

## *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.

Children's' Church 10:00 a.m.



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*Post-Scripts*  
a monthly publication

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



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## **Pastor's Paragraphs**

### **"THE OLD/NEW NORMAL"**

Well, when I "signed on" to serve as the Interim Pastor at Puckety, I never imagined that we would encounter together an entirely new scenario in the ways we live out being the Church. Together, we have ventured down this path in the power and presence of our God and we will continue to do exercising faith in our God, yet not seeking to tempt God either. So, as the Pastor and the Session, we covet your prayers.

During this period, you have probably noticed the number of new "terms" that have come into common usage during these unusual times. They become part of our shared vocabulary and our shared experience even though we may not be in contact through physical presence and collective events. Only a few of these include:

- Flattening the Curve
- Contract Tracing
- Social distancing
- Community spread

Yet, my "favorite" among all of these and more is the phrase, the "new normal." A common assumption about this phrase is that there was a consistent way(s) of experiencing life (and church). Based upon our own personal experience, that might have

been the case, but was hardly true in the Church in previous generations or around the world (it is another way of saying that I am accustomed to this way, so that is the way it is going to be). So, while the surrounding environment may have changed dramatically around us, we allowed ourselves to be undeterred in our own practices and means. Then, along comes a pandemic. No longer immune from external realities nor able to ignore them, we have had to adjust and adapt to fulfill our core mission of who we are as the Church.

One of the key opportunities (yes, I said opportunities) of this change "forced" upon us in not only discovering new means of doing "old" things like distributing worship (Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, etc.), BUT also (hopefully) discerning, and using tools to BE the Church in fulfillment of our purpose and priorities. In fact, sometimes "subtraction" (removal) permits us to refocus. As a congregation, we have had the opportunity to intentionally connect with each other (not just rely on Sunday mornings) with Elders and Deacons leading the way (moving beyond just doing the "business" or programming of the church) but engaging in actual shepherding and compassion. No longer being able to rely upon the existing programs as proxies of fulfilling these roles, our congregational leadership have "stepped up."

Consequently, as we consider this "new normal," I am encouraged that we might retain these practices going forward and that we would not easily return to the "normal" as we knew it. The reality is that this "new normal" (although using different means) appears to be a lot more like the "old normal" (some would say in the Book of Acts and elsewhere) based upon the "norms" of God's revelation in bringing the good news in congregations and moving forward. So, this Old/New Normal may just bring us back to Being the Church (albeit through new means).

Blessings,  
Skip Noftzger





## ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICES

In accordance with guidance of the health departments and other government agencies, the session has decided to offer only alternative worship instead of in-person gatherings until further notice. As soon as this changes, we will engage in a comprehensive effort to notify all members and participants of the Puckety Presbyterian congregation. Currently, alternative (online) worship services are planned.

## UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES (<https://zoom.us/j/101971455>)

### **May 3, 2020--- “Virtual” Celebration of the Lord’s Supper; preaching-“Faith as a Verb”-Heb.11**

Please plan on preparing the elements of bread and cup ahead of time in your own homes. During the service, we will gather together around the Lord’s Table to know God’s sanctifying presence among us, changing us, transforming us.

### **May 10,2020--- Ordination and Installation of Officer; preaching-“If It Were Not So”-John 14**

As part of the Sunday morning worship service, we will be ordaining and installing new elders and deacons to serve on the Session and Deacon Board. Please plan on participating and supporting God’s call to service for these members of our congregation.

### **May 17, 2020---Rev. Brian Kilbert; preaching; Congregation Meeting to Follow**

Rev. Kilbert will lead in worship and preach. The service will be followed by a meeting of the congregation to hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and to elect Rev. Kilbert and approve the terms of call for him to serve as the next Pastor of Puckety Presbyterian Church. Pending approval of the Presbytery, his effective start date will be June 21, 2020.

### **May 24, 2020---Where are you seeing God now? preaching—Jesus’ Prayer for Us-John 17**

Beyond the regular liturgy and preaching, there will also be a time for personal testimony to God’s grace and presence as you have experienced during this season of pandemic. Come prepared to offer a witness to our God.

### **May 31, 2020---Pentecost Sunday—Celebration of the birthday of the Church**

Please plan on wearing red as we celebrate the empowering power of the Holy Spirit coming to establish God’s new work through God’s people that we call the Church. Whether we are together in person or online, we will expect God’s Spirit once more to be present.

