

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



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.*

August 2021

Pastor's Corner

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I want you all to know that I'm already getting pretty excited about turning the calendar page to September! Yes, it's nice to enjoy the Summer, but there's something about being able to take advantage of Fall opportunities that just weren't possible last year! These kinds of things were just discussed at the Grow in Faith Get-Together on the 31st. Puckety's *Life Group* facilitators and some of the Session members talked about the new subjects that some of the small groups will be doing this Fall ... and the Christian Ed. Breakfast on Sun. Sept. 12th at 9 AM for everybody, and the youth group kick-off for middle school and high school students on Sept 19th! These are just a sampling of the opportunities before us, but we can't accomplish them without your help. *For example*, if you're not yet part of a **small group**, I encourage you to plug into one. If you're a bit more active, consider being one of the volunteers on rotation for the **youth group** – we need adults to pair up with me each week (Sundays from 6 to 8) – to encourage the kids to participate, keep them safe, and show Christ's love. We also need folks to

join the **Children's Church team**, because we want to be able to offer it every week once we hit September. Consider the spiritual gifts God has given you, and use them in loving obedience (= faith).

Now's the time to get God's family back into full-swing, and we can only reach others beyond our walls if we're prepared. Use things like the upcoming Prayer Walks toward that end. Again, I'm excited, because I see so many "snapshots" of our mission statement ready to capture ... "to personally, and collectively, honor God, grow in faith, and improve our community and world." Don't wait till Labor Day! Start praying and make yourself available to the Lord's leading today. Amen.

~ Pastor Brian



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC! THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD! JUST CHOOSE A SUNDAY TO OFFER AN INSTRUMENTAL, VOCAL, OR EVEN POETRY READING TO MUSIC. ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE CONGREGATION!

Puckety Church's current Life Groups include:

**Bad Girls of the Bible* - led by Wiebke Kilbert - (*every other* Wed.) - please inquire as to times & details: 724-799-3323.

*Bracken Bible Study on *Romans* (*every other* Tuesday at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room)

**Daniel Plan* (Praise Motion & Fitness) led by Alice Knopfel (*every other* Tuesday at 2:15 PM in Faith Hall) - call 412-400-9463.

**Men's Group* led by Matt Wehrle and Mick Dober (Mondays at 10 AM)

**Saints of the Bible Speak* - led by Rev. Brian Kilbert - next group will start Sept. 8th (Wednesdays at 7 PM) focusing on women in Scripture and the lessons we can *all* learn from them - open to new participants: 724-678-6976.

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

Website: www.pucketychurch.org

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Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety

From the hearts and hands of the Session



We did not have a meeting in July, but several of the committee/teams have been hard at work. For example, multiple interviews have been conducted for the Christian Ed. Coordinator. We ask your continued prayers regarding this important ministry partner role! If God wills it, we hope to present a candidate by mid-August, with a start date in September. But this is all contingent on a very important reality: the fact that this person will need the active support of regular volunteers in the respective areas of small groups, children & youth ministry, and the discipleship focus of our mission statement – “to personally, and collectively ... GROW IN FAITH.” Please be praying about how God is calling you to participate with our CE coordinator!





Devotional for You ~ Read *Psalm 129* & *Isaiah 53:7-12*

Let me start with a quote that I strongly resonate with - from one of my favorite authors, Eugene Peterson: “*Stick-to-itiveness* is one of the more inelegant words in the English language, but I have a *special fondness* to it. I heard the word a great deal when I was young, mostly, as I recall from my mother. I was a creature of sudden but short-lived enthusiasms ... It was during these rather frequent transitions from one enthusiasm to another that I was slapped with the reprimand, ‘Eugene, you have no stick-to-itiveness. You never finish anything.’ Years later, I learned that the church had an older, fancier word for the same thing: *perseverance*. I have also found that it is one of the marks of Christian discipleship and have learned to admire those who exemplify it.” (*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, p. 125.)

Psalm 129 is the declaration of Israel (God’s people) that they’ve been knocked down for centuries, but they haven’t been knocked out. A contemporary paraphrase of Ps. 129: 2 reads, “They’ve kicked me around ever since I was young, but they never could keep me down.” The point? God’s people are tough. Do you think of Christian faith as a fragile style of life that can flourish only when ‘weather’ conditions are just right [*how many of you have flowers that have wilted a bit and dried up like mine in the heat of the summer?*] ... OR, do you see our faith as a tough perennial [I love perennials – like a plant form of God’s grace] that can stick it out through storm and drought, survive the trampling of careless puppy feet and attacks from groundhogs?

