

## *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)

Hello  
**JUNE**

# *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.

June 2021

### Pastor's Corner

As, we turn the calendar page to June, I keep thinking of the different ways that people are “graduating.” Possibly the most common one people think of is high school seniors, whether we picture them walking across the stage in cap and gown to get a diploma or some other image of “rite of passage” in our minds. Since I became pastor at Puckety a year ago, I have not been able to get to know many of our students well as I hoped, particularly the ones graduating. On the one hand, I’m sad that I didn’t get that chance, but on the other hand I’m still very proud of them and hope God’s best for them. What’s more important, of course, is that they all know – wherever they go and whatever they do next – there is a ‘faith family’ back here in Lower Burrell that cares about them, that continues to pray for them, and look forward in anticipation for what God is going to do in (and through) their lives.

To that end, this is a gracious challenge to all: church members, parents, and the young adults transitioning to independence ... remember to stay dependent on God, and interdependent with other believers. Stay connected!

Not only in the “usual ways” (letters, email, texts, and yes old-fashioned phone calls – it may seem hard, but it’s important!) but ALSO in the ways that are often taken for granted:

\***parents** – ask your children what they need prayer for, and then lift those us (with permission in the small groups you’re a part of)

\***graduates** – whether you’re continuing your education (college, trade school, etc.) or starting a new job, ask your parents/siblings/family how you can pray for *them*.

In addition to prayer – don’t let something meant to be daily become occasional – think of other spiritual disciplines that will keep you connected to God’s family: *regular worship* with a church body (if you’re away at college, there will be enough options), read *Scripture* and find someone to talk about it with (whether your family via Facetime or maybe a group of new friends who are open to it). Let’s be honest – unless you intentionally make this a commitment, it will fall by the wayside. God has revealed enough and shown enough to you, that you have that responsibility. As Paul says in 1 Cor. 10:6-12 (*referring to the Old Testament scriptures*) ~ “These things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not turn aside from God to other empty things, as some of them did ... We must not put Christ to the test ... These things happened as an example *for us*, and were written down for *our* instruction. Therefore, let anyone who thinks he stands take heed, lest he fall.”

In *whatever* manner you are “graduating” (young or old, “big” or “small”), I want you to know I’m proud of you, and I want God’s best for you in the years to come. Seek that with all your heart. I close with words from the Lord: “Seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and these other things will be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33) God bless you.

~ Pastor Brian

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**Puckety's current *Life Groups* include:**

\**Ministering through Spiritual Gifts* - led by Rev. Brian Kilbert (will start late Aug./early Sept. - please inquire as to topic & time – 724-678-6976)

\* *Bad Girls of the Bible* – led by Wiebke Kilbert. This group meets every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM in Faith Hall. 724-799-3323

\**Bracken Bible Study on Romans* – led by Donna Bracken (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @1:00pm).

\**Men's Group* - led by Matt Wehrle and Mick Dober Dober every Monday at 10:00am.

\**Daniel Plan* (Fitness & Faith - movement based) led by Alice Knopfel (every other Tuesday at 2:15 pm)

*Please call the church office or Pastor Brian (724-678-6976) to inquire about availability, and other upcoming groups etc.*



Our next gathering will be Saturday, June 5 @ 8:30 AM! Grab your mask and your crafts and join us in the conference room!

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

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

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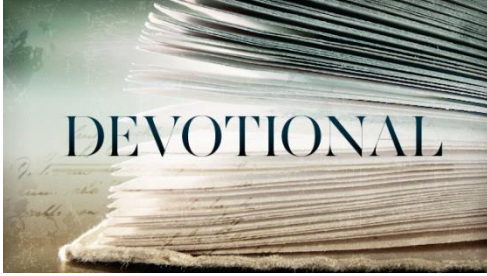
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The church would like to thank Lorraine and all the Choir members who have worked and sung despite the restrictions and obstacles over the last year. Continue to lift up your hearts and voices to the Lord as you have helped us do so. God bless you!

## Devotional for You – Read *Hebrews 12:5-10*



This is such a *wonderful* passage – and very appropriate for Father’s Day. Now, in case you think this devotional is “just for the guys,” I want you to consider not only to help fathers develop the traits of a man of faith, but for all (men, women and children) to use to support such in the church. Let me share a story from *Chuck Swindoll* I think you’ll all enjoy: “I

remember stealing six softballs when I was working as a stock boy in a five-and-dime store in my early years in high school. And I remember trying to find a place to hide them when I got home. I stuck them in the back of my drawer and my mother found them. My father presented himself to me and told me that we were going to make a trip back to the store where I was going to talk to the owner and I was going to confess. I will never forget his instruction on the way. I mean, I was sitting there just dying thinking about it. It was just like passing razor blades to think about standing in front of my boss. Well, I stood there and told him what I had done. My dad was waiting in the car. He didn’t go in with me. And I heard my boss say, “You’re fired.” I stumbled back to the car and sat down. I was as low as I could remember ever being. On the way I remember my dad beginning to rebuild my emotions. [*Do you see the balance of law & grace playing itself out here?*] I had done wrong, and I had learned an incredible lesson. He didn’t overdo it, he didn’t raise his voice, but he drilled into me that when you steal, you get “fired.” And if you don’t get fired at the moment, you lose something that can’t be bought with any price, and that’s your self-respect. I remember, too, we got on the subject of what in the world I was gonna do with six softballs. No idea. But there was something about the ornament of grace that came around my neck from my father who before we went in the house took the time to put his arms around me and to understand. This teenage kid was most concerned about my father’s not telling my friends. And as far as I know, he took that story to his grave and never told on me” (*The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart*, Word: 1998, p. 205).

