

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

JULY

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
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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

Greetings in Christ's name! As I write this, it is the morning of *Day 1* of our *Monumental VBS* (6/20/2022), and we just hit 50 participants pre-registered (it was 42 yesterday)! Our facilities are decorated beautifully! I mean, "Wow!" is a word that has come from my mouth when no one was even around! Our volunteers (both in the front lines and the ones "behind the scenes" – see what I did there 😊) have done such an incredible job. I know the leaders have put in hours of preparation and prayer. And I've decided to finish this July salutation by waiting to see what God does this week, because by faith I know God will show us his greatness ... *[imagine a few days passing here]* ... Whew! What a week. What beautiful chaos! In the end, we had 61 separate kids participate – not only hitting our goal, but hitting our *max!* I don't think any of our supplies went to waste! God is surprising - "Awesome God" – and he provided for our needs. Plus, we had over 30 different VBS volunteers and helpers by week's end! And as for our VBS Mission (*Operation Kid-to-Kid* for Native American school supplies), we raised

\$342. Thank you to everyone who made the week a success. Please continue to pray for the kids and their families – DON'T STOP NOW – because God goes with them wherever they go, and the Lord wants them to come to him ... and he invites us to be part of the invitational process! If you can, invite a family to our worship on July 17th and the Big Picnic under the tent afterward. Make the most of this summer to show God's greatness.

-- Pastor Brian

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!

On Sunday afternoon, July 10, we will gather with followers of Jesus from all over Western Pennsylvania at Heinz Field for **worship**, for **prayer**, and for **unity**. Doors will open at 1:00 and the event will be from 2:00 until 4:00 PM.

Imagine tens of thousands of people from in and around Pittsburgh gathered to pray! I can't wait and **I hope you'll join me**. It's free but *be sure and register*

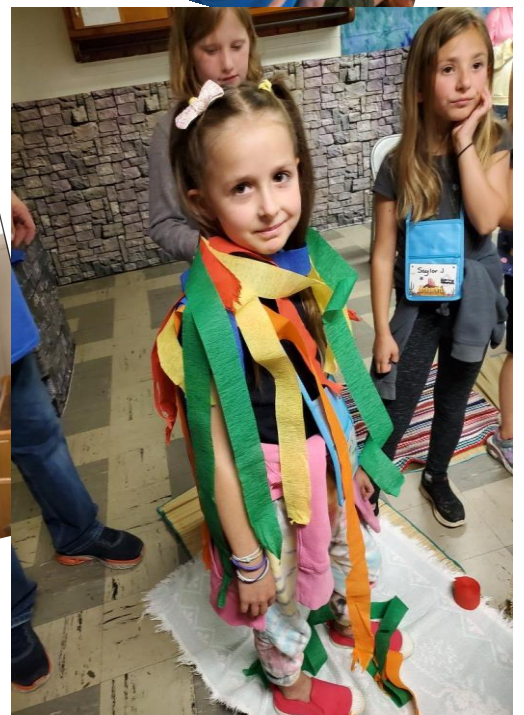
at <https://pittsburghprays.com>. We will experience

live **WORSHIP** as churches from across our city unite to provide an incredible worship experience. We will join with others in **PRAYER** to give thanks to God for bringing us through trying times and to strengthen our relationships with one another. We will gather in **UNITY** with various churches and Christian organizations to see our city reconciled and united in Christ. **A few from Puckety have indicated they plan to attend - contact the church office so that arrangements might be made to sit together if possible.** We believe it will be worth your time. Let's pray for our city together.



A Devotional for You – Read Galatians 5:1-6, 13-14

The great German Reformer, Martin Luther, summarized the above verses in Gal. 5 this way: “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant, subject to all.” That sounds like a contradiction but read the context of the book of Galatians and you’ll see there’s no contradiction between our freedom in Christ and serving others in his spirit. This is particularly insightful in the wake of our 4th of July (Independence Day) observance, where we celebrate and tout our freedom. Richard Foster adds this insight when reflecting on Paul’s teaching for today’s world in contemporary America – “What freedom corresponds to submission or service? It’s the ability to lay down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way ... The obsession to demand our own way (e.g. immediate gratification) is one of the greatest bondages of our society. People may even spend years in a perpetual stew because some little thing did not go the way they wished” (*R. Foster, Celebration of Discipline, 111*). But with the freedom to serve, we can drop the matter (because we are focused on a different Audience). For example, most church fights and splits occur because people do not have the freedom (or use the freedom they have) to “give in” to each other. Most of the time, the issue is not as critical as we make it. The paradoxical truth is: there is freedom in submission – particularly because it enables us to distinguish between “genuine issues” and stubborn self-will. Again and again in Scripture (Jesus, Paul, James, John), the pattern for Christian relationships is not hierarchical (the opposite in fact) – we are to communicate an inner attitude (a default setting if you will) of mutual subordination. In the incarnation – in everything Jesus said and did – we discover that in submission, we are at last free to value other people. Their dreams and plans become important to us. We have entered into a new, wonderful, glorious freedom – the freedom to give up our own rights for the good of others. Only then can one love unconditionally. And only then do we no longer feel that we have to be treated in a certain way. And eventually, one glorious day, with the Spirit’s help, we discover that it is far better to serve our neighbor than to have our own way. Because it is then that we become that “perfectly free lord” in the eyes of God. All of what Paul says is true: “For freedom Christ has set us free; therefore, do not submit again to a *yoke of slavery* [either to the impossible demands of the Law or to the yoke of sin’s control] ... Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love, ... serve one another.” Happy *Independence Day*, my fellow “lord,” and fellow servant.





