

# Puckety Presbyterian Church

Following Jesus... Making Disciples... Loving One Another as He Loves Us

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*Post-Scripts*  
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**VALENTINES DAY** is all about love. Remember

when it was something that we celebrated as young children. We would get “valentines” (little love note cards) and sign our name to the back and then distribute them to all of our classmates. It was at times special and awkward to receive a valentine from a secret admirer. As adults, we send cards or give flowers/chocolates to

our loved ones or possibly go out to dinner. Since it is about love, it is very easy to find Bible verses that relate.

**God's Love is Steadfast, Unselfish & Enduring**

**2 Chronicles 1:8** *And Solomon said to God, “You have shown great and steadfast love to David my father, and have made me king in his place.*

**Psalms 52:8** *But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.*

**Daniel 9:4** *I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments...*

**Micah 7:18** *Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.*

**John 3:16-17** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

**1 John 4:16** *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

**1 John 4:19** *We love because he first loved us.*

**Romans 5:7-8** *For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## Bible Characters Who Loved

Jacob loved

**Genesis 29:20** *So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.*

Solomon loved

**Song of Solomon 1:2** *Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is better than wine*

Jesus Encouraged the Disciples to love

**Matthew 22:37–40** *And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

Paul encouraged the Colossians to Love

**Colossians 3:14** *And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

Jesus loved

**1 John 3:16** *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

John encouraged the Church to Love

**1 John 3:18** *Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

## Love: Better, Stronger, Greater & Perfect

**Proverbs 10:12 (KJV)** *Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.*

**Proverbs 13:24** *Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.*

**Proverbs 15:17** *Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.*

**Proverbs 17:17** *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

**1 Corinthians 13:13** *So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

**1 John 4:18** *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.*

Read more: <http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/valentines-day-bible-verses-20-great-quotes/#ixzz3yYKTgo3Z>



An anonymous thank you from an anonymous recipient. . .I have been truly blessed by the person or persons responsible for paying for my physical therapy. It was such an unbelievable blessing and I am truly grateful for my “Puckety Friends”!!



## Deacons Ministry

Connecting • Caring • Contributing

The Deacons met on January 6, 2016 and the meeting was opened with prayer.



Rodney Schafer updated the Deacons on the Christmas food baskets. Five baskets were distributed that will feed 12 adults and ten children. Oranges, candy canes, and mints were included in the food baskets along with food and a gift card.

Two requests for help with rent were discussed among the Deacons. The requests were received from residents from Vandergrift and Arnold. Kim will do some investigative research on the Vandergrift request and if she feels it is legitimate, she will have our treasurer forward \$50 to the landlord. The Arnold resident's landlord will also receive \$50.

The angel tree was discussed. Now that we have a better understanding of how the Mars Home for Youth handles the gifts they are given, we have decided to reach out to other agencies.

Charlene McKay and Cliff McKay, Jr. updated us in their quest to find a service family for us to reach out to. Unfortunately, the chaplain visits the Armory. Sandy Ankney visited Sam's Pop Shop to research the Cookies for our Troops project that is run by Sam Lombardo. She was told a major need is for feminine hygiene needs. It was decided to open up this request to the congregation for donations. A list will be compiled and a box put at the entrances to the church.

Kirk explained that the Ash Wednesday service will be February 10, 2016 at 7 PM. There will be no offering taken. Deacons volunteered to usher this service.

Respectfully submitted,

Nita Serene

### **OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:**

GENERAL FUND INCOME FOR DECEMBER 2015	\$ 16,147.00
EXPENSES FOR DECEMBER 2015	\$ 17,262.80
TOTAL INCOME FOR THIS YEAR 2015	\$ 200,147.66
TOTAL EXPENSES THRU DECEMBER 2015	\$ 189,984.00

All of our financial responsibilities continue to be met.

We are grateful to God for His faithfulness to our church family!



**Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held here at Puckety Church at 7:00pm on February 10<sup>th</sup>.**

On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will be collecting individual food items for the No Kids Hungry campaign. They will have a bin at each door. Please give!





## WEEK OF February 7

Exodus 34:29-35  
 Psalm 99  
 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

## WEEK OF February 14

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
 Romans 10:8b-13  
 Luke 4:1-13

## WEEK OF February 21

Genesis 15:1-12, 12-18  
 Psalm 27  
 Philippians 3:17-1  
 Luke 13:31-35

## WEEK OF February 28

Isaiah 55:1-9  
 Psalm 63:1-8  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
 Luke 13:1-9



## 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.



January 14, 2016.