## OFFERINGS: NOW AS MUCH AS EVER?

When we present our gifts, tithes and offerings each week, they signify our “offering” of ourselves to God. While contributions of finances is only way to represent those lives of gratitude, it is a tangible reflection of our own understanding of God’s generosity and grace to us. So, while we are not meeting in-person, it does not mean that God’s ministry and mission in and through Puckety Church is not continuing. In fact, with the same type of commitments and engagement that there is under “normal” times, there remains during this period of the “new normal.” We ask that you would plan and submit your contributions in response to God’s grace to you. All gifts may be sent through the mail to:

Attn: Treasurer  
Puckety Presbyterian Church  
1009 Puckety Church Road  
Lower Burrell, PA 15608



### Musical Notes:

I feel safe to say on behalf of the faculty choir that we missed singing for the Lord For you and with you at worship! In the meanwhile, here is a prayer for church musicians for these uncertain times:

Bless us, O Lord, Your servants, who minister in Your Church; Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice and show forth in our lives.

Take all our musical prayer we offer during our worship, wherever we may be, and let our prayers rise like incense to your mighty throne. For you hear the intentions and gratitude of our hearts whether we sing alone at home or in our public worship.

For unto You we offer glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



**Pentecost**  
**2020**  
One in the Holy Spirit

**May 31, 2020 WEAR RED!**





**In May**  
**None needed**

**Your Session:**

Chari Burtner  
Jack Barnett  
Rebecca Fisher  
Michelle Gordon  
Charlene McKay  
Jennifer McKay  
Matt Wehrle  
Chuck West  
Mira Whalen

**Corporate Officers:**

**President:** Matt Wehrle  
**Vice-Pres.:** Jennifer McKay  
**Secretary:** Debra Artman  
**Treasurer:** Donna Bracken

**Pastor Nominating Committee:**

Deb Artman  
Mick Dober  
Sophia Earhart  
Rebecca Fisher  
Kelly Kapelewski  
Brenda McAllister  
Cliff McKay, Sr.

There is no May calendar in this edition of the Post Scripts because we aren't permitted to open up the buildings as of yet. Meals on Wheels and Meals 4 Children are the only groups permitted in the buildings at this time.

**Your Deacons:**

Sandy Ankney  
Mick Dober  
Pat Fish  
Margie Hazlett  
Traci Kirchartz  
John McAllister  
Cecil McCutcheon  
Brandy Roland  
Maria Schafer  
Kim Soulcheck  
Peg Uhing  
Jean Welte

**CHURCH STAFF**

**Interim Pastor:**

Richard "Skip" Noftzger

**Administrative Secretary:**

Kelly Kapelewski

**Treasurer:**

Donna Bracken

**Choir Director:**

Lorraine Menk

**Organist/Pianist:**

Sue Close

**Housekeeper:**

Irene Nelson

**Financial Secretary:**

Judy West



**None Needed**

**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 contact the church office or let us know during Worship on Zoom!



OFFERING  
COUNTERS

**None Needed**



If you missed getting Girl Scout Cookies or would like to donate a box to "Cookies for Our Troops", check the bulletin board across from Kelly's office! Cookies are \$5.00 a box and there is an order form on the board. You would be supporting Troop 20130 which meets at our church on Tuesday nights. Thanks in advance!



If you have any issues requiring Pastoral care, please feel free to reach out to our Interim Pastor, Rev. Skip Noftzger. His contact information is [noftzger@gmail.com](mailto:noftzger@gmail.com); 724.833.0340 or you can always call/email the church office.

Like and follow us on Facebook for updates and info on activities and events as well as announcements!



### **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.

### **FELLOWSHIP AND CARE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020**

June 14 – Coffee Hour  
June 28 – New Pastor Installation July 12 –  
Church Picnic August 16 – Coffee Hour  
September 13 – Coffee Hour  
September 26 – Bonfire  
October 25 – Soup and Salad Luncheon November 8 –  
Veterans Luncheon

**MAKE NOTE OF THESE AWESOME OPPORTUNITIES TO FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR  
PUCKETY CHURCH FAMILY!**

**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and mandates from the Governor of Pennsylvania, the office of Puckety Presbyterian Church will be closed until further notice. Do not enter the building. You may email or call the office. Kelly will be checking messages.**



The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

**For the week of:**

**May 3:**

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

**May 10:**

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

**May 17:**

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

**May 24:**

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

**May 31:**

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Cor 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23



If you are not currently on  
our email list and would like to  
receive our weekly Friday  
morning emails that briefly  
describe the upcoming Sunday  
sermon and contains  
important announcements for  
future events, please email  
the office at  
[kelly@pucketychurch.org](mailto:kelly@pucketychurch.org) and  
we would be glad to add you!

