

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
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*At Puckety we personally and collectively Honor God, Grow in Faith,
and Improve our Community and World.*

February 2021

Pastor's Corner

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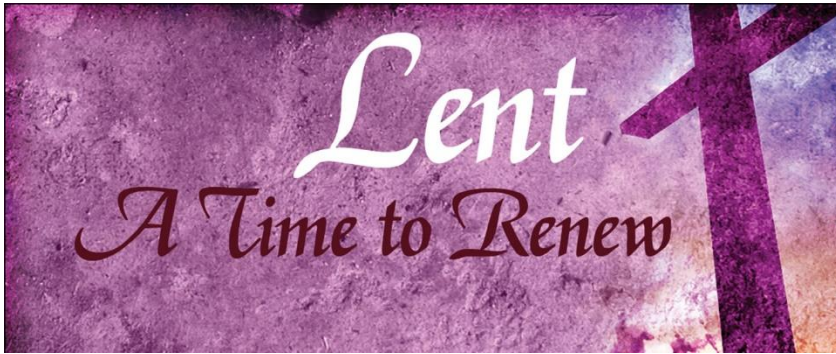
“SMALL GROUPS ARE *IN!*” Whether you interpret “*in*” as: new small groups are now *formed and ready to join* or ... small groups are *the place to be* ... you’re right! The Life Group Training last month went very well (the video is now available on our website – *News & Events* page – or Puckety Church’s *YouTube* channel!). Some of the new groups are being led by: Mick Dober, Wiebke Kilbert, Alice Knopfel, Matt Wehrle, and myself. Please contact the office to find out more about their nature and meeting times! For example, I plan on going beyond the recent discovery of our spiritual gifts (this past Nov.) to the *development* of our spiritual gifts using Charles Stanley’s small group guide: *Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts*.

Let me use my remaining space to share something I meant to include at the Life Group Training but did not have time. It’s about hospitality, which is something a lot of people think of as “nice and good to make people comfortable, but not as crucial as the content of your meeting.” I see where they are coming from. But consider this please: the word *hospitality* comes from the combination of two words: *love* and *stranger*. Literally, hospitality is the love of strangers. This is a powerful description of what the gospel is! When we were strangers (far off from God), God took us in. When we were without a home and family, God brought us into his! Do you see how this has HUGE practical implications for small group community? Chris Surratt puts it like this: “Hospitality is that characteristic that compels us to put aside our own interests, to lay down our desires, and to place the needs of others ahead of our own, just as Jesus did with his life and death.” We are to mirror that through our love for one another. I don’t know a better opportunity to do this than in a small group of believers. So, I’ll say it one more time: “Small groups are *IN!*”

~ Pastor Brian



Our next gathering will be Saturday, February 6th @ 8:30 AM!
Grab your mask and your crafts and join us in Faith Hall!



Lent is a time when we prepare ourselves for Easter by first walking intentionally with Jesus *in the path of the cross*, and that journey starts on **Ash Wednesday Feb. 17th**. Puckety will worship together (Zoom and in-person) that evening at 7:00 PM.

Why is Lent 40 days? The number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in a desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And Moses, along with his followers, traveled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land.

Is the Zoom worship log in and launch easy peasy for you now? Are you at home wondering how you can help the church? The AV Team has an opportunity for you! Our Team members need to cross train on the different tasks that are done behind the scenes to make worship run smoothly. To free up the members to do this training we need 3 more Zoom hosts with computers and internet to go into the hosting rotation. As a host you log in, let people in to worship and when the time comes mute everyone so service can start. If you can log in to Zoom for worship you can be a host! It can be done in the safety of your own home. We even developed a handy Zoom host manual with all the details, including pictures, to help everyone feel comfortable with this task. Please contact Wiebke Kilbert at 724-799-3323 if you are interested in becoming a Zoom host for worship or have any questions.



Zoom Feedback needed:

As the AV Team continues to refine how worship is displayed in Zoom we need some feedback from you, the Zoom users. Please take a moment and respond to veesb@yahoo.com on the below questions so we can continue to make worship the best it can be in these Zoom times.

1. If you are using Zoom on a computer are you comfortable with "pinning" Pastor Brian so he stays big on your screen?
2. In the past weeks we have stopped sharing the slides during the sermon, so Pastor Brian should be the largest box, is that helping your worship experience?
3. Are you comfortable in changing the view in Zoom so one "speaker" is the largest and the other participants are in smaller screens?

