

*Puckety Presbyterian Church*

1009 Puckety Church Road  
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

*(Return Service Requested)*

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**REMINDER:**

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom/video at [pucketychurch.org](http://pucketychurch.org)



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# *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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and Improve our Community and World.*

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### Pastor's Corner

I don't know where to start! Spring has arrived (just ignore the snow – procrastinating fluffy stuff that doesn't know “its time”). It doesn't bother me, because there is so much on the cusp about to happen in, through and around Puckety Church. It feels like an Easter flower bursting through the ground, refusing to be deterred or deferred. 1) ***The Chosen*** – from what I've heard, all the small groups who started Season 1 of *The Chosen* (back in January) have enjoyed the video series and have had engaging conversation. One of the groups has even finished and dived into the second season! 2) The opportunities to live out the parts of our *Mission* – to “**Honor God, Grow in Faith, and Improve our Community and World.**” \*If you haven't done so yet, we encourage you to support the *Burrell School Appreciation Project* (tear-away strips on the board in the hallway - please return items/gift certificates by Easter (4/9). \*The *Community Connections Fair* at the Huston Middle School (Thur. 4/13 – 5:00-8:00 PM) will be a GREAT way for you to help represent Puckety and what God is doing through our ministry – please consider joining us at our Church's table to share about the various “goings-on” with us (Small Groups, upcoming events, and especially

*RightNow Media* – come share your experience with it!), \*It's time to prepare for our *Stellar VBS* – please volunteer for one of the many roles – we really do need everyone's help to make this ministry to our community's families a success – if you'll be interacting with the kids, make sure your State Clearances are up to date; let's step out in faith together.

3) Last, and BEST of all, most IMPORTANT – ***the Reality of Easter***, and I'm not talking about just one Sunday (though, of course, we hope you, your loved ones & friends join us for one of our Easter Sunday services – 7 AM Son-Rise at Puckety Cemetery – bring your own folding chair and carpool please – or 10 AM at the church), but I want to emphasize, more forcefully than ever, that the Resurrection is all about bursting out of the bounds of things – bursting out of the bounds of the tomb, bursting out of the bounds of our old, ordinary lives, and certainly beyond the bounds of a single Sunday. Every Sunday is the Lord's Day, the day of the Resurrection, and the nature of it should define how we live the rest of our lives – to walk in newness of life. So whether that's moving from gathered worship to a small group (for discipleship) or moving from a small group to a ministry of service (possibly for Outreach), wherever God is calling you, let the reality of Easter take you beyond the confines of where you are now – from the tomb to the calling you have through the Spirit. – *Pastor Brian*

~ Pastor Brian ~

### **Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!**

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



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](http://pucketychurch.org). Thank you for your generosity!

**New Members**

We have joyful news to share! We are delighted to announce that between the months of February and March, Puckety Church received and welcomed 6 new members:

- Timothy & Vicky Eckman**
- Debra & Timothy Fritz**
- Angela Goodwin**
- and Donna Jeffries**

We are overjoyed and encourage everyone in our church family to welcome them – there will be a special time to do that after worship on **Sun. April 16<sup>th</sup>** at Faith Hall, with a *Pie Social & Welcome Reception!* Please join us for this special occasion.



The Crafternoon group will be meeting on Sunday the 16th after the Pie Social. 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.

Ladies... LADIES! Your attention, please. Make plans for the April 30<sup>th</sup> Ladies Luncheon. It will be held at the Eat N Park, in Parnassus. Mmmm, milkshakes... Superburgers... Whale of a Cod Fish sandwich... We will gather after the service in Hope Hall and head [over more or less] together. Our luncheon allows us, as Women of Faith, to gather, to chat, and to appreciate a break from cooking! Contact Denise Wehrle for any questions or if you need a ride.



**VBS Training!**

There will be a special training for **all crew and station leaders** for vacation bible school on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00** (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!





- 02 Vince Appleman
- 06 Mira Whalen
- 09 Mira Whalen
- 16 Maria Schafer
- 23 Sophia Earhart
- 30 Michelle Gordon

**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

Upkeep has been working hard to get new flooring in Faith Hall! Please be understanding and patient with the process when it starts, because it may take several weeks! Thank you!

