

Puckety Presbyterian Church

Following Jesus... Making Disciples... Loving One Another as He Loves Us

June 2016

Post-Scripts
a monthly publication



Why pine springs camp?

Philosophy and Distinctives:

Pine Springs Camp Philosophy:

The Pine Springs Camp summer program desires that each camper vitally encounters Christ. We do this by... Teaching about the unconditional love of Christ and emphasizing that each camper has unique and creative gifts that God has given them. We offer a variety of camps so that each participant can explore and develop their gifts and grow in their relationship to God.

Modeling a proper way to celebrate and play in God's creation. We believe that camp should be fun! Experiencing the importance of being involved in Christian community.

Pine Springs Camp Distinctives:

We help campers meet and learn about Jesus Christ through a number of DISTINCTIVES that make Pine Springs Camp unique:

Bible Interactions - Pine Springs Camp recognizes the importance of God's Word in everyday life which is why each camp spends time daily interacting with the Bible in unique and non-traditional ways. The following represent some of the ways campers have gained unique perspectives on the Bible and its message:

1. Reading the story of creation and expressing personal impressions of the creation story through art, helping campers internalize the creativity of God;
2. Setting up and packing up tents to understand what Abraham went through every time God told him to move, helping campers understand the faith and energy it takes to follow hard after God.

Small Group Environment- Pine Springs Camp offers the best of both worlds - a large, high-energy camp atmosphere with a small group environment. PSC offers many different camps every week. Each camp contains a smaller number of campers that receive individual attention from counselors and Directors and get to know other campers better in a small group environment, even though each camp is part of a larger, high-energy camp experience.

Small Camper to Counselor Ratio - Pine Springs Camp recognizes the need for each camper to receive personal attention throughout the week. With a 6:1 camper to counselor ratio, PSC ensures that your child will get to know his/her counselor in a meaningful way and have the opportunity to hear what God is doing in the counselor's life.

Emphasis on enjoying creation and personal God-given abilities - Pine Springs Camp is a place to enjoy creation and other people and recognize God-given abilities. The PSC camp atmosphere emphasizes playfulness and good sportsmanship.

Choice - Pine Springs Camp offers many options so that campers can explore their unique interests and abilities. Camps are divided into the following categories: adventure, wet-n-wild, elective and specialty.

For more information, email Pine Springs at pscsummer@gmail.com. Puckety Church offers scholarships to help anyone from the church who may want to attend. Please ask at the office!



The Board of Deacon's met on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 and the meeting was opened with prayer.

OLD BUSINESS: Hand crafted Mother's Day cards have been completed and will be handed out on Mother's Day. Each woman will receive three unique and individual cards. Sandy Ankney has found a way to wash the doilies that are used for the communion plates and has set up a schedule for

their care.

NEW BUSINESS: Deacons received a request for help with a rent. The individual lives in New Kensington and has been downsized to part-time work. A standard help with rent payment will be sent to her landlord.

A request was received from the guidance counselor at the school who reached out on behalf of a family with three children. It was his opinion that the family needed help with clothing. After some discussion, it was decided to give the family a gift card to K Mart.

On our agenda was also to fill the offices of our Board. The position of Moderator will be served by Denise Wehrle and Vice Moderator will be Irene Nelson. A purpose of our pot luck dinner is to thank out-going Deacons, namely Kim Soulcheck, Bob Bates, and Charlene McKay who have completed their terms. It was indeed a pleasure serving with you. We welcome Maria Schafer, Laurretta Lockwood, Brenda McAllister, and John McAllister as they begin their terms. We are grateful for Kim who served as our Moderator for five years and who helped us by being organized, committed, and focused.

Our pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. The Deacons will not meet again until September but will be available on an as needed basis. There is a joint meeting with Deacons and Session at Kirk and Vicki's home on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

The Deacons have a list of people who are shut-ins that are currently receiving the large print "Our Daily Bread" publication. Periodically, this list is updated. If you know of anyone in our Puckety Church family that is unable to attend church and would appreciate an "Our Daily Bread" publication, please submit the names and addresses to Kelly or Sandra Ankney. This is one way of letting our shut-ins know that their Puckety Church family is thinking about them and praying for them!



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

June 5:

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Gal. 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 12:

1 Kings 21:1-10
Psalm 5:1-8
Gal. 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19:

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a
Psalms 42 & 43
Gal. 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26:

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Gal. 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

What: Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School

Who: Children ages 3 years-5th
grade

When: Mon. June 20-Fri. June 24th from 6:00pm-8:15pm

We need YOUR help! To make our VBS as successful as possible this year, we need:

Crew leaders: They are responsible for taking a group of 5-8 children from station to station. You do not have to teach, just talk with the children in your group, get to know the kids and love them!