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# Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 1 Morgan Girard
- 2 Dean Hurlbut
- 3 Joy Burd  
Jean Morrow
- 4 Jessica Yohe  
Jolene Kostelansky
- 5 Kayla Johnston
- 9 Scott Johnson
- 10 John Matisko
- 11 Vicki Orr
- 12 Vince Appleman
- 13 Matt Wehrle (son)
- 14 Ami Zellefrow
- 17 Matthew Johnston  
Brittany Meyer
- 18 Braden Serene
- 19 Anne Mann
- 20 Janet Zxailai
- 24 Pat Fish
- 25 Laura Such
- 27 Evan Chen
- 29 Jean Welte  
Nancy Ellen Law



The Fellowship and Care  
Team would like you to  
Submit your favorite  
Recipes for a Puckety  
Church Cookbook! It  
Will be gifted to our new  
Pastor when he Arrives  
as a welcome To  
Puckety gift. More  
Details to follow. . .





## **GOING FORWARD**

As a Session, we have begun plans for what it might look like when some restrictions are lifted. You may be aware that the Governor has provided some benchmarks on a possible phased-in reopening based upon counties and regions. This system uses the familiar “red”(which we are in currently across the state), “yellow” (which might be implemented in particular counties after May 8) and “green” (which might

be greater opening, but still with mitigation). It is possible that in the near future, we might move to a “yellow” phase which will permit group gathering limited to twenty-five and still require physical distancing. We will keep you posted as we go forward as Puckety Church community.

## **ONGOING ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICES**

Puckety Presbyterian Church continues to worship together through virtual connections. We encourage you to connect in your home (<https://zoom.us/j/101971455> ) or let us know by calling the office and we will find a friend with whom you might be able to participate (physically distant over course).

## **DAILY PRAYER**

In certain periods in my life, I have found it helpful to use other resources to structure my own prayer and reading of the Scriptures. More recently, I have begun using the Daily Prayer App put out by the Office of Theology and Worship of the PCUSA. These prayers, psalms and Scriptures for a streamlined version of the ancient daily office with origins in the monastic movement. If you would like to join me, you can participate by Zoom every weekday (M-F) morning at 8:00 a.m. <https://zoom.us/j/9658697269> )

## **OFFERINGS: NOW AS MUCH AS EVER?**

God’s grace is still sufficient, and God continues to provide for our every need. Our response of gratitude (even for stimulus monies) is represented in our weekly gifts, tithes and offerings. They signify the offering of our very lives in service to the Lord Jesus Christ. These offerings continue to be received through mail to:

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## **ELDER/DEACON SUPPORT**

If you are in need of support in any one of a number of ways, please do not hesitate to let us know. One of the Deacons or Elders will be glad to assist you in whatever way that we are able.

## **OUR DAILY BREAD**

If you normally would pick up a copy of the daily bread when you would attend worship services, please let us know through the office (voicemail or email) and we will make arrangements to mail you a copy for this quarter.





Hello from Pine Springs Camp!

We hope that this letter finds you and your family well and weathering the COVID- 19 pandemic better than you imagined. It is a challenge to know how to navigate these difficult times. We are praying God's strength and mercy over this whole situation, especially on those who are sick, unemployed and the front line folks who are caring for people around the clock.

Like you, our hopes and prayers are that this epidemic comes to an end soon. While we are faced with uncertainty over the next weeks we wanted to touch base with the PSC Community to let you know how we are adapting our program schedule in the midst of this crisis. The following changes have been made to the camp schedule:

### **Cancelled Events**

**All scheduled events for May have been cancelled, including retreats, Work Day, the Annual Scholarship Golf Outing and the Staff Homecoming Event.**

### **Summer Camp**

**Because of the uncertainty of when we will be permitted to safely gather again we have decided to run a shortened version of our summer camp schedule. We will begin with Week 5-Long Week, on July 10. We are planning to run Camp Sessions Week 5-9 with a Family Camp Weekend on August 14-16. While we are cancelling Weeks 1-4, there are ample opportunities for any age camper to attend a later session. If you have already registered for camp during weeks 1-4 you should have received a separate letter with specific instructions and information.**

Many of you have understandably held off from registering campers. We would like to offer you two incentives to register for camp now:

1. We are offering the Early Bird Discount of \$20 off to everyone that registers, no matter when you register this spring.
2. You will be given a full refund, less \$25, if we are forced to cancel the summer camp program entirely or if you change your mind about sending your child because of the COVID-19 fallout. (The \$25 fee goes toward online fees and processing, packet distribution and other office costs.) More details about how to receive a refund for this summer will be available May 1, 2020.

**[Click here to go to Camper Registration Link](#)**

Be assured that the Board of Directors and staff of Pine Springs Camp value the safety and health of our camp family above all else. To that end, we are seeking the guidance of state health agencies and camp health professionals to develop new protocols for safety and sanitation at camp. We will be implementing best practices in health management, camp operations and camper safety.

