

## *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.

Zoom/video at [pucketychurch.org](http://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.*

**May 2021**

### Pastor's Corner

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So, I realized something today. In just a month, I will have been here at Puckety for one year! [I candidated and was voted in on May 17<sup>th</sup> last year]. That feels a bit crazy. On one hand, the pandemic has been going on the entire time, and has seemed to “take forever.” On the other hand, it feels hard to believe that a year has gone by so quickly. All that to say, I’m incredibly grateful for how God has worked, and how the people of Puckety have ministered to me and with me. I started shortly after “Ascension Day,” which is appropriate because of the words of Jesus commemorated that day, said to his disciples (known as the *Great Commission*):

“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the commands I have given you.” (Mt. 28:18)

I say it’s appropriate because those are our marching orders as a church, and they parallel our own congregation’s mission statement: “to honor God, grow in faith, and improve the community and world.” So, I hope you’ll agree with me that this Ascension Day (May 13<sup>th</sup>) is a great time to recommit ourselves to the mission Christ has given us. As your pastor, I want to do more than encourage that in a vague and formless way, but challenge all of us to live it out in deliberate and concrete ways. Here are three ways we can do it:

\*Honor God - there are a number of teams that are seeking more partners to follow God’s vision for the next 3 to 5 years (Session, Discipleship, Outreach and AV to name a few). We know God is able to provide. Now, we want to honor God with our hearts and hands. Please take the initiative.

\*Grow in Faith – a new round of Life Groups will be starting soon – take advantage of the **Life Group Training Event** (Sat. May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10 to 11:45 am in the sanctuary) to see how you can join a group or help facilitate one. If you attended the last training and found it helpful, I challenge you to think of **at least** one person to encourage attending on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (maybe offer to go with them and discuss over lunch after). Christ’s model in the Great Commission was not simple addition but multiplication, so help us multiply these contexts where spiritual growth happens.

\*Improve our Community & World – the Outreach Team has a bunch of opportunities on the bulletin board in the hallway (help for the Light of Life Mission, upcoming prayer walks for the school, support for Young Life). We’d be happy to explore any of these with you.

## Puckety's current *Life Groups* include:

\**Ministering through Spiritual Gifts* - led by Rev. Brian Kilbert (will start late Aug./early Sept. - please inquire as to topic & time – 724-678-6976)

\* *Bad Girls of the Bible* – led by Wiebke Kilbert (beginning May 19th. This group meets every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM in Faith Hall. Please let Wiebke Kilbert know if you want to join the study and need the book at 724-799-3323.)

\**Bracken Bible Study on Romans* – led by Donna Bracken (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @1:00pm).

\**Men's Group* - led by Matt Wehrle and Mick Dober Dober (please inquire as to next topic & when group starts – 724-396-6775)

\**Daniel Plan* (Fitness & Faith - movement based) led by Alice Knopfel (every Tuesday at 2:15 or 3:45pm.)

*Please call the church office or Pastor Brian (724-678-6976) to inquire about availability, and other upcoming groups etc.*



Our next gathering will be Saturday, May 1 @ 8:30 AM! Grab your mask and your crafts and join us in the conference room!

***Remember to check Puckety's website and social media for information on upcoming events and encouragement!***

Website: [www.pucketychurch.org](http://www.pucketychurch.org)

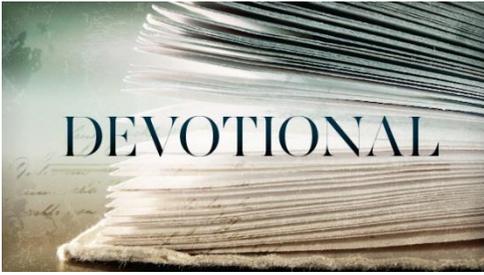
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### From the Session:

We are happy to announce that our own ***Debra Artman*** has been hired for the position of *Church Bookkeeper* (formerly the Treasurer position) - starting this month. We are grateful for her giftedness, and look forward to working with her in the ministry and mission of Puckety Church. God bless you, Debbie - to all the ends the Lord has for you and his Church!



