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

a monthly publication

We are determined to be the heart, voice, and hands of God, making a lasting difference in your life, our community, and the world!



Puckety Presbyterian Church At Puckety we personally and collectively Honor God, Grow in Faith, and Improve our Community and World. May 2023

PASTOR BRIAN RIDING A CAMEL IN THE HOLY LAND!



Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!

Website: <u>www.pucketychurch.org</u> Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety



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!

Crafternoon will be meeting on Sunday May 7th after the Pancake Breakfast. The time is open to all yarn crafters. Bring your current project and enjoy some time together.





VBS Training!

There will be a special training for <u>all crew</u> <u>and station leaders</u> for vacation bible school on <u>Sunday, May 7th at 12:00</u> (after the pancake breakfast). If you are already

signed up to be a leader, thinking about being a leader, or would like to be a leader, we strongly encourage you to attend!



REDSTONE MISSION TRIP

On June 5th-10th, Redstone Presbytery will be taking a PDA trip to Madisonville, Kentucky to serve those whose lives were devastated by a powerful tornado that tore through the area in late 2021. We will be doing general rebuilding work, coordinated through PDA, and will be staying at the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, KY. The church can accommodate up to 35 people. We anticipate the cost of the trip to be under \$300. If you want to be part of what God is doing, please consider joining us for this trip with PDA and other brothers and sisters in Christ from Redstone Presbytery. The trip is open to all. There is no age requirement, and you do not need to have vast experience in building

to come with us. For more information or to sign up, please contact Derek Campbell (Latrobe Presbyterian) You can reach me at: pastorderek@latrobepc.org or call my cell phone at (724) 212-6094.

Please take a moment to notice the newest memorial banners hanging in the Sanctuary: the "Be Still & Know That I Am God" – was donated by Sophie Earhart in loving memory of her father, Lazo Zorich, who has gone to glory. And the other "He Is Risen Indeed" – is in "memory of Charles Hawk – a loving husband, father and grandfather whose light we lost far too soon". From Jeff, Chari, Jeffrey, Matthew and Samantha Burtner.



Chari Burtner
Mick Dober
Beth Dober
Maria Schafer
Vince Appleman

Your Session:

Deb Artman – Clerk Jolene Kostelansky Jennifer McKay Cliff McKay Kelly Kapelewski Marilyn Crumley Helen Crissman Maria Schafer Sandy Schafer

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!

Your Deacons:

Sandra Ankney Pat Fish John McAllister Cecil McCutcheon Brandy Roland Mira Whalen Kim Soulcheck Sandy Appleman Fran Kapelewski Nita Serene Brenda McAllister Rodney Schafer

Corporate Officers:

President: Jennifer McKay Vice-Pres.: Cliff McKay, Sr. Secretary: Debra Artman Treasurer: Jolene Kostelansky

The Outreach Team has picked the next Burrell sporting event to support with groups from the church: May 2nd (Tue.) 4:00 PM - *Boys Baseball* Contact Matt Wehrle or Rev. Kilbert if you plan to go to this baseball game so Puckety can support Burrell as a group.



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

Offering counters:

- 5/7 Janet Karan and Deb Artman
- 5/14 Chuck and Judy West
- 5/21 Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 5/28 Marilyn Crumley and Helen Crissman

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 Bible readings are from "Book of Common Worship"

May 7:

Acts 7:55-60 Prov 4:10-18 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

May 14:

Acts 17:22-31 Ezek 34:1-7a 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

May 21:

Acts 1:6-14 Isaiah 45:1-7 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11 John 17:1-11

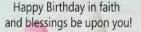
May 28:

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23



Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University*! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! You can sign up for this class at **fpu.com/1162776**. Class starts **Thursday, July 6, 2023**. Please see Wiebke with any questions on this class or to get help signing up.

FinancialPeace



Jappy Birthday

- 1 Morgan Girard
- 2 Dean Hurlbut
- 3 Joy Burd
- Barbara Sprinkle
 - Jean Morrow
- 4 Jessica Yohe
- 5 Kayla Johnston
- 9 Scott Johnson 11 Vicki Orr
- **Cheyenne Kirchartz**
- 12 Vince Appleman
- 13 Matt Wehrle, Jr.
- 14 Ami Zellefrow
- 17 Matthew Johnston Brittany Meyer
 - 21 Chari Burtner Mary Wilds
 - 18 Braden Serene19 Anne Mann24 Pat Fish25 Laura Such
 - 29 Jean Welte
 - Nancy Ellen Law
 - 30 Donna Jeffries

Our newest Members! Vicky and Tim Eckman, Tim and Debra Fritz, Donna Jeffries, and Angela Goodwin.



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"). 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've started 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.

To get started, simply use the QR code below, 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!

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 starting August 9th @ 6:30pm - for both new members **and** others who simply want a better grasp of some of the essentials of our faith and Christian heritage.





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!











School Staff Appreciation Project packing. THANK YOU ALL for your help. Many, many hands made the time together fun and fast!







PUCKETY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2023



Dates: June 19-23rd 6:00 to 8:30 PM Ages: Age 4 to entering 6th grade Families can now register from our website -<u>www.pucketychurch.org</u> Please watch for the "VBS Items Needed" (Donation Board in the main hallway starting in mid-April). Finally, we still need multiple volunteers to help in various ways - contact Emilie Greiner or Erika Manges (724-351-2527) or this month to see how you can help!

