine Savior. It was the sign that in this world we are raised to newness of life through him. It is the assurance that for those who trust Christ, death is not the end, but the beginning of a transformed eternal life

with the triune God of the universe.”

If our ultimate destiny is a resurrected body into an eternal presence of God, our life in this world is a foretaste of what is to come. It is to be lived in the power of the resurrection, and it is to be a transformed life pointing to the One who makes all things new.

What does the resurrection mean to you? Many have never thought about it. Some believe that Jesus died leaving a legacy of “Do good to your neighbor,” never believing that He was raised from the dead. Others think the resurrection was a hoax. Believers in Jesus Christ have no doubt that He lived among us, died for our sins, and on the third day was resurrected to life, conquering the sting of death, offering the human race the greatest gift—His sacrificial love.

The resurrection empowers faith in Jesus Christ. I am convinced that Jesus is living at this moment at the right hand of God the Father and reigns in my heart through the Holy Spirit. I believe it by faith, and I believe it by evidence found in the Scriptures. The empty cross/empty tomb is the ultimate destination in life. Our surrender to Jesus’ sacrifice and lordship, or our rejection of it, astronomically impacts both our current life and our future life. If we do not believe that Jesus died for us, then we remain the same, being gripped by sin and death. But if you believe that Jesus rose from the grave, achieving victory over the cross of death, and you accept that He paid your penalty, you will never be the same.

The Cross represents doom for sin and hope for sinners. The cross is where Jesus was crucified in our place. The bloodstained cross is gruesome to some, but the empty cross is full of hope. God turned what seemed to be life’s greatest tragedy into history’s greatest triumph. The death of Christ, perpetrated by evil men, was thought by them to be the end, but His grave became the doorway to resurrection – first His, and then ours. We belong to the Resurrection and the Life!

It's still Easter – celebrate the Person who made it all possible – be the Easter people! ~ Pastor Brian

**Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!**

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"Puckety Presbyterian Church" For more information on how to use Vanco Faith click the link on [pucketychurch.org](http://pucketychurch.org). Thank you for your generosity!

**SOME HAPPY NEWS:**

- We extend congratulations and rejoice with Dustin Marshall and Karen Porter who plan to be wed this summer at Puckety Church.
- We are happy to announce that Kim and Terry Soulcheck are grandparents! Their daughter, Mallory, had a little boy, Barret Hess on 3/20!
- We also rejoice with Patty Summerville at the birth of her new great- grandchild - Austin Robert Summerville (in Tucson, AZ) - the grandson of Mark & Sharon Summerville.
- We extend congratulations to Marti Rugh on the birth of her great grandson, Nico Reimer Doult on 3/22/22.
- We are happy to announce that Melissa and Ryan Smith have welcomed a new baby girl, Maisy Leigh on 3/16/22.



The Ascension of Jesus is the Christian teaching that Christ physically departed from Earth by rising into Heaven, in the presence of eleven of his apostles. According to the New Testament narrative, the Ascension occurred on the fortieth day counting from the resurrection. This year it falls on May 26.



- 01 Cliff McKay
- 08 Sophia Earhart
- 15 Michelle Gordon
- 22 Chari Burtner
- 29 Mick Dober

## Your Deacons:

- Sandra Ankney
- Pat Fish
- John McAllister
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland Mira Whalen
- Kim Soulcheck
- Jean Welte
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Brenda McAllister
- Rodney Schafer

## Corporate Officers:

- President:** Jennifer McKay
- Vice-Pres.:** Cliff McKay, Sr.
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Chuck West

*We would like to congratulate Ellen Fisher on the 65th Anniversary of her ordination to Christian Education ministry, and her recent recognition at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in April! God bless you Ellen, and may all the seeds you've planted continue to grow and bring glory to God.*

## Your Session:

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Chari Burtner
- Donna Bracken
- Jennifer McKay
- Cliff McKay
- Chuck West
- Kelly Kapelewski
- Marilyn Crumley



## Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

## Offering counters:

- 5/1: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 5/8: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 5/15: Chuck & Judy West
- 5/22: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 5/29: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley

## Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

## Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

## Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

## Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

## Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

## Financial Secretary:

Judy West

## Christian Ed:

Jamie Kmett

## 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.



Please join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast after worship in Faith Hall on Sunday,

May 15. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, sausage, coffee, tea and juice will be served. RSVP to Charlene McKay or the church office by May 8<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!



## ATTENTION ALL SESSION MEMBERS, DEACONS, AND TEAM LEADERS:

Please be sure to check your mail slots in the metal cabinet at the top of the stairs often. You may receive correspondence or announcements that need your attention in a timely manner! Donna Bracken, Cliff McKay, Sr., Jolene Kostelansky, Wiek and Marilyn Crumley have been recently added.