## Devotional ~ Read 1 Samuel 2:1-8

Since Mother's Day is almost here (May 9<sup>th</sup>) – husbands/kids, you're welcome for the reminder (wink) – I thought it good to include a devotional about a particular mother in the Bible: Hannah. You may be familiar with how Hannah

was barren, how she grieved and prayed to the Lord, how she conceived and gave birth to Samuel, who would later become a Judge and Prophet of Israel.

But not as many are as familiar with her amazing prayer in chapter 2 – full of passion, conviction, and great theology to boot. Hannah's prayer shows us that all we have and receive is on loan from God. Hannah might have had many excuses to go back on her promise to the Lord and become a possessive mother. But when God answered her prayer, she followed through on her promise to dedicate Samuel to God's service.

She discovered that the greatest joy in having a child is to give that child fully and freely back to God. She entered motherhood prepared to do what all mothers must eventually do – let go of their children. When children are born, they are completely dependent on their parent(s) for all their basic necessities. This causes some parents to forget that those same children will grow toward independence within the span of a few short years (*short from the parents' perspective anyway*). Being sensitive to the different stages of that healthy process will greatly strengthen family relationships; resisting or denying that process will cause pain, in one form or another. We must gradually let go of our children in order to allow them to become mature, independent (or better, *God-dependent*) adults.

Whether we are a mother, a father, or even if we have no children, let's emulate Hannah in her confidence in God's sovereignty and her thankfulness for all he had done. By praising our loving Lord for all good gifts, we acknowledge his ultimate control over all the affairs of life. Happy Mother's Day to you.

~ Pastor Brian



We want to warmly acknowledge our own *Donna Bracken* on her retirement from the position of Church Treasurer, and thank her deeply and abundantly for the **36 years of faithful service!** God bless you, Donna! How can we begin to show our gratitude for all the ways you've helped the people and mission of Puckety Church?! Please be assured that we will continue to try! Please join us this month in taking the opportunity to thank Donna in person, or through other gestures of appreciation.



- 02 Mira Whalen
- 09 Sophia Earhart
- 16 Michelle Gordon
- 23 Chari Burtner
- 30 Mick Dober

## Your Deacons:

- Mick Dober
- Pat Fish
- Traci Kirchartz
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Maria Schafer
- Kim Soulcheck
- Jean Welte
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Brenda McAllister
- Rodney Schafer

## Corporate Officers:

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

A **Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for *next Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>*, immediately after worship, for the purpose of electing Elders for respective classes. All members are asked to attend.

## Your Session:

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Chari Burtner
- Charlene McKay
- Jennifer McKay
- Matt Wehrle
- Chuck West



### 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

### Media Specialist:

Chris Mason

## Offering counters:

- 5/2: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 5/9: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 5/16: Chuck & Judy West
- 5/23: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 5/30: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley

## 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.



**We ask all members to please bring their own masks each time you enter the church building if possible.**

**This will help reduce waste of disposable masks as well as be good stewards of the ones we have in stock.**



Please take advantage of our weekly online Facebook Live offerings (Puckety's Page):

- Monday at Noon - Children's Book Reading
- Wednesday at Noon - Adult Devotional Study



The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

**For the week of:**

**May 2:**

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**May 9:**

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

**May 16:**

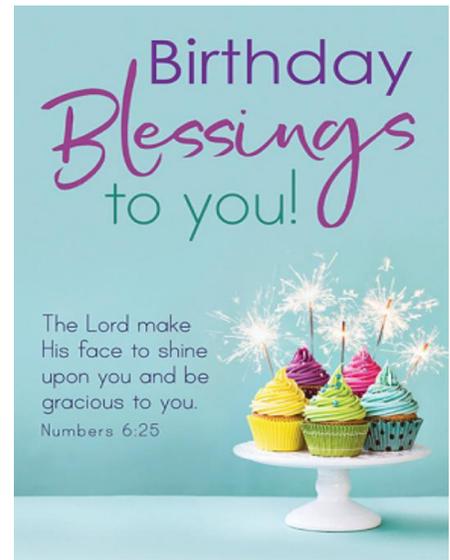
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