- 03 Maria Schafer
- 10 Jennifer McKay
- 17 Sophia Earhart
- 24 ??
- 31 Michelle Gordon

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

This is a reminder to NOT bring in perishable food, such as frozen items or meat for the Deacons' pantry, as we have no fridge or freezer space to hold it. We appreciate your donations but if it is left in the hall, it can be hours or days before the food is found and by then it has to be thrown out which is a waste.

Your Session:

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



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

Christian Ed:

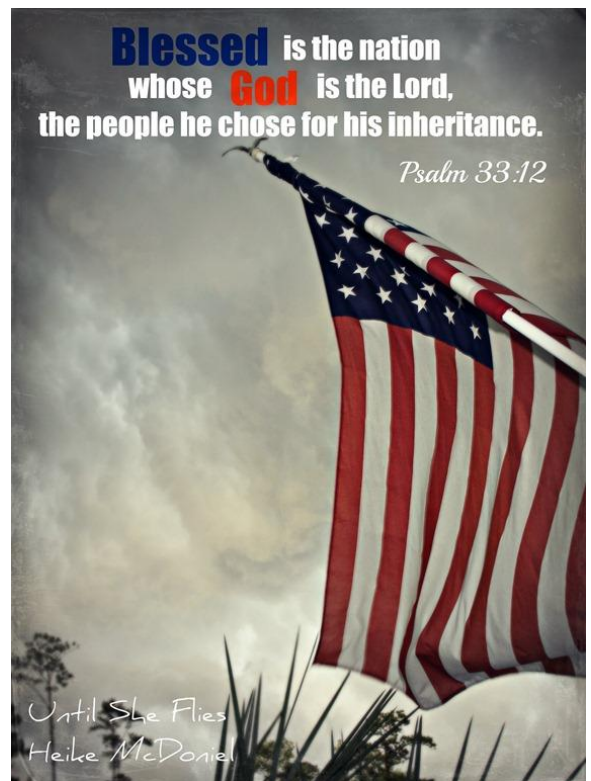
Jamie Kmett

Offering counters:

- 7/3: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 7/10: Chuck & Judy West
- 7/17: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 7/24: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 7/31: Janet Karan & Deb Artman



Congratulations to Karen and Dustin Marshall on their marriage June 4th!





The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

July 3:

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Isaiah 66:10-14
Gal 6: 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10:

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Psalm 25:1-10
Col 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 17:

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a
Psalm 42, 43
Gal 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

July 24:

Hos 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Gen 18:20-32
Col 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13

July 31:

Hos 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9; 43
Eccl 1:2, 12-14
Psalm 49:1-12
Luke 12:13-21



- 2 – Jackson Aungst
- 4 – Bob Bargerstock, Jr.
Jonathan Szich
- 7 – Matthew Pranievicz
Beth Dober
- 9 – Georgieanne Bargerstock
- 10 – Keira Manges
Lauren Benish
- 11 – Cathy Yohe
Ralph Baker
- 13 – Matthew Burtner
- 15 – Abby Fisher
Garrett Baker
- 18 – Brandy Roland
- 21 – Jim Johnston
- 24 – Tynia Girard
- 25 – Emilie Greiner
- 28 – Kevin Blandford
Talor Kapelewski
Gianna Smith
- 31 – Clayton Jones
Ken Bush



Puckety Family –
I really appreciate your affirmation of
my music. I trusted Lord Jesus that
through the music, He would impact
our lives to be passionate for Jesus.
Sue Close



The fun with yarn continues! The Crafternoon group would like to invite any fellow crochet or knitters of any level to join us in the conference room on July 24 after Worship. We have completed or are on our way to completing our stitch sampler and are now moving on to any project that we want to work on. If you want to crochet or knit but aren't sure what project to bring we can start you off with a lap blanket for charity. There is always room at the table and we hope to see more new faces at our July gathering.



We are bringing back the Sunday Ladies Lunch Out! We invite all the ladies of the congregation, young, old and in the middle, to join us on the last Sunday of the month for a lunch out at a local venue. We will gather after the service and head out to the chosen restaurant. We will try to announce where we will be dining the week before. This will be a time to gather, chat, eat and reconnect without having to do any dishes afterwards. There will be a short devotion each meeting to kick off the conversation. If you have any questions please reach out to Denise Wehrle. Our first lunch out will be July 31st.