Station leaders/helpers: They stay in one place and are responsible for teaching one particular thing, such as our Science experiments and Crafts area (All materials and lessons are provided!), or the Bible Story telling helper-who is responsible to find and make sure that all props and items needed for the person telling the story are in the room and ready for use each day, or the Snack crew-helping to prepare the snack so it's ready to serve when the children arrive.

Nursery Care: This 2 person group is responsible to care for any children (younger than 3 yrs. of age) whose parent is helping during VBS. This takes place in the cry room in the sanctuary.

Decorator: These people would work with others already working on decorating to transform the sanctuary and hallways as well as the Bible Story room into an underwater home for the week of Bible School.

Donation Board Manager: This 1-2 person group is responsible to create the donation board, and manage the collection of all the items that come in so we know what still needs to be purchased and what we have. This is done prior to VBS starting and does not require you to be at VBS. (There is a template you can use and help is available if you'd like it!)

The "Whatever is Needed" job: This 1-2 person group is willing to show up the first two nights or VBS and is very willing to just be "around." They understand that they might be asked to serve as a crew leader, or maybe just asked to be a "runner" finding people, or relaying messages, or maybe not need to do a lot. This person or group is not out in front of people but is very important to have when those unexpected situations arise!

The Greeter: This 1-2 person group is asked to welcome parents as they drop their child off for VBS and answer any questions they might have about where their child goes, or other VBS questions. This person should be very comfortable talking with people and their children and making them feel at home with us!

If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at rfisher@syfcomputing.com



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

In May

5 Sophia Earhart
12 Maria Schafer
19 Michelle Hough
26 Chari Burtner

Your Session:

Debra Artman
Rebecca Fisher
Matt Wehrle
Sophia Earhart
Kirk Orr
Jolene Kostelansky
Mick Dober
Mike Tatem
Vicki Orr
Sue Close

Corporate Officers:

President: Sophia Earhart
Vice-Pres.: Cliff McKay
Secretary: Michelle Hough
Treasurer: Donna Bracken

THE POWER OF PRAYER!

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.

Your Deacons:

Sandy Ankney
Vi Adamski
Cliff McKay, Jr.
Brenda McAllister
Lauretta Lockwood
Jennifer Motosicky
Irene Nelson
Maria Schafer
John McAllister
Nita Serene
Hilda Maxwell
Denise Wehrle

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Kirk Orr

Director of Youth Ministries:

Brandon Brim

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Treasurer:

Donna Bracken

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

Custodian:

Dean Kunkle

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Assistant Treasurer:

Sophia Earhart

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

GREETERS SCHEDULE

5 Sophia Earhart and Rebecca Fisher
12 Matt Wehrle and Sue Close
19 Deb Artman and Jolene Kostelansky
26 Mick Dober and Mike Tatem

Counters:

5 Chari Burtner and Matt Wehrle
12 Janet Karan and Deb Artman
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26 Janet Karan and Deb Artman

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduate recognition will be held Sunday June 12. Any pictures or information to be shared on that Sunday needs to be given or emailed to Rebecca Fisher by Sunday June 5th.

Why not think about

attending a fun
filled few days or a



week at our wonderful Christian summer camp in Jennerstown, PA! Camps are offered for the very young with a guardian and for the young elementary through high schoolers! For more information check out their website!

www.pinesprings.org

Puckety Church has scholarships available.

Discipleship Team Update June 2016

- ✓ Monthly prayer focus has been changed to a weekly prayer focus. For the month of June, please be in prayer for VBS (June 20-24)...specifically, for:

*the crew and station leaders

*the children who will come to VBS (God knows who needs to be with us that week)

*Holy Spirit to be present and at work that week

- ✓ Register for VBS (ages 3 yrs.-end of 5th grade) through Puckety's website (or there are paper copies at the entrances at church)
- ✓ Our Pine Springs Counselor to pray for this summer is Simon Deangelo.

*Please consider sending him a note of encouragement (between June 3- August 8)...address the envelope using the following address:

Simon Deangelo
Pine Springs Camp
371 Pine Springs Camp Road
Jennerstown, PA 15547

- ✓ Graduate Recognition will be Sunday June 12th
- ✓ Puckety will be hosting a women's retreat in the spring of 2017 (Friday night, all day Saturday). More details will be given later in the summer/fall.

For your information: In the library of the church building, are all the small group study materials you may have missed or would like to re-examine. There are DVD's, books and workbooks that you may borrow at any time!



Risen To Save will be performing at the following local events: June 11th, Relay For Life Natrona Heights, June 25th, PA Hero Walk, Lower Burrell VFW. For more information, see Paul or Marcie Leo or Mick Dober.

Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 1 Michelle Hough
- 2 Charlotte Speer
Charlotte Stewart
Paul Leo
- 3 Ryan Smith
- 4 Lorraine Menk
- 5 Marti Rugh
Mike Tatem
- 12 James Newell
- 16 Patty Jones
- 17 Janet Karan
Robert Bargerstock III
- 19 Dessie Wetmore
- 20 Dean Kunkle
- 21 Caryn Brim
- 24 Margie Hazlett
- 25 Lisa Sennett
- 27 Jenny Adams
- 29 John Yacko
- 30 Maura Johnson
Dorothy Moore

(If your name does not appear, or if the information is incorrect, please contact the office so that the records may be updated.)

The Good News Furnace Update

The Session and the Upkeep Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous response to the recent furnace appeal.

Your response was nothing short of overwhelming. In four short weeks we raised \$5200. This allowed us to purchase the two new high efficiency furnaces for Faith Hall, replacing the original 36 year old furnaces. You all are aware of the benefits of Faith Hall to our congregation that houses Meal- On-Wheels which is the nucleus of all our programs that function out of the building. The furnaces have been purchased and installed. We are now ready for the 2016-2017 winter season and all our activities can hopefully go forward without interruption. You are an amazing congregation that is blessed by God and continues to demonstrate his true spirit. Praise be to God.



For the past few months the Youth Group has continued its study of the Apostle Paul. Paul is such an amazing character to look at because he is proof that God's love can cover a multitude of sins and that His work can be done through anyone, especially those we least expect. It is so awesome how our Heavenly Father loves all and gives love equally, we only have to accept it. What better lesson for our youth as they grow into the adults they are choosing to become than being shown this simple truth.



Please join us for a Spring Tea Party
"One Life at a Time"
Saturday, June 11, 2016
11:00am-2:00pm

Hillcrest Country Club

All proceeds benefit the Parent and Baby Program at TryLife Center

The cost is \$30.00

RSVP by June 1, 2016

724-612-9597



TryLife
CENTER

Formerly Tri-City Life Center

Baby Bottle Campaign

at Puckety Church, Lower Burrell May 8th - June 5th, 2016

In support of the pro-life, family resource ministry at TryLife Center in

Lower Burrell, Puckety Church is conducting a 4-week "baby bottle" campaign. Please take the baby bottle home with you at the end of the service, and ask your family members to put their loose change in the bottle. Return the bottle to church on Sunday, June 5th, 2016.

Remember, your loose change can change a life!

Thank you.

Questions: Mallory @ 724-339-9399 x105 or admin@trylife.cent



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC: There will be a sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin board for summer "special music". We encourage those of you who have musical talents to share them with the congregation to glorify God. Instrumentalists and vocalists alike are welcomed. Please sign up for one Sunday at this time to allow others to choose their dates. It is always uplifting to listen to others praise through music! Any questions, please contact our choir director, Lorraine Menk, at 724-339-9531.

VNA Hospice volunteers play a vital role in caring for those dealing with terminal illness. Volunteers sit with patients to allow family time out of the home, they also visit hospice patients who live in area nursing homes. They read, play music and provide support. **We are in need of volunteers in your area!** For more information, please call Tammie Cramer at 724-431-3502 or toll free 1-877-862-6659.

PEOPLES LIBRARY is now collecting good used books for its annual book sale on July 14-17. Books may be dropped off at the New Kensington or Lower Burrell branches, area grocery stores and post offices. We will collect: hardbacks, paperbacks, recent magazines, CDs and DVDs.

Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst



Confirmation (in the Christian Church) refers to the rite at which a baptized person, especially one baptized as an infant, affirms his or her Christian belief and is admitted as a full member of the church. It is the moment a youth takes ownership of his or her own faith journey. In Redstone Presbytery, we are blessed to have Pine Springs Camp, which holds a special confirmation retreat in April each year. On a snowy April weekend, approximately 12 youth and adults made the trek up to PSC to learn about the Presbyterian Church and each other.

Taylor Barner, is an M.Div. student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and candidate for ordained ministry in Redstone Presbytery. He had this to say about the retreat: "Well I saw a group of students from three different congregations who were actively engaging with one another and with Jesus Christ through a series of teamwork activities, topical lectures, and group worship. We discussed many topics such as the importance of Scripture, Presbyterian polity, and the Sacraments. We bonded over meals and goofy games and it was easy to see the growth and excitement within the students throughout the retreat." Welcome to all who are being confirmed to church membership this spring! Want to learn more about how your church can participate? Contact our Presbytery office via redstone.org or on Facebook!

**Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...
Change the World...Together!**



THE MEN OF PUCKETY SINGING FOR MOTHER'S DAY!!

Puckety Presbyterian Church

1009 Puckety Church Road

Lower Burrell, PA 15068

(Return Service Requested)

Last Day For:



Post Scripts

Information:

Third Wednesday
of the month.

Bulletin Information:

The Tuesday before the Sunday the
article is to be announced

REMINDER:

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Children's Church 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.

Every Sunday ☺

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