

## *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.

# JULY

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## Pastor's Paragraphs...

### 13 Uncomfortable Questions

I recently was given a devotional written by another pastor that had some wonderful & challenging insights. He claimed that 60 million (60,000,000) Americans who say they are Christians *never* attend worship or participate in their church. Going to church doesn't bring salvation or make one a Christian, and I don't want to be legalistic about worship attendance, but I don't believe it is possible to be a Christian without being part of a church, including its worship and ministry.

The article continued with a series of probing questions, related to the question of why people don't come to worship:

- Are you so strong that you do not need God or the strength and support of God's people?
- Are you that good that you do not need to hear, on a weekly basis, the promises of God's forgiveness and love?
- Are you so busy that you cannot fit the worship of God into your schedule, yet expect God and God's people to fit your schedule when needed?
- Are you so wise that you do not need to be confronted with the wisdom of God's holy Word?
- Are you that bitter about something, maybe even something that occurred years ago, that you cannot let go of your bitterness and honor God by your presence in worship?
- Are you that lazy that you cannot get up and out on Sunday morning to have your life renewed by God's Holy Spirit?
- Are you so sorrowful that you cannot enter God's sanctuary where peace is offered, faith is shared, and hope is proclaimed?

The article then asked a second series of questions to help define "faithful attendance at worship:

- If your car starts one out of four times, do you consider it faithful?
- If the paperboy skips Monday's and Thursday's editions, would they be missed?
- If you fail to come to work two or three times every month, would your boss call you faithful?
- If your refrigerator quits for a day now and then, do you excuse it and say, "Oh well, it works most of the time"?
- If your water heater greets you with cold water two or three mornings a week would it be considered faithful?
- If you miss a couple of mortgage payments in a year's time, would your mortgage company say, "Oh well, ten out of twelve payments is good enough"?

Friends, we are in the middle of what is often the slowest time of the year – summer. Worship attendance & giving often go down during the summer months. I invite you to build the energy and passion we have here at Puckety, and strengthen the Body of Christ by inviting your friends, family, former members, neighbors, and anyone else you can think of to join us for worship. I challenge you to show your love for Christ by "continuing to meet together as some are in the habit of doing, and let us encourage one another – all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25). See ya Sunday at church!



### In July

7 Cliff McKay  
14 Jennifer McKay  
21 Maria Schafer  
28 Chari Burtner

### **Your Session:**

Debra Artman  
Jack Barnett  
Rebecca Fisher  
Michelle Gordon  
Jolene Kostelansky  
Charlene McKay  
Jennifer McKay  
Doug Marshall  
Matt Wehrle  
Chuck West

### **Corporate Officers:**

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

### Pastor Nominating Committee:

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

### **Your Deacons:**

Sandy Ankney  
Beth Dober  
Mick Dober  
Margie Hazlett  
Traci Kirchartz  
Brenda McAllister  
John McAllister  
Brandy Roland  
Maria Schafer  
Rodney Schafer  
Peg Uhing  
Jean Welte

### **CHURCH STAFF**

#### **Interim Pastor:**

Doug Marshall

**Administrative  
Secretary:**  
Kelly Kapelewski

#### **Treasurer:**

Donna Bracken

#### **Choir Director:**

Lorraine Menk

#### **Organist/Pianist:**

Sue Close

#### **Housekeeper:**

Irene Nelson

#### **Financial Secretary:**

Judy West



7 Jolene Kostelansky and  
Chuck West  
14 Rebecca Fisher and  
Jennifer McKay  
21 Jack Barnett and  
Charlene McKay  
28 Michelle Gordon and  
Matt Wehrle

### **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)

### **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.

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!



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

**Upcoming Events Hosted  
by Fellowship and Care –  
*Mark Your Calendars!***

21 July 2019	<b>Church Picnic after service</b>
18 August 2019	<b>Coffee Hour after service in Faith Hall</b>
31 August 2019	<b>Family Bonfire (Time to be announced)</b>
15 Sept 2019	<b>Coffee Hour after service in Faith Hall</b>
20 October 2019	<b>Soup/Salad Luncheon after service in Faith Hall</b>
17 Nov 2019	<b>Coffee Hour after service in Faith Hall</b>
08 Dec 2019	<b>Christmas Luncheon after service in Faith Hall</b>

If anyone has a full-size refrigerator around the house that still works but you aren't using, please consider donating it to the church. We would like to have one here in the church building for when we are having meetings or events to store food and drinks. Thank you!





## Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

### For the week of:

#### July 7:

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

Gal 6:7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

#### July 14:

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Col 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

#### July 21:

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52

Col 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

#### July 28:

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

Col 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13



### PLEASE NOTE:

*There will be no coffee  
time with Doug in the  
months of July and  
August.*

*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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*Puckety Presbyterian Church's annual  
church picnic will be held on Sunday,  
July 21<sup>st</sup>, directly following worship!  
Watch your bulletins for more*

## Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 2 Jackson Aungst
- 4 Bob Bargerstock, Jr.  
Jonathan Szish
- 7 Matthew Praniewicz  
Beth Dober
- 9 David Peters  
Georgianne Bargerstock
- 10 Keira Manges  
Ruth Foley  
Lauren Benish
- 11 Cathy Yohe  
Ralph Baker  
Ellen Fisher
- 13 Matthew Burtner
- 15 Abby Fisher  
Garrett Baker
- 18 Brandy Roland
- 21 Jim Johnston
- 24 Tynia Girard
- 28 Kevin Blandford  
Talor Kapelewski  
Gianna Smith
- 31 Clayton Jones  
Ken Bush

Please include the PNC (Pastor  
Nominating Committee) in your  
daily prayer list!

\*Ask God to work schedules out, so that  
they can meet when needed and all be able  
to participate.

\*Ask God to give them wisdom as they do  
interviews with candidates, to hear what is  
being said as well as what is not being said.

\*Ask God to give them unity of thought  
and mind as they rate/rank candidates, so  
that they would be led to the pastor God  
desires for Puckety.

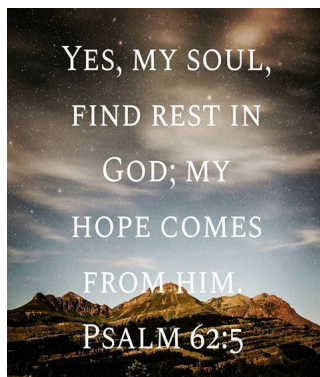
\*Pray about anything else for them that  
God brings to your mind.

Pine Springs Camp asks churches each summer, to be praying for their counselors. The camp offers names of a counselor for any church who is interested in praying for and encouraging a counselor. Puckety will be praying for and encouraging a Geneva College student who is a counselor at Pine Springs this summer. We sent her a card and will be sending another card later in the month. Please be praying for her, and consider writing a personal note to her letting her know that you are praying for her!

Aimee McGillis  
Pine Springs Camp  
PO Box 186  
371 Pine Springs Camp Road  
Jennerstown, PA 15547



**Summer time special music! Please consider sharing your talents with us through reading your favorite Bible verse, acting out a drama, reciting a poem, playing a musical instrument or singing a song! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Solo or group performers are all encouraged to share!**



### ***Our Daily Bread Devotional***

*Large Print for  
July, August, September, 2019*

*The "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available for you, a friend, or relative at all entrances to the sanctuary and on the glass display case near the conference room. Please use the devotional as a way of disciplining yourself to read the Bible every day and reflect on the words of scripture with receptive heart.*

### **Our Finances:**

| MONTH       | INCOME       | EXPENSES     |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| MAY         | \$ 19,179.71 | \$ 15,346.75 |
| YR. TO DATE | \$86,138.68  | \$ 78,453.21 |



## University of Pittsburgh Research Study Seeking Adults Age 60 and Older

The Sustain-Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) study aims to help older adults with **overweight or obesity and pre-diabetes**.

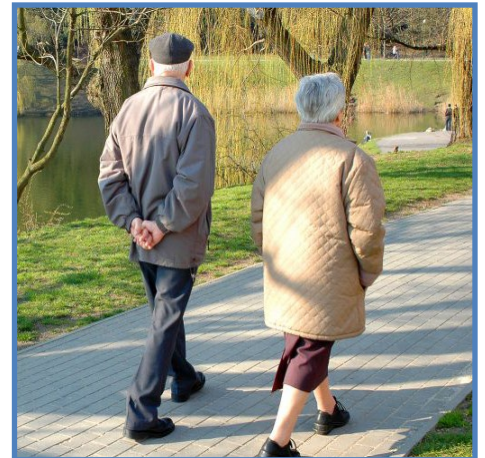
We will study how two long-term weight programs may help you improve your health, physical function, and risk factors for Type 2 diabetes. You may be eligible to join if:

