

Puckety Presbyterian Church

1009 Puckety Church Road
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

(Return Service Requested)

Last Day For:



Post Scripts

Information:

Third Wednesday
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.

Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.

Every Sunday ☺



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PLEASE READ!!!! Beginning 2/1/17 Faith Hall Rentals

In an effort to simplify and clarify the policy process for renting Faith Hall, these changes have been recommended by the Upkeep Committee and approved by Session at their January meeting. These actions were taken to ease the administration of the rental of Faith Hall, hopefully simplifying the process for Upkeep and for Kelly as our administrative scheduling agent. This effort was entered into with a sense of trying to establish greater fairness to our church and its renters.

There are two primary changes to be made. It must be clearly stated at the beginning that the "no charge rental privilege" for any active member to use the hall rent free still remains as it was in the past. It needs to be firmly stated that the "no charge" rental pertains to active members strictly for their personal activities. A member cannot reserve it free of charge for a non-member, this would apply to non-member relatives or non-member friends. They are obviously permitted, invited and even encouraged to rent on a paying basis. But they must make their own reservation and sign a contract under their name. This was decided because many rentals were being made by members believing they were helping a friend or relative. This was done with no wrong intentions but out of a sense of being helpful. These rentals left the church paying for utilities, custodial service and depreciation of the facility over time.

As a side note, in conjunction with the above statement, Session has approved the creation of a fund where the rental fees that are collected will be placed. This will allow funds to accumulate so we can invest in long range capital improvements for Faith Hall. The building is now 38 years old and much of it still has its original equipment. Hopefully this will help address these needs. Faith Hall serves us extremely well. It is used over 500 times per year, sometimes by three different groups in one day.

The second change deals with the fee for usage and applies to only non-member rentals. We are going to a flat fee charge of \$100 per rental that must be paid in full when we receive the signed contract prior to the scheduled event. The charge will be the same no matter how long a renter uses the facility on the reserved day. The prior charging method was \$30 per hour and it relied on the renter to report the exact hours of use and to pay with the return of the key after the event. This solves two potential problems, the honest reporting of hours of use and the failure to receive a final payment. It needs to be added that Kelly, working with Upkeep, did significant research with other churches and the city of Lower Burrell on their rental programs. This was done over a period of ten months to help us find the best approach to our policy and fees.

As a final statement, Faith Hall will continue to be used at no charge by non-profit charitable community groups that are considered to be part of Puckety's Mission as God's servant to the community and greater church outreach. The following is not a complete list, but here are some specific examples we support in this manner, Meals-On-Wheels, Boy and Girl Scouts, Narcotics Anonymous, Muscular Dystrophy Society and others that are approved by Session.

Tuesday February 21 6:15-7:00 is our Community Prayer Service. Please join us as we lift up our community to God in prayer!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS In FEBRUARY

5 Beth Dober
12 Boy Scout Sunday
19 Vince Appelman
26 Cliff McKay

Your Session:

Debra Artman
Rebecca Fisher
Matt Wehrle
Sophia Earhart
Kirk Orr
Jolene Kostelansky
Mick Dober
Mike Tatem
Vicki Orr
Sue Close

Corporate Officers:

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

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.

Your Deacons:

Sandy Ankney
Vi Adamski
Cliff McKay, Jr.
Brenda McAllister
Lauretta Lockwood
Jennifer Motosicky
Irene Nelson
Maria Schafer
John McAllister
Nita Serene
Denise Wehrle

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor:
Kirk Orr

Director of Youth Ministries:

Brandon Brim

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Treasurer:

Donna Bracken

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

Custodian:

Dean Kunkle

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Assistant Treasurer:

Sophia Earhart

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

GREETERS SCHEDULE

5 Vicki Orr and
Sophia Earhart
12 Boy Scouts
19 Sue Close and
Deb Artman
26 Jolene Kostelansky and
Mick Dober

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)

Counters Schedule

5 Chuck and Judy West
12 Jolene Kostelansky
and Sophia Earhart
19 Chari Burtner and
Matt Wehrle
26 Janet Karan and
Deb Artman



Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

February 5:

Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 112:1-9
I Cor 2:1-12
Matthew 5:13-20

February 12:

Deut 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
I Cor 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

February 19:

Lev 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
I Cor 3:10-11
Matthew 5:38-48

February 26:

Ex 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 1:1-9



Attention Bulletin Board
Group: We will be meeting on
Thursday, February 16th at
1:30 in Faith Hall.
Bring your scissors!



