

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

*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.

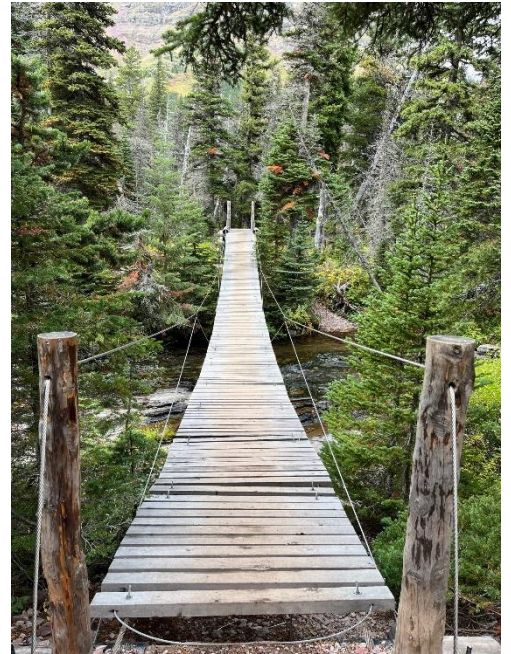
October 2024

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Pastor's Corner

FALL is here! I have a load of things to catch up on after getting back from our trip to Glacier National Park – plenty of stories and pics to share for those interested. For now, let me share just one experience and tie it to something else (darn it I said the pun too early – you'll see). One of the hikes I did was in the “Two Medicine” area of the park with beautiful lakes and waterfalls. Halfway through the trail I came to a footbridge (see photo) made of planks and metal cables. Fortunately, I like this kind of thing. But I know quite a few people who don't because of a wobbly bridge over a drop above a river full of stones, etc. A lot of us feel like our life is a bit like this right now – a wobbly bridge that feels unsteady



with everything moving underneath us.

I also think of the recent plight of our missionary partners (MUST) in Myanmar. Upon getting back I was very saddened to hear that added to their recent troubles and challenges (civil war mandatory enlistment, food shortages and inflation, school closings), the country suffered a major typhoon in mid-September. The pictures of homes being carried away, people floating in the water, and the cumulative disarray is heartbreaking. It's times like those that it makes it hard to believe in God's promise in Isaiah 43 (keep in mind this is my favorite passage): “Do not fear ... When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you” (43:2). As I prayed for my sisters and brothers, this passage came to mind, and I thought, “Well, Lord, I know that's been true many times in my life, you've held me above the waves, but what about those literally being swept away?” I didn't hear an answer, but it was a pregnant kind of silence (have you ever felt a silence that was “full”?). And then I thought about the collection we've been taking up for MUST – for the Peace and Global Witness Offering – dedicated on World Communion Sunday (October 6). I believe the LORD works through his people (Scripture is clear on that), so this is an opportunity for God to work out his promise, for us to be “planks and cables” so to speak – it may still feel unsteady, but it can become something for others to grab and hold on to – to be tied to something (better Someone) who won't give way. So we encourage you to give generously to the collection - even if you miss the MUST offering date, if you submit it in an envelope marked “MUST” we'll make sure they get it. Let's be a “global witness” that Christ is our “bridge over troubled waters.” I love that song too – but God's promise is sweeter than any song – because it *ties us firmly and securely to the other side*, and helps carry us there. Amen.

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 X (formerly 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!



The Puckety Praise Team is actively seeking out a drummer to play for Sunday morning services and Thursday evening rehearsals! They are also wanting to open themselves to any guitarists, vocalists, or any other musician who wants to dedicate their talents to the Lord. Come join us Thursday evening at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary if you or someone you know might be interested - please see Pastor Brian, Jesse O, or any member of the Puckety Praise Team for more info.

RAISERIGHT FUNDRAISING – an easy way to contribute to our Capital Campaign! All you do is buy gift cards from your favorite stores to earn money for Puckety Church to help with the cost of replacing the parking lot, church roof and new sign! There are flyers at each entrance to the sanctuary with all the information you need to get started. See the bulletin board for more info.