The Board of Deacons recently discussed new ways Puckety Church can reach out to the community. One idea that was agreed upon is to help our local military. One of the Deacons visited with businessman Sam Lombardo, founder of the organization "Cookies for Our Troops" and owner of Sam's Pop and Beer Shop to learn and gather information about "Cookies for Our Troops."

As many of you know, the organization targets U.S. troops on active duty overseas by sending care packages to our military men and women. This is an all year long endeavor. The most important question that was asked was "What is your organization in desperate need of?" and the answer was women's supplies.

As a result, the Board of Deacons approved of supporting "Cookies for Our Troops" by collecting women's items and toiletries for approximately one month.

**Most important:** A lot of the items to be collected need to be in "small sizes" and light weight. Female troops need to take a lot of items when they go out on maneuvers.

The following list has been provided to the Deacons

- Travel size shampoo
- Hair bands to tie hair back
- First aid items: Band aids, Neosporin
- Tampons
- Pads
- Feminine wipes (small package size)
- Panty liners
- Disposable razors
- Deodorant
- Baby powder
- Gold Bond powder
- Lip Balm
- Suntan lotion
- Hand lotion, Face cream
- Wash cloths
- Bath towels
- Underwear, Full cut panties, cotton or nylon, sizes 7 and up. (Frequently, there is no place to wash clothes)

Please support our female troops overseas as the Deacons reach out into a new area of service.



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS In January

7 Beth Dober  
14 Boy Scouts  
17 Chari Burtner  
21 Vince Appleman  
28 Irene Nelson

Your Session:  
Michelle Hough  
Rebecca Fisher  
Cliff McKay, Sr.  
Debbie Fotheringham  
Deb Artman  
Kirk Orr  
Jolene Kostelansky  
Mick Dober  
Mike Tatem  
Vicki Orr

**Corporate Officers:**  
**President:** Sophia Earhart  
**Vice-Pres.:** Cliff McKay  
**Secretary:** Michelle Hough  
**Treasurer:** Donna Bracken

**THE POWER OF PRAYER!**  
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.  
Rodney Schafer  
Charlene McKay  
Jennifer Motosicky  
Irene Nelson  
Bob Bates  
Kim Soulcheck  
Nita Serene  
Hilda Maxwell  
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

7 Rebecca Fisher and  
Cliff McKay  
14 Deb Fotheringham and  
Deb Artman  
21 Jolene Kostelansky and  
Mick Dober  
28 Mike Tatem and  
Vicki Orr



## **THE AUDIO MINISTRY TEAM** **NEEDS YOU!!!**

If you can push two buttons down when the choir sings, then push the same ones down again when they are done, then be back in your seat before the Scripture is ready, this ministry is for you! There is a simple instruction sheet, and Kirk will show you the two - easy to find buttons. How could something so simple and easy be so important? As Kirk, he will be happy to "show and tell"!

### **Counters:**

7 Jolene Kostelansky and  
Sophia Earhart  
14 Chari Burtner and Matt  
Wehrle  
21 Janet Karan and Deb  
Artman  
28 Chuck and Judy West



The “No Kids Hungry” program has begun! On Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in our choir room, weekend food bags were packed for 80 Burrell elementary students, then discreetly distributed by the schools to those students that Friday. Mark Resetar explained to over 20 helpers how the process would be performed. Helpers from Puckety, Burrell Community, Grace Presbyterian, Christ Community Fellowship and World Overcomers Ministry churches then

staged the food items across 4 tables. The first week of lunches was packed by the adult helpers. The food items were set up again, then six high school students arrived and packed another 80 lunches. We are already one week ahead, which is good in case bad weather gets in the way of packing some week. And, by the time you read this, another week will be done!



Puckety Church has volunteered to have 5-6 people present from 10AM – noon on the first Wednesday of each month during the school year. The work is easy and the fellowship with each other and the kids is fun. You can sign up



for a day or more by contacting Kelly at the church office. Hurry as the spots may fill quickly! But, you can come any Wednesday you’d like and help and socialize!

The other current need is food supply. If you’d like to shop for needed items, please contact Kelly for a list. To donate food, you may stop by the church between 9 and 2 Mon.-Fri. and drop it off in the choir room. Please place new items in the designated location to help with inventory management. There is a list of items needed at the end of this article.

