

Puckety Presbyterian Church

1009 Puckety Church Road
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

(Return Service Requested)

REMINDER:

Sunday 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.*

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings Puckety family! For my salutation this month, I wanted to share something straight from my twin brother, Rev. Chris Kilbert, recently used in their church newsletter (Riverlawn) in WV – it conveys some end-of-summer “back to church” emphasis customary as we gear up for Fall. My brother, Chris wrote this a few weeks ago –

“It feels like such a long time since I’ve seen or talked with a good number of you! There are, *of course*, a good number of reasons: some may still not feel comfortable gathering in enclosed places with groups of people ... some may be out of town frequently during the summer, and I pray you saw God move in those places. But some have been hurt or disappointed or disillusioned in some way with the challenges around us. Some may have just gotten out of the habit of communing as the Church. Don’t get me wrong, I am aware of the fact that many are struggling right now, and those struggles stretch deep (in intensity) and wide (in scope). But I also know that the body of Christ suffers when we are disconnected – it suffers in ways and to a degree that I believe many are simply not aware. We may think our own part is relatively small and wouldn’t make that

much of a difference (if not fit into the puzzle, etc.), but collectively, when the pieces are missing, it creates a huge effect. Think of the cascading impact (the domino effect if you will): It’s a detriment to our worship in community, our awareness through fellowship, our shared growth through discipleship, our shared ministry in our neighborhoods, our witness through visible unity ... Can you think of others? This isn’t about judgment. This is about longing. A longing to rekindle and reinforce that which isn’t just helpful and good, but essential and precious!”

[He then says something I’ve felt a couple times recently]: “In many instances, there is *irony* in the fact that we hesitate to return to weekly involvement in our community of faith because of our present struggles, when in fact it is the community of faith that helps bear us up, support us, and love us with the love of Christ, becoming a powerful encouragement to our hearts and a balm to our souls.”

I concur with my brother’s call for us to “Return” – and of course, we hear that call many times in God’s Word, not just in places like the Old Testament prophets, but the apostles in the New Testament, and Christ himself to the churches (see Revelation 2:3-5 and 3:14-20). But I’d also like to add words of gratitude and anticipation – which are also mixed into Christ’s letters to the churches in Revelation by the way. I have seen the Spirit at work at Puckety recently, and like when you see a little green shoot poke its way out of the ground – even when you have no idea what kind of plant it is – you know more’s coming. The question is, how well we receive it and care for it? So be refreshed by those with whom you share the grace and joy and love of Christ. Be ready to “seek first his Kingdom” and equipped to accomplish his Kingdom work! We are blessed as we gather in the presence of the Lord – and we are better able to bless others because of it. Amen. ~ Pastor Brian (& Chris Kilbert)

Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!

Website: www.pucketychurch.org

Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church

Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety

Our next **Prayer Walk** will be Sunday, *September 18th*, after worship. We invite everyone to please join us! Remember, you don't have to walk to join this prayer time; you can remain in the sanctuary if that's helpful to you. But please plan to be part of the Body of Christ united in prayer for our community.



There are different ways to give to the mission of the church. If you choose to give electronically, click the button on our website or you can also make it even easier by using the Vanco Faith App! (*search Vanco App in the App Store or Google Play*). When you search for our church, put in "Puckety Presbyterian Church" For more information on how to use Vanco Faith click the link on pucketychurch.org. Thank you for your generosity!



See You at the Pole (SYATP) will be **Wed., Sept. 28th**. A nationwide event in Sept. each year, students are challenged to meet at their local flagpole before school begins to pray for their campus, community and nation. We want to join in this important effort. We hope to receive permission and student invitation to gather around the BHS flagpole (across from the tennis courts) with a student group from **7:15 to 7:45 AM**. [*Watch the weekly announcements*]. But if that's not possible, we will still meet in the *corner*

of our parking lot closest to the BHS flagpole on 9/28, meeting from 7:30 to 8:00 AM, when we'll be able to see the students and perhaps they can see us pray for them. Maybe we'll even do both & have two prayer groups! Please invite a couple people and come together. Even if you can only come for 10 minutes, please join us as we gather in prayer for the school year, the staff, the students and God to work in every way. You can find videos and more at www.syatp.com



We congratulate the Kostelansky family (parents Matthew and Tammi) on the birth of their new baby: Dean Matthew Kostelansky - born August 25th. Congrats to Jolene and the rest of the family as well and "Welcome, Dean!"