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



**Offering counters:**

- 4/2: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 4/9: Deb Artman & Janet Karan
- 4/16: Chuck & Judy West
- 4/23: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 4/30: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley

**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

**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!

**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"

**April 2:**

Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Phil 2:5-11

**April 9:**

Acts 10:34-43  
Jer 31:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Col 3:1-4

**April 16:**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
Psalm 111  
1 Peter 1:3-9

**April 23:**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Pet 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

**April 30:**

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
Ezek 34:7-15  
John 10:1-10



- 4 Ryan Smith
- 5 Kathy Kirchartz
- 7 William Morrow
- 8 Margaret Uhing
- 10 Megan Benish
- 13 Maggie McMelleon  
Clare Kapustik
- 16 Jeff Ewing
- 17 John Zurenski
- 18 Jennifer Spenik
- 20 Fran Kapelewski
- 21 Chari Burtner  
Mary Wilds
- 28 Kelly Pranievicz

Join Us!!



Worship Service  
April 6, 2023  
7:00pm

**Open Mic Night**

On **Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM we will be hosting an Open Mic Night in our sanctuary - Very *informal* - the **WHOLE** community is invited to come and play/perform/sing. There will be refreshments, coffee and beverages (in Conference Room and library) to enjoy either before or after people perform their "sets." Please spread the word to any musicians or performers who might like to join us. For more information, please call Terry Sprinkle: 919-920-4986.



***A Devotional For You*** – Read John 19:10-19, 25-27

Many of you know that this month I will be going on a Holy Land pilgrimage tour to Israel. I not only want to ask for your prayers for our group and its travels, but that I and the others going grow in our faith and experience God’s Word through “closer contact” to the geography and history of God’s redemptive work in that special part of the world – especially in the places touched by his incarnation in Jesus. Walking in the land of the Bible, seeing the places where the events took place, understanding more clearly the 3-dimensional environment in which history’s most significant happenings occurred – it will be hard to process, but suffice it to say I’m excited. One of the places I’m most interested to see is the Via Dolorosa – the path Christ took from the city of Jerusalem to the hill of Calvary. Since Good Friday is only a few days away, when we remember all that Christ went through leading up to his death, that path has been on my mind a lot lately. But I’ve also prepared myself to ‘not set expectations’ – because I hear the actual path is different than you might expect – it’s actually quite “tame.” Yes, there will be other groups of pilgrims, carrying crosses and singing hymns quietly, offering prayers at the Stations of the Cross, but I’m told it can feel very sterile or ceremonial. It can be quiet, and hushed, but it can also feel “wrong” because when Jesus trod the Via Dolorosa (“Way of Suffering”), it wasn’t polite or worshipful. It was violent, hate-filled, noisy and bloody. By the way, I’ve read that the “actual” path Jesus trod is underneath about 20 feet underground – buried beneath 2,000 years of history piling onto the old city. There’s a lesson there too about how ‘deep’ we have to go to find the ‘real thing.’

I suppose the point of my devotional is to be careful with the “expectations” of what comes out of our “devotional intentions” ... sometimes we may think that coming to Christ in prayer and devotion will be an encouraging and uplifting experience – and many times it is! But sometimes that uplifting feels more like what Jesus did for his mother while he was on the cross. He lets us see with our eyes the things we love being crushed ... but also puts us in the care of those he has equipped (he put Mary into the tender care of the Apostle John). But remember, before we hear the words, “Behold your son ... behold your mother” ... or even “Father, forgive them” ... being with Jesus may mean walking a “way of suffering” ... having the decorum of our lives disrupted, so we can see the real path underneath. Only when we look at the bleeding portrait of the strength of Christ’s deity in the humbleness of that path, will we see the majesty of his grace. With all that in mind, I will try to “see” with the right eyes when I get to Jerusalem, and I pray that you also watch, not as a spectator in the crowd, but with the eyes of faith. May your Holy Week be **full** ... full of contemplation, full of reverence, full of prayer, and full of hope.

- *Pastor Brian*



Puckety Church will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **FREE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT!!** SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - 2:00PM – rain or shine! All children up to and including 5<sup>th</sup> graders. **Basket raffle, face painting, balloon animals, photo opp with Easter Bunny, a train ride and popcorn - ALL FREE!!** ee Kelly Kapelewski or Brenda McAllister with any questions.

**ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!! PLEASE BE AT THE CHURCH AT 1:00PM ON APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>!!**



**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!



**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. Those who have purchased tickets meet inside the main doors at 7:15pm on April 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 starting August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 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.



