

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

March

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

Spring is just around the corner (those poor flowers out there got fooled into popping up early, but the real thing will be here soon). And there's so, SO much to be excited about. As a pastor, it's hard for me to avoid being verbose, but I'll do my best ...

1) **RightNow Media** – seriously my friends, if you haven't tried out your gift subscription from Puckety (24/7 access), you really need to – everyone – just go to: app.rightnowmedia.org/join/pucketychurch

Follow the links, make a username and password, and then start browsing – and tell others how easy and great it is. If you need any help, just contact me. We want you to grow in faith.

2) **The Chosen** – from what I've heard, all 3 small groups using *The Chosen* series are enjoying it and benefiting from the discussion and Bible Study it has led to. Feel free to join in.

3) Please take advantage of our **Lenten Worship Opportunities** – particularly *Maundy Thursday* (4/6 at 7:00 PM) – please note that will be our Communion service for the month of April ... Easter Sunrise (7:00 AM) at Puckety Cemetery

(please park out of the way of traffic) and Easter Morning (10 AM) – we encourage you to invite someone new NOT just to our Easter service, but to *several weeks leading up to it*. Oh, and please note that our Easter Egg Hunt this year will be the week before, on Palm Sunday (4/2) at 2:00 PM in the afternoon.

4) We are HAPPY to announce our newest member of Puckety Church – Donna Jeffries! **“Welcome, Donna!”** We are thinking of planning a ‘New’ member (Discipleship Essentials) small group (meeting weekly) between August and October. If you're interested (whether recently joined, thinking about joining, or just want to know more about the subject matter), contact Pastor Brian.

5) The **Outreach opportunities** we all have this quarter: *signing up for items for the School Appreciation Kits (bulletin board) – collected through March, packed on April 16th ... *signing up for the monthly TryLife sort & clean team (bulletin board), *get a ticket for the Spring musical (Bye Bye Birdy) in early March – contact Matt Wehrle – and join our group going out on 4/14 ... and so much more.

~ Pastor Brian ~

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

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FAITH

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!

Believe it or not, SUMMER is fast approaching! This means that VBS is right around the corner! This year VBS will be held June 19-23 from 6:00-8:30 pm each evening. Save the date! Our theme is "out of this world" with "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light", with an astronomical vibe. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you may volunteer to shine Jesus' light to the youth this year. Is God calling you to be a crew leader? We are in need of a few people to be the "games" station leader. Is this something God is calling you to do? Where else could you be a "light" to this ministry? If you have any questions, please see Emilie Greiner or Erika Manges. Thank you!



All women in the congregation are invited, on March 26, to our monthly Ladies Luncheon. Watch your announcements for where we are going!

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on Thursday, March 9, 2023. As part of the screening event, Life Line Screening will offer *low-cost* take-home colorectal cancer tests called FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) in recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These tests are simple, accurate, and recommended for the early detection of colorectal cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call **1-844-591-7160** or go to <https://llsa.social/HC> or **text** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607**. Pre-registration is required.

The **Officer Training** for Elders & Deacons will be next **Saturday, March 4th** (9:00-11:00 AM for Elders and 10:00 to Noon for Deacons). Please contact Pastor Brian to confirm you are coming and with any questions you may have. This training is required for anyone being elected to a Board for the first time, and highly recommended for any officer being elected who hasn't received training for 6+ years. Thank you.



There will be a Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers AND take action on proposed By-laws on March 19th. Please plan to stay after worship for this important meeting!

WATCH YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a collection in March for the items needed for the Burrell School Appreciation project. This is also a reminder to sign up to help on the Outreach bulletin board.



- 05 Jennifer McKay
- 12 Chari Burtner
- 19 Mick Dober
- 26 Beth Dober

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



Your Session:
 Deb Artman – Clerk
 Jolene Kostelansky
 Chari Burtner
 Jennifer McKay
 Cliff McKay
 Chuck West
 Kelly Kapelewski
 Marilyn Crumley



Offering counters:

- 3/5: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 3/12: Deb Artman & Janet Karan
- 3/19: Chuck & Judy West
- 3/26: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle

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!

Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Jesse Oddis

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

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 DEACONS ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR THE DEACON'S PANTRY. PLACE YOUR ITEMS OUTSIDE THE METAL CABINET BESIDE THE LIBRARY DOOR. THANK YOU!

