

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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and Improve our Community and World.*

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Pastor's Corner

Well friends, as I write this, I'm just over 24 hours back from Alaska. It was overcast and chilly there almost the entire time, but as soon as I got back to "the lower 48" I immediately felt bad for complaining because I learned how horribly hot and dry it's been. I have quite a few stories to share from Wiebke and my time in Alaska, but I'll focus on this one for now. Early in the trip, during a little shuttle tour of Anchorage, I was fascinated to learn about the 1964 earthquake there. It happened at 5:36 PM on March 27th. I'll tell you the significance of that date and time in just a minute (no Google cheating) ... Across south-central [Alaska](#), ground fissures, collapsing structures, and [tsunamis](#) resulting from the earthquake caused about 131 deaths. Given the sheer magnitude of the quake, this was actually a relatively small number. Nine died as a result of the earthquake itself and another 122 died from the subsequent tsunami all over the world.

You have to understand that in Alaska, they have earthquakes every day, but they're very small (not even perceptible) and last only a few seconds. But on 3/27/64, lasting four minutes and thirty-eight seconds, the magnitude 9.2 [megathrust earthquake](#) remains the most powerful earthquake recorded in [North American](#) history, and the second [most powerful earthquake recorded](#) in world history (effects of it reached through the earth to Australia – I'm not making this up). Six hundred miles (970 km) of fault ruptured at once and moved up to 60 ft (18 m), releasing about 500 years of stress buildup. [Soil liquefaction](#) (yes, the ground actually became a liquid state for all intents and purposes and when it stopped the land was in a very different shape), fissures, landslides, and other ground failures caused major structural damage in several communities and much damage to property. [Anchorage](#) sustained the greatest destruction. But here's the part I'll never forget. I believe all 9 deaths were in Anchorage, but the tour guide said if it would have happened on another day (*or any other Friday for that matter*) at that time, **thousands** more would have died ... Why do you ask? Because the vast majority of those who would have been affected the worst (in the particular residential area hit the hardest) were on their way inland to *Good Friday* services! The tour guide jokingly said, "And the moral of that story, my friends is 'Don't be late to church' ... but it *floored* me ... think about that. From a Christian perspective, that's *not* a coincidence. Think of the staggering providential nature of that ... All of their homes in that area were completely destroyed, but they were in a much safer place when it happened. [*Okay, now you can Google it all you want!*]

Just as that evening thousands were going to worship in that section of Alaska, to remember God saving his people through the cross, those people were also saved from death. [*By the way, remember, there was also an earthquake during the crucifixion on Good Friday, as recorded by the Gospels*]. Many lessons can be learned from that day, such as a reminder that the power of nature cannot be fully predicted or controlled. But even more important is that the power of God is greater, and that the *Lord* is in control of all. Put your hope in God's providential care.

~ Pastor Brian

Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!

Website: www.pucketychurch.org

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Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety

Our next **Prayer Walk** will be Sunday, *August 21st*, after worship. We invite everyone to please join us before the school year begins to take the opportunity to intentionally and fervently lift up our area schools, staff, students & families in prayer. Remember, you don't have to walk to join this prayer time; you can remain in the sanctuary if that's helpful to you. But please plan to be part of the Body of Christ united in prayer for our community.



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!



Musical Notes:

The new choir season will begin in mid-September with rehearsals at 6:30 for about an hour at the start. We will rehearse a week or two and begin our Musical Prayer adventure late September. WE NEED YOU! This is the perfect opportunity to "try it out"... no auditions...just come sing with a joyful heart! We need both men's and ladies voices at this time. If interested you can email me at kirbie1@comcast.net or talk to any choir member. Watch the bulletin for more details as we get closer to the season.



Maria Shafer's daughter, Angela, gave birth to a healthy baby boy on July 14, 2022. Colby Michael weighed 8# 4oz. Congratulations to the entire family!



Sue Close would like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards, and well wishes on her retirement. She is appreciative for the gifts and support and affirmation of her music. She trusted the Lord Jesus that the music would impact our lives and that all of us would be passionate about Jesus.



- 07 Chari Burtner
- 14 Jennifer McKay
- 21 Beth Dober
- 28 Vince Appleman

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

The Burtner family would like to thank everyone for all the cards and condolences, support, and prayers after the passing of Chari's dad, Chuck Hawk.

Your Session:

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Jolene Kostelansky
- Chari Burtner
- Donna Bracken
- Jennifer McKay
- Cliff McKay
- Chuck West
- Kelly Kapelewski
- Marilyn Crumley



Offering counters:

- 8/7: Chuck & Judy West
- 8/14: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 8/21: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 8/28: Deb Artman & Janet Karan

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

Christian Ed:

Jamie Kmett

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! Donna Bracken, Cliff McKay, Sr., Jolene Kostelansky, Wiek and Marilyn Crumley have been recently added.