- 04 Jennifer McKay
- 11 Mira Whalen
- 18 Maria Schafer
- 25 Rebecca Fisher

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

THE PUCKETY CHURCH MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Will once again be meeting on Monday mornings at 10:00 beginning on September 12. Contact Matt Wehrle if you have any questions!

Your Session:

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



Offering counters:

- 9/4: Chuck & Judy West
- 9/11: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 9/18: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 9/25: Deb Artman & Janet Karan

Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Barb Sprinkle

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.



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.

“Help the Pastor” - Do you ever think, “I wish Brian would preach on _____”? Is there a topic, question, or Scripture passage you’d like to hear addressed in a sermon? Please feel free to submit such ideas to the office – email pastor@pucketychurch.org or call 724-339-1323.



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

Sept. 4:

Jer 18: 1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Deut 30:15-20
Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 11:

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
Ex 32:7-14
Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 18:

Jer 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
Amos 8:4-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 25:

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Tim 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



Join us in Faith Hall after worship
On September 11 for Coffee Hour!
No need to bring anything.
All are welcome!



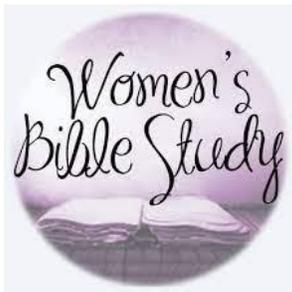
- 1 Paul McCullough
- 4 Traci Kirchartz
- John McCullough
- 7 Nicole Zurenski
- 9 Lauren McCullough
- Denise Wehrle
- 10 James Serene
- 12 Fran Cosentino
- 13 Cecil McCutcheon
- Mira Whalen
- Melissa Smith
- 15 Erika Manges
- 17 Jeff Burtner (dad)
- 18 Mersades Schafer
- 19 Erik Wilds
- Pamela McAllister
- 20 Charelene McKay
- 21 Laretta Lockwood
- 23 Kaylee Hazlett
- Seth Fisher
- 24 Brenda McAllister
- Barbara Bentley
- 25 Conner Kapelewski
- 27 Hanna Fisher
- 29 Harley Wilds
- 30 Clint Motosicky



Sunday Ladies Lunch Out! We invite all the ladies of the congregation, young, old and in the middle, to join us on the last Sunday of the month for a lunch out at a local restaurant. We will gather after the service and head out to the chosen restaurant and reconnect without having to do any dishes afterwards. Our next lunch out will be Sept. 25. Please join us!



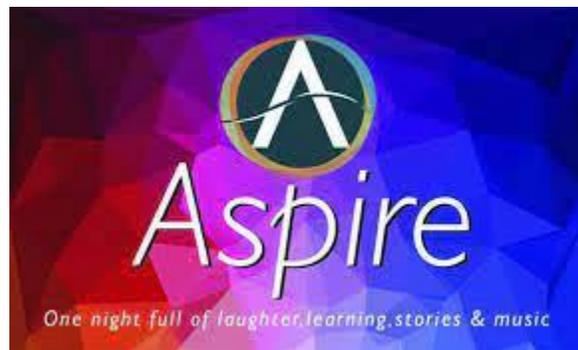
We are accepting a mission to bless people that need to keep warm. Join us to start crafting lap blankets for Hospice. We will be using a simple pattern using the single crochet and double crochet stitches we learned earlier this year. Our next meeting is September 11th in the conference room after we get some nibbles at the Coffee Hour. Hope to see you then!



Women in the Word Sunday Class: The ladies Sunday Bible Study Class will be starting again on September 4th. Please read the first chapter and be prepared to discuss. We will be meeting after church in the conference room on 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/23, 11/6 and 11/20. Please bring your lunch and your Bible. Cost of the book you have received is \$9.50 to be paid to Wiebke.

Attention Ladies!! Aspire 2022 Tour is coming!

Join us for a night out on Friday September 23rd. We will be heading to Irwin for a night of learning, music and laughter. Cost is \$25 unless we can get a group of 10 together when the price drops to \$20. Carpooling will be available. Please let Wiebke know by Sunday the 11th if you will be joining us for this night out!



Save the date: Did you know on September 1st there are only 58 days left until our second Trunk or Treat! Please mark October 29th in your calendar as our Trunk or Treat day! We will need all of you to participate and help us spread the word again so we have another excellent event for the community! If you want to help with any of the games and activities please let Wiebke or Kelly know.