TAI CHI CLASS!!! Join in for a relaxing exercise that is beneficial to the whole body. Tai chi trains you to find alignments that are safe and unstrained allowing you to perform graceful movements.

Every Wednesday 6:00 PM in Faith Hall Led by Donna Jeffries.

****Crafternoon:** Due to scheduling conflicts there will be no Crafternoon in October. Mark your calendar for November 17th where we will meet in the conference room and share what we have been working on!

The next Ladies Luncheon is on **October 27th**. We will **gather after the service in Hope Hall** by the display case and head over more or less as a group. Contact Denise Wehrle for any questions or if you need a ride.

We continue our relationship with Origins supporting families in the Lower Burrell area. On the second Tuesday of the month a group from Puckety gathers at their location and helps in any way we can. We usually end up sorting through the clothing donations and help organize them by season, age and gender. Accommodations can be made for anyone who can't stand for a long time or carry items. We work as a team and the work is always appreciated by Origins and the families that use their services. We will be continuing this outreach in 2025. If there is a specific month that you want to make sure you are signed up for please let Wiebke know. For October the group going is: Rodney Schafer, Pat Fish, Jean Welte, Sophia Earhart and Wiebke Kilbert. There is always room for more just sign up on the sheet on the Outreach board.



- 06 Vince Appleman
- 13 Jennifer McKay
- 20 Mira Whalen
- 27 Maria Schafer

Your Deacons:

- Sandra Ankney
- Pat Fish
- John McAllister
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Mira Whalen
- Kim Soulcheck
- Sandy Appleman
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Bruce Sproull
- Vicky Eckman

Corporate Officers:

- President:** Chuck West
- Vice-Pres.:** Maria Schafer
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Jolene Kostelansky

Don't forget to pick up your apple dumplings on your chosen day/time! Either October 5th or 6th.



Your Session:

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Jolene Kostelansky
- Mick Dober
- Kelly Kapelewski
- Marilyn Crumley
- Helen Crissman
- Maria Schafer
- Sandy Schafer
- Chuck West
- Matt Wehrle



Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Music Ministry Specialist:

Jesse Oddis

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

Offering counters:

- 06: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley, Janet Karan or Jolene Kostelansky
- 13: Janet Karan & Jolene Kostelansky
- 20: Chuck & Judy West
- 27: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart & Matt Wehrle

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.

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!

The Deacons are in need of 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"

October 6:

Job 1:1;2:1-10
Psalm 26
Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

October 13:

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Amos 5:6-7,10-15

October 20:

Job 30:1-7, 16-17
Psalm 101:1-9
Isaiah 53:4-12
Hebrews 5:1-10; 2:5-12

October 27:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:1-8
Jer 31:7-9
Hebrews 7:23-28

JOIN US FOR PRAYER WALKING ON 10/20 FOLLOWING WORSHIP. WE WILL PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR SCHOOLS.



- 1 Evan Girard
- 3 Beth Hilbeck
- 4 Ryan Bargerstock
- 5 Nita Lundie
- Terry Soulcheck
- 10 Rachel Aungst
- Sandy Schafer
- 12 Joel McCullough
- Kwade Kirchartz
- 14 Denise Johnston
- Elaine Bargerstock
- 16 Doug Marshall
- 18 Jessica Mele
- 30 Lillian Blandford

SAVE THE DATE!!



NOVEMBER 2, 2024

The new grand total for the Capital Campaign is: \$120,729.20!!

Watch for upcoming opportunities to help with the Campaign. A basket raffle and Spaghetti Dinner are coming in October! We continue to be incredibly blessed by the power and provision of our great God. We thank all through whom the Spirit has been moving and working, and we give glory to the One without whom this would not have been possible - Soli Deo Gloria!



Church & Community Bonfire! We've rescheduled our Bonfire (due to how hot it's been, etc.). The Bonfire will now be Saturday **October 12th** - starting at 7:00 PM - behind Faith Hall. This way we can start with a cook fire for dogs and s'mores, and then build it up as it gets chillier. Please bring your own chair, and if you have roasting sticks those would be a good idea too. We'll supply the rest. Mark your calendars, spread the word and bring a neighbor or friend.

