

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

At our February Session meeting we approved an Interim Plan. This includes a schedule of events that will help Puckety move through the interim time toward the next called pastor for this congregation. There are ways you can be part of this process and help as we search for Puckety's next pastor. If you are interested in any of these contact the person(s) coordinating it. Here are a few of the parts of this Interim Plan:

1) Demographic Study: Coordinated by Chuck West

Puckety Church is in Lower Burrell. What do we really know about who lives here and who our neighbors are? Everyone has assumptions, but what is the reality on the ground. This group will look at the government demographic information to see how many people are in our community and what their interests and needs are.

2) Community Interviews: Coordinated by Rebecca Fisher

The leaders of Lower Burrell probably know more about the needs of this community than we do. Let's learn from those in leadership positions in our community – business leaders, school leaders, community leaders, government leaders.

3) Congregational Systems Inventory: Coordinated by Doug Marshall

Every church functions like a family system, with certain rules and expectations.

There isn't a right or wrong way, but this survey will help us look at Puckety and see if there are changes that need to be made to how we do church. The message of God's love in Jesus Christ doesn't change. How we do church and carry out our message may need to change to match the world we live in today.

4) Focus Groups: Coordinated by Sophia Earhart, Mike Tatem, Matt Wehrle;

Led by Session Members

We want to give everyone a voice about the future of Puckety Church. Session is going to schedule a variety of listening meetings where you are invited to share your hopes and dreams for the future of Puckety Presbyterian Church.

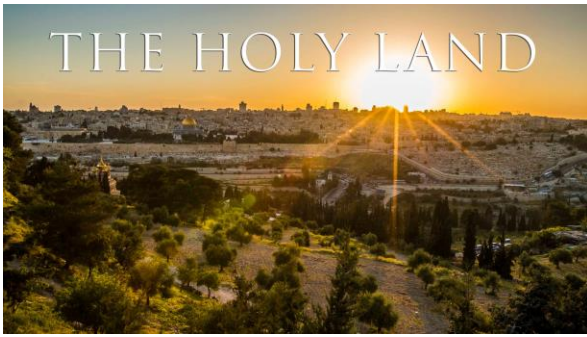
5) Puckety Planning and Dreaming Event: Led by Doug Marshall – Sunday, May 6, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

This is the day we will pull together all the information gathered in the above events. We will hear the reports from each of the groups, make adjustments and final comments. The information that we have gathered will be used by the PNC (see below) to write the MIF (Ministry Information Form – a resume for the church) which will be looked at by pastors who might be interested in being candidates for becoming the next called pastor at Puckety.

6) Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

The PNC (you better get used to the abbreviations – they'll come at us often over the next several years) will be elected in April. This is the congregational committee (members of Puckety) that will have the job of seeking the next called pastor at Puckety. Please pray that God will show you if you are being called to be part of this group. It's a challenging, time-consuming and rewarding job that is a very important. Over the coming weeks and months please keep the PNC in your prayers, that God would lead them to the right person to become the next pastor at Puckety.

In Christ, *Doug*



Pilgrimage Presentation

April 8 @ 11:30 am

In the spring of 2016 I had the privilege of going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel). Walking in the places where Jesus walked, seeing the views that he saw, was one of the spiritual highlights of my life. Last spring, I led a pilgrimage and Tanya was able to come

with me. Sharing this experience with her was even better. On April 8, after worship, we would like to share with you some of our pictures and stories of the Holy Land. We hope you'll stay and enjoy some beautiful scenery and hear about some of our experiences in Israel/Palestine.

Dear Puckety Church,

The Allegheny County Operation Christmas Child team wants you to know how much we appreciate your donation of 26 shoebox gifts in 2017. We praise God for the gifts and for the lives of the children those gifts will impact. Your shoeboxes were among 14,400+ gifts from Allegheny County and among the 8.8 million from the United States. People from churches just like yours have reached out to children of the world showing the tangible love of God through Operation Christmas Child. Your shoeboxes went to the following countries: the Bahamas, Columbia, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Honduras, Kenya, Togo and the Ukraine. Please continue to pray that these children will grow in faith and become life-long followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you!!

Serving Jesus together, Henrietta Doren
Allegheny County OCC Church Relations
Coordinator



Good News. Great Joy.