Let's Be Healthy Together!

Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your community. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening continues to be able to bring these health screenings into your area and for that, we are very appreciative.

We look forward to working together again!

We appreciate all your help and support with hosting this community outreach event.

Blessings On Your Birthday!!!



3 Dylan Meyer
6 Donald Livingston
Jonathan Langdon
7 Joshua Dober
Kirk Orr
9 Darlene Miller
Jodi Piernik
10 Rodney Schafer
Martha Matisko
15 Mark Nelson
18 Josh Johnston
Ron Kapustik
19 Karen David
22 Pat Langdon
24 Vicky Baker
Audrey J. Morrow
26 James Heasley
28 Kristine Schafer

(If your name does not appear, or if the information is incorrect, please contact the office so that the records may be updated.)



The Worship Team wants you to be aware and encourage you to use the Media Worship resource that is available on the church's website. All sermons for the year 2016 have been recorded and are available for playback. Go to www.pucketychurch.org. Then click on worship then media.

Ladies Luncheon

Join us for Ladies Luncheon on February 26th after Worship at Villa Ballanca. Please meet in the hallway to go down together.



Packing Date	Church	Puckety Team
February 8th	Puckety	1 Team
February 15th	BCC	
February 22nd	Grace Comm	
March 1st	Bethesda	
March 8th	Puckety	Team 2
March 15th	BCC	
March 22nd	Grace Comm	
March 29th	Bethesda	
April 5th	Puckety	1 Team
April 19th	BCC	
April 26th	Grace Comm	
May 3rd	Bethesda	
May 10th	Puckety	Team 2
May 17th	BCC	
May 24th	Grace Comm	
May 31st	Bethesda	

HELP NEEDED!



Would you like:

- To keep your mind fresh and sharp?
- To learn new things or utilize what you already know in a different way?
- To have the privilege of worshipping as you work?

JOIN THE VIDEO TEAM!

We need at least 2 new persons to join the team so that no one needs to volunteer more than once a month. There are either 4 or 5 Sundays or other worship opportunities each month. We currently have 3 volunteers.

WE NEED YOU!

You can work from the comfort of your own home and computer during the week. Someone will lead you and be beside you while you learn the ins and outs. Talk to Mark Benish, Beth Dober or Matt Wehrle if you are interested in being a part of this important ministry.

**Janet Karan is looking for someone to schedule Greeters.
Please contact her if you are interested.**

The next Worship Team meeting is February 7th at 6:30 pm. We meet in the conference room.

BETHEL NURSERY SCHOOL

150 ALDER STREET, LOWER BURRELL
OPEN HOUSE FOR PARENTS & POTENTIAL STUDENTS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 FROM 10:00 - 2:00 P.M.
AND 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
STOP IN ANYTIME - REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE
ANY QUESTIONS CALL 724-339-2764

COFFEE Sunday, February 19!
FELLOWSHIP



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
Make yourself at home!

Praying For the President*

In **Psalm 101**, David expresses his desire to please God as the king of Israel. He also declares his accountability to God as the ruler. David longed to be a godly ruler who pleased God and governed the people wisely and efficiently. In this psalm, he lists his goals for leadership. These goals provide you with a prayer guide that you can pray for the President Elect Donald Trump. This prayer guide can be used for a variety of leaders. You are encouraged to pray this psalm for the President-Elect. Mr. Trump needs and deserves our prayers. It is our responsibility before God to do so.