AV Team members please see the below AV schedule for July. If you need to switch a date please refer to the master schedule in the AV room to see what other team members are NOT available to swap with you so you can find a swap faster. Please remember to let Wiebke and Pastor Brian know if you have swapped with anyone.

Date	Presentation Creation	Presenter	Sound	Zoom host
7/3/22	Wiebke	Matt	Rodney	Wiebke
7/10/22	Jenn	Sandra	John	Char
7/17/22	Matt	Matt	Zach	Beth
7/24/22	John	John	Nate	Wiebke
7/31/22	Sandra	Sandra	Rodney	Wiebke



iHeartCraftyThings.com

Musical Notes:

It's **not to early** to begin thinking about your place in the choir family next season! If you enjoy singing and want to use that passion to sing for the Lord and lead His people in musical prayer, then you are **a perfect candidate** for this ministry. No auditions required. We are looking for both **lower and higher men's and women's** voices. If you can read music it's a plus but not necessary....we go over the notes adequately so you are comfortable. Rehearsals are **Thursday nights beginning early September** from 6:30-7:45, and we **sing on Sundays at worship**, gathering at 9:30 to rehearse. For those with families in the pews or performing other duties, you do not have to remain in the chancel the entire service but can **move back and forth**. Puckety needs YOU...**God needs YOU**...and I need YOU! "Musical prayer" will enrich your life and your prayer life! Contact director Lorraine Menk at kirbie1@comcast.net if you have further questions.



Thank you to the ladies of Puckety Church who serenaded the faithful men attending worship on Father's day! It was just lovely.

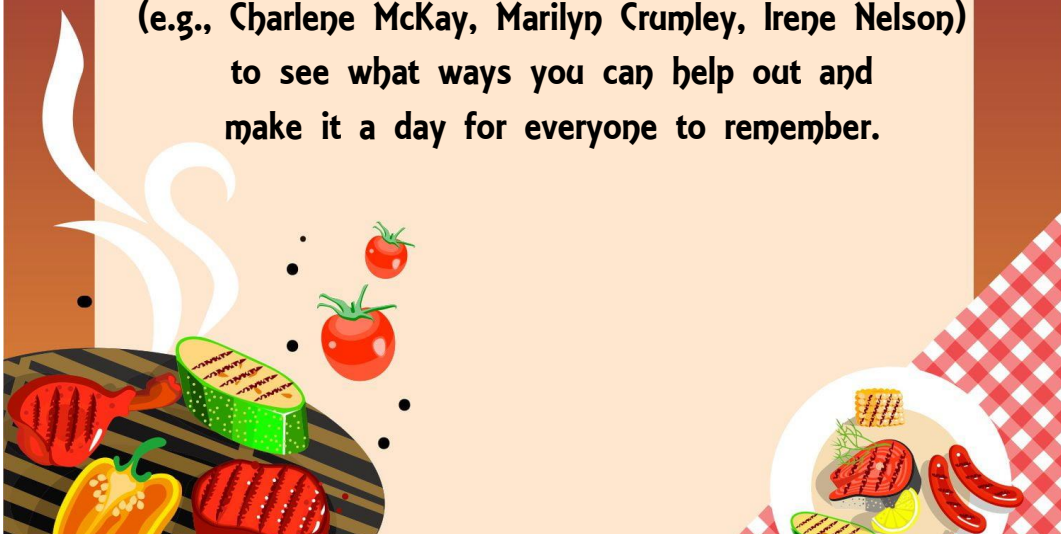
Sunday, July 17th

Retirement Party for Sue Close!





After our 10 AM worship, we will move over to the lawn outside Faith Hall to rejoice with her on her milestone and celebrate the service she has given to the Lord through her time at Puckety.

You don't want to miss it!

Please contact the Fellowship Team (e.g., Charlene McKay, Marilyn Crumley, Irene Nelson) to see what ways you can help out and make it a day for everyone to remember.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am Worship 11:00am Church/VBS Picnic	27 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Discipleship Team Meeting	28 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 8:00pm N.A. meeting	29 Meals on Wheels	30	1 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 10:00am Worship	4  Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	6 Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	7	8 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	9 McKay Graduation Party
10 9:00am Kostelansky Baby Shower 10:00am Children's Church 10:00am Worship	11 Meals on Wheels 10:30am Card Ministry 6:30pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	12 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 8:00pm N.A. meeting	13 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	14	15 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	16 Fratangelis Baby Shower
17 10:00am Worship 11:00am Sue Close Retirement Picnic 	18 Meals on Wheels	19 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 7:00pm Sewing Guild 8:00pm N.A. meeting	20 Meals on Wheels	21	22 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 10:00am Children's Church 10:00am Worship 11:00am Crafternoon	25 Meals on Wheels	26 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 8:00pm N.A. meeting	27 Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal	28	29 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	30 Walters Bridal Shower
31 10:00am Worship 11:00am Ladies Luncheon 	1  Meals on Wheels 10:30am Card Ministry	2 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	3 Meals on Wheels	4	5 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	6

