

## *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](http://pucketychurch.org)

NOVEMBER

# *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.*

**November 2020**

### Pastor's Corner

*First Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 & Luke 17:14-17*

Hello all! So I knew exactly what I wanted to write about to all of you for the November Postscripts. See, I am NOT a fan of how on November 1<sup>st</sup> – everything around us in society is fast-forwarded to Christmas. I just want to say: “No!” For Pete’s sake, *Advent* isn’t even supposed to start till the *end* of November (but we’ll get to that later). For now, there is something important not to skip over ... something we need to be reminded of and experience and cultivate BEFORE we start talking about Christmas (all the red and green and sparkly lights and silver bells and tinsel stuff) – we NEED **Thanksgiving!** And I’m not talking about the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday tryptophan feast! That one day is not an end in itself, but a means to an end. A Facebook post I saw put it well: “How about instead of rushing from Halloween to Christmas, we use November as a month of thanks to properly prepare our hearts to celebrate what Christmas is really about – the gift of God in Jesus Christ.”

Yes! Some will say, “*Well, I need to start decorating and shopping and doing all the \_\_\_\_ stuff early because it takes a lot of time and money, and a few weeks in December is not enough.*” Then, I have news for you my friend; you’re making the holiday about you ... instead of what it’s for – and WHO it is for (as a *holy-day*)! When we rush past Thanksgiving to the festivities and traditions we like “for the holidays,” we are just like the 9 lepers who received a healing from Jesus but just moved on instead of acknowledging God in their midst.

This is why I chose the opening verses of Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians – by the way most scholars believe this was the earliest of all his letters included in the New Testament. And his first words are saturated in thanksgiving. He shows us that thankfulness is foundational the Christian life. Thanksgiving is a conscious response that comes from looking beyond our blessings to their source. As Christians, we have been forgiven, saved from death, and adopted as God’s children. There could be no better reason for a grateful heart. We are free to enjoy the abundant life the Savior has graciously given us. Could we, like the 9 lepers, rush off so quickly to glory in our blessings without stopping to thank our Redeemer? If so, we should know, there’s a good chance we won’t be ready for his *Advent* – his *coming* – when it gets here, when it’s time. Heaven forbid, right?! So may our worship, prayers, service and daily life be saturated with thanksgiving to God (Philippians 4:6). Grace and peace to you. ~ Pastor Brian

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- 01 Vince Appleman
- 08 Brandy Roland
- 15 Jennifer McKay
- 22 Maria Schafer
- 29 Sophia Earhart

**Your Deacons:**

- Sandy Ankney
- Mick Dober
- Pat Fish
- Margie Hazlett
- Traci Kirchartz
- John McAllister
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Maria Schafer
- Kim Soulcheck
- Peg Uhing
- Jean Welte

**Corporate Officers:**

- President:** Matt Wehrle
- Vice-Pres.:** Jennifer McKay
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Donna Bracken

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship to review the 2021 Budget per by-laws.

**Your Session:**

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Chari Burtner
- Jack Barnett
- Rebecca Fisher
- Michelle Gordon
- Charlene McKay
- Jennifer McKay
- Matt Wehrle
- Chuck West
- Mira Whalen



**Pastor:**

Reverend Brian Kilbert

**Administrative Secretary:**

Kelly Kapelewski

**Treasurer:**

Donna Bracken

**Choir Director:**

Lorraine Menk

**Organist/Pianist:**

Sue Close

**Housekeeper:**

Irene Nelson

**Financial Secretary:**

Judy West

**Media Specialist:**

Chris Mason

**Offering counters:**

Chuck West will handle counting with Donna Bracken until further notice.

**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.



**Please warmly welcome all, provide masks if needed and direct to designated seating.**



**Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, so remember to “Fall Back”**

and turn your clocks back one hour the before you go to bed Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.



The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

**For the week of:**

**November 1:**

Rev 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

**November 8:**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thess 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**November 15:**

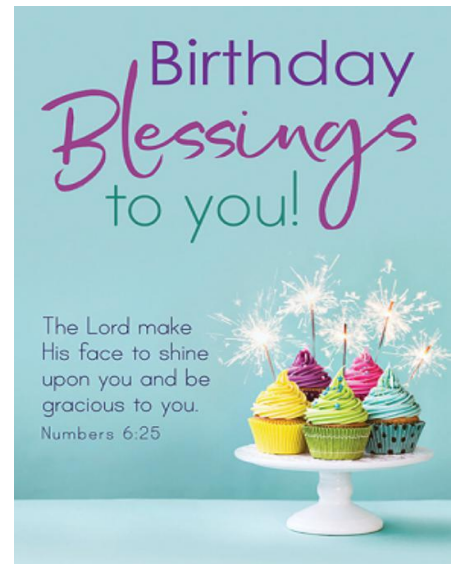
Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thess 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**November 22:**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100  
Eph 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