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.



PUCKETY CHOIR FAQ's – Everything you wanted to know!



When does the choir rehearse? Most Thursdays September through May, from 7:00 to 8:15 pm, shorter or a bit longer depending on season. We do take a Christmas break.

Can I miss sometimes? Life happens! Certainly, just let someone know so we are not worried.

How long is the choir season? We sing at worship as a choir from mid-September until the third weekend of May. We also sing on Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve.

Are there auditions? I'm not a strong singer and I don't read music too well. There are no auditions, as God has already called you to the choir, so it is no one's place to deter that! I can help you decide if your voice is in a higher or lower range if you are unsure. Safety in numbers! Most will try us out and stay on, but if you decide it's not for you, that's ok.

Do I have to stay in the choir area during the entire worship? If you wish to sit with your family after the anthem, we encourage you to do so. It's the best of both worlds!

Is there a lot of new music to learn each season? We have a good balance of former and new music. We have our favorites which we love and that allows us extra time to learn new music.

Do I have to learn the notes on my own? I can't do that. No, we go over each vocal part at rehearsal, note by note, and build the songs. Those that can "sight read" music are always a huge help for those learning the notes. You would be seated near someone who can help you.

What about choir robes, sometimes you wear them and sometimes you don't? Correct. We try to wear our robes for Communion Sundays and other special worship services, if it is not too warm. The robes can be warm for some of us so we are selective when we use them. Some Sundays we coordinate a color theme to underscore the liturgical season or the anthem.

What happens if I have to miss practice. Can I still sing on Sunday? There is no strict rule with missing rehearsals since we spend several weeks learning new music.

Is this fun? I need fun and fellowship in my life. Oh my yes! We do work hard, but we definitely have fun. We laugh, we pray, we sing, we share. All to glorify the Lord, and have our efforts be pleasing to Him. We enjoy a summer kick-off picnic, with a couple of pizza parties along the way too!

What is "summer music" that is on the bulletin board? During the choir hiatus from June-September, people can sign up to do something special musically at worship: instrumental or vocal, solo or a group.

Ok, so how can I try it out to see if I can do this? First pray about it, then contact Lorraine Menk, choir director, at 724-339-9531 = email kirbie1@comcast.net, or talk to her at worship, or just let any choir member know you are coming. Check before you attend just to make sure we are meeting.



In March

4 Jennifer McKay
11 Maria Schafer
18 Sophia Earhart
25 Chari Burtner

Your Session:

Debra Artman
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
Beth Dober
Mick Dober
Lauretta Lockwood
Brenda McAllister
John McAllister
Irene Nelson
Maria Schafer
Denise Wehrle

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



4 Matt Wehrle and
Rebecca Fisher
11 Chuck West and
Deb Artman
18 Sue Close and
Matt Wehrle
25 Mike Tatem and
Sophia Earhart

POWER OF PRAYER

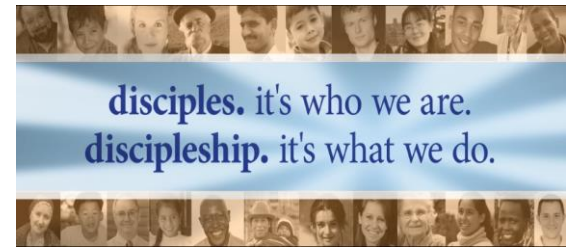
To the family of God here at Puckety: We want to remind you that there are people here at Puckety who are available to pray for you after the worship service and we invite you to take advantage of these opportunities for prayer. We are asking that all who desire prayer to come and be seated in the first 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

4 Chuck and Judy West
11 Jolene Kostelansky
and Sophia Earhart
18 Helen Crissman and
Marilyn Crumley
25 Janet Karan and
Deb Artman

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 Discipleship Team has made some changes to our Youth Church program. Starting today, **Children's Church** will be offered during worship for children ages 3-the end of their 5th grade year. Middle and high school students are welcomed and encouraged to worship upstairs with the rest of Puckety's church family. Additionally, Children's Church will run through Sunday May 20th. Pastor Doug will have a Children's Message each Sunday through the summer and Children's Church will resume in mid-August or September.