While we understand the urge to wait to see what happens, we need to make timely decisions based on how many campers we anticipate having this summer. Registering now will enable us to know how many staff to hire and to anticipate summer programming needs. Plus we rejoice when we see camper registrations in our inbox and mailbox! Our sincere hope is that we will be able to see you this summer amidst cheers of "Welcome to Camp!"

We hope to hear from you soon! We praise God for our Pine Springs Camp family!

On May 17, Rev. Brian Kilbert will lead us in worship and preach. The service will be followed by a meeting of the congregation to hear the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and to elect Rev. Kilbert and approve the terms of call for him to serve as the next Pastor of Puckety Presbyterian Church. Pending approval of the Presbytery, his effective start date will be June 21, 2020.

### Introducing Brian Kilbert...

Rev. Kilbert has been a Presbyterian pastor for 15 years. He received a *B.A.* from Grove City College (2001) in *Christian Thought* and a *Masters of Divinity* from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2004). He has served three congregations in two separate calls: Fairview Presbyterian and First Pres. of Newell, WV (2004-2009) and Center United Presbyterian Church in Midway, PA (2009-2020). He has served two Presbyteries (Upper Ohio Valley and Washington) on various



committees, including a term as Vice Moderator and then Moderator of Washington Presbytery. His wife's name is Wiebke (pronounced Veeb-ka). Brian and Wiebke have been married for 12 years. His daughter Renee is 21 and currently lives in Jacksonville, FL. Now the "children of the house" are their pets - a black Labrador named Talia and 3 cats: Mossy, Remy and Tenure. Pastor Brian loves both being outdoors with the natural beauty of God's Creation (including a goal to visit and explore many National Parks) and he enjoys reading of various genres. His favorite author is C.S. Lewis. Theologically, he is strongly rooted in the historical Reformed tradition. Support of both the local and global Church is close to his heart – he has visited Mexico, Scotland, Malawi and Kenya to encourage and minister with Christ's Church in those places. Pastor Brian is also an *avid* comic collector – mainly Silver Age (1955- 1975), but he *still* collects and enjoys modern comics as well. He enjoys finding inroads in pop culture from which to discuss the gospel and spiritual issues. He would be happy to share his "geekdom" with kindred spirits. Wiebke works at De-Tech Packaging as a sales & customer service manager. She **loves** to crochet, enjoys kickboxing and is an ordained Deacon in the PCUSA. Although she is proud of her Cleveland hometown, have no fear she is a Steelers fan. Her ministry passions are Women's Studies and helping others on the road to financial freedom as a facilitator for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

Below are the terms of call for the candidate being brought by the PNC. There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on May 17, and members of Puckety Church will be able to vote on calling Brian as our next pastor.

More detailed information on events for Saturday May 16 and Sunday May 17 will be coming in the form of a mailing; it will also be sent out via email.

### Terms of Call for Brian Kilbert

| Brian's Terms of Call                                                   | Amount              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Base Salary                                                             | \$37,500**          |
| Housing (manse equivalent)                                              | \$11,500            |
| Housing (non-taxable housing allowance)                                 | \$3,000             |
| Board of Pensions dues (includes: vision, dental, medical, and pension) | \$20,145            |
| Social Security                                                         | \$3,978             |
| Study Leave                                                             | 2 weeks \$1,000     |
| Vacation                                                                | 4 weeks + 4 Sundays |
| *One time moving cost                                                   | \$3,000             |
| Total Cost to Congregation (for this year)*                             | \$80,123            |
| Total Cost to Congregation                                              | \$77,123            |

\*\*Effective Salary: \$52,000 (Total of base salary, and both housing lines).



## May 10,2020--- Ordination and Installation of Officers

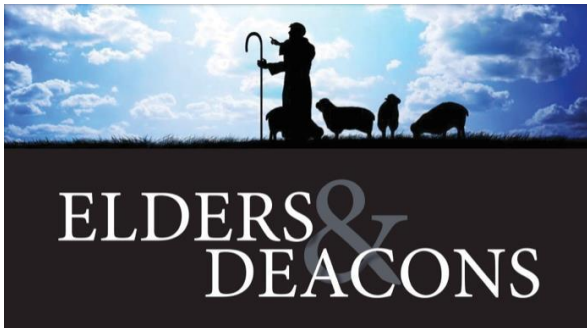
As part of the Sunday morning worship service, we will be ordaining and installing new elders and deacons to serve on the Session and Deacon Board. Please plan on participating and supporting God's call to service for these members of our congregation.

### Elders for the class of 2023:

Chuck West (accepted his second term)  
Chari Burtner  
Mira Whalen

### Deacons for the class of 2023:

Jean Welte (accepted her second term)  
Cecil McCutcheon  
Pat Fish  
Kim Soulcheck



Please pray for and support those newly elected as we move forward as a church family and continue to glorify God through Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism.