The Crafternoon group will be meeting on Sunday the 12th after the Coffee Hour. This group is open to all fiber arts. Join us to work on your current project or a lap blanket for our ongoing lap blanket ministry.



The Bible readings are from "Book of Common Worship"

March 5:

Genesis 12:1-41
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 12:

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 19:

1 Sam 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Eph 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 26:

Ezek 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR MONTHLY PRAYER WALK ON MARCH 19TH AFTER THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. PLEASE STAY AND JOIN IN ON PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS!



- 2 Irene Nelson
- 3 Sophia Earhart
- 5 Richard Duncan
- 6 Melissa Baronie
- 7 Ben Johnston
- 9 Myrna Zellefrow
- 10 Helen Crissman
- 14 Jason Schwartz
- 17 Patricia Baker
- 21 Lisa Wilson
- 22 Zachery Schafer
- 28 Adam Szich
- 30 Leon Yurkin
- Trevor Hazlett
- Sue Jamison
- Mark Cosentino



Coffee Fellowship

Join us!
For Coffee Hour in Faith Hall
March 12th after Worship
All are welcome!



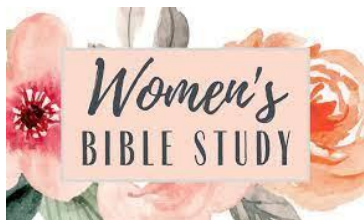
A Devotional For You – Read John 1:43-51

So, I feel a little bad about “leaving out” one of the Apostles from the recent sermon series on *The Chosen* ... Nathaniel (or “Bartholomew” as he’s names in the lists of the Apostles in the other Gospels). Nathaniel seemed to be Philip’s best friend. What I love about Nathaniel is the difference between the things that come out of his mouth. Within FOUR verses, he goes from saying this about Jesus: “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” to ... saying this about Jesus: “Rabbi, you are the Son of God – the King of Israel!” WOW! What happened to change his belief, to change his worldview?! It *wasn’t* a miracle (which helped Peter get to the point of faith – remember the great catch of fish) ... no, it wasn’t a spectacle. It was Jesus’ knowledge of Nathaniel without ever meeting him. Nathaniel perceived that Jesus “saw him” ... and saw him completely. Probably one thing he saw was Nathaniel’s love of God’s word in Scripture – the context of John shows that Philip and Nathaniel were aware (and expectant) of the “one prophesied by Moses and the prophets” (v. 45). That’s how Philip appealed to his friend, because he knew Nathaniel knew the Old Testament prophecies.

Do you remember how I’ve talked about the “characteristics” of the disciples that Jesus redeemed and sanctified? [Peter’s brashness humbled to a Spirit-driven boldness, James and John’s judgmental passion changed to love-motivated zeal, etc.]. In Nathaniel, I see Jesus working on his *prejudice*. Although he had strong spiritual interests and a holy expectation, like many, many “church folk” through the ages, he displayed an all-too-human form of prejudice: “Can anything good come from _____?” His objection was probably based not so much in biblical rationality but biased emotion. Prejudice is ugly, and it’s spiritually debilitating ... Most people have prejudices, and a great many of those delude themselves into thinking they don’t. But here, again, we see that God takes pleasure in using the common, the flawed, the imperfect things of the world to confound the wise. God, through Christ, can take a person blinded by prejudice, and use him to transform the world.

Jesus saw past Nathaniel’s prejudice to his sincerity of heart. [Let me just say: I *really* like the things Jesus sees in us that we often don’t]. As Nathaniel approached Jesus (they hadn’t even said, “Hello” for the first time yet!), Jesus says, “Behold an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Can you imagine a more wonderful thing than to have words of approval like that come to you out of the mouth of Jesus!?! And this isn’t at the end of Nathaniel’s life, in the moment he faced martyrdom, this comes as the prologue. That, my friends, is the power of grace. He may have displayed prejudice, but Nathaniel was no hypocrite (the thing Jesus hated the most); in other words, he worshiped the true and living God without deceit. With how the religious establishment is described in the Gospels, this seems to have been a *rarity*. So, the absence of guile in this young man was beautiful in Jesus’ eyes.