Calling all Senior High Youth. All Senior Highers are invited to join Doug Marshall after worship on Sunday, March 11, from 11:30 am - ??? We'll buy some pizza for lunch, play a few games and talk about what you would like to do in future gatherings, as well as just hang out and relax. I hope you will join us.



"Tis the Season"



You probably thought this article was an extremely late or misplaced Christmas story. Sad to say it is neither of these. It actually is a very timely reminder that it will soon be the season to mow the church and cemetery grass. While it may not be as exciting as trimming your Christmas tree or buying gifts for all your love ones, it does come along with the much anticipated arrival of spring.

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.



Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School

Who: Children ages 3 years** - 5th grade

When: Mon. June 18th - Fri. June 22nd from 6:00pm-8:45pm

There are many different ways YOU can help, some before VBS, some during...some behind the scenes, some with the kids each night.

Either way, to make our VBS as successful as possible, we need YOUR help! Take a look at the opportunities to see where YOU can fit in:

Crew leaders: You are not responsible for teaching the VBS material in this role. They are responsible for taking a group of 5-8 children from station to station, talking with the children in your group, getting to know the kids and share God's love with them!

Bible Story Station Supply Helpers: This two-person team will find, gather, whatever props and things are needed for the Bible Story Teller. This 2-person team would work with the Bible story teller, to ensure that supplies are ready each night. At least one of the two people in this team needs to stay and assist the Bible story teller each evening as the story is told to each crew.

Station leaders: They stay in one place and are responsible for leading one particular thing. We need leaders for the following stations: Imagination Station (Science experiments and Crafts area), the Bible Discovery Station (where the Bible story is told to the children each evening), Snack Factory (the place where all kids and staff come to eat and fellowship), and the Game Makers station. If you are a station leader, all materials and lessons are provided!

Station leader helpers: These people help a particular station leader each night of VBS and possibly help the leader gather/organize materials and prepare the activities for each night.

Nursery Care: This 2-person group is responsible to care for any children (younger than 3 yrs. of age) whose parent is helping during VBS. This takes place in the cry room in the sanctuary.

Head Decorator: This person would be the lead for all the decorating throughout the church and Faith Hall. They would gather other people to help them do the decorating. The Shipwrecked Decorating DVD and Group's website both provide pictures and offer suggestions for how to decorate various areas of the church. Some supplies are ordered and we have some things in the attic, but this person should have some water/shipwrecked ideas to add to what is purchased.

Decorator: These people would work with the "head decorator" to transform the sanctuary and hallways into our shipwrecked theme as well as transforming the Bible Story room into the shore/jungle home for the week of Bible School. Some supplies are ordered and we have some things in the attic, but this person should have some water/shipwrecked ideas to add to what is purchased.

Donation Board Manager: This one or two-person group is responsible to create the donation board, and manage the collection of all the items that come in so we know what still needs to be purchased and what we have. This is done prior to VBS starting and does not require you to be at VBS. (There is a template you can use and help is available if you'd like it!)

The "Whatever is Needed" job: This one or two-person group is willing to show up the first two nights of VBS and is very willing to just be "around." They understand that they might be asked to serve as a crew leader, or maybe just asked to be a "runner" finding people, or relaying messages, or maybe not need to do a lot. This person or group is not out in front of people but is very important to have when those unexpected situations arise!

The Greeter: This one or two-person person group is asked to welcome parents as they drop their child off for VBS and answer any questions they might have about where their child goes, or other VBS questions. This person should be very comfortable talking with people and their children and making them feel at home with us!

If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at rfisher@syfcomputing.com

Children age 3 can attend VBS in the Pre-School class, **if they have completed at least one year of a pre-school program.



Women's Retreat

Come join us Saturday April 14th
for a wonderful time of worship and
fellowship that's just for women!

Cost: \$10.00 (includes workbook,
coffee, and lunch).

Watch our website www.pucketychurch.org

and the bulletin for information coming very soon about how to register for

Psalms 23:5 says that when we're in God's presence, our cup overflows with blessings.

Through *Fill Your Cup*, women will experience this truth and discover that when we're filled with God's love, we can't help but overflow and share that love with others!

If you have questions, please contact

Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at rfisher@syfcomputing.com



At the Maundy Thursday service, we are going to have communion by intinction as well as "regular" communion with cups of juice and wafers. There will be a cup of juice and a loaf of bread for those choosing communion by intinction.