Here is the biblical writer’s view: “He grew up before God, a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field ... He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, knew pain firsthand” (Isa. 53:1-3 – The Message). It’s a portrait of rejection and persecution. What could come of such treatment. The world would have us believe not much. Yet look at the results (*this is worth reading in multiple translations by the way*): “He’ll see life come from it, life and more life, and God’s plan will prosper through what he does. Out of that terrible travail of soul, he’ll see that it’s worth it, and be glad he did it (Isa. 53:10-11). The person of faith outlasts all the oppressors. Faith lasts. For long centuries those who belong to the world have waged war against the way of faith, and they have yet to win. They have tried persecution and ridicule, torture and exile, but the way of faith has continued rooted and robust.

In case you ever doubt that [*and we all eventually do*], look to Jesus – God gave us his Son, to go through *all* he did, to prove beyond doubt for all time, the truth of *Psalm 129*. It’s not theory anymore people; it’s not a theological principle or corollary – it’s an incarnate (in-the-flesh) truth. If you’re thinking, “Well, yeah, but Jesus was divine; he was God, I’m only human.” I have one word for you – Paul. Seriously, read the second half of Acts, read 2 Corinthians (chs. 4 & 11), and you’ll see the truth fleshed out there too. And don’t say, “Well, Paul was almost superhuman” – no; that’s a lie our spiritual enemy, the Accuser, would love you to believe. The truth is: this is the *nature of faith*. *Stick-to-itiveness*. *Perseverance*. *Patience*. The way of faith is not a fad that is taken up in one century only to be discarded in the next. It lasts. It is a way that works. It has been tested thoroughly – because *God sticks with us!* Thanks be to God.

- Pastor Brian

The Second Annual Ladies Advent Brunch: Mark your calendars ladies, the Second Annual Ladies Advent Brunch will be held on Sunday December 5th from 11:30 to 2 PM. The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will be hosting this event and we will be adding a few more elements this year. Please prayerfully consider a friend or family member to invite. We will be focusing on finding some Quiet Moments at Christmas.



- 01 Beth Dober
- 08 Mick Dober
- 15 Vince Appleman
- 22 Jennifer McKay
- 29 Maria Schafer

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:** Chuck West



Your Session:
 Deb Artman – Clerk
 Chari Burtner
 Charlene McKay
 Jennifer McKay
 Matt Wehrle
 Chuck West
 Kelly Kapelewski
 Irene Nelson



Offering counters:

- 8/1: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 8/8: Chuck & Judy West
- 8/15: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 8/22: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 8/29: Janet Karan & Deb Artman

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

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.





The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

August 1:

2 Sam 11:26-12, 123a
Psalm 51:1-12
Exod 16:2-4
Eph 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 8:

2 Sam 18:5-9,15, 31-33
Psalm 130
1 Kings 19:4-8
Eph 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 15:

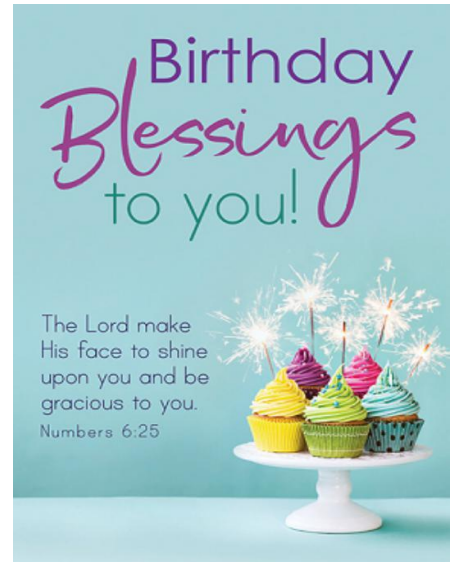
1 Kings 2:10-12,3:3-14
Psalm 111
Prov 9:1-6
Eph 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 22:

1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11
Psalm 84
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Eph 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 29:

Sol 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Deut 4:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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

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

Saints of the Bible Speak - the book for Pastor Brian's small group is in: Women of the Bible Speak.

Group members are reminded to pick up their book (\$9) sometime in the next couple weeks. First

meeting is Wed. Sept. 8th.



As the heat turns up some of us are already thinking of the cooler nights of fall. The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study would like to invite you to start thinking about how you might decorate your car for Trunk or Treat. We will be hosting this event on Saturday October 30th from 2-4 PM. What is Trunk or Treat you ask? We know that some of us live in homes that kids do not visit to trick or treat. We also know there are kids that live in places where they cannot go out trick or treating. Trunk or Treat brings everyone together for some Halloween fun. You bring your car, a bunch of candy, a comfy chair and we show you where to park in the parking lot. You can choose to come in costume and even decorate your car. Then we invite the kids of our community to come and walk from car to car in costume and trick or treat in a safe place during daylight hours. Please see Wiebke or Kelly with questions or if you want to reserve your spot for this event.