Save the date: Did you know on August 1st there are only 89 days left until our second Trunk or Treat! That is two months and 28 days to plan your car decorations. That is 2136 hours to talk to your neighbor about attending this event with their kids! Please mark October 29th in your calendar as our Trunk or Treat day! We will need all of you to participate and help us spread the word again so we have another excellent event for the community!



The Bible readings are from "Book of Common Worship"

August 7:

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14:

Jer 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21:

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Lunk 13:10-17

August 28:

Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



- 1 Sandy Ankney
- 3 Todd Johnston
- 9 Kim Soulcheck
- 10 George Davis
- John Fisher
- 12 Nicholas Yohe
- Jessica Guyer
- 13 Kelly Kapelewski
- 15 Janet Yukin
- Marilyn Crumley
- Jack Barnett
- 16 Cooper Spenick
- 17 Julie Teichman
- 19 Sandy Appleman
- 20 Caroline McAllister
- 22 Brennan Sugajski
- 30 Leetha O'Neil
- 31 Laurel Thomm



Our deepest sympathy to the family
And Friends of Jim Johnston who
Passed Away on July 9, 2022.



Join us in Faith Hall after worship
On August 14 for Coffee Hour!
No need to bring anything.
All are welcome!



Sunday Ladies Lunch Out! We invite all the ladies of the congregation, young, old and in the middle, to join us on the last Sunday of the month for a lunch out at a local venue. We will gather after the service and head out to the chosen restaurant. This will be a time to gather, chat, eat and reconnect without having to do any dishes afterwards. If you have any questions please reach out to Denise Wehrle. Our next lunch out will be August 28! Please join us!

Youth Group

The Puckety Youth Group will start up again with their Kick-Off on Sunday, **September 11th** from 6:00 to 8:30 PM - with outdoor games in our field (weather permitting), good food and ideas for the year. Ages 5th grade to 12th grade - spread the word, please invite a friend and join us - drop-off and pick-up outside Faith Hall.



Crafternoon: Did you know that yarn crafting is good for your health? Below are 10 reasons you should give our Crafternoon group a try!

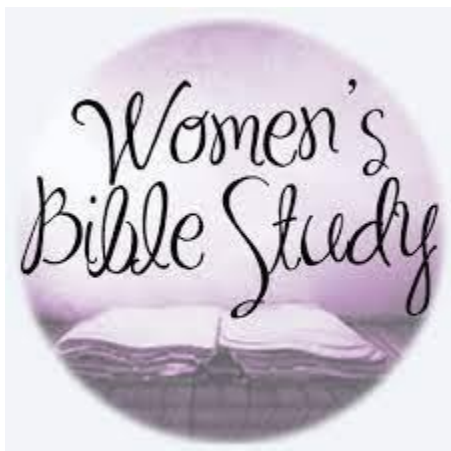
1. Knitting and Crochet relieves depression and help with anxiety.
2. Yarn arts help with fine motor skills, keeps the fingers and hand joints active.
3. Projects Build Self-Esteem.
4. Crafting May Reduce or Postpone Dementia.
5. Knit or Crochet Through Insomnia.

6. Relaxation Reduces Irritability and Restlessness.
7. Crafting as Prayer: Prayer has been proven to have a diverse array of health benefits. Crochet and knitting can be used as part of your prayer process.
8. Yarncrafting Builds Community.
9. Crafting Helps with Grief Processing.
10. Stress-Busting Benefits of Yarncrafting.

Our next meeting is August 14th in the conference room after we get some nibbles at the Coffee Hour. Hope to see you then!

AV Team: Some of our volunteers have had some life events in recent weeks that will make it very hard for them to be able to step in as a slide presenter or the Zoom host. I believe this is an opportunity for any of you who have been on the fence about volunteering for the AV team to give it a try. You may have noticed that there is never just one person in the AV booth during worship and we all help each other out. Please talk to Wiebke if you would like to give Zoom hosting or presenting, not creating, but just moving the worship slides from one slide to the next, a try!

Date	Presentation Creation	Presenter	Sound	Zoom host
8/7/22	Brian	Wiebke	John	Char
8/14/22	Beth	Beth	Zach	Wiebke
8/21/22	Wiebke	Wiebke	Nate	Beth
8/28/22	John	John	Rodney	Wiebke



Women in the Word Sunday Class: The ladies Sunday Bible Study Class will be starting again on September 4th. We will be doing a six week study introducing us to some of the different world religions and how we can speak to our neighbors about our faith in comparison to theirs. We will be meeting after church in the conference room on 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/23, 11/6 and 11/20. Please bring your lunch and your Bible. Please let Wiebke know by August 14th if you will be joining this study so we can get enough materials for everyone.

