

Puckety Presbyterian Church

1009 Puckety Church Road

Lower Burrell, PA 15068

(Return Service Requested)

REMINDER:

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Zoom/video at pucketychurch.org

November



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*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.*

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Pastor's Corner

Ah the turning of the page from October to November. There's so many things I could choose to focus on – including some of the 'traditional' things that are often noted this time of year – important things like stewardship; giving of time, talents and treasure ... or remembering our part in civic responsibility (voting on Election Day) or remembering the part the military has played for our nation (Veterans Day).

Contemplating these things helps us evaluate how well we're living not only as citizens of a country, but also as subjects of our heavenly Kingdom (and agents of that Kingdom's message and mission). And, of course, maybe the most traditional of all would be the theme of 'thanksgiving' – and the call for Christians to cultivate a deeper gratitude than for temporary material provision. But you know what? ... Instead of doing the 'predictable pastor' thing – in giving biblical insight & teaching about why

you and I ought to do these good and important things ... maybe I'll just *do* it ...

I'm *grateful* ... I'm grateful *for my family* – my beloved wife, my daughter, my brother, my parents and the rest of the quirky bunch. I'm grateful for *all the saints* – the faithful believers of the past who have gone to glory but left an example of holiness and legacy of faith to follow. I'm grateful for *the women and men who have fought* (and continue to fight) to defend our nation's liberties and way of life. I'm grateful *for good leaders and elected officials* – we often get overly focused with their failures and shortcomings, but I'm thankful for those who do work hard on behalf of the people in their districts and regions. I'm grateful for *pastors, elders, deacons and other church leaders* who take their call as agents of the gospel seriously. I'm grateful for the *spiritual gifts* I see at work around me, including in and through Puckety Church. I'm grateful for *you!* There are SO many things that people around us do that go unnoticed – either because done behind the scenes or because we neglect to see – but the point is – there is a cornucopia of love and good acts proceeding from the hearts and hands of fellow believers around us (as well as simple acquaintances, and sometimes strangers). God give us eyes to see, and when we can't see, give us faith to walk by, knowing you're up to something good. In Christ, God is *always* up to something good.

~ Pastor Brian

Our next **Prayer Walk** will be Sunday, *November 20*, after worship. We invite everyone to please join us! Remember, you don't have to walk to join this prayer time; you can remain in the sanctuary if that's helpful to you. But please plan to be part of the Body of Christ united in prayer for our community.

Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!

Website: www.pucketychurch.org

Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church

Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety



There are different ways to give to the mission of the church. If you choose to give electronically, click the button on our website or you can also make it even easier by using the Vanco Faith App! (*search Vanco App in the App Store or Google Play*). When you search for our church, put in "Puckety Presbyterian Church" For more information on how to use Vanco Faith click the link on pucketychurch.org. Thank you for your generosity!

From the Hearts and Hands of Session

HONOR GOD - Memorial Banners - the Worship Team would like to procure hanging banners for the sanctuary that would be rotated about once a month during Lent through Ordinary Time. We've created the option for families/members to purchase a hanging banner (2' x 5') in memory of a loved one. The relevant information would be included on the backside of the banner, and in the printed announcements/postscripts for the respective period it is displayed. The average cost is \$70/banner. (*Please see the image to get an idea*). If you are interested in purchasing one to be used in our yearly worship, please contact Rev. Kilbert to see the options. Thank you.

GROW IN FAITH - Church-Wide study! 3 of our Life Groups plan on using *The Chosen* video series and Bible Study guide, starting in early January. Using video clips and discussion of both the book of Isaiah and the Gospels, we will discuss what it means to be "chosen." Pastor Brian will be preaching from corresponding passages with occasional reference to the series. We invite you to join this church-wide effort by joining one of the current small groups or, even better, volunteer to facilitate a new group. The video series can be accessed many ways: 1) downloading "The Chosen: Stream the Series" in the *App Store* (free on your mobile device or smart TV) ... or 2) free streaming from *Peacock* or 3) purchase a DVD for your group – please note, the episodes are quite long (averaging 35 to 40 minutes) so using an option where participants can watch in their own time before meeting as a group is recommended if your group will only be meeting for an hour or so. The books can be purchased from Amazon and the Discipleship budget will pay for ½ the cost of the study guides. Contact Pastor Brian to preview the materials or with questions.

IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITY AND WORLD - The various ministry committees brought several ways that we can, together as a church, serve locally and globally: *Operation Christmas Child (shoebboxes) – the Fellowship Team and Deacons have graciously offered to use their funds to pay for the shipping cost (\$10/box) in order to help increase the number of boxes we can send to children around the world – with a focus on children in Ukraine. **The goal is 50 boxes** – please take a box, fill it and return it **before** Nov. 13th. In addition, please join us in volunteering to help the local drop-off center at Grace Presbyterian (Nov. 14-21st – call Steve Lester at 412-251-1207 to sign up for a time to help). Thank you. *Burrell S.D. Students – we are intentionally seeking out school functions of various kinds to show "in-person" support of our students – not just the football games in the fall, but winter plays (Dec. 1-3) and sports, spring concerts and more – please keep your eye out for the specific events we're promoting, or better, contact the Outreach team for more information. *TryLife Angel Tree – before you know it, it will be time to support our local partner through taking the angel tags and bringing back gifts for children in our area, so keep that in mind and on your heart.

We had another great month with our youth group – doing a lot outside to take advantage of the weather (and the light) before it gets colder and darker. We had 13 students for our outing to Turf Attack on 10/16, and we're happy to report that a few new faces have joined our ranks by students inviting friends. The youth group participated in a service project, raking leaves at the home of the Guyers, on Oct. 23rd, with additional helping hands from the members of Puckety, and then a meal afterward back at Faith Hall ("Thanks, Irene!"). We finished off the month with a *Joint Halloween Party* with the youth group of Grace Presbyterian on October 30th – we want to thank Maria and Rodney Schafer for their enthusiasm, time and additional leadership to help with that event, as well as our other volunteers who have helped in many ways over the last month. We could still use a few more adult volunteers to give two hours of their time once every 6 weeks – contact Pastor Brian. If that's not possible, consider signing up for one of the open slots for snacks on the bulletin board. Please continue to be in prayer for this ministry. Thank you.



Hello Everyone!! Happy Holiday Season!!

This year the Deacons will continue to participate in the Try-Life Angel Tree for families that are in need. This project has brought much joy to so very many and has built a Beautiful lasting Bond/Partnership between Puckety Church and the Try-Life organization. Keep your eyes open for the Christmas Tree to be decorated and filled with Angels the week of December 4th. Angel Gifts will be picked up by the organization team by December 18th. **So, please note the short (2-week) turnaround period.** We Hope you will All join us for this very special project during our Holiday Season!!! We thank you in advance for your generosity and your faithfulness to the children and Families of Try-City Life.

Furnace Room Clean-up

On Saturday, October 16 members of the Upkeep Committee worked for a half day dedicated to cleaning and de-junking the church furnace room. We wish to thank Fran Kapelewski, Jack Barnett, Irene Nelson and Rodney Schafer for the donation of their time to the day's project. It required some heavy lifting and toting of many challenging items to make the furnace room appear more open and functional. We were able to eliminate many old and antiquated items, along with unusable paints and chemical items. We were able to address some of the chemical hazardous waste materials. The room looks far better than it did. Thanks folks!

Also, as the mowing season winds down to a close, we wish to thank all those that helped with the mowing during the season. We wish to assure you that your efforts are truly appreciated.

The Puckety Youth Group is in need of a few more adult volunteers for their Sunday meetings. The responsibilities include (once every 5 to 6 weeks): *arriving at 5:45 PM in advance of the kids, *interacting and participating in games that Pastor Brian leads, *helping the kids engage in activities and discussion, *help monitor for safety. We need 2 or 3 more adults (with state clearances) so that present volunteers only need to serve once every 6 weeks.

