

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



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.

October 2021

Pastor's Corner

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October is my favorite month for many reasons – some the “typical” ones: the *colors* of the leaves, the *smell* of bonfires, the *taste* of pumpkin spice (yes, I’m one of “those people”), the decorations, pumpkin patches, cornstalk mazes and more. But another reason is less shared – and that is *what comes at the end*

of the month – Reformation Day. Since 2017 - the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation (1517) – each year I’ve looked back to see what the Reformers were up

to 500 years before. So ... *exactly* 500 years ago now (in the fall of 1521), Martin Luther was in hiding for fear of his life – as he had been condemned and excommunicated as a heretic at the Diet of Worms after being ordered to recant (*he didn't*). There was basically a *papal blessing to assassinate him*. He was being kept safe, hidden within the walls of the Wartburg Castle by his friend Frederick the Wise (also called Frederick the Protector). I visited the Wartburg in Germany a few years ago with Wiebke and her family. And I’m doing now what I did then ... imagining Luther, hidden away, tirelessly translating the New Testament from Latin & Greek into German. To many, this was one of the “less-exciting” parts of Luther’s life – out of the public eye, not stirring up debate here, there & everywhere. In one of his rare letters from that time, he writes, “You may think me out of the fray, but I will do what Christian love demands, without regard to the gates of hell, let alone unlearned popes, cardinals and bishops. You need not think Luther is dead. God is alive, and so am I.”

People give more emphasis to his fiery words and interchanges – the *troublemaker*. But me ... I think of him doing the painstaking but unglamorous work of translation. Nowhere near enough people realize the far-reaching cultural effects of that gift to the German people. It not only enabled study of God’s Word by the “common man” – which began to happen like never before in Europe – but it helped “form” the German language from many different dialects into a “common tongue.” Luther unified the Germans because they received a unified form of the German language. This changed everything. That literary offering – eventually augmented by the Gutenberg Press – affected almost every sphere of human civilization in Europe – education, government, commerce, economy. And in addition, this paved the way for Bible translation in other countries for generations to come ... This humble work done in dark corners *behind closed doors* would *burst open other doors* – doors for evangelism, social justice and mission. I think of it this way ... as human princes and the social elite were enamored with the artwork and cultural advances of the Renaissance, amidst their preoccupation and “oohs and ahhs,” the angels gathered unseen to behold the work of one lonely monk, as he labored out a far more eternal masterpiece, with God as the audience, and Christ the recipient of the glory. Thank you, Martin.

Happy Reformation Day! ~ Pastor Brian



Bonfire Night – We're planning a church bonfire for the night of *Saturday October 16th* – gather time of 7:00 PM to ??? **BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS!** Please watch bulletins for any updates – but we plan to have hot dogs and s'mores. *NOTE: this will be the Youth Group event for the week; there will be NO normal youth meeting the next day (Sun. the 17th).* If you have questions, please contact Rev. Kilbert or Charlene McKay (724-448-6764). Those who helped with the bonfire in 2019 are encouraged to contact Char about helping out (e.g, bringing roasting sticks, etc.). Thank you.

Please note that there will be *no ZOOM or Facebook worship on October 10th*. The volunteers who run this aspect of the online worship will all be out of town that same weekend. If you are interested in learning how to run Zoom before the 10th so this important aspect of worship can happen on the 10th please reach out to Wiebke at 724-799-3323.



The Fellowship and Care Team would like to invite you to a Soup and Salad Luncheon on Sunday, October 17, immediately following Worship. Please let Kelly, Irene Nelson or Charlene McKay know if you will be attending! Everyone is welcome!

Remember to check Puckety's website and social media for information on upcoming events and encouragement!

Website: www.pucketychurch.org

Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church

Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety

October 3 is *World Communion Sunday* and we are taking up a Global Witness Offering for the *Myanmar Undergraduate School of Theology (MUST)*. David Lian, our missionary liaison, has communicated an increased financial need due to the recent military coup and the extensive effects of COVID on their churches/leaders. Please make checks out to "Puckety Presbyterian Church" and **put "MUST" clearly on the memo line.** We suggest using one of the Peace and Global Witness envelopes in the pews and *writing "MUST" on the outside as well.* Thank you for your generosity.