Puckety Church Fellowship Team announces it's annual Apple Dumping sale! The apple dumplings will once again be \$5.00 a piece. Watch your printed announcements for an order form. The orders and money are due 9/25/22. Contact Irene Nelson with any questions!

A Devotional For You – Read John 21:9, 15-19

I realized something this week: I have had the same personal email address for **over 20 years now** – sheepkeeper2116@yahoo.com. I chose it during my first year in seminary (2001). “Why’d you choose an address like that, Brian?” I’m so glad you asked. It’s based off of Jesus’ interchange with Peter at the end of the book of John (far and away my favorite Gospel). In John **21:16**, Jesus says, “Tend my sheep.” [Hence, “sheep-keeper” 2116]. Now, you’re probably already getting part of the picture – *shepherds* being a classic metaphor for the work of pastors in the Bible (not just in Johannine literature but also in Peter’s epistles) – conveying the ideas of caring for the welfare of God’s flock, feeding them with his Word, protecting them from dangers and threats, and leading them in the proper path, etc. And you’re right – since I knew I was going into ministry, I wanted something I’d use everyday that would remind me of my calling and responsibilities to the Lord. But there’s more to it than that too. What else is going on in this passage? Well, to get the full weight of it, you have to go all the way back to chapter 18, where Peter denies Jesus three times while warming himself by a fire (18:25ff.). Notice how (in ch. 21 after the resurrection) Jesus has made a fire on the shore. I don’t think he’s done that just to cook up some breakfast for his disciples to enhance the joy of the moment. Jesus is going to use that to further impress upon Peter the question he’s going to ask him – “Do you *love* me?” ... a question he would ask Peter 3 times! [Interestingly, something we only see in the Greek, the first two times, Jesus uses a different word for love than Peter does – Jesus says do you love (agape) me [*love me sacrificially*] and Peter replies (twice): “Yes, I love (phileo) you” [*with the closeness of a friend*] ...

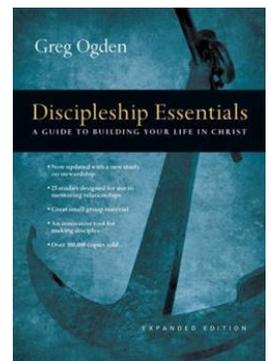
Some say Peter didn’t say “*agape*” because it seemed too cold, and in the intensity of the moment, he wanted a more affectionate term. But I believe Peter’s denials were too fresh for him to say “Yes, I’ll *sacrifice* myself for you,” because he *had* said he’d die for him (in the Upper Room), and then outside the court he wouldn’t even stand with him. So, Peter was probably afraid to come across hypocritical; he was probably careful to make the same level of claims that he did before, thinking of his faltering in front of the servant girl by the fire. So, in the light of another fire, in the presence of the One he denied, Peter has to face the music (or the ‘flames’ if you want to be literal).

This is the other half of the reason why every day I have my email address to remind me (often *more than 3x* since you often need your email to login to a host of sites). Sometimes that’s exasperating - but it’s good, because it’s a way I can hear Christ’s word come to me when I need to hear it ... “Now, face it Brian; you messed up ... there’s no more *denying* about it ... you have to face this; you have own this. But the way forward is in the same word I’m using to confront you with the truth – “love me” ... I love John 21 because it gives us this perennial pattern (makes me think of a perennial flower, there’s a time where it’s humble and “in the dirt” so to speak, but then the true light and living water brings it up, it rises to bloom and reach its potential). In this beautiful story, Jesus extends grace. He tells you and me, I’ve made a way so you can be restored, you can serve in purpose and joy once more ... it’s time to start again – you’ve learned a little more, and my grace will help you grow further as well.

Jesus told Peter to feed his sheep. But did you notice Jesus starts out by using Peter’s old name (Simon) ... perhaps because he had not lived up to the name Christ had given him (Petros means “rock”), BUT Jesus rehabilitated his disciple and now he could become what Jesus proclaimed in the namesake he gave him – Rock – as well as shepherd of the flock. Jesus sees into Simon Peter’s heart. He knows that now, Peter’s “boast” of love to Jesus is not empty, but sincere and cemented. It’s not “just words” anymore. And may they never be “just words” from us either – but the most living, breathing, verb that defines us. Amen.