**November 29:**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37



- The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
Numbers 6:25
- 1 Nate Manges
  - 3 Doreen Dailey  
Ryleigh Smith
  - 4 Dylan Kifer
  - 5 Jeff Jones  
Owen Aungst  
Jesse Cribbs
  - 6 Jane Newell  
Eldaree Meyer
  - 7 Dakota Jones
  - 11 Jill Szich  
Craig Szalai
  - 12 Sharon Nadolny
  - 13 Dorothy Beveridge
  - 14 Nicolas Nadolny
  - 16 Lauren Grady  
Deb Artman
  - 18 Chuck West
  - 23 Jordan Jones
  - 25 Linda Benish
  - 26 Cliff McKay
  - 27 Barbara Smallwood
  - 27 Mick Dober



There are boxes for the Samaritan's Purse children's Christmas box at each entry to the sanctuary. Remember to put your \$9.00 shipping donation inside the box and return it to the front pew in the sanctuary by November 15. If you have any questions call Jean Welte.

The **Installation Service** for Rev. Brian Kilbert will be on Sun., **November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 PM**. There will be light refreshments served afterward. We still ask that you RSVP to Charlene McKay by Sunday Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – call 724-335-9645. We will be limited to a total of 40 people so ALL are asked to RSVP.

*Pastoral*  
**Installation**

Our next **Strategic Planning meeting** will be Sun. November 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2:00 PM at Faith Hall – this will be the time to finalize concrete plans for the coming year (especially the 1 year goals we have set) – with the specific intention for those plans to inform the making of the 2021 Budget – *so please bring the estimated costs tied to your action plans.*



The *Crafting Circle* meets the first Saturday (November 7) of the month from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM in Faith Hall. ALL crafts that can travel are welcome, not just yarn crafts. Please feel free to join us! If your craft can be a bit messy please bring something to protect the table surface. Please wear a mask until we all get settled at a good social distance.

**reminder**

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

Website: [www.pucketychurch.org](http://www.pucketychurch.org)

Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church

Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety

The 2021 First Fruits budget is continued at \$9000. Note: This amount is consistent with the Redstone Presbytery recommendation based on per capita and membership, and is \$45 per member. Please use your First Fruits envelope and place yours in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Thank you!

## Notes From Session:

\*The Session unanimously voted to hire Chris Mason as our new Church Media Specialist. Welcome, Chris!

\*The new occupant limit for Faith Hall is **50** people and there is a printed layout of tables for social distancing now posted at Faith Hall.

\*We will celebrate **Communion** – November 1st – using the same individual kits that were used last time – during distribution of the packets, if you need help removing one of the seals, *simply raise your hand* and an Elder will gladly assist you.



We ask all members to please bring their own masks each Sunday if possible. This will help reduce waste of disposable masks as well as be good stewards of the ones we have in stock.



From Pastor Brian: I would like all our members to know that I am happy to come and visit you at home if that is something you would like. Of course, I will continue to practice the wise precautions (face covering, social distancing, etc.) as long as they are in effect. For all those who are not quite comfortable with home visits yet, I would love to start with a phone

conversation. If either sounds good to you, feel free to call Pastor Brian: 724-678-6976 (mobile number). I am greatly looking forward to getting to know everyone.



We are once again partnering with Try-City Life in our community for our Angel Tree this year. The tree will be all ready with 40 Angels by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The gifts for our Angels will need to be back at the church and placed under the Sanctuary tree by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We thank you in advance for your generosity! Maria Schafer and Try-Life.



Due to COVID-19 restrictions on social distancing, we will be having two Christmas Eve Services this year. One will be at **4:00pm** and the other at **7:00pm**. See you at one or the other and WEAR YOUR MASK!

# Thanksgiving

## Blessing Baskets



The Deacons will be collecting names of local families in need of a Food Basket for

Thanksgiving until November 20, 2019. Pick-up will be Saturday, November 21st

from 9:30 - 10:30am. Please email or call the church office or drop off a note!