Clearly there are methods of discipline that are harmful and destructive, but our passage from Hebrews advocates that there is a good kind of discipline that earthly fathers are to give, and an *even better* form that God gives to his children. We have become horribly aware in our culture how dangerous children can become (to themselves *and* others) who have never learned limits ... who have never discovered the meaning of “No,” the value behind it, and the place for appropriate restraints.

We must seek the balance of grace *and* truth, of law *and* love, that is well-depicted in the above story. Verse 8 teaches that if we are *genuinely God’s children*, we should expect that God will treat us as a wise parent does, bringing us up with appropriate discipline. Sometimes that means not letting us have things we want, sometimes it’s giving us things we never asked for, and a whole host of other things that may baffle us. His action in our lives may even seem unpleasant, but it’s done so we may be trained to higher standards of faith, hope and righteousness. [*Look at the long saga of what God did with Israel in the Old Testament*].

It may come as a shock to many Christians to discover that there lies ahead of them a life in which God, precisely because he is treating us as daughters and sons, will refuse to spoil us on the one hand or ignore us on the other. In short, as a good Father, he won’t let us “get away with it.” One last word of application. We can respond to our father’s (and our Father’s) discipline in several ways: 1) we can accept it with resignation; 2) we can accept it with self-pity, thinking we really don’t deserve it; 3) we can be angry and resentful toward God; or 4) we can accept it gratefully, as the appropriate response we owe a loving Father. N.T. Wright says this in reference to our passage: “All I can say is that I’d rather be in the hands of a father than a distant, faceless, careless bureaucrat.” So ... don’t fret and fume – whether the circumstances we face come directly from God or from secondary causes, God’s hand is bigger and more loving, to direct everything in the end for our good. Let us trust him more fully.

Prayer Walk Invitation & Guide



From the *Hearts & Hands of Session* - at our May meeting, we:

\*Approved the **baptism of Marlee Logan**, daughter of Christina and Colt Logan

\*Approved the **Operating Manual** for Puckety Church to help support all our Officers, Committees and Ministry Teams.

\* Approved the new **Logo** for Puckety Presbyterian Church (we want to thank Conner Kapelewski for his work on the design). We will use the former cross graphic with the parts of our mission statement within its beams for other purposes.



Some of the wonderful men of Puckety Church sang loud and clear to honor their moms and wives on Mother's Day. Even masked they sounded terrific!

From Myrna Zellefrow: I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and concerns as I recover from my heart surgery. (Slow but sure)





- 06 Beth Dober
- 13 Vince Appleman
- 20 Jennifer McKay
- 27 Maria Schafer

## Your Deacons:

- Mick Dober
- Pat Fish
- Traci Kirchartz
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Maria Schafer
- Kim Soulcheck
- Jean Welte
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Brenda McAllister
- Rodney Schafer

## Corporate Officers:

- President:** Matt Wehrle
- Vice-Pres.:** Jennifer McKay
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Chuck West



**Your Session:**  
 Deb Artman – Clerk  
 Chari Burtner  
 Charlene McKay  
 Jennifer McKay  
 Matt Wehrle  
 Chuck West  
 Kelly Kapelewski  
 Irene Nelson



## Offering counters:

- 6/6: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 6/13: Chuck & Judy West
- 6/20: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 6/27: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley

### Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

### Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

### Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

### Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

### Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

### Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

### Financial Secretary:

Judy West

### Media Specialist:

Chris Mason

## 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.

Though we have returned to normal seating capacity, we ask that all continue to wear masks until the Session changes the current policy. If you have not been fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to observe social distancing while in the building. Thank you.



Please take advantage of our weekly online Facebook Live offerings (Puckety's Page):

- o Monday at Noon - Children's Book Reading
- o Wednesday at Noon - Adult Devotional Study



The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

**For the week of:**

**June 6:**

1 Sam 8:4-11, 16-20  
Psalm 138  
Genesis 3:3-15  
2 Cor 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

**June 13:**

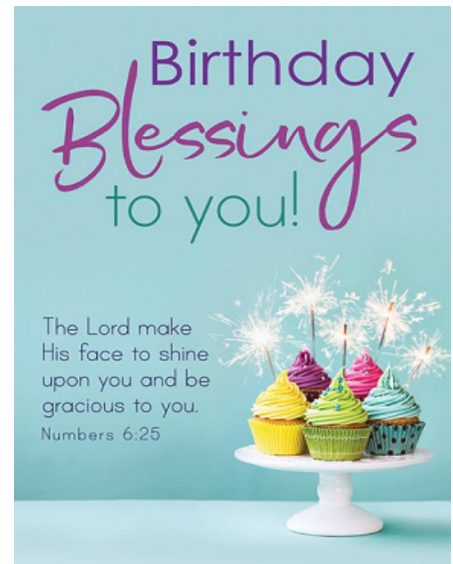
1 Sam 15:34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
Ezek 17:22-24  
2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

