

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.



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As spring has finally arrived, the Upkeep Committee is looking for mowers to help with the mowing of the church and cemetery grounds. What this entails is allowing your name to be placed on a rotating list. You will not to be asked to mow every time. If the number of volunteers allows, you would mow only 4 or 5 times over the mowing season. This time period generally runs from the beginning of April through the end of October. Even though you may be on a rotating list, you still have maximum flexibility, allowing adjustments for vacations and life's surprise events. Mowing can be scheduled around your hours of availability. The list is simply a skeleton plan designed to meet the needs of all involved. We welcome all who are interested, women, men, the young (middle school



through college age), and older folks (we offer them light duty arrangements). If you are interested in helping to provide a vital surface to the church, please call the church office or see Vince Appleman or any member of the Upkeep Committee.



Graduate Recognition: We will celebrate high school and college graduates during worship on Sunday June 4, 2017. If you are graduating and would like to submit a picture, or other information to be shared with the congregation, please e-mail it to Rebecca Fisher at rfisher@syfcomputing.com by Sunday May 28th.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS In MAY

7 Beth Dober
14 Vince Appleman
21 Cliff McKay
28 Jenn Motosicky

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
Cliff McKay, Jr
Irene Nelson
Maria Schafer
Denise Wehrle

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Kirk Orr

Directors of Youth Ministries:

Vicki Orr and Caryn Brim

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

GREETERS SCHEDULE

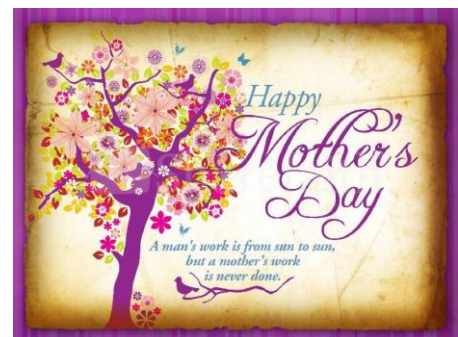
7 Vicki Orr and
Sophia Earhart
14 Rebecca Fisher and
Matt Wehrle
21 Sue Close and
Deb Artman
28 Jolene Kostelansky and
Chuck West

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

7 Jolene Kostelansky
and Sophia Earhart
14 Chari Burtner and
Matt Wehrle
21 Janet Karan and
Deb Artman
28 Chuck and Judy West





Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

May 7:

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-35

John 10:1-10

May 14:

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 21:

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

May 28:

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11



Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

1 Morgan Girard

2 Dean Hurlbut

Carolyn Stanley

3 Joy Burd

Jean Morrow

4 Jessica Yohe

Jolene Kostelansky

5 Kayla Johnston

8 John Nelson

9 Scott Johnson

10 Gene Dunkel

John Matisko

11 Vicki Orr

12 Vince Appleman

Mary Wilds

13 Matt Wehrle, Jr.

14 Ami Zellefrow

17 Matthew Johnston

Brittany Meyer

18 Braden Serene

19 Anne Johnson

25 Laura Such

27 Evan Chen

29 Jean Welte

Nancy Ellen Law

30 John Wilds

Donna Bracken

(If your name does not appear above, or if the information is incorrect, please contact the office so that the records may be updated.)

***Ladies Luncheon:** Join us for Ladies Luncheon on May 28th after Worship at Villa Ballanca. Please meet in the hallway to go down together.*





Packing Date	Church	Puckety Team
May 10th	Puckety	Team 2
May 17th	BCC	
May 24th	Grace Comm	
May 31st	Bethesda	

HELP NEEDED!



Would you like:

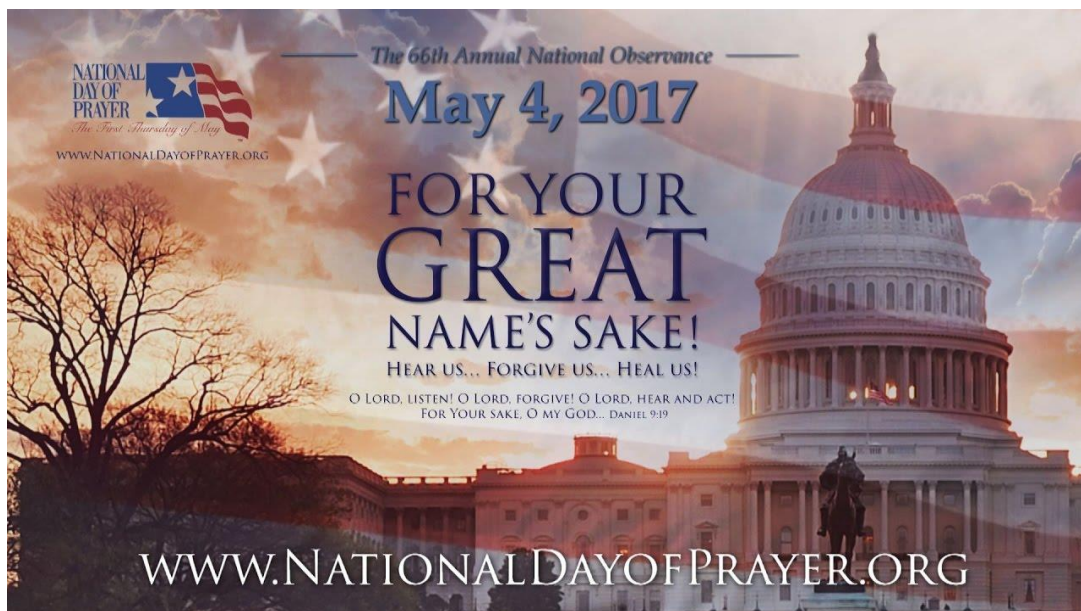
- To keep your mind fresh and sharp?
- To learn new things or utilize what you already know in a different way?
- To have the privilege of worshipping as you work?

JOIN THE VIDEO TEAM!

We need at least 2 new persons 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 3 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.





The Board of Deacon's for Puckety Presbyterian Church met on April 5, 2017, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

Extinguishing candles during Benediction was discussed. The candle snuffer will be relocated to against the wall beside the organ or in the back.

The job of treasurer will be filled by Sandra Ankney. Beth Dober will be the new secretary. Thank you both for taking on these leadership roles that will help the mission work of the Deacons run smoothly.

There will be no change to the ushering schedule with the news that the Deacon Board will be one Deacon short. On those Sundays, there will be no Deacon positioned at the front door but bulletins will be left there.

Our Moderator, Denise Wehrle, has updated and printed out Puckety Officer Manuals. These manuals were distributed. Denise has spent considerable time and effort in creating and researching a Standard Operating Procedure for all Deacons. Having this document will enable all to be able to do our duties as Deacons correctly.

Time was spent discussing Parts 1 to 3 of an internet article entitled "59 Percent of Millennials Raised in a Church Have Dropped Out—And They're Trying to Tell Us Why."

Our next meeting will include a meal for all Deacons and will start at 6 PM. We will take time to thank those who have served and to welcome those who have recently been installed.



What: Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

Who: Children ages 3 years-5th grade

When: Mon. June 26th-Fri. June 30th from 6:00pm-8:30pm

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: These volunteers 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 their group, getting to know the kids and sharing God's love with them! Getting to know their group of kids, and sharing God's love happens in a variety of ways...talking with them when they arrive each night, asking questions to get to know them during snack time (snack is eaten together with your crew), and talking as you move from station to station. You have opportunities to share yourself with them, and help them to understand how much God loves them. We need approximately 5-7 crew leaders, depending on the number of children signed up. This person should arrive at 5:35 each evening.

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. This person should arrive at 5:35 each evening.

Station leaders: They stay in one place and are responsible for leading one particular station. This person should arrive at 5:35 each evening.

We need leaders for the following stations: Imagination Station (the 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), Kid-Vid Cinema (where kids watch stories about real-life children who are learning about and embracing the way God made them), and the Game Makers station.

If you are a station leader, you are asked to familiarize yourself with what you are doing each night of the week, and create a list of materials/supplies needed and submit that to the Donation Board Manager so they can add your items to the board.

Station leader helpers: These people help a particular station leader each night of VBS and if the leader wants/needs help, this person would help the leader gather/organize materials and prepare the activities for each night. This person should arrive at 5:35 each evening.

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. This person should arrive at 5:35 each evening.

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. This job does not require you to be at VBS at all.