The AV Team thanks you in advance for your responses.



Devotional ~ Read Jonah 4:1-10

You may know we're in the middle of a sermon series on Satan's "toolbelt of lies." We just wrapped up some time in the book of Jonah. Presbyterian author, Eugene Peterson, spends a great deal of time noting the parallels between

Jonah's behavior and our own in the church in his book, *Under the Unpredictable Plant*. He shares this story near the end ... "About a dozen 4-year-old children sat on the carpet in the sanctuary on a morning in late February. I sat with them holding cupped in my hands a bird's nest from the previous season. I talked about the birds on their way back to build nests like this one ... The children were rapt in their attention. I love doing this; they are so *alive*, their capacity for wonder endless, their imaginations lithe and limber. The signs of the coming spring were arriving and I was talking about them. They used their imagination with me: counting the birds in the sky over Florida, then North Carolina, then Pennsylvania ... We looked through the walls of the church to the warming ground, then beneath the surface and saw the earthworms turning somersaults. We began to see shoots of color break through the ground: crocus and tulip and hyacinth ... We were looking at the bare bird's nest and seeing the colors, hearing the songs, smelling the blossoms ... Then, abruptly, at the center of this moment of holiness, a boy named Bruce said, 'Why don't you have any hair on your head?' The spell was broken. Spring vanished ... leaving the pastor's bald head. Why didn't Bruce see what the rest of us were seeing – the exuberance, the fecundity?"

Peterson shares that story to compare *Jonah* to Bruce (and to compare *ourselves* to Bruce), in that somewhere there has been a loss of imagination, which cripples our ability to *wonder* at what God is doing. Why didn't Jonah see the grace and salvation in Ninevah? All he saw was a city full of sinners (*pure baldness*), destined for doom. Peterson defines "imagination" as the capacity to make connections between the visible and the invisible, between heaven and earth. So, for Christians, whose largest investment is in the invisible, the imagination is indispensable, for it is only by means of the imagination that we can see reality whole. The point is that if our imagination is stunted or inactive, I will only see what I can *use*. And *that's* where our spiritual enemy wants us to be – in a place where we're only looking at what we can *use*, in the realm of the seen. Because then, even if we're not *materialists* (those who believe only in the natural-physical order), it doesn't matter, because we're *focusing* on it anyway ... We're fooled. In thinking, "I do not love material things," we drift slowly into the evil of not loving a *particular* material thing we're supposed to ... *people*. Therefore, one of the essential Christian ministries in and to our ruined world is the recovery and exercise of imagination. Imagination is the mental tool we have for connecting the material and the spiritual, visible and invisible, earth and heaven. I pray you engage it with me. Blessings on your imagination-fueled service.

~ Pastor Brian



- 07 Vince Appleman
- 14 Jennifer McKay
- 17 Mira Whalen
- 21 Maria Schafer
- 28 Sue Close

Your Deacons:

- Sandy Ankney
- Mick Dober
- Pat Fish
- Margie Hazlett
- Traci Kirchartz
- John McAllister
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Maria Schafer
- Kim Soulcheck
- Peg Uhing
- Jean Welte

Corporate Officers:

- President:** Matt Wehrle
- Vice-Pres.:** Jennifer McKay
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Donna Bracken



Offering counters:

Chuck West will handle counting with Donna Bracken until further notice.

Your Session:
 Deb Artman – Clerk
 Chari Burtner
 Jack Barnett
 Rebecca Fisher
 Michelle Gordon
 Charlene McKay
 Jennifer McKay
 Matt Wehrle
 Chuck West
 Mira Whalen



- Pastor:**
Reverend Brian Kilbert
- Administrative Secretary:**
Kelly Kapelewski

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.



greeters

Please warmly welcome all, provide masks if needed and direct to designated seating.

- Treasurer:**
Donna Bracken
- Choir Director:**
Lorraine Menk
- Organist/Pianist:**
Sue Close
- Housekeeper:**
Irene Nelson
- Financial Secretary:**
Judy West
- Media Specialist:**
Chris Mason



We rejoice with our sister Lisa Wilson over the birth of her new granddaughter, Marlee Noelle Logan, daughter of Christina and Colt Logan on January 19th!



