## Puckety Presbyterian Church

1009 Puckety Church Road Lower Burrell, PA 15068

(Return Service Requested)

## **Last Day For:**

#### **Post Scripts Information:**

Third Wednesday of the month.

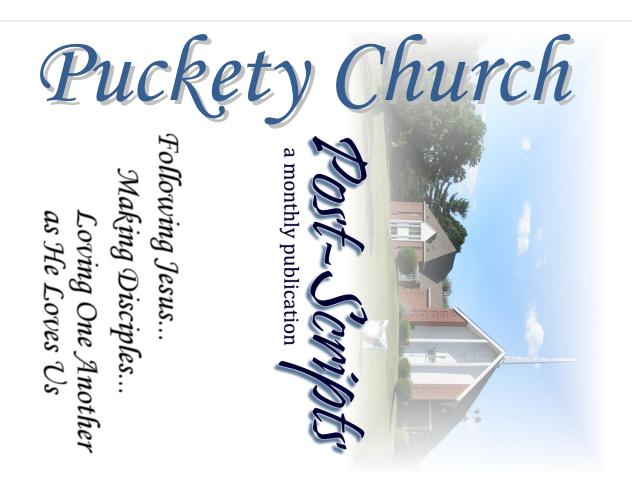
#### **Bulletin Information:**

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.





# Puckety Presbyterian Church

Following Jesus...Making Disciples...Loving One Another as He Loves Us

August 2017





Each day at our Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids learned that they were created by God and built for a purpose! We had a Bible Point, which is a short, simple, one sentence statement to help kids learn about God. There was also a Bible verse, and story each day. A "Bible Buddy" (an

animal that somehow represented the Bible Point in a fun way) was also part of each day to help the kids tie everything together!

While many of these things seem "Childish" or simplistic, I encourage you to take a moment, read over each day's verses below, and as God speaks to your heart, be reminded of these scriptural truths!

Our "Clean Water for Peru offerings combined, raised more than \$750. which enables 158 children to have clean water to drink for an entire year! Please check our website for pictures of all the fun!

Also, I would like to thank Erika Manges (who helped me direct VBS), all of the crew and station leaders, my family, as well as all the other people who helped me with VBS...I could not have done what I did without the many volunteers who helped prior to and during VBS.

Rebecca



Bible Point: God made you.

Bible Verse: Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!

(Psalm 139:14)

Bible Story: God lovingly creates people (Genesis 1:26-2:4)



<u>Tuesday: Tina Termite</u> Bible Point: God is for you. Bible Verse: If God is for us, who can ever be against us? (Romans 8:31)

Bible Story: Rahab believes in God's mighty power. (Joshua 1-2)



# Wednesday: Bubba

Bible Point: God is always with you.

Bible Verse: The Lord your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua

1:9)

Bible Story: God is with Gideon. (Judges 6:11-7:25)



Bible Point: God will always love you.

Bible Verse: Your unfailing love will last forever. (Psalm 89:2)

Bible Story: Jesus died and comes back to life. (Luke 22:66-24:12)



# Friday: Abee

Bible Point: God made you for a reason

Bible Verse: For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.

(Jeremiah 29:11)

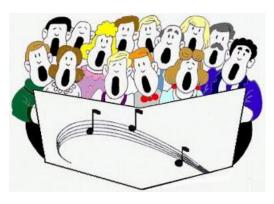
Bible Story: Abigail brings peace (1 Samuel 25)

# In other Discipleship News...

\*Community Prayer Service will resume in September!

\*Rebecca has to miss Ladies Lunch in August but others are welcome to go! Just meet in the hall, and have someone call Villa to let them know you're coming.

\*Youth Church will resume in the fall-shortly after Labor Day



The Puckety Choir picnic will be at the home of Cliff and Charlene McKay & George, Thursday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. The main meat dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and let Lorraine know what you are bringing at 724-339-9531 or <a href="kirbiel@comcast.net">kirbiel@comcast.net</a> We will begin rehearsals in September and return to worship as a choir family in late September. If you are considering joining us this season, we welcome you!



6 Jenn Motosicky

**13** Denise Wehrle

20 Maria Schafer

27 Sophia Earhart

## **Your Session:**

Debra Artman
Sue Close
Sophia Earhart
Rebecca Fisher
Jolene Kostelansky
Kirk Orr
Vicki Orr
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



**Pastor:**Kirk Orr

# Directors of Youth Ministries:

Vicki Orr and 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



- **6** Matt Wehrle and Rebecca Fisher
- **13** Sue Close and Jolene Kostelansky
- **20** Deb Artman and Sophia Earhart
- **27** Chuck West and Mike Tatem

#### 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**

**6** Chari Burtner and Matt Wehrle

**13** Janet Karan and Deb Artman

20 Chuck and Judy West

**27** Jolene Kostelansky and Sophia Earhart

#### **Summertime Special Music**

It's not too late: there are still spaces to sign up to do Special Music during our Sunday Morning Worship. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Kelly or Lorraine Menk.