### Youth Group

We want to give thanks to God because we’ve certainly been blessed recently with our Youth Group. In addition to a great time at the Pine Springs Retreat and fun at Wildlife Lanes for the AVAC Bowling for Blessings fundraiser, we added 2 more new students in March (that’s 5 new students since the start of 2023)! So, right now we have 16 students, with a weekly average of between 11 and 12. We’ve been using RightNow Media for Bible study and discussion, including the series “I Am Getting to Know God” with David Nassar. We had a St. Patrick’s Day ‘all-church’ scavenger hunt (so if you accidentally sit on a shamrock, our apologies, we tried to clean up and put everything away), but I bet you’ll agree with me that it’s worth it. Please keep praying for the spiritual growth of the students, and please sign up for either snacks (main hallway) or as a volunteer/chaperone for meetings or events. Thank you.





PUCKETY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2023

# Vacation Bible School



Dates: **June 19-23rd 6:00 to 8:30 PM**

Ages: Age 4 to entering 6th grade

Families can now register from our website -  
[www.pucketychurch.org](http://www.pucketychurch.org)

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:





## REDSTONE MISSION TRIP

On June 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 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@latrobepec.org](mailto:pastorderek@latrobepec.org) or call my cell phone at (724) 212-6094.

The Outreach Team has picked the next 2 Burrell sporting events to support with groups from the church:

April 5th (Wed.) 4:15 PM - *Girls Softball*

May 2nd (Tue.) 4:00 PM - *Boys Baseball*

We've chosen 2 different sports at different times to maximize the amount of people going and the demographic of students supported - we want to encourage EVERY member to go to at least one of the events above. Contact Matt Wehrle or Rev. Kilbert if you plan to go to one so Puckety can support Burrell as a group.

Here are a few pictures from our Try-Life Outreach Ministry. Consider signing up to help!



Please join us for our ***Easter Son-Rise service (7:00 AM)*** - NOTE: it will be at the ***Puckety Cemetery*** this year so: ***\*dress accordingly, \*bring your own folding chair, and \*carpool (or shuttle from the church - 6:45 AM) to minimize vehicles - make sure you park "hugging" the cemetery - 2 side wheels on the grass, other 2 wheels on the roadside. If weather is inclement, we will have the service inside Faith Hall.***

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 family members who have 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.

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!



REJOICE!









# Christ has risen

We wish you a  
blessed easter.

Join us  
for  
Sunday Worship  
at 10 am!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 10:00am Worship 11:30am Ladies Lunch 2:00pm P.E.O. Meeting 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 4:00pm MS Group Candy Sorting	<b>28</b> 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 4:30pm Worship Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>29</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>1</b> Easter Egg Hunt Prep 
<b>2 PALM SUNDAY</b> 10:00am Worship 11:00am Session Meeting 2:00pm Easter egg hunt 6:00pm Youth Group  	<b>3</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 10:30am Card Ministry 6:00pm Upkeep Team Meeting	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>5</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	<b>6</b>  MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm Worship Service	<b>7</b>  GOOD FRIDAY Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>8</b> Mele Baby Shower???
<b>9</b>  7:00am Son-Rise Service 10:00am Worship	<b>10</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 5:30pm MS Group Meeting 6:30pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 5:00pm Try-Life Outreach 6:30pm Session Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>12</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	<b>13</b> 5:00pm HMS Business Fair 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>15</b> Mitchell 50th Anniversary 6:30pm Open Mic Night
<b>16</b> 9:30am Session Meeting 10:00am Worship 11:30am Pie Social and Welcome Reception 12:00pm Craftmoon 12:00pm School Appreciation Packing 6:00pm Youth Group 	<b>17</b> Meals on Wheels School Appreciation Distribution 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 4:30pm Discipleship Team Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 7:00pm Sewing Guild 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>19</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>20</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>22</b> 12:00pm Brown Bridal Shower
<b>23</b> 10:00am Worship 11:30am Women's Bible Study/Pizza Lunch 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>24</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting	<b>25</b> 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 4:30pm Worship Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>26</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>29</b> 10:00am Maloney Baby Shower
<b>30</b> Grantz 50th Anniversary Party??? 10:00am Worship 11:30am Ladies Lunch Out 	<b>1</b> Meals on Wheels 10:30am Card Ministry	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>3</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b>