We will be debuting our baskets for the basket raffle Capital Campaign fundraiser at Trunk or Treat. For those who have already volunteered to make a basket please bring them on Sunday the 20th and place them in Pastor Brian's office. We still have room for more baskets so if you are interested please let Wiebke know. If you are looking to ask a local business to help support your basket with a donation or gift card we can supply you with a tax exempt letter. The winners of the baskets will be drawn at the end of the November 2nd Spaghetti dinner.

As Puckety Church, we personally and collectively HONOR GOD

October is a great month to remember who we are as Christ's Church. There are other occasions in the month that take time to think about activity done in God's name and the ones who carry it out, but one thing is **Reformation Sunday** (last Sunday of October). This isn't just a day to sing old hymns and talk about dusty theologians. It's to remember the great heritage we have as the "Church reformed, always reforming according to the Word of God." Some of you may know the "Solaes" (grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone, etc.), but the first one really is *Soli Deo Gloria* – "To God alone be the glory" – maybe you've heard it at a Presbytery meeting or somewhere else, but it's not just "Latinese" – it's a clarion call to remember what we're to be about. For example, the very first "rule" in the Puckety Youth Pact which they all sign (the kids call it the "Thingamabobber") is: "Glorify God in all things." It's simply putting the 1st of the 10 commandments in positive (active) form – *Put God first*. So however you celebrate "Reformation" Day (whether nailing theological points to a church door – seriously, if you do this, use mounting putty – or even better, telling someone about the gospel – the one wonderful Way God has given us in Christ to make things right), make it a day where God alone gets the glory.

As Puckety Church we personally and collectively GROW IN FAITH

We want to speak again in support of you joining a **small group** – or even consider facilitating a new one. One or two of our planned small groups have had to postpone their plans. Some groups can take new members (like Pastor Brian's Wednesday group discussing Season 3 of *The Chosen*) – so call Pastor Brian or the office for more information as this is a good time to plug in. Again, if you're on the line about whether to help facilitate a group, Pastor Brian is happy to meet with you for tips and starters. Making time for gathered discipleship has been proven to be indispensable for both personal Christian growth and congregational growth.

As Puckety Church, we personally and collectively, IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY & WORLD

A couple ways to do that this month:

***Peace & Global Witness Offering** – make a donation to our missionary partners in Myanmar - use one of the envelopes in the pews (or mark one with the abbreviation "MUST") – there are many current needs ranging from caring for orphans separated from their parents (either drafted by the corrupt military coup or hiding in forest areas), food assistance (planting rice fields, etc.) in the face of drastic inflation, educational assistance, and most recently, relief from the devastating typhoon. The collection will be dedicated on Sunday, **October 6th**. Please try to make your donation that Sunday if you haven't already submitted.

***Gideons International** – we may be receiving a special visit from *Dr. Emmanuel Bhatti* – a missionary doctor who worked for a time with one of our members – Patty Summerville – in Pakistan. As a Gideon himself, he hopes to visit the weekend of **October 19th & 20th** – possibly including a group time Saturday evening for casual discussion (*if the way be clear*) and then a little time on Sunday to tell us about the international work of the Gideons bringing the Word of God to various people and places. Keep an eye on the bulletin for the Saturday gathering time.



October 27th – **Reformation Sunday** – 10 AM – one of our more "traditional" worship services of the year, pulling out some classic hymns, remembering our Reformed heritage, celebrating the truths of the Gospel – we are saved by *grace alone*, through *faith alone*, in *Christ alone*. If you have any traditional Scottish attire, feel free to wear (so the Pastor doesn't feel alone). Challenge: find out

what was happening in Europe 500 years ago in the year 1524 (with Luther/others in Germany particularly since Calvin was only 15 – but remember for next year that he graduated and went to University to study law *at the age of 16* in 1525).

Small Groups

It's time to plug into a SMALL GROUP. We try to provide enough options so that the great majority of our members can participate in at least one.

Women's Small Group – “Divided We Stand: How to Love When We Disagree” - starts September 22nd and will meet every other Sun - 10/6, 10/20 and 11/3. They plan to start *The Chosen* Season 4 in 2025.