# Will you help?

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy."



The Synod of the Trinity has authorized a <u>matching grant up to \$4,000</u> for Redstone Presbytery. This will be for humanitarian relief in South Sudan, where our Christian brothers and sisters are praying for deliverance from hunger, disease, violence, and injustice.

This is a great Mission "Project" that even a very small group in your church could do in support of God's children in Africa.

Every Dollar You Collect Matters

We pray for your participation so that we can match what the Synod is offering. An active witness from our saints here in Redstone Presbytery congregations illustrates one way that the Kingdom of God is built.

Please mail your offerings to:

Redstone Presbytery, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601 by World Communion Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and indicate that it is for the South Sudan Abundance grant in the memo line.

## **HELP NEEDED!**



- Would you like:
  - To keep your mind fresh and sharp?
  - To learn new things or utilize what you already know in a different way?
  - To have the privilege of worshipping as you work?

**JOIN THE VIDEO TEAM!** We need at least 1 new person to join the team so that no one needs to volunteer more than once a month. There are either 4 or 5 Sundays or other worship opportunities each month. We currently have 4 volunteers. **WE NEED YOU!** You can work from the comfort of your own home and computer during the week. Someone will lead you and be beside you while you learn the ins and outs. Talk to Mark Benish, Beth Dober or Matt Wehrle if you are interested in being a part of this important ministry. THANK YOU SETH FISHER FOR RECENTLY JOINING OUR TEAM!!!!



The Bible readings are from "Book of Common Worship"

# For the week of: August 6:

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

## August 13:

Genesis 31:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6,13-22,45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

### August 20:

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

## August 27:

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20



(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!!!**

- 1 Sandy Ankney
- 3 Todd Johnston
- 4 Bob Bargerstock
- **5** Joyce Daluisio
- 9 Kim Soulcheck
- 10 Shannon Brown George Davis John Fisher
- 11 Gary Close
- 12 Nicholas Yohe Jessica Guyer Justin Varner
- 13 Kelly Kapelewski
- 14 Linda Brown
- 15 Janet Yurkin Jack Barnett Marilyn Crumley
- **16** Cooper Spenick
- 17 Julie (Johnston) Teichman
- 19 Sandy Appleman
- 20 Caroline McAllister
- 22 Dorothy Brackin
- 25 John Brown
- 30 Leatha O'Neil
- 31 Laurel Thomm Sarah Orr



FAMILIES SUCCEED "RN, Ultrasound

Technologist volunteers and childcare workers NEEDED at TryLife Center in Lower Burrell PA, for more information Please call Marion 724 339-9399 Ext 100 or email marionb@trylife.center."

Just a reminder that copies of the LARGE print "Our Daily Bread" devotional for July, August, September is still available as well as copies of the REGULAR print for June, July, and August. The "Our Daily Bread" devotionals are located at all entrances to the sanctuary and also on the glass display case in the hallway. Please pick up a copy for yourself, a friend or relative.

During the month of Aug. the Deacons are once again asking the congregation to consider having the "Our Daily Bread" devotional mailed to students who will be attending college this fall. If you have a family member or relative college-bound, please give the name and address (when available) to our secretary Kelly, or any Deacon. The devotional is one way for our students to discipline themselves to read the Bible every day and strengthen their faith.

# **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** - Vicki Orr - 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.



Knead Community Café at 1011 Barnes Street in New Kensington offers a flexible, daily selection of freshly prepared sandwiches, soups and salads in a delightful café setting. It is a nonprofit venture that makes it possible for everyone to eat healthy and delicious foods regardless of their means while building community among neighbors. The hours are Tuesday through Friday 11AM – 2PM and Saturdays from 8AM - 2Pm. Please learn more about volunteer opportunities at www.kneadcommunitycafe.org or like us at Facebook.com/kneadcommunitycafé.

#### Music Notes from the Choir Director:

Your choir director has been busily listening to and studying music for the next exciting choir season. As in the past, we will add a few new anthems and polish up anthems from past seasons. Our Advent/Christmas songs this year will be themed around "very familiar carols with a twist". We will kick off the choir season with a picnic at the home of Cliff and Charlene McKay, and George, late August or early September, at a date to be announced. Rehearsals will begin after Labor Day on Thursdays at 7pm. Since it is the Lord who calls you to minister, all are welcome! Those interested in joining this beautiful, prayerful, FLEXIBLE and accommodating, musical family can contact Lorraine Menk at 724-339-9531 or talk to any choir member for more details. THE LORD NEEDS YOU!

