

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.

Childrens' Church 10:00 a.m.



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Pastor's Paragraphs

By Interim Pastor Doug Marshall

Interim – the time between, a temporary or provisional arrangement. I am now the Interim Pastor at Puckety Presbyterian Church, the Pastor between pastors, the one who fills in between your previous pastor (Kirk) and your next Pastor (at this point only God knows his/her name). However, I see the job as more than just filling in and keeping things going until the next pastor is called. I'm also here to help Puckety prepare for its next pastor, to make whatever changes are needed so that the next pastor can be successful.

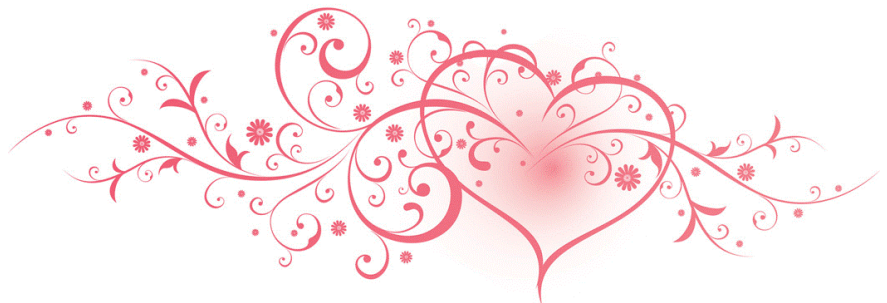
Change is an inevitable part of life, yet change is also difficult which means that the interim time can be stressful and challenging. However, the interim also provides an opportunity for the church to make changes and grow in new ways. The changes we make together are ones that need to be intentional, so that we can function better as a church as we try to share the good news of Jesus with a world that has changed radically over the past generation.

As Christians we are always in an interim time – the time between Christ's first coming, his life, death, and resurrection, and before his second coming. Life here as we know it is an interim. It is temporary, with changes happening all the time around us. We are constantly waiting – waiting in traffic, waiting for test result for the doctor, waiting to find out if our kids were accepted into a school, waiting in the check-out line at the store, waiting to hear if we got the new job, waiting and waiting...

In the meantime, while we wait, let's use this time to grow and change. Let's spend time in prayer, asking God what changes we need to make and how we are called to grow, both as a church and as individuals. Let's be gracious and loving toward one another. Above all, as we wait "let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

I'm looking forward to spending this interim time with you, sharing in our common life, faith and worship of Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior.

In Christ, *Doug*





In February

4 Beth Dober
11 Scout Sunday
18 Vince Appleman
25 Cliff McKay

Your Session:

Debra Artman
Sue Close
Sophia Earhart
Rebecca Fisher
Jolene Kostelansky
Doug Marshall
Mike Tatem
Matt Wehrle
Chuck West

Corporate Officers:

President: Sophia Earhart
Vice-Pres.: Matt Wehrle
Secretary: Debra Artman
Treasurer: Donna Bracken

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.

Your Deacons:

Vi Adamsky
Sandy Ankney
Lori Antonacci
Beth Dober
Mick Dober
Lauretta Lockwood
Brenda McAllister
John McAllister
Irene Nelson
Maria Schafer
Denise Wehrle

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor:
Doug Marshall

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

4 Chuck West and
Mike Tatem
11 Boy Scouts
18 Deb Artmand and
Sophia Earhart
25 Jolene Kostelansky and
Sue Close

POWER OF PRAYER

To the family of God here at Puckety: We want to remind you that there are people here at Puckety who are available to pray for you after the worship service and we invite you to take advantage of these opportunities for prayer. We are asking that all who desire prayer to come and be seated in the first or second pew, up by the communion table. This will help us be aware of your desire for prayer. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16b)

Counters Schedule

4 Chuck and Judy West
11 Jolene Kostelansky
and Sophia Earhart
18 Helen Crissman and
Marilyn Crumley
25 Janet Karan and
Deb Artman

NEW ADDRESS:

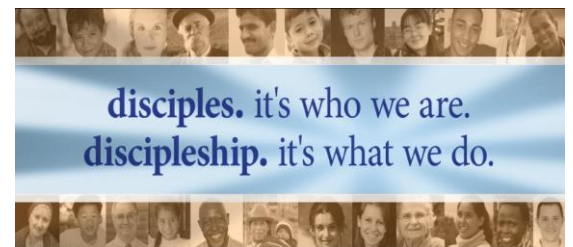
Kirk and Vicki Orr
2310 Frank Gore Road
Little River SC 29566

Please be sure to check the bulletin board outside the church office any time you are visiting the church. It is full of useful information and announcements from throughout the community!

Meals 4 Children Food packing is Wednesdays at 9:30am downstairs in the choir room. **Please be sure to take a schedule on the front of Kelly's desk if you're interested in helping out with this wonderful community ministry!** There is also a copy of the schedule in the Post Scripts each month and on the bulletin board.

Doug Marshall, our Interim Pastor, has a mail slot in the metal cabinet at the top of the stairs for any correspondence you would like to leave him. You can also email him at pastor@pucketychurch.org.