**June 20:**

1 Sam 17:32-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
Job 38:1-11  
2 Cor 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

**June 27:**

2 Sam 1:1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
Lam 3:22-33  
2 Cor 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43



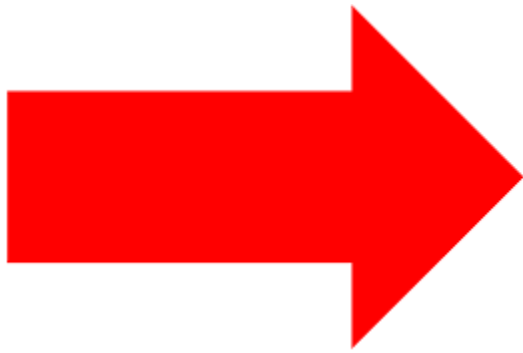
The Lord make  
His face to shine  
upon you and be  
gracious to you.  
Numbers 6:25

- 1 Michelle Gordon
- 3 Ryan Smith
- 4 Lorraine Menk  
Alice Knopfel
- 5 Marti Rugh
- 13 John Kelly  
Cliff McKay, Jr  
Beverly Becker
- 15 Rebecca Fisher
- 16 Patty Jones
- 17 Janet Karan
- 19 Jack Kirchartz  
Dessie Wetmore
- 20 Dean Kunkle  
Ben Szich
- 21 Caryn Nelson
- 24 Margie Hazlett
- 25 Lisa Sennett  
Mike Zurenski, Jr
- 27 Jenny Adams



Learning Opportunity: Would you like to learn how to put together PowerPoint presentations? The AV Team will be having a training session for this program in June and we wanted to open up the opportunity to learn to anyone in the congregation that is interested. Please let Wiebke Kilbert or Jenn McKay know if you are interested so we can finalize a time and date for the class.





To help the office and the AV Team with knowing which details of an announcement need to go in the bulletin or the slide we have created a new Announcement Request Form. The form will be available via the church website and available from the office to be emailed to you to be filled out. There will be hard copies in the office as well to be filled out and returned. We request that announcement forms be submitted to the office by the Tuesday of the week you want the announcement to run in the bulletin or on the slides.

We are happy to announce a **Retirement Party** for our own *Donna Bracken* - recognizing her for her *36 years of faithful service*. The party will be **Sunday, June 27th**, immediately after worship (starting around 11:15 AM). Please join us to congratulate Donna and thank her for being her! We ask that you **RSVP by calling the church office** (724-339-1323) *by June 17th*, and watch for the sign-ups (on June 13th) for items to bring!



The newest edition of the regular print size “Our Daily Bread” devotional is available for you to pick up at each entrance to the sanctuary, in the wall rack beside the hall bulletin board and in the tote outside the side door. Feel free to take one for yourself and a friend or two!

### Musical Notes:







It's hard to believe we survived this "choir season" with all the changes and precautions. Masks, distancing to sing, rehearsing from the pews distanced, only 2 or 3 at a time, to use a CD or not...at times I would wonder if God heard our efforts and our prayers that we were singing for Him. But I think we did rise to the occasion and at times rose above...the choir, singers, and congregation present at worship and those at home worshiping. He hears it ALL. He knows this is not easy for us. I believe He will bless us in our efforts so that we can continue to do this ministry for Him and his people. Hopefully by September, maybe even more restrictions will be eased so we can get back to our normal choir family, but we will watch and wait. In the meanwhile, **KEEP SINGING with JOY in your HEART!** The congregation always looks forward to the variety of music that the summer brings. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to pick a Sunday to offer an instrumental, vocal, or even poetry reading to music. Thank you!

Lorraine Menk





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00 AM Worship	31 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	1 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Outreach Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	2 Meals on Wheels 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	3 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program	4 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program	5 8:30 AM Crafting Circle 9:00 AM McLafferty Grad Party
6 10:00 AM Worship	7 Meals on Wheels 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 10:00 AM Men's Group 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting	8 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 6:00 PM Session/Deacons Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	9 Meals on Wheels 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program	10 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234	11 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program	12 McKay Grad Party 9:00 AM Testing - Julia McAllister
13 10:00 AM Worship <b>CELEBRATE</b>  Our Graduates	14  <b>Flag Day</b> Meals on Wheels 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 10:00 AM Men's Group 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	15 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	16 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	17	18 Fisher Grad Party??? Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 10:00 AM Worship  First Day of Summer  FATHER'S DAY	21 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group	22 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	23 Meals on Wheels	24	25 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	26 Roman Grad Party
27 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Retirement Party	28 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group	29 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	30 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study	1	2 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	3 8:00 AM Myers Bridal Shower