Men's Group – meets on Mondays from 10 to Noon in Conference Room (*Chosen* Season 4 coming soon)

Wednesday Evening Group (Pastor Brian) – *The Chosen* (Season 3) starts Sept. 25th – Weds. from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. There's room for more; this is a great time to join in – 724-678-6976

Schafer Small Group – every other Wednesday at Schafer home – call Maria to inquire about when the next theme will be – 412-377-8113

Tai Chi Group – plans to continue to meet on Wednesdays (Faith Hall) from 6:00 to 7 PM

Don't see one that works for you? Or do you want to do something different? Consider being a facilitator for others who would like something a bit different like you! Pastor Brian is happy to give some tips.

In case you ever wondered about the colors of the paraments (cloth on the cross and various other places in the chancel), here is a typical schedule for the use of liturgical colors from the Presbyterian Church (USA)

- Advent: purple – symbolizes the majesty of Christ in his humility.
- Christmas (12 days) to Epiphany (Jan. 6): white – signifying divinity, purity and victory.
- Ordinary Time (Jan. 7 through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday): green – the common color of nature in the freshness of bloom, (with the exception of Baptism of the Lord and Transfiguration of the Lord, both white).
- Ash Wednesday through the first five weeks of Lent: purple
- Palm / Passion Sunday: red and/or purple
- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week: purple
- Maundy Thursday: purple (until the church is stripped bare)
- Good Friday: no color; church remains stripped bare
- Easter Season (including Ascension of the Lord): white
- Day of Pentecost: red – symbolizes blood and spirit.
- Ordinary Time (Monday after Pentecost through Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent): green, with the exception of Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day (or first Sunday in November), and Christ the King, all white
- Additionally, white or black are used for funerals. Red is sometimes used for ordinations, installations and church dedications and anniversaries. Baptisms, communion services and weddings should retain the color of the season.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD here at Puckety Church! Shoe boxes will be placed at each door starting on Sunday, October 20 through Sunday, November 10. Deacons will decide at their next meeting how much of the \$10 shipping fee will be covered. Shoe boxes are due back on Sunday, November 10 so they can be delivered to the local collection site which is Grace Presbyterian Church. Please see your bulletin inserts for more information beginning October 6th!



Trunk or Treat: We will be hosting this community event on Saturday October 26th from 2-4pm. In addition to games and a craft we will be using this event as one of two events to buy tickets for a basket raffle drawing that will be held during our Spaghetti Dinner on November 2nd. Don't forget to sign up your car to hand out candy this year. We will be gathering around 1:00 on Saturday the 26th to hand out candy from 2-4 pm. Please feel free to invite a friend to bring their car and join us. If you have any questions

please see Wiebke or Kelly. If you don't have a car but would like to help, there are lots of other jobs you can do! Please sign up on the outreach bulletin board. There are flyers at the doors if you'd like to pass any out to friends/family/neighbors!

What a great start to the fall we've had! At our Kickoff night (9/22), we had 18 students (13 returning and 5 new ones) and enjoyed icebreaker games to get to know one another, a great game of whiffle ball in the field (thanks to the Lord for a dry day between multiple wet ones), NINE-square (because 4-square wasn't big enough for 20 people), a time of food and fellowship (5 pizzas, 2 bread bite orders and 30 cupcakes!).



Alas, I didn't take a single picture because I was so busy welcoming back our veterans and getting to know new students – time well spent for sure. We even had time to plan a little for the coming months. On 9/29, we headed out for pickleball at the new courts in Veterans Park by City Hall. *[I had to YouTube how to play in advance because I didn't know much at all]*. I want to thank the students & adult volunteers who've helped with our meetings, our 3 home game parking nights for the capital campaign (about \$500 raised), and snack donors! We don't know if we'll do the *Pine Springs Retreat* (Oct. 18-20th) for lack of adult chaperones, but we'll do some kind of half-day outing instead. Either way, God is good. Pray for the growth of the students, in their faith, in their character, and in their relationships. Thank you.