The Discipleship Team has made some changes to our Youth Church program. Starting today, **Children's Church** will be offered during worship for children ages 3-the end of their 5th grade year. Middle and high school students are welcomed and encouraged to worship upstairs with the rest of Puckety's church family. Additionally, Children's Church will run through Sunday May 20th. Pastor Doug will have a Children's Message each Sunday through the summer and Children's Church will resume in mid-August or September.



New Connections: If you are interested in learning more about Puckety Presbyterian Church and possibly becoming a member, then you will want to be a part of our upcoming New Connections Class. The class will meet for three weeks, after worship on Sundays, from 11:30 am – 1:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. If you are planning on attending please call the church office and let Kelly or Doug know – 724-339-1323. The class will be led by Interim Pastor Doug Marshall. Childcare is available upon request.

Calling all Senior High Youth. All Senior Highers are invited to join Doug Marshall after worship on Sunday, March 11, from 11:30 am - ??? We'll buy some pizza for lunch, play a few games and talk about what you would like to do in future gatherings, as well as just hang out and relax. I hope you will join us.

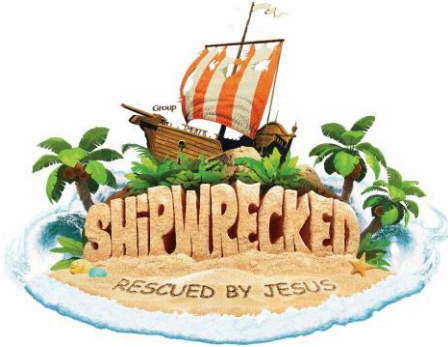


Gary and Sue Close would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards for Gary.

Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School

Who: Children ages 3 years** - 5th grade

When: Mon. June 18th - Fri. June 22nd from 6:00pm-8:45pm



There are many different ways YOU can help, some before VBS, some during...some behind the scenes, some with the kids each night. Either way, to make our VBS as successful as possible, we need YOUR help! Take a look at the opportunities to see where YOU can fit in:

Crew leaders: You are not responsible for teaching the VBS material in this role. They are responsible for taking a group of 5-8 children from station to station, talking with the children in your group, getting to know the kids and share God's love with them!

Bible Story Station Supply Helpers: This two-person team will find, gather, whatever props and things are needed for the Bible Story Teller. This 2-person team would work with the Bible story teller, to ensure that supplies are ready each night. At least one of the two people in this team needs to stay and assist the Bible story teller each evening as the story is told to each crew.

Station leaders: They stay in one place and are responsible for leading one particular thing. We need leaders for the following stations: Imagination Station (Science experiments and Crafts area), the Bible Discovery Station (where the Bible story is told to the children each evening), Snack Factory (the place where all kids and staff come to eat and fellowship), and the Game Makers station. If you are a station leader, all materials and lessons are provided!

Station leader helpers: These people help a particular station leader each night of VBS and possibly help the leader gather/organize materials and prepare the activities for each night.

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.

Head Decorator: This person would be the lead for all the decorating throughout the church and Faith Hall. They would gather other people to help them do the decorating. The Shipwrecked Decorating DVD and Group's website both provide pictures and offer suggestions for how to decorate various areas of the church. Some supplies are ordered and we have some things in the attic, but this person should have some water/shipwrecked ideas to add to what is purchased.

Decorator: These people would work with the "head decorator" to transform the sanctuary and hallways into our shipwrecked theme as well as transforming the Bible Story room into the shore/jungle home for the week of Bible School. Some supplies are ordered and we have some things in the attic, but this person should have some water/shipwrecked ideas to add to what is purchased.

Donation Board Manager: This one or two-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 one or two-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 one or two-person 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

****Children age 3 can attend VBS in the Pre-School class, if they have completed at least one year of a pre-school program.**



Women's Retreat

Come join us Saturday April 14th
for a wonderful time of worship and
fellowship that's just for women!

Cost: \$ 10.00 (includes workbook,
coffee, and lunch).

Watch our website www.pucketychurch.org

and the bulletin for information coming very soon about how to register for

Psalms 23:5 says that when we're in God's presence, our cup overflows with blessings.

Through *Fill Your Cup*, women will experience this truth and discover that when we're filled with God's love, we can't help but overflow and share that love with others!

If you have questions, please contact

Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at rfisher@syfcomputing.com

Meals4Children food drive! We have been running pretty lean in our M4C food inventory recently. With the addition of 25 new recipients, we will begin running short on some items as early as next week. This list below is prioritized according to the items needed most in the near future.

single serving cereal
mac and cheese cups
oatmeal packs
fruit snacks
fruit cups



pasta cups
ramen noodles
breakfast bars
single serving tuna or chicken packs
pop tarts

Food drives are our life's blood for the backpack program

If you know of a business, the place you work, a club or any other group / organization which would be willing to hold a food drive for M4C, please let Matt Wehrle know. He will get you everything necessary to help conduct a successful food drive.

Financial contributions are always welcome. Make a check out to "Puckety Church" and place it (or currency) into an envelope, mark it "M4C" and drop it into the offering plate. You can even make donations online via Paypal by sending a payment to this email address: Meals4Children@aol.com. All monetary contributions are tax deductible.