Because Jesus fed his faith over the years to follow, the sincerity in his heart overcame his prejudice. The ensuing ministry of Jesus only affirmed what he now knew to be true. Our text ends with Jesus saying to him, “hereafter you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” It’s of course a reference to Jacob’s vision (Gen. 28:12), but the point is – *Jesus is* the ladder. And Nathaniel would see the presence of God and the works of God ascending and descending all around him. And since we’re in the season of Lent, we’re reminded of the most pivotal place where that happened – where we see most clearly the ladder in Jesus connecting heaven and earth ... the cross. As Jesus “sees” us, may we always see God through him. Amen.



The Sunday Women's Bible Study will continue our journey through *The Chosen*. We will be meeting on March 5th for episode 5 and March 19th for episode 6. Please bring your lunch and be ready to continue our discussion.



RightNow! - Puckety Church has purchased a great resource to invest in all of you! We now have unlimited access to *RightNow Media*—the world’s largest streaming library of video Bible study resources (the “Netflix of video Bible studies”). You will hear more in the coming weeks. We believe that RightNow Media is a tool that can help you live out your faith in every area of your life—at home, small groups & in your community (24/7 access). We’ll be starting to use this in our Children’s Ministry too, so make sure you tell your families! For *both* our members **and** friends of the congregation, *RightNow Media* has a free app that’s available on all major streaming devices so you and your family can access content anywhere, anytime.

You should receive an email invitation for FREE access to RightNow Media by February 5th. (If you don’t, be sure to check your spam folder, or just request our office to send it to you personally.) To get started, simply click the link in the email, create your free account, and start browsing more than 20,000 inspiring videos. Please help us spread this news to *everyone*. We pray that RightNow Media will be a blessing to you and your family!

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/pucketychurch>



Or you can text the code **PUCKETYCHURCH** to the number **49775** and you will receive a text back, welcoming you to RightNow Media and providing you with the invite link to register.



Puckety Church Outreach Team is coordinating a volunteer round-up along with our small groups to clean toys in their play room monthly. If you are interested in this form of local ministry, please see Matt Wehrle for more information. You can sign up to help on the Outreach bulletin board in the hallway!



Puckety Church will be holding its 2nd Annual FREE COMMUNITY **EASTER EGG HUNT!!** SUNDAY, **APRIL 2 - 2:00PM** – rain or shine! All children up to and including 5th graders. Basket raffle, face painting, balloon animals, photo opp with Easter Bunny and popcorn - ALL FREE!! We need Easter basket raffle donations (due March 26th) and are looking for volunteers! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway to help us make this another successful Egg Hunt! See Kelly Kapelewski or Brenda McAllister with any questions.

Our Memorial Banners - We would like to direct your attention to the Worship Banners that have been hung in the front of the sanctuary *for the season of Lent* - reminding us of the way of the cross.

The one with Christ's words - **"I am the Way the Truth and the Life"** has been donated by Deb Artman & the Benish family in loving memory of Theodore Karan, Pearl Calhoun & Royden Calhoun.

The one with the 3 crosses and the script **"For God So Loved the World"** has been donated by the Matisko/Porcelli family (from Michael, Diana & David) in loving memory of their parents, John & Martha Matisko.

May they enhance our worship of the Savior and help us contemplate his loving sacrifice for us.



February 10-12 Pine Springs Remix Retreat!!



Some of the pictures taken of our Youth Group kids at the Remix Retreat! It was wonderful to see these young people make new friends and grow in their faith!

Musical Notes from the Choir Director:

A hearty "hello" to all our zoom and recording watchers! It has been few and far between the times we've been able to be sharing together at Sunday worship. That is because mostly we have used recordings for our accompaniment and we are unable to broadcast those copyrighted recordings. But Hallelujah! We now have Jesse Oddis to accompany us and we are all back together again. Jesse does a fabulous job in playing for us and being "in tune" to our needs. We are beginning our work for Easter and Holy Week anthems and could use one more voice in each section...Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. Would you join us?



Now through March 26 – The Deacons are collecting names for Easter food baskets for those in need. Please submit the following information to one of Deacons or the church office. You also can place this in the offering plate.

Sponsor name/number: _____

Family name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

The food baskets will be available to pick up in the conference room on Saturday, April 1 @ 9:00am.