ATTENTION! Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study! We will be finishing up our study on Bad Girls of the Bible on October 6th at 6:00pm and prep for Trunk or Treat on October 20th at 6:00pm in Faith Hall!

From the hearts and hands of the Session

We're excited to share a couple things that came out of our September Session meeting:

*We approved the start of **Online Giving** for Puckety Church through the Presbyterian Foundation! Soon, both members, guests and outside donors will be able to use multiple electronic giving options for their contributions to the mission and ministry of Puckety Church (e.g., off of our website/mobile browser or directly through the Give+ app on mobile devices). Please watch for more information available soon and help us communicate this new way for those within and beyond Puckety to support Christ's ministry.

*An important final **REMINDER** for all Ministry Team & **Committees to submit their complete 2022 Budget/request submissions by Sunday OCTOBER 10th** – so Session can review that week and form/approve the Budget over the following month.

*The **Fellowship Team** is gearing up for a couple upcoming fall events

(WATCH the bulletins and email updates for more details) – with a lack of opportunities last year for such gatherings, we're excited to see what occasions are in store to enjoy together!

*On Sun. October 31st (Reformation Day), during morning worship, we will have a guest from the local **Gideons**. We have had them speak several times before, but it has been a couple years since their last visit. They will share about their ministry which focuses on distribution of Bibles and Scripture tools – a perfect theme for Reformation Sunday as the authority of Scripture and its accessibility to all were hallmarks of the Reformation and continue to be vital elements of our faith tradition.

AV Team: Worship slides and balanced sound are amazing additions to the worship service every Sunday. The AV Team would love to have more volunteers for Sunday Slide Creation and Presentation and Sound and Zoom. More volunteers would allow the work for each Sunday to be spread around. We have some volunteers that can create slides but cannot be in the back running the slide show on Sunday. Having volunteers to run the slides on Sunday would be a huge help. The need is there for all the different elements needed to bring worship together every week. As the saying goes, many hands make quick work. Please contact Wiebke at 724-799-3323 if you would like to join the team and help worship run smoothly.

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The Second Annual Ladies Advent Brunch: Mark your calendars ladies, the Second Annual Ladies Advent Brunch will be held on Sunday December 5th from 11:30 to 2 PM. The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will be hosting this event and we will be adding a few more elements this year. Please prayerfully consider a friend or family member to invite. We will be focusing on finding some Quiet Moments at Christmas.





- 03 Mick Dober
- 10 Beth Dober
- 17 Vince Appleman
- 24 Jennifer McKay
- 31 Maria Schafer

Your Deacons:

- Mick Dober
- Pat Fish
- Traci Kirchartz
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Maria Schafer
- Kim Soulcheck
- Jean Welte
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Brenda McAllister
- Rodney Schafer

Corporate Officers:

- President:** Matt Wehrle
- Vice-Pres.:** Jennifer McKay
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Chuck West

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Your Session:
 Deb Artman – Clerk
 Chari Burtner
 Charlene McKay
 Jennifer McKay
 Matt Wehrle
 Chuck West
 Kelly Kapelewski
 Irene Nelson



Pastor:
 Reverend Brian Kilbert

Offering counters:

- 10/3: Chuck & Judy West
- 10/10: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 10/17: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 10/24: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 10/31: Chuck & Judy West

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

Media Specialist:

Chris Mason

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.



The Daniel Plan Group will continue meeting through October and November on the following dates: October 5 and 19 will be Food and November 2, 16, 30 will be Fitness. Join Us!!

Are you a member of the Thrivent Investment Family? Did you know that each Thrivent member can submit applications to the Thrivent Action Team Seed Money Team? If approved this seed money can be used to help with outreach and education programs at Puckety Church. If you are a Thrivent member and have questions about this program, please reach out to Wiebke at 724-799-3323. No personal financial information is shared during the application process.