OUTREACH[®]

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

In an effort to help each person live out our *Mission* and *Vision*, the Outreach Team wants to encourage every person who is part of the Puckety Church Family to become more involved in the various outreach events that are going on.

As such, the Outreach Team is looking for someone to head up our Staff Breakfast. As the head of this outreach event, you would be asked to find one person to handle each of the following:

--make donation sign-ups for each school breakfast

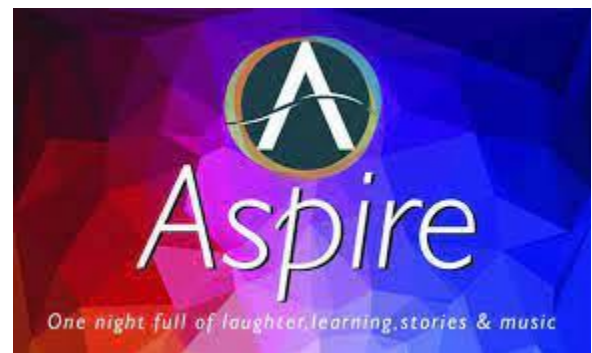
--recruit 4-5 people to make homemade goods (coffee cake, Breads, muffins, etc.)

Goal: be able to give schools all homemade coffee cake, breads, etc. and only purchase donuts/bagels

--purchase items needed but not received

-- communicate packing and delivery dates with Kelly for PS and weekly announcements

As the head of the project, you are *not* being asked to DO all of these yourself! Each person you ask to take one of these jobs would handle that aspect; they'd come to you with questions and you can bring any questions back to the Outreach Team. You'd be asked to work with each of the people above, to help provide the staff of Burrell School District with a special breakfast in September. This is all you'd be asked to do ... we want to be clear in what we are asking each to do so no one is surprised or overwhelmed. Please contact Matt Wehrle or Rebecca Fisher if you are willing to help in this vital part of our Church's mission.



Attention Ladies!!
Aspire 2022 Tour is coming!

FRIDAY, September 23rd
7:00pm

Community Church
Irwin, PA

Aspire is a one-night women's event with 3 ladies taking the stage. Join us for a night full of comedy, music, and Bible teaching! Let Wiebke know if you're interested in attending!

A Devotional For You – Read 2 Chronicles 34:1-4, 33 & 2 Kings 23:3-5, 24-25

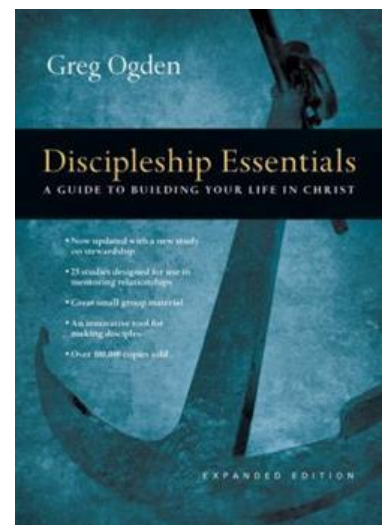
About a month ago, one of our members shared a recent article with me about revival. Since then, it's come back to my mind a couple times, particularly when I've been reading about biblical characters like King Josiah. It's a familiar theme in the Old Testament: God's people, Israel, are called to make a difference in the world and honor God by being a light to the Gentiles (everyone beyond them) – sound familiar? ... At first, they're worshiping God, honoring his Word, "keeping the faith," so to speak, but then ... they backslide, turning to idolatry in many different forms as well as the lifestyle and behavior of the cultures around them. They begin to have amnesia about who they are and *whose* they are. But eventually, at some point in the decline, there arises a remnant of people who see the need and begin to pray. That's how it always starts – with humble, repentant, fervent prayer. In God's own timing, God sends something – often a leader (or several), but sometimes something else, and a time of revival comes. My main point is that we shouldn't associate the word "revival" merely with the old American "Great Awakenings" – that's like only seeing one facet on the diamond of the Holy Spirit's breathtaking work! I'd like to share a short section of the aforementioned article with you – "When God Shows Up in Church" by Dave Butts.