The Bible readings are from "Book of Common Worship"

**May 1:**

Acts 9:1-6  
Psalm 30  
Psalm 90:13-17  
Rev 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

**May 8:**

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Psalm 114  
Rev 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

**May 15:**

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148  
Psalm 24:1-6  
Rev 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

**May 22:**

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Psalm 109:21-31  
Rev 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

**May 29:**

Acts 16:16-32  
Psalm 97  
Psalm 2  
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26



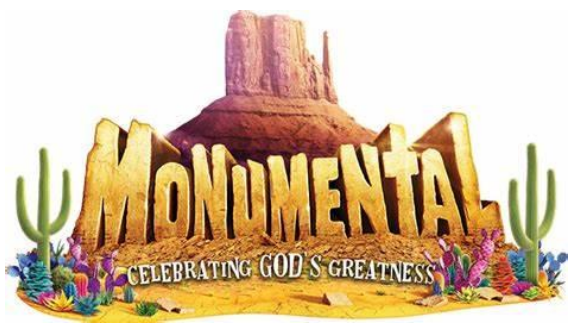
*A special thank you to Fran Kapelewski & Jack Barnett for the New/improved chancel Lighting!*



- 1 Morgan Girard
- 2 Dean Hurlbut
- 3 Joy Burd
- Jean Morrow
- 4 Jessica Yohe
- Jolene Kostelansky
- 5 Kayla Johnston
- 9 Scott Johnson
- 11 Vicki Orr
- Cheyene Kirchartz
- 12 Vince Appleman
- 13 Matt Wehrle Jr
- 14 Ami Zellefrow
- 17 Matthew Johnston
- Brittany Meyer
- 18 Braden Serene
- 19 Anne Mann
- 24 Pat Fish
- 25 Laura Such
- 27 Evan Chen
- 29 Jean Welte
- Nancy Ellen Law

**Crafternoon:**

*Our Sunday Afternoon Crafternoon group is continuing to work on basic crochet stitches. We will be meeting on May 15th after enjoying the pancake breakfast and then on June 12th after the fellowship gathering. We meet in the conference room and are open to all crocheters and knitters of any skill level. Join us to learn something new, brush up on a hobby you set aside or finish that project that has been sitting at the bottom of your closet for years. Questions can be directed to Wiebke.*



To get ready for our Monumental good time at VBS this year we are hosting a scavenger hunt for the whole congregation! The list of items we are hunting for are in the hallway on the brightly colored bulletin board you may have already noticed. No need to look for all the items, find the ones on the list that you have at home that we can borrow or have or that you can purchase for us to use. You will notice there are different lists. Each lists corresponds to a specific station the kids will visit each day. The lists have both a place for

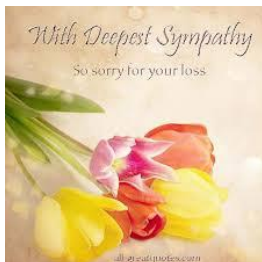
you to sign up for the item and a handy dandy tear off reminder strip for you to take home. We tried to break up the items so it isn't a heavy burden for anyone to carry alone but if you feel like you want to get for us all the foam balls we need or knee high hose then you just sign up for all of them and grab those tabs! If you are bringing something that you want returned to you please use one of the tags hanging in the little basket OR mark with your name in some other way so we can make sure it gets back to you. There will be boxes in the hallway by the conference room with a label on it for the specific station so when you have found your item you can put it in the right box! The scavenger hunt list may change from time to time so please take a look every Sunday. For those of you that are worrying about what we are going to feed the children have no fear! We have that list too, but since food can spoil we are waiting until much closer to VBS to post that list. If you have any questions about any of the items on the scavenger hunt list please see Wiebke Kilbert.

Did you know on any given Sunday we have about 6 people joining us for worship via Zoom. Some of those Zoom participants actually represent multiple family members that gather around their computer or phone to worship with us. Our services are live streamed on Facebook and can be watched at any time. Each service usually has 30 "viewers" stopping by to see all or some of our service. This is how we continue to reach our brothers and sisters and it is a vital way in fulfilling our church mission. The easiest way to help the AV team continue this ministry of reaching out past our walls is to help us with running the Zoom meeting during worship. If you have logged in to join us for worship via Zoom then you are already half way to running the Zoom meeting!



We are also in need of more sound board volunteers. The sound people have worked hard to make our system as easy as possible with many setting preset that can be left alone. We do however need someone at the board to help switch certain things when the choir uses a CD for music or when Brian does the Children's Sermon.

There is training available for both of these needs so please prayerfully consider joining the AV team in one of these positions. Please see Wiebke or any of the AV team with questions. We welcome anyone who is curious to some sit with us and observe how things operate.



*Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth Foley who passed away on 4/16/22, Jane Weaver who passed away on 4/22/22 and Dee Fisher who passed away on 4/24/22.*

## *Praying in the Middle of Senseless Tragedies*

When we hear about yet another random act of violence, our first response is usually to pray away the pain or pray that this will never happen again. But how can we pray beyond the fear and shock, beyond the most obvious needs, for the issues of the Kingdom? Hopefully, some of the following points will be a springboard for your prayers in the wake of tragedies that defy human understanding and are becoming more and more frequent.

### **PRAISE**

- Though it is difficult, start with praise. Focus on God's character. Praise God that He is sovereign, that He has ultimate control over it all, and that nothing takes Him by surprise (Isa. 45:5-7)

### **PETITION & INTERCESSION**

- Ask God to use this situation to bring unprecedented spiritual openness to people affected by the tragedy, and ask Him to show His face to them.
- Ask God to bless the ministry that will be thrust upon the church(es) or community affected by the tragedy. Ask Him to empower them with a powerful witness when they are called upon to speak about or reflect on the situation.
- Ask God to stand against the enemy's attempts to make families experience unresolved anger or guilt over the loss of loved ones.
- Ask God to focus the minds of public officials on the need for prayer and to provide people who will continue to pray for the situation.
- Ask God to equip leaders who will be called upon to mentor and minister to people in the aftermath of tragedy (Heb. 13:20-21).
- Ask God – for yourself and for others – for a passion and love for Christ that drives out fear (1 Jn. 4:18).

### **THANKSGIVING**

- Thank God that the enemy has made a tactical error since trials/persec. have always strengthened the church, and that God will use for good what Satan intends for harm.
- Thank God for the people who will be drawn to seek God's face because the overwhelming nature of the tragedy leaves them nowhere else to turn (Jon. 2:1-9).
- Thank God for a vivid reminder of your own mortality and vulnerability, asking Him to prepare your heart and spirit for a faithful response when you are faced with tragedy.
- In the case of martyrs: thank God for the blood of the martyrs (seed of the church), whose numbers will reveal God's ultimate glory (see Rev. 6:9).

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**Thank you to Pastor Brian and all the other adult volunteers for making our Youth Group come alive post covid! As you saw in the newsletters throughout the season, the kids (and adults) participated in many wonderful fun activities. I think some of the kids' faces say it all! THANK YOU!**







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM Worship</b> <b>11:30 AM Women's Bible Study @ King's</b>	<b>2</b> Meals on Wheels <b>10:00 AM Men's Group</b> <b>10:30 AM Card Ministry</b> <b>5:30 PM Girl Scouts 46799</b> <b>6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting</b> <b>6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130</b> <b>6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God</b> <b>6:30 PM Outreach Team Meeting</b> <b>8:00 PM N.A. meeting</b>	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels <b>6:30 PM Deacons Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM Schafer Small Group Meeting</b>	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>6:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234</b>  <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	<b>6</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  <b>10:00 AM Worship</b>	<b>9</b> Meals on Wheels <b>10:00 AM Men's Group</b> <b>5:30 PM MS Group Meeting</b> <b>6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting</b>	<b>10</b> <b>1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God</b> <b>6:30 PM Session Meeting</b> <b>8:00 PM N.A. meeting</b>	<b>11</b> Meals on Wheels <b>6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</b> <b>7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605</b>	<b>12</b> <b>6:30 PM Choir Pizza Party</b>	<b>13</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 AM Burford Bridal Shower</b>
<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM Worship</b>  <b>11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast</b> <b>11:15 AM Prayer Walk</b> <b>12:00 PM Crafternoon</b>	<b>16</b> Meals on Wheels <b>10:00 AM Men's Group</b> <b>4:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting</b> <b>5:30 PM Girl Scouts 46799</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>ELECTION DAY</b> <b>6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130</b> <b>6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God</b> <b>7:00 PM Sewing Guild</b>	<b>18</b> Meals on Wheels <b>7:00 PM Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM Schafer Small Group Meeting</b>	<b>19</b> <b>2:00 PM Monarch Hospice Grief Group</b> <b>5:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234</b>	<b>20</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>21</b> Capo Baby Shower ???
<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM Worship</b>	<b>23</b> Meals on Wheels <b>10:00 AM Men's Group</b> <b>5:30 PM Girl Scouts 46799</b>	<b>24</b> <b>1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study</b> <b>6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God</b> <b>8:00 PM N.A. meeting</b>	<b>25</b> Meals on Wheels <b>6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</b> <b>7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>5:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234</b>	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM Worship</b>	<b>30</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> 	<b>31</b> <b>6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God</b> <b>8:00 PM N.A. meeting</b>	<b>1</b> Meals on Wheels <b>6:30 PM VBS Crew Leader Training ???</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED <b>6:00 PM Marshall/Porter Wedding Rehearsal</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM Brzozowski Graduation Party</b> <b>4:00 PM Marshall/Porter Wedding</b>