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

October 3:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalms 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 10:

Psalms 22:1-15

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Hebrews 4:12-16; 2:5-12

Mark 10:17-31

October 17:

Job 38:1-7, 16-17

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12

Mark 10:35-45

October 24:

Job 42:1-6; 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

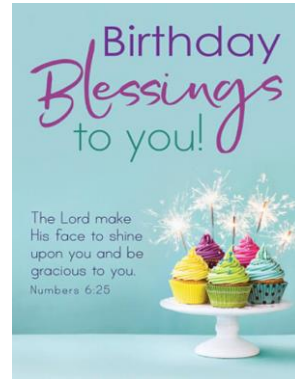
October 31:

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34



- 1 Evan Girard
- 3 Beth Hilbeck
- 4 Ryan Bargerstock
- 5 Nita Lundie
- 10 Rachel Aungst
Sandy Schafer
- 12 Joel McCullough
Kwade Kirchartz
- 14 Denise Johnston
Elaine Bargerstock
- 16 Christopher Hilbeck
Doug Marshall
- 18 Jessica Mele
- 24 Doris Prinkey
- 30 Lillian Blandford

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL TEAM LEADS!!!
 If you have *anything* you'd like to schedule to be held on church grounds in any of our buildings, please call or email the office to be sure the date/time/place are available to you! There is a master calendar kept in the office by Kelly. We are a wonderfully busy church family, but it requires everyone's cooperation. Thank you!!



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

We have restarted our choir rehearsals **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**. In light of the recent Covid concerns we will be rehearsing in the pews at a distance but masked only if you are not vaccinated or you feel better wearing one. We will keep our selections simpler at this time. This would be the PERFECT timing for those who want to "try it on" and see how this ministry can fit into your lives! We WELCOME YOU This Thursday at 6:30 pm! ~ Lorraine Menk, Choir Director



The prizes for the games have been ordered. The costume ideas and car decorating ideas are coming together. Now we need YOU to make this event a success. There are different ways to support our Trunk or Treat Event on Saturday October 30th from 2-4 PM.

1. We need about 300 Dumb Dumb lollipops for one of the games. Please let Kelly know if you would like to donate Dumb Dumb lollipops.
2. We are having a car decorating contest and would like to give out prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. We are looking for a donation of gift cards to make up the prize. If you are interested in donating a gift card, please reach out to Kelly or Wiebke so we can coordinate.
3. Extra bags of candy. We have no idea how many kids to expect, but we don't want any of our participating cars to run out of candy. Having a few bags of extra candy in reserve would be very helpful. Bags need to be turned in to Kelly by Sunday October 24th.

4. Sign up to bring a car and hand out candy! The more cars we have the more fun the kids will have! You do NOT need to decorate your car to participate so please don't let that be what stops you. If you have a neighbor with a classic car invite them to sign up. If you have family members that are not members of the church that love all things Halloween, have them sign up to bring a car.

5. Spread the word in your neighborhood. We have printed up flyers that you can put up in your neighborhood, apartment complex, at work. See Wiebke for a flyer.

6. Invite your family members to join us that day.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Wiebke or Kelly.

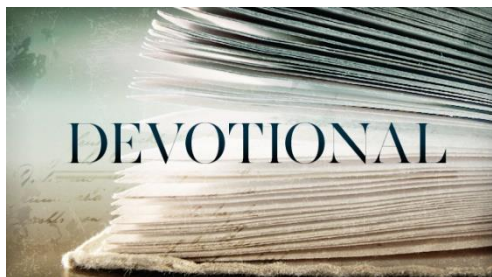
Hey, did you know? ... Did you know that Puckety Church is still using Zoom to share our worship services? The AV Team also live streams the worship service to Facebook and to YouTube. What does this mean for you? It means that *prayer concerns & joys that are shared in the worship service are sent out to the world* and once there cannot be removed. This is why Pastor Brian tries to not use last names in the prayer requests/joys/announcements. We know God knows which concern or joy we are praying about, but we want to keep these personal moments as private as possible, even as we come along side you to celebrate, mourn and pray for the need you have brought to your church family. So when you share something with Pastor Brian and he asks if he can share this news in worship we wanted to make sure you were aware that the information would not be staying just inside the walls of the building. If you have any concerns about who might hear the information please talk to Pastor Brian and he can help you.