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

February 7:

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 174:1-11,20c
1 Cor 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 14:

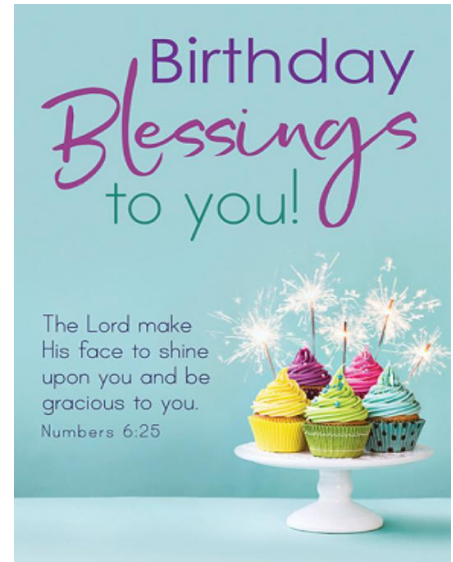
2 Kings 2:12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Cor 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 21:

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 19:9-15

February 28:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



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

- 3 Dylan Meyers
- 5 Wiebke Kilbert
- 7 Joshua Dober
Kirk Orr
- 9 Jodi Piernik
Darlene Miller
- 10 Rodney Schafer
- 15 Mark Nelson
- 18 Joshua Johnston
Ron Kapustik
- 19 Karen David
- 24 Audrey J. Morrow
Vicky Baker
- 26 James Heasley
- 27 Christina Logan
- 28 Kristine Schaefer

IF YOU MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST IN BEING ONE OF OUR PULPIT ASSISTANTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE. PERHAPS YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT IS LEADING YOU IN THAT DIRECTION! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!



We ask all members to please bring their own masks each Sunday if possible. This will help reduce waste of disposable masks as well as be good stewards of the ones we have in stock.

reminder

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

Website: www.pucketychurch.org

Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church

Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety

From Pastor Brian: I would like all our members to know that I am happy to come and visit you at home if that is something you would like. Of course, I will continue to practice the wise precautions (face covering, social distancing, etc.) as long as they are in effect. For all those who are not quite comfortable with home visits yet, I would love to start with a phone conversation. If either sounds good to you, feel free to call Pastor Brian: 724-678-6976 (mobile number). I am greatly looking forward to getting to know everyone.



Church Directory

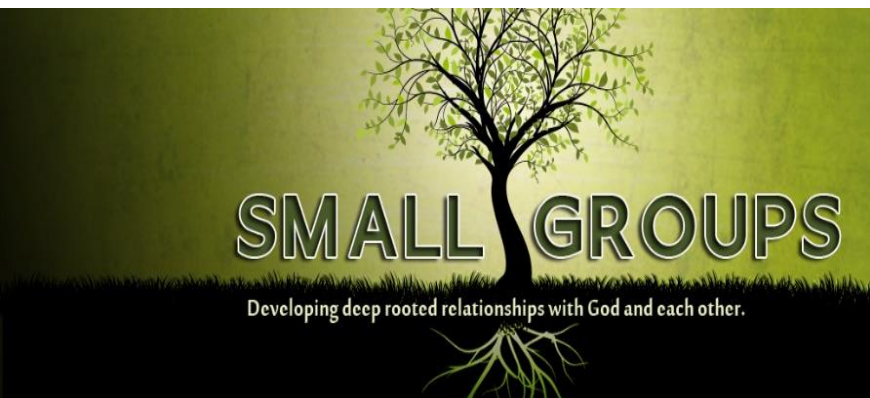
The Puckety Church Members and Friends Directory has been updated. There are copies available at each entrance to the sanctuary as well as in the bin outside the side entrance. If you would like one and they are gone, please reach out to Kelly in the office and she'll be glad to print you a copy!

Alice Knopfel would like help transferring music from various CDs onto a "mix" CD for her *praise motion* small group. If you can offer assistance, please contact her at 412-400-9463 or aknopfelmoves@gmail.com. Thank you.

CLOSINGS / DELAYS

PLEASE NOTE: WATCH WPXI (CHANNEL 11) OR KDKA (CHANNEL 2) IF YOU WANT TO CHECK FOR CANCELLATIONS OF WORSHIP DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER. WE WILL POST IT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ONCE THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO CANCEL WORSHIP. THANK YOU!