- you **HAVE pre-diabetes** (but not diagnosed diabetes)
- you **are 60 years of age and older**
- you **are overweight or obese**
- you **want to lose weight and become more physically active** (and your doctor gives the OK)

**Screenings will take place at: Puckety Presbyterian Church, Summer 2019. Call to register. NO TRAVELING TO PITTSBURGH!**

### What can I expect as a study participant?

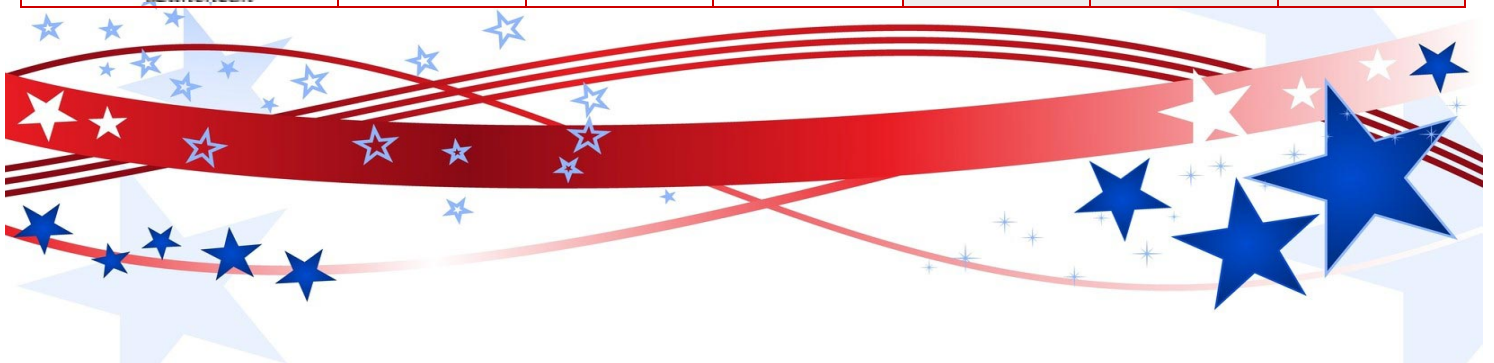
- ✓ **17 group sessions:** 5 in-person at the JCC, the rest by conference call
- ✓ **12 session videos:** view on computer, laptop, tablet, or DVD player
- ✓ All session materials (at no cost)
- ✓ Assignment (by chance) to one of two **monthly phone follow-up groups** (30-minute or 15-minute conference calls) for 18 more months
- ✓ Five **health visits over two years** (every six months)
- ✓ Payment to you for participating in health visits (\$25.00 each)



Interested? Call to ask questions and learn more:  
**Sustain-DPP Office (412) 647-1845**

# July 2019

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                         | Tuesday                                                                                                         | Wednesday                                                                                                                                  | Thursday                                                                                                        | Friday                                                                       | Saturday                                                    |
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| <b>30</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship<br>                                         | <b>1</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br><b>10:30 AM</b> Card Ministry   | <b>2</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b> Bracken Small Group<br><b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting                                   | <b>3</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br><b>10:30 AM</b> Monarch Grief and Loss Group<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Deacons Meeting<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts | <b>4</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br> | <b>5</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br>OFFICE CLOSED                                 | <b>6</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b> Dot Moore's 100th Birthday Party |
| <b>7</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship                                                                                                                               | <b>8</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br><b>5:45 PM</b> MS Group Meeting | <b>9</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Sustain - DPP Group<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Session Meeting<br><b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting | <b>10</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts                                                                                  | <b>11</b>                                                                                                       | <b>12</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Line Dancing | <b>13</b>                                                   |
| <b>14</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>11:30 AM</b> Wehrle Small Group<br><b>12:00 PM</b> Rupert Graduation Party                                             | <b>15</b><br>Meals on Wheels                                   | <b>16</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b> Bracken Small Group<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Sewing Guild<br><b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting   | <b>17</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts                                                                                  | <b>18</b>                                                                                                       | <b>19</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Line Dancing | <b>20</b>                                                   |
| <b>21</b><br>Church Picnic<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship<br>                      | <b>22</b><br>Meals on Wheels                                   | <b>23</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting                                                                        | <b>24</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts                                                                                  | <b>25</b>                                                                                                       | <b>26</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Line Dancing | <b>27</b>                                                   |
| <b>28</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>11:30 AM</b> Wehrle Small Group<br> | <b>29</b><br>Meals on Wheels                                   | <b>30</b><br><b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting                                                                        | <b>31</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts                                                                                  | <b>1</b><br><b>5:30 PM</b> Traficante/Evarts Rehearsal                                                          | <b>2</b><br>Meals on Wheels<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><b>1:00 PM</b> Line Dancing  | <b>3</b><br>Traficante/Evarts Wedding                       |