Donna Bracken wishes to thank everyone for the gift of the beautiful new desk upon her retirement! It's just wonderful how gracious this Puckety family is and she is truly grateful.

Musical Notes from Your Choir Director:

Stay tuned for information for the start up of our choir season at Puckety!

Have you ever noticed the little numbers under hymns such as "8.6.8.6." or "8.7.8.7"? And you scratched your head wondering what those numbers meant? The numbers indicate a hymn meter which is the **number of syllables** for the lines in each stanza of a hymn. Having this information permits a musician to **"marry" one song's lyrics with another song's melody.**

Try this: sing the following lyrics to "The Church's One Foundation" (7.6.7.6)

Great God of every blessing, (7) of faithful, loving, care. (6)

You are the fount of goodness, (7) the daily bread we share. (6)

Along with the meter numbers, you will see an original, sometimes ancient tune TITLE in ALL CAPS.

This one is called "AURELIA". All of this information is found cross-referenced in the back of hymnals.

Now you can "sing a new song unto the Lord" Ps. 98! Have fun exploring!



***ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT**

- Sept. 12th – “Back to Church” Breakfast (9 AM)
- Sept. 19th – *Evangelism Sunday* (all members challenged to personally invite someone to worship and take them to lunch)
Also ... *Youth Group Kickoff - Pizza & Game Night* (6-8 PM)
- The *Trunk or Treat* event (Oct. 30th – 2-4)
- October 31st – *Reformation Day* – wear your kilt to worship!
- November 7 – *Veterans Luncheon* (after Worship)
- December 5 – *2nd Annual Ladies Advent Brunch* (after Worship)
- December 19 – *Puckety Church Christmas Party* (after Worship)

PA State Clearances! - An important reminder to all who work with children in the church - PLEASE make sure your 2 state clearances are up to date (PA Criminal Background Check & PA Child Abuse Clearance) - they need renewed every 5 years, so if your last clearances were filed in 2017 or earlier, you need to submit new ones. Please visit: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/default.aspx>. If you need further assistance, the church office can provide you an alternative website to apply for them (free to volunteers). If necessary, we may be able to schedule a time for you to come into the office when Pastor Brian or a member of the Administration Team can assist. Thank you.



We plan on having a ***Game & Pizza Night*** to kick-off our youth group on *Sunday, Sept. 19th (6 – 8 PM)* – for students ages 12 to 18. Please help us promote the new group among families with students. In addition, for this ministry to succeed we *need a rotation of adult volunteers* to help each week. Pastor Brian will lead the activities and lesson/discussion, but it’s *necessary* to have *at least* one other adult there each week (Sundays). It would entail arriving a few minutes early (5:50 PM), interacting with the kids to

make them feel welcome, encouraging the kids to participate in activities/discussion, keeping them focused and safe, and light clean up (from 7:50 to 8:00 PM). To be able to offer this group on a weekly basis, we need *at least* 6 adult volunteers – who would be put on a rotation (to serve once every 6 to 8 weeks). If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity for vital ministry to our community families, please reach out to Pastor Brian (724-678-6976 or email: pastor@pucketychurch.org) – he will be very happy to answer any questions you may have. There will also be other ways to support a youth ministry (such as signing up to donate snacks/drink for the group once every 8 to 10 weeks). Please watch the bulletins and bulletin boards for more information. Thank you.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM McMeans Bridal Shower	2 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	3 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 6:30 PM Outreach Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	4 Meals on Wheels 5:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God	5 10:00 AM Burrell Marching Band Lunch	6 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	7 10:00 AM Hecker Graduation Party
8 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Logan Baptism/Party	9 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 5:30 PM MS Group Meeting 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	10 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	11 Meals on Wheels 5:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God	12 10:00 AM Burrell Marching Band Lunch	13 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	14
15 10:00 AM Worship	16 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 4:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	17 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	18 Meals on Wheels 5:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God	19	20 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	21
22 10:00 AM Worship	23 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group	24 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	25 Meals on Wheels 5:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God	26	27 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	28
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Puckety Youth Group Pizza & Game Night



Sun. Sept. 19th 6:00 - 8:00 pm
1009 Puckety Church Rd.
*(between Burrell High School
& Huston Middle School!)*

All Students 12 - 18 yrs. invited!

Please share this flyer as an invitation to the games (*ultimate frisbee, etc.*) and Pizza party! Call 724-678-6976 for more info. **Or email: kelly@pucketychurch.org**