**May 23:**

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**May 30:**

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17



The Lord make  
His face to shine  
upon you and be  
gracious to you.  
Numbers 6:25

- 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  
Cheyenne Kirchartz
- 12 Vince Appleman
- 13 Matt Wehrle, Jr
- 14 Ami Zellefrow
- 17 Matthew Johnston  
Brittany Meyer
- 18 Braden Serene
- 19 Anne Mann
- 20 Janet Szalai
- 24 Pat Fish
- 25 Laura Such
- 27 Evan Chen
- 29 Jean Welte  
Nancy Ellen Law

[The Wednesday night Women's Bible Study](#) will be starting a study on "The Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs on May 19th. This group meets every other week at 6:00 PM in Faith Hall. Please let Wiebke Kilbert know if you want to join the study and need the book at 724-799-3323.



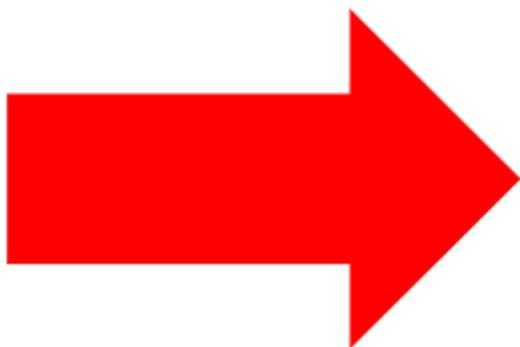
"Musical Notes" from the Choir Director:

As another choir season comes to an end this month, I want to thank God for the ***talents in the church***...Pastor Brian, Sue Close, and all of my devoted singers who work with me in providing musical prayer during such unusual times! So many factors went into what music we should sing this year. ***Yet our faithful Holy Spirit inspired and led the way for all*** of us. Not all were able to come out and sing with us quite yet, so we pray for a return to normalcy soon! In the meanwhile, as we are permitted, ***keep singing and praising with your heart, soul and voice!*** Ladies will sing on Father's Day, and a chart will be posted for special music for the summer. More on that later in May.

**Pentecost** is May 23<sup>rd</sup> - recalling the giving of the Holy Spirit. The word Pentecost comes from a word meaning 'fiftieth.' For Christians, it's a continuation of the Jewish festival of Pentecost, but it falls on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus. Try to grasp its importance. Celebrating Easter with fanfare but letting Pentecost go by with a few whispered prayers, would be like decorating the whole house for Christmas but *not opening any presents* "when the time comes!" If we don't receive the gifts the Spirit brings with *readiness to use them* for Christ's mission, we dishonor the blessing of Pentecost.



The Season after Pentecost is the time of the church year to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit – in essence, *to honor God, grow in faith, and improve our community and world*. This is *why the Small Group training will be held the day before Pentecost (5/22 at 10 AM)* – to make available critical opportunities for disciples ("old" and "new") to become part of groups who meet regularly for that support, equipping, and mobilizing. So, please join us in honoring the Holy Spirit, in fulfilling the purpose of Pentecost. Amen.

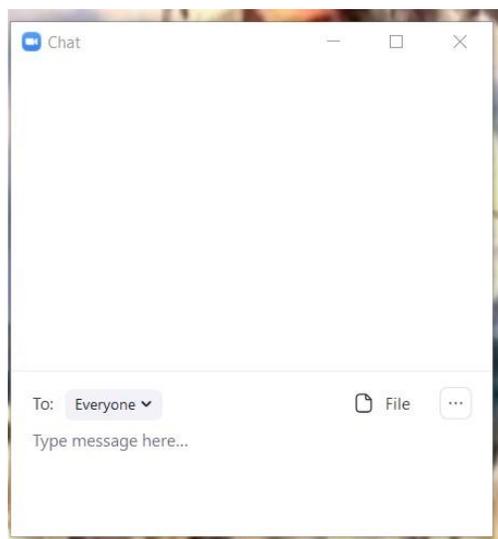
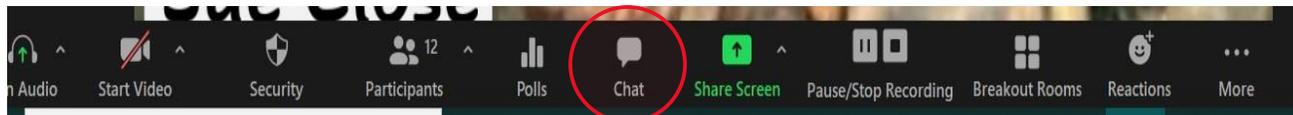