Scan the QR code:





As the regular choir season comes to a close later in May, I want to take this opportunity to thank our choir members who weekly came to rehearsals to not just learn the notes and timing, but who continue to put their hearts and souls into the music as a ministry. A special thanks to Jesse Oddis, as his addition to this ministry made a huge difference in our music. Also a thank you to the people in the sound booth who make us all sound so good!

Special summer music will begin when the choir is finished. More on that soon!

We will begin rehearsals again in mid-September and we welcome anyone who would like to see if this could be a good fit for them! No tryouts, just good music and good friends. And pizza parties at Christmas!

Special thanks to these singers (in order of their seating):

Top row: Irene Nelson, Sophia Earhart, Marti Rugh, Nita Prinkey, Chuck West, Bruce Sproull, Jennifer McKay. Front row: Beth Dober, Janet Karan, Mira Whalen, Violet Adamsky, Mick Dober, Cliff McKay, Pastor Brian Kilbert, Sandra Ankney, Barb Sprinkle, Jesse Oddis. Another special thanks also to Brandi Roland and Nate Manges for jumping in!





Having a great time as usual - the Youth Group continues to grow in numbers and in their faith!









A New Floor for Faith Hall

The Upkeep Committee is pleased to announce that after several months of research and the securing of bids for the Faith Hall floor, this project is now ready to commence. It has been thoroughly reviewed by the Upkeep Committee and was presented to the Session for their vote of approval. The approval was granted and the project has been scheduled.

The present floor is the original floor installed at the opening of the building in in 1979. This makes the linoleum tile floor 44 years old. You have all witnessed the eroding condition of the floor with missing tiles and non-matching replacements. The original tile adhesive is rapidly breaking down allowing the tiles to become loose. Its appearance has become very unattractive. The need for replacement is quite obvious. Since the fellowship area would be considered a multi-purpose area, the question became what type of floor would provide the most durable surface and easiest to maintain.

We considered various types. Those that were considered were linoleum, vinyl planking, the natural concrete that lays underneath the present linoleum and an epoxy surface floor. We believe that the best flooring for our needs would be the epoxy for the greatest durability, easiest maintenance and general aesthetic appeal. It will best suit on all our activities. It will have flecks of color (black, grey and white) imbedded in the epoxy to enhance the overall attractiveness.

Appeal for Help from the Congregation

The overall time frame for the project is Wednesday, May 31 through to Thursday, June 8. Our responsibility for the project begins on Wednesday, May 31 at the close of Meals-On-Wheels operations for that day. Availability to the building would be at approximately at 11 am. It is the church's responsibility to remove all contents in the building from the fellowship area, the kitchen and restrooms. This is a rather large and involved undertaking, requiring a great deal of man and woman power. Yes, there are things woman can do to help, especially at the cleaning end. The contractor does not remove any building contents. The contractor will begin removing the floor on Friday morning, June 1.

The contractor will work from Friday, June 1 everyday, including the weekend until their completion, possibly as late as Wednesday, June 7. The contractor could finish earlier. At which time the church is responsible for returning the contents to the building for Meals-On-Wheels on Friday and Saturday's contracted rental. This operation has many moving parts concerning dates that cannot be determined until the operation is underway. We must be flexible to allow for any unforeseen circumstances. Meals-On-Wheels has agreed to suspend their service for Monday, June 5 and Wednesday, June 7.

This is where our members come in. We are seeking volunteers to help with the removal of the building contents on Wednesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 1. The reverse operation will need to be done Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 8 to replace the building contents. The replacing of the contents will also require a cleaning of the building. The contractor will use Hepa filters and will clean to the best of their ability, but a follow up cleaning will be necessary to be done by us.

In an effort to best accommodate the volunteers we will attempt to organize work teams that are based on availability. Some working during the morning and afternoon with others working in the early evenings. If you can volunteer, please let us know of the times you are available. The working dates that require Puckety volunteers are Wednesday, May 31st, Thursday, June 1st and possibly the morning of Friday, June 2. Dates for helping on the finishing end of the project (Days will vary based on the contractor's completion date.) would tentatively be somewhere within the following dates: Monday, June 5 through Thursday, June 8.

If you would be willing to help, please let any Upkeep committee member know of your interest to help. They are Vince Appleman, Fran Kapelewski, Jack Barnett, Chuck West, Irene Nelson, Rodney Schafer and Dean Kunkle. You can also call the church office to register your interest. Specific times on the dates will then be established and you will be notified.

This is a rather big challenge for us and we are under a set time schedule with little flexibility. A special explanation is necessary here. The contractor does not normally work on Sundays, but he was very concerned about the disruption of the vital service of Meals-On-Wheels to its needy clients. He is bending his company policy to resume Meals-On-Wheels as soon as possible. We thank him for his kind consideration.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11:30am Ladies Lunch Out	10:00am Men's Group Meeting 10:30am Card Ministry 6:00pm Upkeep Team Meeting	2 4:30pm Worship Team Meeting 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	3 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	4 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal National Day of PRAYER	5 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	6 1:00pm Birthday Party
Pancaké Breakfast	5:30pm MS Group Meeting 6:30pm Seneca Service Unit Leader	Small Group 5:00pm Try-Life Outreach	10 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	11 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	13
Happy Mother's Day		16 ELECTION DAY OAY 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 7:00pm Sewing Guild	17 Meals on Wheels	18 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	19 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	20 10:00am Logan Birthday Party
Junday	Group Meeting	23 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 8:00pm N.A. meeting	24 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	25	26 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	27
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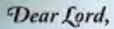
THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023 PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AVAIL MUCH JAMES 5:16B







A Mother's Day Prayer



Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven . . .

and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day.

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