Bye Bye Birdie! - We continue to look for ways to regularly support our schools and students! Not just in athletics, but also drama and other aspects. So ... help represent Puckety and our in-person support by going to the High School Spring musical. We're planning to go as a group to see

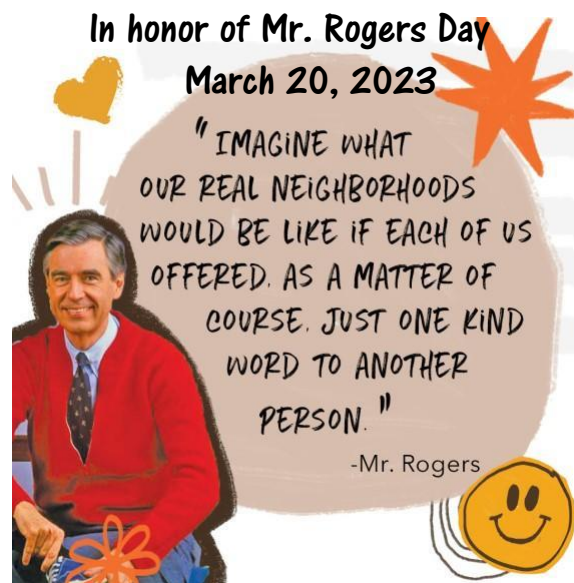
Bye, Bye, Birdie - on Friday, April 14th (tentatively at 7:30 PM). We will be gathering money for tickets through the month of March - submit to Matt Wehrle or Rev. Brian Kilbert. We want to send a big group, so feel free to invite friends. Remember, this isn't just an "outing for some entertainment" - we want to continue to be present in such a way as to make connections with our community.









Mark your calendar! The Ordination and Installation of our new Church Officers will be held on April 2, 2023 during the Worship Service.

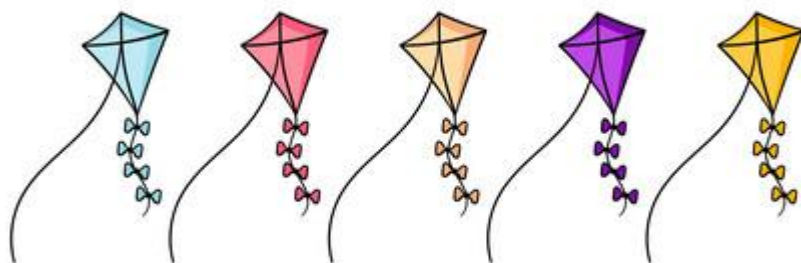


Many have become a regular part of the worshipping community of Puckety Church over the last year. Some are exploring membership – If you are interested in “joining” the congregation of Puckety Church, contact Pastor Brian or contact the Church Office at 724-339-1323 for more information. Pastor Brian is planning another *Discipleship Essentials* class (August/September) - for both new members **and** others who simply want a better grasp of some of the essentials of our faith and Christian heritage.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am Worship 12:30pm Youth Group Bowling for Blessings	27 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group	28 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 4:30pm Worship Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	1 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Deacons Meeting 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting	2 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 	4 9:00am Officer Training 10:00am Maloney Baby Shower
5 10:00am Worship 11:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group	6 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 10:30am Card Ministry 6:00pm Upkeep Team Meeting	7 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	8 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	9 8:00am Lifeline Screening 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	11 Vaness Birthday Party??? 
12  10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee Hour  12:00pm Crafternoon 6:00pm Youth Group	13 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 5:30pm MS Group Meeting 6:30pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	14 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 5:00pm Try-Life Outreach 6:30pm Session Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	15 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting	16 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 along with Burrellton Garden Club 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 	18
19 10:00am Worship  11:00am Prayer Walk 11:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group	20 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 4:30pm Discipleship Team Meeting	21 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 7:00pm Sewing Guild 8:00pm N.A. meeting	22 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	23 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	25 Querriera First Birthday???
26 10:00am Worship 11:30am Ladies Lunch 2:00pm P.E.O. Meeting 6:00pm Youth Group	27 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting	28 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 4:30pm Worship Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	29 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting	30 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	31 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	1 



And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD
SUN
WAY
ONE
ROOT
WORD
LAMB
GATE
LORD
KING
VINE
LIFE

SEED
STAR
RABBI
BREAD
LIGHT
TRUTH
ALPHA
OMEGA
STONE
FATHER
PRINCE
BRANCH

CHRIST
SAVIOR
MESSIAH
TEACHER
REDEEMER
IMMANUEL
SHEPHERD
COUNSELOR
BRIDEGROOM
RESURRECTION