Join us! Worship Service – Thursday 3/29 @ 7:00pm

SOUP LUNCHEON

in Faith Hall next **Sunday, March 4th** after Worship
We will provide Wedding, Chicken Noodle
and Vegetable Soups
We ask that you bring bread
or a dessert to share!

PLEASE JOIN US!





Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

March 4:

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Cor 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 11:

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Eph 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 18:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

March 25:

Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Mark 14:1-15:47



*(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!!!

- 2 Irene Nelson
- 3 Sophia Earhart
- 5 Richard Duncan
- 6 Melissa Baronie
- 7 Ben Johnston
- 9 Myrna Zellefrow
- 10 Helen Crissman
- 13 Alexandra McKown
- 14 Jason Schwartz
- 17 Patricia Baker
- 22 Zachery Schafer
- 26 Jane Weaver
- 28 Adam Szish
- 30 Leon Yurkin
- Trevor Hazlett
- Richard Schwartz
- Sue Jamison
- Mark Cosentino

Burrell Meals4Children Packing Schedule 2017-18

March 7 th	BCC
March 14 th	Grace Comm
March 21 st	Bethesda
April 4th	Puckety
April 11 th	BCC
April 18 th	Grace Comm
April 25 th	Bethesda
May 2nd	Puckety
May 9 th	BCC
May 16 th	Grace Comm
May 23 rd	Bethesda
May 30 th	

2018 JOINT CHURCH LENTEN LUNCHESES

Anyone and everyone is welcome!

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

March 7 – Arnold United Methodist

March 14 – First United Methodist

March 21 – Logans Ferry Presbyterian Church

March 28 – New Kensington Salvation Army

*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!*

The **"Our Daily Bread"** devotional, regular
print size, for the months of March, April and May
2018 is available at all the entrances to the
sanctuary and also on the glass display case in the
hallway near the conference room. The devotional
is one way you can strengthen your faith! Please
pick up a copy for yourself, a friend or a relative.



The Deacons will be collecting names of local families in need of a Food Basket for Easter until March 22, 2018. Pick-up will be Saturday, March 24th from 9:30 - 10:30am. Please email or call the church office or drop off a note!

Sponsors Name/Number:

Family Receiving Food Name/Number/Address:

Number of Adults:

Number of Children (& ages, if known):

Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst

Countless studies have shown that we all learn in different ways. Some learn best by listening to a lecture, others need to interact and experiment with the material. Gardner's multiple intelligences theory lists 8 ways in which people learn: visual, musical, kinesthetic, interpersonal, logical, verbal, & intrapersonal. It stands to reason that if we learn in different ways, then we each probably connect with our faith in different ways too.



A great way to tap into this variation on worship is to set up "prayer stations." Stations can be tactile, reflective, creative, and simple. Many prayer station tracks will have a particular focus, such as a Biblical theme (Waiting; Fruits of the Spirit) or a Bible Story (Advent/Birth of Jesus; Holy Week.) You can find loads of station ideas to incorporate into your worship services or special prayer room on Pinterest, websites such as engageworship.org, rethinkingyouthministry.com, and in books like "Creative Prayer" by Faith McCloud. Check out our newest blog post at redstonetogether.blogspot.com to view station ideas (and pictures) that allow you to walk through the last week of Jesus' life here on earth, put together by Rev. Niki Atkinson at First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg. May your creative worship experience reflect the One who has created each one of us!

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

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM New Connections Class 8:00 PM AA Meeting	26 Meals on Wheels	27 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	28 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM M4C Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 1:00 PM Bulletin Group 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	 2 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	3 9:00 AM Kostelansky Baby Shower
4 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM Soup Luncheon 8:00 PM AA Meeting	 5 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	6 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	7 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	8 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	10
11 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	 12 Meals on Wheels 4:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 6:45 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	13 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	14 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Community Service Project 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	17 Maletto Birthday Party ??? 
18 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Logan Baby Shower 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:00 AM Congregational Meeting 11:30 AM Youth Group Meeting 8:00 PM AA Meeting	 19 Meals on Wheels	20 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	21 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Burrellton Garden Club 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	23 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	24
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