YOUTH GROUP

We are trying to continue a weekly youth group (Sundays drop-off at 6:00 and pick up at 7:45 pm) - all students ages 12-18 are welcome - affiliation with Puckety is NOT required. There will be a church bonfire we will be participating in on *Saturday, October 16!* There is a costume party on *Sun. October 24th* - students are encouraged to get creative with their costume.

Please: 1) pray for this ministry, its leaders and the students; 2) support this ministry by volunteering or making donations (e.g., snacks); 3) promote this ministry through word of mouth so as many local families take advantage of it. For more information, call Pastor Brian at 724-678-6976.

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A Devotional for you –

Read Luke 9:23 & Romans 12:1-3

Well, I started (in the *Pastor's Corner*) with reference to Martin Luther. It's only right for Reformation Day to end with reference to John Calvin. In his little book, *The Golden Book of the Christian Life*, the title of chapter 7 is: "*The Sum of the Christian life: the Denial of Ourselves*" [here you will find very relevant application in contrast to

our modern-day emphasis on 'personal rights' and 'individual freedom.'] Calvin writes, "The duty of believers is to 'present their bodies to God as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him' (Rom. 12:1) ... *We are not our own*: let not our reason nor our will, therefore sway our plans and deeds. *We are not our own*: let us therefore not set it as our goal to seek what is expedient for us according to the flesh. *We are not our own*; insofar as we can, let us therefore forget ourselves and all that is ours. Conversely, *we are God's*: let us therefore live for Him and die for Him. *We are God's*: let His wisdom and will therefore rule all our actions. *We are God's*: let all the parts of our life accordingly strive toward Him as our only lawful goal (Rom. 14:8). So often, consulting our self-interest is the pestilence that most effectively leads to our destruction, yet the haven of salvation it to will nothing through ourselves but to follow the leading of the Lord alone. Let this, therefore, be the first step, that a person depart from himself in order that he may apply the whole force of his ability in the service of the Lord."

Many Americans (probably most) will find this far too restrictive. Even many American *Christians*, though nodding assent to this in the pew on Sunday, will Monday through Saturday keep pace with how our culture defines "freedom" – you only have to start thinking about it and the practical examples of where these two *different* perspectives come into play will start flowing quickly: *to mask or not to mask ... *to require vaccinations or not ... *to promote unbridled freedom of expression or to speak into the fads and fashions with a witness for dignity and wholesomeness ... *to aggressively climb a corporate ladder ... or to support others to help achieve their dreams. On and on, the daily occasions arise, and we *will* apply either one principle *or* the other. My point, supporting Calvin, is that the consistent and repeated witness of the New Testament is that those who are led by the Spirit will practice self-denial. Jesus in the Gospels and Paul in his letters both emphasize that this is the path to grow in holiness, to be sanctified into the redeemed image Christ came to provide for us. And, to a very large degree, this *self-denial*, this deciding not to stand on personal rights but *think of the interests of others first* (1 Cor. 13, Philippians 2:3-8), this is how the world sees the Church is different. This is how we are a "city on a hill." This is how we become the "aroma of Christ" (2 Cor. 2:14-15). This is how we bring glory to God. May the Lord give us the grace to walk this path each day. Amen.



Watch your upcoming bulletins for information regarding our annual Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child campaign! The Deacons will be communicating when the boxes will be available and when they need to be returned to the Church office. Let's make this a very successful campaign in 2021!!

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group	27 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group	28 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 6:00 PM DKG Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	29 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	30 4:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting 5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26234 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	1 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	2
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



Peace
*at all TIMES
in all WAYS.*

— 2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

Please consider giving to this outreach ministry!

Reformation Day

is celebrated on October 31 and recognizes the day German monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church in 1517.