To donate money, you can drop a check made out to “Puckety Church” marked “for NKH” into the offering plate on any Sunday or make out a check to the ‘Parnassus Area Partnership’ marked “for NKH” and mail it to the partnership, c/o Mark Resetar, PO Box 3055, New Kensington, PA 15068. Online donations can be made on PayPal by sending money to the email address [NoKidsHungry@aol.com](mailto:NoKidsHungry@aol.com). To volunteer, organize a food drive, or for more information, visit the No Kids Hungry page on Facebook, email [NoKidsHungry@aol.com](mailto:NoKidsHungry@aol.com) or call 724-448-8173. A meeting for new volunteers is planned at 10 a.m. Feb. 6 at Puckety.



By the way, WE MADE THE TRIB!!! Here is a link to the online article:

<http://triblive.com/news/valleynewsdispatch/9820890-74/burrell-program-students>

Above all, please pray for this effort; that it touches the kids, parents, teachers, and administrators. And that it blesses those who participate. How exciting that we are on a path to minister directly to the schools and that doors are opening for other possibilities!! God is good! All the time!

### FOOD ITEMS LIST

- small milk boxes/ plastic bottles
- small cereal boxes or individual servings
- pudding or jello w/fruit cups
- individual servings of peanut butter
- small individual mac and cheese servings
- small packages/boxes of raisins/trail mix
- single servings of chicken or tuna (packs)
- packaged lunches (lunchables)
- instant oatmeal packets
- small canned pasta meals (must have pop off lids)
- juice boxes/ pouches
- apple sauce cups
- fruit cups
- packs of crackers
- fruit roll ups
- granola bars
- soup cups
- pop tarts/toaster pastries
- breakfast and snack bars
- any healthy, nutritious single serving breakfast or lunch item

## "THE SCROLLED HAMMERED CROSS" AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY

THE "SCROLLED HAMMERED CROSS" WAS DESIGNED AND CRAFTED BY METAL SCULPTOR, MR. JAMES ELLIOTT OF FREEPORT, PA. THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND CROSS WAS DESIGNED WITH A UNIQUE SCROLLED HEAD, BASE AND CROSS PIECE. ITS PURPOSE IS TO CELEBRATE THE MAJOR FAITH EVENTS OF CHRISTIANITY.

BEGINNING WITH ASH WEDNESDAY THROUGH THE SEASON OF LENT, THREE LARGE NAILS PROTRUDE FROM THE CROSS REPRESENTING PENITENCE (REGRET), SORROW (DEEP DISTRESS OR GRIEF) AND REPENTANCE (PROCESS OF TURNING AWAY FROM SIN).

ON PASSION/PALM SUNDAY THROUGH GOOD FRIDAY, A CROWN OF THORNS WITH 33 POINTS (REPRESENTING THE AGE OF CHRIST AT HIS DEATH) IS PLACED AT THE CENTER OF THE CROSS. IN ADDITION, THE TRADITIONAL LATIN PLACARD, " INRI", IS PLACED AT THE TOP OF THE CROSS, TRANSLATED, "JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS" (JOHN 19:19) RECALLING CHRIST'S DEATH.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, ALL OF THE SYMBOLS OF PASSION, DEATH AND SORROW ARE REMOVED AND A BRASS ON STEEL SONBURST IS PLACED BEHIND THE CROSS REPRESENTING CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND HIS ETERNALNESS.



**Please join us:** Friday February 19, 2016 (with a "snow date" of Friday February 26, 2016) at 6:00 is a fun night for kids! If you know someone who came to our Vacation Bible School, or someone who wanted to come but wasn't able to, bring them to our movie and activity night. Fun evening for any child 3 yrs-5th grade. It's all free...we will be watching UP! in the Sanctuary with popcorn and drinks!

## Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 3 Dylan Meyer
- 6 Donald Livingston  
Johnathan Langdon
- 9 Darlene Miller
- 10 Rodney Schafer  
Martha Matisko
- 15 Mark Nelson
- 18 Joshua Johnston  
Ron Kapustik
- 19 Karen David
- 20 Bruce Greiner
- 22 Pat Langdon
- 24 Vicky Baker  
Audrey J. Morrow
- 26 James Heasley
- 28 Kristine Schafer



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*(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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