## Books of the Bible

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 F A W O H G A I W Z D N U T V W T E K E L T R W D V L I E U  
 X F R M S N H Q K M T S I E D A M P L W H P Q N O C V V Q Y  
 G R B Y W P F S V F G T R S M K F N X S V K X N H B R C O R  
 V Z Y L C T J Y G S A I R H B E V Y B O A Y V X E A U V D Z

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|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| Acts         | Habakkuk | Lamentations | Psalms          |
| Amos         | Haggai   | Leviticus    | Revelation      |
| Chronicles   | Hebrews  | Luke         | Romans          |
| Colossians   | Hosea    | Malachi      | Ruth            |
| Corinthians  | Isaiah   | Mark         | Samuel          |
| Daniel       | James    | Matthew      | Song of Solomon |
| Deuteronomy  | Jeremiah | Micah        | Thessalonians   |
| Ecclesiastes | Job      | Nahum        | Timothy         |
| Ephesians    | Joel     | Nehemiah     | Titus           |
| Esther       | John     | Numbers      | Zechariah       |
| Exodus       | Jonah    | Obadiah      | Zephaniah       |
| Ezekiel      | Joshua   | Peter        |                 |
| Ezra         | Jude     | Philemon     |                 |
| Galatians    | Judges   | Philippians  |                 |
| Genesis      | Kings    | Proverbs     |                 |

## ***A wonderful tribute for our retired Pastor, Gary Close, from Reverend Ken Foust:***

Gary Close Memorial Minute-Redstone Presbytery-May 21, 2019

The prophet Isaiah writes:

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" (Isa. 52:7)

I never saw Gary Close in his bare feet, but I can tell you without hesitation that he had beautiful feet. For 2 generations of ordained pastoral ministry Gary brought the good news of life and salvation found in our God through Jesus Christ our Lord to the good folks of Puckety and the 3 other congregations he pastored. Through carefully researched and well-delivered sermons Gary presented Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In assuming various leadership roles in our presbytery, including moderator and stated clerk, Gary displayed the heart of a servant, leading as Christ has led. Just as Jesus loved being with people, so did Gary, giving his time and attention to anyone and everyone. Beautiful feet, indeed.

His family remembers Gary as one who loved people, even to the point of never speaking badly of others. They were in the best position to see him apart from being a pastor. They remember a man of integrity, of being the same person as husband and father as he was as a pastor. Many pastors speak of making their family a priority. Gary actually lived it out, never sacrificing his family on the altar of professional responsibilities. They remember a man who smiled a lot, even while enduring the pain of 12 broken ribs. From what they shared with me, they knew of his love and care for them and how important they were to him.

I remember Gary as a wonderful colleague. Serving churches in the same small town we could have been competitors, but we weren't, thanks largely to Gary. We collaborated in ministry. Our churches joined together in building a cabin at Pine Springs Camp and for many mission and stewardship programs. We even did a TV commercial together. I found Gary to be both smart and wise, well-disciplined but not rigid, and full of faith and hope and love. He was always there for me as well as many colleagues of Presbyterian and other denominational stripes.

Gary ended his worship services with this benediction that he attributed to Richard Halverson:

"As you leave this place remember this...you go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being where you are. Jesus Christ, who indwells you, has something He wants to accomplish in you, and through you, where you are. Believe this, and go in the love, and in the grace, and in the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit."

We, the members and friends of Redstone Presbytery, thank God for the life and ministry of the Rev. Gary Close. We thank God for his place in the Church of Jesus Christ, Eternal and Triumphant. And we thank God for his beautiful feet.