Decorator: These people (3 people would be ideal) would work with the "head decorator" to transform the sanctuary and hallways into a maker space, and transform the Bible Story room into a variety of places from the Bible for the week of Bible School. This person will "un-decorate" also, sometime after the Sunday 6/25 worship service. This job does not require you to be at VBS at all.

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 should arrive at 5:30 each evening, and should plan 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 if more kids sign

up at VBS on the first night, or maybe just asked to be a "runner" finding people, or relaying messages. It's possible this person or group may not need to do a lot. This person or group is very important to have when those unexpected situations arise to help us handle them smoothly!

The Greeter: This one or two-person person group is asked to arrive by 5:35 each night, and 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!

The Child Supervisor: This one or two-person group would need to arrive each evening at 5:40, and will supervise the children who arrive at VBS prior to 5:50, so that the staff can spend a few minutes having staff devotions each evening. After children are in the sanctuary (at about 5:55 each evening), this job is done and the person/group is free to go home.

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

VBS will be here in just under 2 months!! If you want to help with anything other than the donation board, and don't have your clearances on file in the church office, don't wait!! Ask Rebecca Fisher how to get your clearances so you can be able to join the fun!



PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete without Turnips

1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

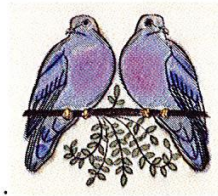
To conclude our Garden We Must Have Tyme

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12 for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.



"Built Not Upon a Memory, But a Presence!" - Reflections from the Executive Presbyterian

Having rightfully experienced the "high" of the annual celebration of Christ's resurrection, it may be altogether too easy to "come down to earth." Yet, it is precisely for this earthly life that this first resurrection brings hope beyond what we may immediately see or sometimes experience on a daily basis. It is here on the other side of that "first fruits" resurrection that our new lives are grounded, but it may require a difference of perspective. Tom Wright makes the point that:

"Part of getting used to living in the post-Easter world- part of getting used to letting Easter change your life, your attitudes, your thinking, your behavior- is getting used to the cosmology that is now unveiled. Heaven and earth, I repeat, are made for each other, and at certain points they intersect and interlock. Jesus is the ultimate such point. We as Christians are meant to be such points, derived from him. The Spirit, the sacraments and the scriptures are given so that the double life of Jesus, both heavenly and earthly, can become ours as well, already in the present."

In many ways, I believe it becomes a question of whether we really believe that resurrected Jesus not only conquered death then, but that this living Christ resides with us now. More than a doctrine or an affirmation of a past victory, Jesus the Christ, the resurrected One in whom we have union dwells with us in and through the Holy Spirit. Our celebration can and must be more than a good memory, but an acknowledgement of the active, living presence of God who gives resurrection perspective and hope.

The testimony of Christ within us becomes clear when we speak and live and act as "Easter" people. As with any structured group, the temptation becomes for us to mistake the method for the mission, the program for the purpose. Will we be Easter people or will be just church people? As Easter people, we anticipate the promise and live now with the expectation of resurrection. If we are merely church people, we may live in our fears and dread the inevitable. As Easter people, we believe the church is the organized body of the living Christ, but if we are only "church" people, we think of it as worthwhile organization of our own making. As Easter people, our faith is grounded in the sacrifice of the cross and the victory of resurrection, but if we are only "church" people we base our faith in the programs, activities and work of our group. If we are only "church" people, we live through the memories of our past or those of the larger church, but as Easter people, we live not only by the promise of a future, but by the grace and power of presence of the living Christ.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Live in the presence of the risen One.



May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Small Group Study Begins 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church	1 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Leader Meeting 6:30 PM Upkeep Team Meeting	2 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	3 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 	5 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	6
7 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:00 AM Clint Motosicky and Marti Orren Graduation Party	8 Meals on Wheels 5:45 PM MS Group Meeting	9 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	10 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	13
14 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 	15 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	16 Elections 6:15 PM Community Prayer Time 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	17 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	18 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	20
21 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church  1:00 PM Manchini Eagle Scout Ceremony/Banquet	22 Meals on Wheels	23 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	24 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	26 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	27 10:00 AM Caryn Brim Baby Shower
28 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church  12:00 PM Youst Baby Shower	29 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 	30 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	31 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	3