The author writes, "Revival is not strange or mystical. It is simply the Church waking up to the presence of Christ in her midst ... It is God shaking us ... Most churches have all kinds of activities. They've tried all kinds of programs. They've given and done everything the know how to do to get the Church going and to impact society. But in all that has happened in the last fifty years in the US, are we a more moral and ethical nation because of what we've been doing? It's unbelievable when we consider the tremendous acts of sacrifice, service and ministry in the last fifty years in the Church ... We are at a 'wonderful point of hopelessness' in which the Church is beginning to recognize that we have been doing everything we know how to do and it is not working. Which means, it's time for revival. It's time to humble ourselves before God and ask Him to make Himself known to us in the midst of His people." [If you'd like me to share the entire article with you, please just let me know!]






My aim is that you want to do *far more* than learn *about* revivals (in Scripture and in world history). Will you begin praying fervently? Will you lead your family to do the same? Before we can call others to repentance, we have to do it ourselves in great measure. It reminds me of the morning after we got back from Alaska, I got in the shower (not knowing the water heater was out), and the shower was COLD! Not just lukewarm, not tepid, but bracingly, shockingly, cold. It was unpleasant, but got my attention. It stirred me. We need the same from God. Only then, can we bring our intercession and our concern to bear on neighbors and others. We can't do this alone. Are you prepared to reach out to fellow Christians of other churches with whom you rarely interact? Basically, as fast as you learn anything about the subject of revival (start by *unlearning the stereotypes*), then put it into practice. So ... when it comes to Puckety's mission statement: "*We, personally and collectively, honor God, grow in faith, and improve our community and world.*" Is it simply a statement to you, a 'principle' you have learned? Or is it something you are girding with prayer and dressing with action? Imagine yourself among the masses that young Josiah addressed, whom he called to humility and holiness. Are you stirred? Josiah pledged to obey the Lord by keeping all the commands of the Lord "with all his heart and soul," and he moved the people to do the same, making a similar pledge, renewing their covenant with God. Let's unite in a similar common pledge: that we will turn to the Lord with all our heart and soul, obey his Word, and pray for God's Spirit to fall upon this Church and upon all our community. Amen.

"New Member" Small Group

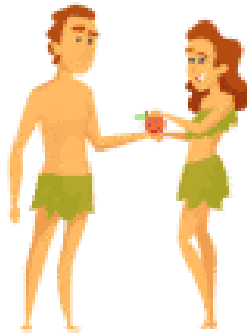
Pastor Brian will be starting a weekly small group – **Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM** – starting on **September 7th**, and meeting *each week* for 10 weeks (finishing by 11/16). It is **open** *not* just to new members, but also open to anyone who would like to get a better understanding of some of the foundational aspects of Christian faith and practice. We will be using the revised edition of Greg Ogden's classic, *Discipleship Essentials*. If you'd like to join the group, *please contact Pastor Brian by August 14th* so he can secure a copy of the book for you (\$10/book). We do ask participants to commit to coming to 8 of the 10 meetings. Any questions, please call Pastor Brian at 724-678-6976.



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:00am Worship 11:00am Ladies Lunch	1 Meals on Wheels 10:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Upkeep Team Meeting	2 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	3 Meals on Wheels 4:30pm Organist Search Team Meeting 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	4 10:00am BHS Marching Band Lunch	5 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 2:00pm Menk Scrapbooking Event	6 Menk Scrapbooking Event
7 10:00am Worship	8 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	9 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Session Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	10 Meals on Wheels 7:00pm Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting	11 Youth Group Pool/Movie Night???  10:00am BHS Marching Band Lunch	12 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	13 3:00pm Kapelewski Birthday Party
14 Coffee Hour 10:00am Worship  12:00pm Crafternoon	15 Meals on Wheels	16 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 7:00pm Sewing Guild 8:00pm N.A. meeting	17 Meals on Wheels	18	19 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 10:00am Worship 11:15am Prayer Walk 	22 Meals on Wheels	23 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 8:00pm N.A. meeting	24 Meals on Wheels 7:00pm Pastor Brian Small Group Meeting	25	26 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 10:00am Worship 11:00am Ladies Lunch 	29 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Worship Team Meeting	30 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 8:00pm N.A. meeting	31 Meals on Wheels	1  Burrell School District 1 st Day of School	2 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	3





Genesis

Bible Word Search



BIBLE WORD SEARCH BY BIBLEPUZZLES.COM

- ABEL
- ABRAHAM
- ADAM
- ARK
- BABEL
- BEGINNING
- BENJAMIN
- BROTHERS
- CAIN
- COVENANT
- CREATION
- DREAMS
- EGYPT
- EVE
- FAMINE
- FLOOD
- GARDEN OF EDEN
- ISAAC
- ISRAEL
- JACOB
- JOSEPH
- LIGHT

- MAN
- MOON
- PHARAOH
- RAINBOW
- SABBATH
- SARAH
- SERPENT
- SEVEN DAYS

- SIN
- STARS
- TREE OF LIFE
- WOMAN