“New Member” Small Group

Pastor Brian will be starting a weekly small group – **Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM** – starting on **September 7th**, and meeting *each week* for 10 weeks (finishing by 11/16). It is **open** *not* just to new members, but also open to anyone who would like to get a better understanding of some of the foundational aspects of Christian faith and practice. We will be using the revised edition of Greg Ogden’s classic, *Discipleship Essentials*. If you’d like to join the group, *please contact Pastor Brian by August 14th* so he can secure a copy of the book for you (\$10/book). We do ask participants to commit to coming to 8 of the 10 meetings. Any questions, please call Pastor Brian at 724-678-6976.





As we continue to work at building relationships with Burrell School District, we (the Outreach Team) is encouraging our Puckety family to attend various events and activities in the district. We will do our best to provide a current list of as many activities as possible. If you are aware of something happening, please let us know so we can add it to our list! We know not everyone can go to everything, but it is our hope that each member of our Puckety family will attend a sporting event, a play, a concert...something, as a way to help get to know what is happening in the district, support the kids and programs there, and spend time with each other.

Home Games for the Varsity Football Team

- Friday Sept. 2nd (vs. Deer Lakes)
- Friday Sept. 23rd (vs. Yough)
- Friday Oct. 7th (vs. Ligonier Valley)
- Friday Oct. 14th (vs. Steel Valley)
- Friday Oct. 28th (vs. Apollo Ridge)

*Gates open at 6:00pm, games start at 7pm. Tickets sold at the gate (price varies for students, adults, or seniors).



The *Puckety Youth Group* will start up again with their Kick-Off on Sunday, **September 11th** from 6:00 to 8:30 PM - with outdoor games in our field (weather permitting), good food and ideas for the year. Ages 5th grade to 12th grade - spread the word, please invite a friend and join us - drop-off and pick-up outside Faith Hall.

The Tightening Our Testimony small group completed the *Becoming a Contagious Christian* training and look forward to applying the principles we learned about sharing our faith. We invite other members to ask us about what we learned and how more disciples can become contagious in their faith as well.



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Remember the Uncle Sam in the tall hat pointing "We Want You"? So, whose hand might be pointing here? Could be your choir director, perhaps your pastor, but most likely Christ who lovingly invites you into his flock of singers. We are in need of both men and women singers, teen and older, high and low voices. There are NO auditions (although I can help you discern which group to sing in). Rehearsals are 6:30-7:45 appx. on Thursday evenings, with worship on Sundays mid-September through mid-May. You may return to your family in the pews if you prefer at worship after our anthem. **YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE IN RETURN** than what you need to give! If you feel the hand of Christ tapping on your shoulder, please answer the call and give us a try. First rehearsal is Thursday, Sept. 15 and first worship is Sept. 18. Oh, and joking and laughing at rehearsals IS permitted!



Reid Stewart recently stopped by to share a communion set and baptismal font that were gifted to Puckety Church in 1887 by Priscilla Beale Stewart. They were used at Puckety for many, many years. They are now making their way to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.

Now available at all entrances to the sanctuary



Please pick up a copy today for yourself, a relative, a friend.

AV Team: Some of our volunteers have had some life events in recent weeks that will make it very hard for them to be able to step in as a slide presenter or the Zoom host. I believe this is an opportunity for any of you who have been on the fence about volunteering for the AV team to give it a try. You may have noticed that there is never just one person in the AV booth during worship and we all help each other out. Please talk to Wiebke if you would like to give Zoom hosting or presenting, not creating, but just moving the worship slides from one slide to the next, a try!

| Date | Presentation Creation | Presenter | Sound | Zoom host |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 9/4/22 | Jenn | Matt | John | Wiebke |
| 9/11/22 | Matt | Matt | Zach | Wiebke |
| 9/18/22 | Sandra | Sandra | Nate | Wiebke |
| 9/25/22 | Brian | Matt | Rodney | Wiebke |

Burrell to lean on pair of senior linemen

By: [Michael Love](#)

Sunday, August 14, 2022 | [\[ARTICLE ABOUT OUR OWN AARON MELE IN THE TRIB!\]](#)

George Guido | **For the Tribune-Review**

Senior linemen Ian Quinn, left, and Aaron Mele will anchor both the offensive and defensive lines for Burrell.