(1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Read this psalm and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your praying for the President. The following are some requests that you can make of God for him:

Verse 1:

That he will love and practice mercy and justice;
That he will praise and adore God

Verse 2:

That he will act wisely;
That he will live a life of integrity both in public and in private;
That he will sense and know the presence of God in his life

Verse 3:

That he will hate what is evil;
That he will not tolerate compromise in his life or in those who surround him;

Verse 4:

That he will keep his heart right with God and man;
That he would repent of sin and fight against it

Verse 5:

That he will hate and avoid pride, evil talk, and slander

Verse 6:

That he will appoint blameless and efficient men and women to positions of authority

Verse 7:

That he will maintain blameless and godly standards;
That lies and deceit would be unacceptable to him

Verse 8:

That he would labor with all his strength to eradicate ungodly, immoral laws;
That he would labor with all his strength to build a righteous foundation for the nation

***this was taken from "Praying for the President," found on the Prayer Closet Ministries website (www.prayerclosetministries.org)**



Women's Retreat

Life is busy...come relax and put aside the hectic pace for a weekend as you laugh, share stories with friends and spend time with God.

Friday March 24th (7:00-8:45pm) and Saturday March 25th (8:30am-4:00pm)

Cost: \$10.00 (includes workbook and light breakfast and lunch on Saturday).

Stop in the Conference Room after church to sign up starting today. You can sign up through March 1 (Thursday).



If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at rfisher@syfcomputing.com



The Deacons of Puckety Church met January 4, 2017 and opened our meeting with prayer.

Requests received for the month of December were discussed.

The Deacons were able to provide for 12 families with Christmas food baskets. In all, 22 adults and 16 children benefited from receiving a food basket, but the Deacons food pantry is now bare. An appeal was made during worship on January 1st and it would be appreciated if members of the congregation provide a can or two to restock the pantry.

Deacons were reminded to check our mailbox at least weekly. We spent some time clarifying how to help individuals outside of our help zone.

Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017. Deacons are considering meeting that evening at 6 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2017 has been hung up in the hallway for anyone wishing to dedicate the flowers on any given Sunday.

A new Deacon "job" will be created for the purpose of organizing the Pastor's gift. It has been a tradition at Puckety to extend an opportunity for members to contribute towards a monetary gift for the pastor; it is presented privately before the Christmas Eve service.

Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst

Presbytery Leadership for the Future

Moderator Sue Washburn

Serving as a bivocational pastor, Sue is the TE at the Reunion Presbyterian Church and the interim editor of Presbyterians Today. Her leadership within Redstone Presbytery has involved the Communications task force and now, the new network in addictions ministry. Connect with her on Facebook, Twitter or her blog.



Vice Moderator Joshua Scully

As a Ruling Elder of the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, he has also served as a member of the Committee on Ministry. Josh is also a frequent guest speaker in congregations around Redstone Presbytery. As a middle school social studies teacher, he also remains active as a basketball coach in school and for youth.



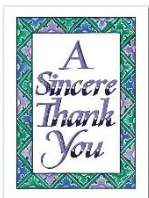
Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World ...Together!



A special thanks to all who volunteered to help decorate and undecorate the church and faith hall inside and out! Your time and effort were truly appreciated and you made completing the work a lot easier. Gratitude and Blessings to all of you!

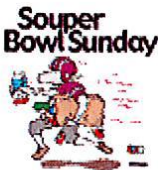


The Deacons have hung the Flower Chart for 2017. Please feel free to sign up to dedicate the chancel flowers in your name at no cost to you!



We had 82 men attend our men's breakfast on the 21st of January. What an awesome turnout and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers. We thank you all!

FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	30 Meals on Wheels	31 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	1 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2  7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	4 Burtner Wedding Shower
5  Souper Bowl Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 1:00 PM Grosse Birthday Party 6:00 PM Youth Group	6 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	7 6:30 PM Worship Purpose Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	8 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	9 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Girl Scout Leader Training 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	11 7:00 AM Motosicky Crop 4 A Cause
12 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	13 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Leader Meeting	14  Valentine's Day 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	15 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	16 1:30 PM Bulletin Board Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	18
19  Coffee Fellowship 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	20  President's Day Meals on Wheels	21 6:15 PM Community Prayer Time 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	22 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	23 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	24 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	25 1:00 PM Girl Scouts Thinking Day
26  Ladies Luncheon 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	27 Meals on Wheels	28 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	1 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	4