Sponsor's Name/Number:

Family Receiving Food

Name/Number/Address: \_\_\_\_\_

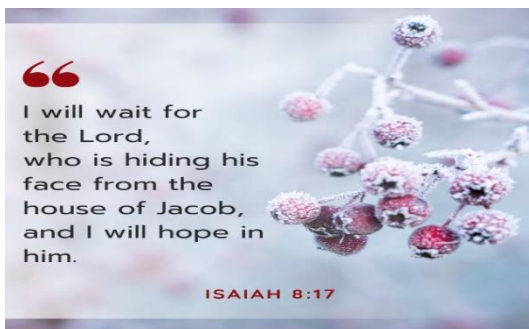
Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (& ages, if known): \_\_\_\_\_

*Special holidays are approaching when our music and song plays a crucial role in enriching worship. Due to being unable to sing unmasked in any large group for either rehearsal or worship, I hope to be able to provide for our musical prayer small groups, duets, trios, etc. to present our special songs that we love to hear. If you are a member of the adult choir, or are a part of the Puckety family and would like to share in this most awesome experience, please let the office know or contact me, Lorraine Menk 724-339-9531 or kirbie1@comcast.net. If you have an instrument you could play, or if you would like to recite lyrics/poem to an instrumental, it would also bless the congregation! Please consider being a part of our program for the holiday season.*



*Sounds of the Season*



*During Advent a special Christmas devotional from Our Daily Bread titled:*

*"The Peace and Promise of Christmas"*

*is going to be available to help you prepare your heart for Christmas and begin to spend time Reading God's word.*

Because of the Coronavirus, the Deacons are offering the congregation the opportunity to have this publication mailed to your home. Please leave your name and address specifying this request to the church secretary by telephone, 724-339-1323 or e-mail, [kelly@puckeychurch.org](mailto:kelly@puckeychurch.org). You may also leave your name and address by calling Sandra Ankney at 724-335-0516. Please leave a message.

25 copies are going to be ordered the last week of October. Delivery time is 3-4 weeks. Any extra copies of the devotional will be available at the side and hall entrances to the sanctuary. If needed, more copies can be ordered, depending on availability.

# Thank You

## Thank You Upkeep

We just want to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for the Puckety Church Upkeep Team. During this challenging time they have stepped up to keep the church operating, and church grounds plus the cemetery maintained. Many times they were called upon to come out to address problems and circumstances that could have had a negative impact on their personal health and safety.

Here is just a short summary of the things they did. They worked diligently preparing the manse for Pastor Brian and Vebke. They addressed problems related to the electrical accident. They helped keep Meals-On-Wheels stay operational; enabling them to feed their clients without interruption during the Covid 19 pandemic. In addition, they handled the routine mowing and general maintenance of our buildings, while it was effectively in shutdown. Numerous improvements were made during this period to the manse, new lights were installed in the church upstairs hallway, a second Robo mower was installed and on duty at the manse during the mowing season. We have ACE Hardware to thank for their support of our mission by supplying the Robo mowers for our use.

It is dangerous to list and thank those involved for one is certain to forget a name or two. Their dedicated commitment started way back in February when the virus first erupted and continued on through October. The error of omission is always regretful, but we will go out on a limb and name names and follow up with a pre-established apology. We ask forgiveness for our error if a certain someone was overlooked.


We wish to thank the following people Sandy Ankney, Dean Kunkle, Chuck West, Brian Kilbert, Irene Nelson, Fran Kapelewski, Mick Dober, Bob Bates, John Fisher and Jack Barnett. Thanks again to everyone for their display of love for God and his church here at Puckety, may they feel God's blessing.



You are invited to a special kind of worship called a "Blue Christmas Service" on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4:00 pm here at Puckety Church. This worship service will be comprised of message, scripture and song focusing on how to forge through the upcoming holidays especially if we are not feeling very "festive". This has been an unusual, difficult and perhaps depressing year for many of us. We need to be covered in the armor of God's grace as sights, sounds, lights and commercialism seek to steal our peace. If you are missing a loved one or just not feeling the spirit this Christmas, join us on that day to be validated and encouraged. If inviting a friend, kindly remind them to wear a mask. Thank you!



# NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 11:30 AM Spiritual Gifts Event 3:00 PM Smith Birthday Party	<b>2</b> Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	<b>3</b> 4:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Burrell Wrestling Booster Meeting 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234	<b>6</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Crafting Circle
<b>8</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 12:00 PM Strategic Planning Meeting	<b>9</b> Meals on Wheels 5:45 PM MS Group Meeting 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	<b>10</b> 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>11</b> Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study 	<b>12</b> 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234	<b>13</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM Menk Scrapbooking Event	<b>14</b> 9:30 AM Menk Scrapbooking Event
<b>15</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 1:00 PM Nealer Baby Shower	<b>16</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>18</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605	<b>19</b> 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234	<b>20</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Presbytery Meeting
<b>22</b> 10:00 AM <b>Worship</b> 3:00 PM Rev. Brian Kilbert Installation 	<b>23</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>24</b> 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>25</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b>  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>28</b>
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