AV Team:

We keep asking for help on the sound board and we haven't received any inquiries. As fall approaches which will mean more risk of cold, COVID, Flu and bad weather there is a very real chance that there will be a Sunday where there will be no one to run sound with only three people trained to run the sound board currently. There is an old saying that 80% of the work in a church is done by 20% of the people. If you find yourself in the 80% that currently isn't plugged in to any ministry we challenge you to prayerfully consider this behind the scenes ministry. With 4 people the commitment would be 1 Sunday a month. One Sunday a month to help keep our worship service sounding good and reaching out to those who really can't join us in person. Please reach out to any AV team member if you want to pick up this challenge. Thank you.

AV Volunteers for October:

Date	Presentation Creation	Presenter	Sound	Zoom host
10/6/2024	Matt	Matt	Nate	Beth
10/13/2024	Sandra	Sandra	Rodney	TBD
10/20/2024	Wiebke	Joyce	Zach	Beth
10/27/2024	Beth	Beth	Nate	Beth



Save the date: The Ladies Advent Tea will be held on Sunday December 8th after worship service.

More details to come including the fantastic theme this year!

ORIGINS / FAMILY AND PREGNANCY SERVICES

If you have access to Medicare 'Over the Counter' health supplies and already have enough, please consider shopping and donating the items listed in your Post-Scripts and the bulletin board to Origins / Family and Pregnancy Services (formerly TryLife). Order, and once you have them in-hand, deliver them to Origins or let Matt Wehrle know, and he will deliver them for you.



Meals on Wheels is in Urgent Need of volunteers...

If you can help, call 724-334-4404

Please leave a message!

Our Daily Bread Devotional October, November, December – 2024



The latest Our Daily Bread large print and regular print is available at all entrances to the sanctuary and on the glass display case near the Conference room. Please pick one up for yourself, a friend, a relative.





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00am Worship 11:00am Ladies Lunch 5:55pm Youth Group Pickleball Outing	30 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 10:30am Card Ministry	1 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	2 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Deacons Meeting 6:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group	3 Apple Dumpling Prep 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 Apple Dumpling Prep Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	5 3:00pm Apple Dumpling Pick Up
6 10:00am Worship  11:30am Women's Bible Study 3:00pm Apple Dumpling Pick Up 6:00pm Youth Group	7 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 6:00pm Upkeep Team Meeting	8 5:00pm Origins Outreach 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 46799 6:00pm Session Meeting 6:30pm Brownie Troop 20834 8:00pm N.A. meeting	9 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group	10 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	11 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	12 Votquenne Event?? 7:00pm Church Bonfire 
13 10:00am Worship 12:00pm Bracken Birthday Party 6:00pm Youth Group	14  Columbus Day Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 5:30pm MS Group Meeting 7:00pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	15 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 20130 8:00pm N.A. meeting	16 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group	17 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Meals on Wheels Menk Scrapbooking Event OFFICE CLOSED	19 Dr. Bahtti Visit?? Menk Scrapbooking Event
20 Operation Christmas Child Campaign Kick-Off 10:00am Worship 11:00am Prayer Walking 11:30am Women's Bible Study 1:00pm Juliette Low Birthday Party	21 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 4:30pm Discipleship Team Meeting	22 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 46799 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting 6:30pm Brownie Troop 20834 8:00pm N.A. meeting	23 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group	24 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	25 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	26 10:00am DKG Meeting 2:00pm Trunk or Treat 
27 10:00am Worship  Reformation Sunday 11:30am Ladies Lunch 6:00pm Youth Group Halloween Party 	28 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 10:30am Card Ministry	29 8:00pm N.A. meeting	30 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Pastor Brian Small Group	31  6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	2 



Your family is invited to join us for our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat!

Date: Saturday October 26th

Time: 2:00-4:00 PM

**Location: Puckety Presbyterian Church
1009 Puckety Church Rd, Lower Burrell**

Cost: Free!

Bring your costumed children to trick or treat from car to car in our parking lot during daylight hours. There will be games for children to play for extra treats. Your family will also be able to vote for the best decorated car. We will also have tickets for a basket raffle to purchase.

If you would like to sign up your car to give away treats please call the church office at 724-339-1323 or sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday October 20th.

As our parking lot will be designated a traffic free zone during the event, please park in the Burrell High School lot and follow the sounds of fun!