Title	<i>Youth Group Volunteer (during meetings or auxiliary)</i>
Time Frame	<i>One Sunday every 5 to 6 weeks from September to May (sometimes a Saturday instead for outings) 2 hour commitment: 5:45 PM to 8:00 PM (6 times/yr.) + Occasional opportunities to help with outings and planning</i>
Goal	<i>To assist Rev. Kilbert (main youth leader) in engaging the youth (11-18) of our church and community in Christ's name</i>
Specific Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Arrive in timely fashion (between 5:40 and 5:45 PM) to help Brian finish last prep steps for the evening</i> • <i>Participate in games/discussion and encourage students to be engaged and participate</i> • <i>Keep kids safe, help enforce the Youth covenant (guidelines/rules), and show Christ</i> • <i>Auxiliary helpers come at 7:30 (to 8:00ish) to clean up Faith Hall and Conference Room.</i> • <i>If you need to reschedule/swap your designated date with another, to do so efficiently and with as much notice as possible (using list of volunteers)</i>
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Briefing with Pastor Brian</i> • <i>Learning by observation first couple times</i>
Report to	<i>Rev. Brian Kilbert - 724-678-6976</i>



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- 06 Vince Appleman
- 13 Jennifer McKay
- 20 Mira Whalen
- 27 Mick Dober

Your Deacons:

- Sandra Ankney
- Pat Fish
- John McAllister
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Mira Whalen
- Kim Soulcheck
- Jean Welte
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Brenda McAllister
- Rodney Schafer

Corporate Officers:

- President:** Jennifer McKay
- Vice-Pres.:** Cliff McKay, Sr.
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Chuck West

For all members and friends of Puckety - here's a way to live out the 3rd part of our Mission: "*to Improve our Community & World*" - consider being a volunteer for the Op. Christmas Child (Shoebox) Drop-Off Center at Grace Presbyterian Church. Their packing week is *November 14th-21st* (Mon.-Mon) and they could use help. To volunteer for one of the times or get more information, please contact Steve Lester - 412-251-1207.

Your Session:

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Jolene Kostelansky
- Chari Burtner
- Donna Bracken
- Jennifer McKay
- Cliff McKay
- Chuck West
- Kelly Kapelewski
- Marilyn Crumley



Offering counters:

- 11/6: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 11/13: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 11/20: Deb Artman & Janet Karan
- 11/27: Chuck & Judy West

Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Barb Sprinkle

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

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.

ATTENTION ALL SESSION MEMBERS, DEACONS, AND TEAM LEADERS:



Please be sure to check your mail slots in the metal cabinet at the top of the stairs often. You may receive correspondence or announcements that need your attention in a timely manner!

“Help the Pastor” - Do you ever think, “I wish Brian would preach on _____”? Is there a topic, question, or Scripture passage you’d like to hear addressed in a sermon? Please feel free to submit such ideas to the office – email pastor@pucketychurch.org or call 724-339-1323.



The Bible readings are from "Book of Common Worship"

November 6:

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Job 19:23-27a
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 13:

Isa 65:17-25
Mal 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thess 3:6-13

November 20:

Jer 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Col 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Puckety Presbyterian Church is once again hosting a Veterans Luncheon. Sunday, November 13, 2022 Immediately following worship. Please come and thank those that have served!!



- 1 Nate Manges
- 2 Doreen Dailey
- Ryleigh Smith
- 5 Jeff Jones
- Owen Aungst
- Jesse Cribbs
- 6 Jane Newell
- Dustin Marshall
- Eldaree Meyer
- 7 Dakota Jones
- 11 Jill Szych
- Jeff Ewing
- 14 Sharon Nadolny
- 16 Lauren Grady
- Debra Artman
- 18 Chuck West
- 23 Jordan Jones
- 26 Cliff McKay, Sr.
- Joyce Yurko
- 27 Barbara Smallwood
- Mick Dober



The Deacons are collecting names of those in need of Thanksgiving Food Boxes. Please submit the following to any of the Deacons, the church office or place it in the offering plate:

Your Name: _____ Your phone #: _____
 Receptient's Name: _____ Their phone #: _____
 # of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

The food boxes will be available for pick-up on Saturday November 19th at 9:00 AM.