At the Maundy Thursday service, we are going to have communion by intinction as well as "regular" communion with cups of juice and wafers. There will be a cup of juice and a loaf of bread for those choosing communion by intinction.

SESSION UPDATE

Fellowship & Care – Mike will take over as team leader and work with his wife, Kim

Finance – note income for the past year was down \$12,000 to \$14,000, expenses increased in the last two months – two pastor salaries; the trend is down on giving, may need to revisit stewardship program

Nominating – first meeting on Sunday, January 14; need 1 elder and 3 deacons to fill slate

Evacuation plan – team currently consists of Denise Wehrle, Chuck West, and Jack Barnett, looking for 2 more members

Manse – looking into a program with AVAC to house the homeless for a period of 1 week every so often; participants have strict rules to follow in order to qualify; Matt will talk to Mark Resetar to have him come to church and give a 5 minute talk on the proposal

Use of space – moving forward on Doug and Kelly trading offices; motion to take down the wall between the conference room and the youth office was MSP, Chuck will talk with Vince



Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

February 4:

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalms 147:1-11
1 Cor 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11:

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Cor 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 18:

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:0-15

February 25:

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



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

Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 3 Dylan Meyer
- 7 Joshua Dober
Kirk Orr
- 9 Jodi Piernik
Darlene Miller
- 10 Rodney Schafer
Martha Matisko
- 15 Mark Nelson
- 18 Joshua Johnston
Ron Kapustik
- 19 Karen David
- 24 Vicky Baker
Audrey J. Morrow
- 26 James Heasley
- 28 Kristine Schafer

Burrell Meals4Children Packing Schedule 2017-18

January 31st

February 7th
February 14th
February 21st

February 28th

March 7th
March 14th
March 21st

April 4th

April 11th
April 18th
April 25th

May 2nd

May 9th
May 16th
May 23rd
May 30th

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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED!



Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

JOIN US!
Wednesday,
February
14th at
7:00pm
for worship

New Connections! Are you interested in joining Puckety Presbyterian Church, or learning more about Puckety and what it means to be a member? If so, there will be a New Member / Inquirer Class on three Sundays in February, February 11, 18, 25, from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Childcare will be provided if needed. If you want to join Puckety we would like for you to attend these classes, though there is no obligation to join. This is just an opportunity to learn more about the church and what it means to be a member. Contact the church office (724-339-1323, kelly@pucketychurch.org) to let us know if you plan to come.

Deacon Meeting Minutes of the Puckety Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Our pastor, Doug Marshall attended the meeting.

Denise opened the meeting with prayer.

Our balance as of 12/31/2017 is \$2,951.94.

We had 13 requests for help. We were able to help 4 with rent, love gifts and utilities.

10 Christmas baskets were packed by John, Brenda and Irene. They provided food for 20 adults and 18 children. They were picked up on Saturday December 16th.

There was a discussion about Holiday baskets and who could request and who could receive. Part of the discussion was about if a request was late. They will receive what we regularly give during the year instead of the special holiday basket.

We had 30 children's names from families we have helped throughout the year for the Angel Tree. Most of the gifts were picked up on the same day as the Christmas food baskets.

Denise reported that the neighbor of a member (who the member had requested help for) does not wish us to pursue help.

The McAllister's sent around a Thank You card for the Girl Scouts. They donated pantry items to the Deacons during their cookie kick-off. We voted to donate \$100.00 to the Girl Scouts for "Cookies for the Troops" that is sent through Sam's Pop Shop.

An anonymous gift of \$500.00 was given to the Deacons to give to someone we were aware that was in need. We took care of it.

Denise is continuing to update Deacon duties so they will be clearer. Any persons who are currently assigned a job are requested to list everything they have been doing and give it to Denise.

Ash Wednesday (Wed. Feb. 14) and Maundy Thursday (March 29) will be added to the Usher schedule. Take note: **Communion will be the second Sunday in April because Easter is the first.**

The meeting closed with us praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 6:30pm.





Respectfully submitted, Beth Dober

MEALS 4 CHILDREN

If anyone in the congregation needs food for their children/grandchildren/neighbor kids, etc., please let Kelly Kapelewski or Matt Wehrle know. The program is expanding their outreach to include local kids in need that perhaps aren't in the free lunch program. The food will be available for you to pick up in the church office every Sunday.



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM CS Lewis Class 8:00 PM AA Meeting	29 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM GS Leaders' Meeting	30 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	31 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	3
4 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM THON Spaghetti Dinner 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	5 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 11:00 AM Worship Team Meeting 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	6 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	7 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM M4C Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	8 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	10 Burtner in Faith Hall???
11 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM New Connections Class 1:00 PM McIlwain Baby Shower 8:00 PM AA Meeting	12 Meals on Wheels	13 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	14   Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM M4C Food Packing 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15 1:00 PM Burrellton Garden Club 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	17
 18 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM New Connections Class 8:00 PM AA Meeting	19  Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	20 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	21 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM M4C Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	23 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	24
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