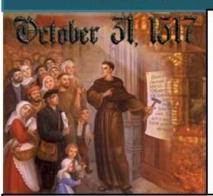


# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church	<b>31</b> Meals on Wheels	8:00 PM N.A. meeting	Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts		4 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	9:00 AM Bargerstock Wedding Shower
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church	Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 1:00 PM BHS Football 5:45 PM MS Group Meeting	1:00 PM BHS Football 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM BHS Football 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1:00 PM BHS Football	11 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM BHS Football 1:00 PM Line Dancing	12
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	14 Meals on Wheels	7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	16 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	17	18 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	11:00 AM Beech Birthday Party
9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church	21 Meals on Wheels	8:00 PM N.A. meeting	Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24	Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	26
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# Stories of Redstone

# Christ at work in our midst



At the end of this October, members of Protestant denominations, which includes the P.C.(USA), will commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 theses to his church door in Wittenberg, an event commonly cited as the start of the Protestant Reformation. Looking for some ideas? Check out the resources below and share your celebrations on our Presbytery Facebook page!

- \*Presbyterian Historical Society (<a href="www.history.pcusa.org">www.history.pcusa.org</a>) This site has bulletin inserts, loads of information on the history of the Reformation and specifically the Presbyterian Church.
- \*Theological Conversations Series (<a href="www.presbyterianmission.org">www.presbyterianmission.org</a> search "theological conversations") A series of discussion papers written by leadership across the P.C.(USA) that explore what we have to offer the church and the world in the next 500 years.
- \*PC(USA) Store (<a href="www.pcusastore.org">www.pcusastore.org</a>) Want some great material for Sunday School or an Adult Ed class? Check out Donald McKim's new "Being Reformed" installment, The Protestant Reformations. Or the new "Growing in Grace & Gratitude" lesson, Luther learns from Paul.

How are YOU celebrating 500 years of 'the church reformed, always reforming?"

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

# Clarification of Faith Hall Membership Usage

There have been questions that have arisen since the adoption of the new policy rules on members reserving Faith Hall for events. The purpose of this short article is to attempt on the part of the Upkeep Committee to clarify the membership use policy to avoid future confusion.

First, we need to repeat that we wish to encourage members to use Faith Hall for their personal and family events. There will no charge to a member for use of the facility. We wish to remind you that the purpose of the change was to stop the occasional practice of a member reserving the hall in their name for another family member, friend or casual acquaintance. The person who made the reservation was not involved in the planning and did not participate in the event.

The confusion seems to be around what is considered a family event. In order to keep it as simple as possible, a family event is an event where you as a member are reserving the hall as a sponsor of the event, who is involved in the planning and will be in attendance at the time of the event.

# Upkeep Says Thanks

The Upkeep Committee would like to thank all the members who have supported our Spring Work List of Projects. We are fearful of listing names and missing someone's work contribution. We even had mystery workers who did work without identifying themselves. There are several jobs yet to do, if you are so inclined please contact Vince Appleman or Kelly in the office. We can fix you up.

We would like to give a big thank you to all who have helped with the mowing this season. We are just about halfway through the season and we are still on our weekly aggressive schedule. Usually with the arrival of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July things start to slow down to a more manageable two-week schedule, but that has not been the case this year with so much rain. Thanks to help from Seth Fisher, we are able to give a well-earned break to the older fellows. This is so we can get more work out of them in the fall, after Seth returns to his real vocation as a full time student.

Lastly, if you should have the chance, please drive by the Puckety Cemetery to see the beautification efforts on the part of Eagle Scout Candidate Michael McKown. Michael is one of our Puckety Chiefs scouts sponsored by our church. He spent over a year planning, seeking financing, recruiting help and the Eagle Scout Committee's approval to commence is project in the cemetery. You need to see the results of his efforts. He replaced the sign and put in a decorative stone border around it. He redesigned and landscaped the Veterans' Flag Circle with a matching self-manufactured decorative stone trim for ease of mowing.

Michael is presently waiting for the final approval from the Eagle Scout Committee to be officially be awarded his Eagle Scout Badge. But he does not need to wait for our approval, we "so approve." Michael is a fine young man and his Grandmother Bentley and family can be very proud of him and his efforts.

After Michael is officially awarded his Eagle Scout Badge, we would like to invite him to speak to our congregation this fall, while proudly wearing his uniform and badge. This will give the

Puckety congregation and opportunity to show its appreciation.