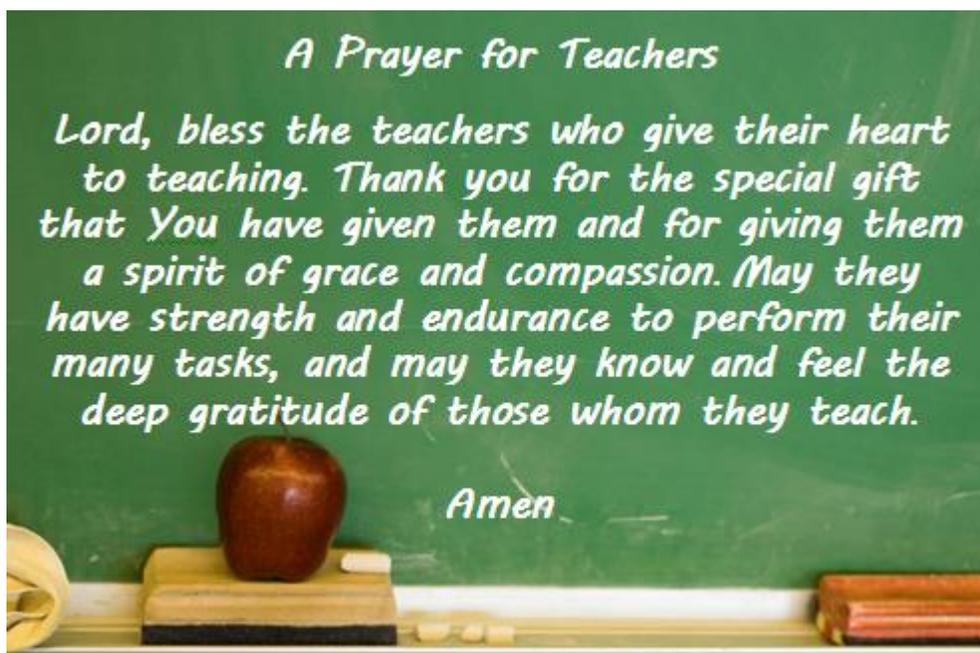


Aaron Mele knew from early on he was going to be moving defenders and protecting quarterbacks on the line. “My whole football career, I’ve played center, both guards and both tackles. I’ve played everywhere,” Mele said. “My coaches have always made sure I’ve understood the importance of learning new techniques at every position” ... Mele will man the right tackle spot. He is 6-1 and is 280 pounds, also up about 15 pounds from last year. “This is our time,” Mele said. “I want to be an example for the younger guys about what they can accomplish through playing football and putting in the hard work. Everyone is ready to show that the work we’ve done since last season ended is paying off” ... Mele earned an opportunity for starting time as a sophomore and was a full-time starter last year. “I am ready to take that next step in my game,” Mele said. “There are a lot of great guys around me, and we’re ready to help the offense make plays.”

Quinn and Mele helped the line last year open holes in the running game to the tune of 1,936 yards, an average of 176 a game ... Quinn and Mele also hope to create havoc for opposing offenses beside each other in the defensive interior.

“Both Ian and Aaron have been in the program for four years and have meant so much to what we’ve been able to accomplish,” Burrell coach Shawn Liotta said. “They are guys we definitely look to for leadership on and off the field. They are also great students in the classroom. They are the type of guys who know how to handle things when they are going good and also when there is adversity. They stay at an even keel, which is something their teammates certainly respect. They just go out and do their work and don’t look for any credit. It’s no secret that we’re going to be counting a lot on Aaron and Ian and the other lineman this year.”

“Go Aaron! Go Bucs!”



SEPTEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| 28 10:00am Worship 11:00am Ladies Lunch | 29 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting | 30 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 8:00pm N.A. meeting | 31 Meals on Wheels | 1 | 2 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED | 3 |
| 4 10:00am Worship 11:30am Women's Bible Study | 5 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 10:30am Card Ministry | 6 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting | 7 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Deacons Meeting 6:30pm New Members Class | 8 | 9 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED | 10 |
| 11 Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Crafternoon 6:00pm Youth Group Kick-Off | 12 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 5:30pm MS Group Meeting 6:00pm Upkeep Team Meeting 6:30pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting | 13 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Session Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting | 14 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Girl Scouts Open Registration 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm New Members Class | 15 6:00pm Puckety Condo Assoc. Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 16 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED | 17 8:00am Youth Group Event- White Water Rafting 10:00am Spang Birthday Party |
| 18 10:00am Worship 11:15am Prayer Walk 6:00pm Youth Group 11:30pm Women's Bible Study | 19 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 4:30pm Discipleship Team Meeting | 20 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 7:00pm Sewing Guild 8:00pm N.A. meeting | 21 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm New Members Class | 22 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 23 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED | 24 School Breakfast Baking 7:00pm Church Bonfire |
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