A Devotional For You – Read **John 1:12-13** & ... **Galatians 4:1-7**

I would like to share something I included in our “New & Seasoned Members” class that meets on Wednesdays. We discussed what it means to be God’s “adopted” daughters and sons. In addition to the normal lesson, I mentioned some suggested reading from J.I. Packer’s classic, *Knowing God*. Packer writes the following: “The gift of ‘sonship’ to God becomes ours not through being born, but through being *born again* ... If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he/she makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as their Father. If this is not a thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and whole outlook on life, it means they do not understand Christianity very well at all.”

Now, that may sound a bit unfair (maybe even arrogant), but let me say that Dr. Packer backs up his statement *fully and convincingly* from Scripture. In fact, if we assume that “all people are God’s children,” we will inevitably miss the unique and precious quality of the new relationship we now have with God through Christ. Packer unpacks some of this cherished status this way: “In John’s Gospel, we see God’s fatherly relation to Jesus, and the epistles explain how several aspects of this now extend to God’s adopted children ... 1) first fatherhood implies **authority** ... 2) second, fatherhood implies **affection** ... 3) third, fatherhood implies **fellowship** ... and 4) fourth, fatherhood implies bestowed **honor**. In, through and under Jesus Christ their Lord, we are *ruled, loved, companied with* and *honored by* our heavenly Father.” Packer goes on to show how this proves adoption is the highest privilege of the Christian – more than justification (*no offense to Martin Luther*) because to be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is greater.

After a long (*and excellent*) chapter about how our adoption affects our conduct and faith, he concludes with the practical questions that arise. I’ll only include a brief summary here:

*Do I, as a Christian, understand my own real identity? My own real destiny?

*Do I understand my adoption? Do I value it/daily remember my privilege as a child of God?

*Do I treat God as my Father in heaven, loving, honoring and obeying him, seeking his fellowship, and trying to do everything to please him?

*Do I love my Christian brothers and sisters with whom I live day by day, in a way that I shall not be ashamed of when in heaven I think back over it? Does the ‘family likeness’ appear in me?

After answering these questions, make it a habit of telling yourself each day: “I am a child of God. God is my Father; Christ is my brother; every Christian is my sibling; heaven is my home; every day is one day nearer.” And ask that you may be enabled to live as one who knows it is all deeply and completely true. That will give us all something to share around the table at Thanksgiving this year. Amen. ~ Pastor Brian

Some of our wonderful Apple Dumpling bakers hard at work!



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am Worship 11:00am Ladies Lunch 6:00pm Youth Group Costume Party  REFORMATION Sunday	31 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting  CANDY TIME!	1 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	2 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Deacons Meeting 6:30pm New Members Class	3 6:00pm Girl Scouts 26234	4 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED  World Community Day	5 10:00am Orr Bridal Shower
6  Fall Back 10:00am Worship 11:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group	7 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 10:30am Card Ministry 6:00pm Upkeep Team Meeting	8 Elections held in Faith Hall  DON'T FORGET TO VOTE 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 6:30pm Session Meeting	9 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm New Members Class	10 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED  Veterans Day	12 Veterans Lunch Prep
13 Veterans Lunch After Worship 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Group	14 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 4:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting 5:30pm MS Group Meeting 6:30pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	15 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 7:00pm Sewing Guild 8:00pm N.A. meeting	16 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm New Members Class 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	17 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 10:00am Worship 11:15am Prayer Walk 11:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group	21 Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 4:30pm Discipleship Team Meeting	22 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 8:00pm N.A. meeting	23 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	24  Praise & Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED 11:00am Douglas Thanksgiving Dinner	25 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	26
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