Dean Hurlbut would like to give away a hospital bed with an air mattress and a scooter lift for a vehicle. It can also be used for vacation/camping items such as a cooler, grill, luggage, chairs, etc. Both are free if anyone could use either or both. Contact him at his home 724-224-6297 or office 724-226-2159 if you are interested.



New Small Groups are starting in February! One will be led by Pastor Brian continuing the work of **Developing Our Spiritual Gifts** and ministering through them. The tentative time (subject to change) will be *Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM - starting February 10th (Conference Room or Pastor's Office)*. This initial group will meet for 10 to 12 weeks (except for Ash Wed.) - following social distancing guidelines. If you'd like to join or get more information, call Pastor Brian at 724-678-6976.

Even Alice Knopfel's sweet little therapy dog knows how to socially distance herself during worship! We are open for in person worship once again! Join us!



The family of Martha Matisko would like to thank Pastor Brian and the members of Puckety Church for your prayers, cards, thoughts and words of comfort as Martha left this earth for her heavenly home. Your kindness was a tremendous blessing to us and a wonderful reminder that she is safe in the arms of her Lord. Martha loved being part of Puckety Church. John has recently moved to Logan Place assisted living. Visitors are not currently permitted at the facility, but if you'd like to send him a note, his address is 139 Craigdell Road # 107, Lower Burrell, PA 15068. Thank you and God Bless.

Presbytery leadership 2021 Vice Moderator

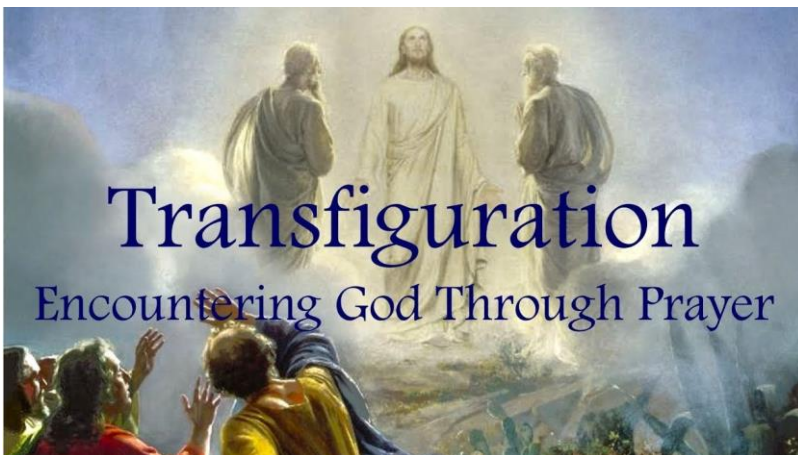


Rev. Curtis Paul (Family)

Growing up in the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church (Washington, PA), Curtis heard God's call to preach and teach through the affirmation of those in his home congregation, through friends and through a Bible study at the jail.








Attending Princeton Seminary, he and Hope married (2006) and he received his first call to pastoral ministry at in Metuchen, NJ (2007). In 2011, the Lord called them to Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church. Curtis looks forward to serving the

Lord Jesus with Redstone Presbytery and in the larger Church. During this pandemic season, Curtis has come to appreciate the network in place, of the Presbytery, where ***"we were able to communicate creative ideas quickly. Clear and effective communication by Presbyter leadership provided necessary resources to be able to respond."*** Curtis will serve in Presbytery leadership alongside 2021 Moderator Belinda Lambie (Colver).



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!! 2021 STYLE

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:00 AM Worship	1 Meals on wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:00 PM worship Team Meeting 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	2 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 8:00 PM N.A. meeting 	3 Meals on wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting	4 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Meals on wheels OFFICE CLOSED	6 8:30 AM Crafting Circle
7 10:00 AM worship	8 Meals on wheels 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	9 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	10 Meals on wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Developing Spiritual Gifts Small Group	11 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 Meals on wheels OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 10:00 AM worship  	15 Meals on wheels  Presidents Day	16 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	17 Meals on wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605  7:00 PM worship Service	18 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 Meals on wheels OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 10:00 AM worship 	22 Meals on wheels 4:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	23 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	24 Meals on wheels 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Developing Spiritual Gifts Small Group	25 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	26 Meals on wheels OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 10:00 AM worship 	1	2	3	4	5	6