To help the office and the AV Team with knowing which details of an announcement need to go in the bulletin or the slide we have created a new Announcement Request Form. The form will be available via the church website and available from the office to be emailed to you to be filled out. There will be hard copies in the office as well to be filled out and returned. We request that announcement forms be submitted to the office by the Tuesday of the week you want the announcement to run in the bulletin or on the slides.

## AV Corner:

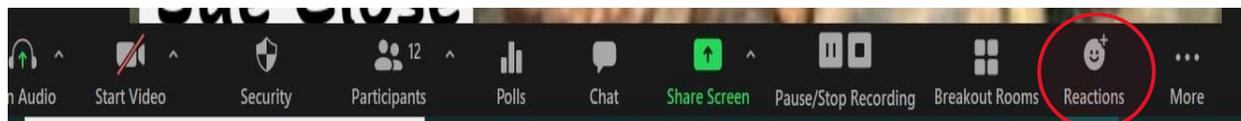
It has been so awesome to see more and more of you in church with us in person on Sunday mornings. We know that Zoom is still being used for worship and will be used in the future for other things. The AV Team wanted to reach out with two more tips for our Zoom video users. These are to help you interact with each other and with anyone leading worship or any other Zoom event.

**The Chat Function:** You may have heard Pastor Brian mention the chat function to share prayer concerns or to let us know if something is not working with the sound. Think of the chat function as your ability to text a message to everyone on the Zoom meeting. This is helpful since the AV team keeps everyone muted once worship has started. At the bottom of your screen where you found your audio and video controls there should also be an icon that looks like this.



When you click on this icon another little screen will pop up. Put your cursor in the bottom section where it says, "Type Message here..." and type in your message. When you hit enter the message will go out and be visible to everyone in the meeting. Please keep in mind that this message goes out to EVERYONE, so do not use this to try and communicate with just one person that is also in the meeting.

The last fun thing we want to teach you is how to use the *reactions*. You may have seen a smiley face, or a heart show up next to a participant. They did that by using the Reactions function. Again, as the bottom of your screen you want to find this button (scroll cursor around bottom to make the bar appear if needed).



When you click on that icon another screen should pop up: Click on any of the pictures and they will show up next to your name on the participants list.



Please let any member of the AV Team know if there is a specific issue or tip you would like us to address in future Postscripts.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<b>26</b> Meals on Wheels 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 10:00 AM Men's Group 4:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>28</b> Meals on Wheels 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 7:00 PM Spiritual Gifts Small Group	<b>29</b> 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26605 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 12:00 PM Menk Scrapbooking Event	<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Menk Scrapbooking Event
<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Outreach Teacher Breakfast Prep	<b>3</b> Meals on Wheels 6:45 AM Outreach Teacher Breakfast Delivery 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 10:00 AM Men's Group 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 6:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Outreach Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>5</b> Meals on Wheels 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Spiritual Gifts Small Group	<b>6</b>  National Day of <b>PRAYER</b> 7:00 AM Young Life 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 AM Young Life 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program	<b>8</b> Fellowship & Care??? 7:00 AM Young Life
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30  <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> 10:00 AM <i>Worship</i>	31 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	1  9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Outreach Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	2 Meals on Wheels 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program	3 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program	4 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM BHS Modified Instruction Program	5

