

Puckety Presbyterian Church

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

August 2016

Post-Scripts
a monthly publication



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC: There is a sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board for summer "special music". We encourage those of you who have musical talents to share them with the congregation to glorify God. Instrumentalists and vocalists alike are welcomed. Please sign up for one Sunday at this time to allow others to choose their dates. It is always uplifting to listen to others praise through music! Any questions, please contact our choir director, Lorraine Menk, at 724-339-9531.

CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



For your information: In the library of the church building, are all the small group study materials you may have missed or would like to re-examine. There are DVD's, books and workbooks that you may borrow at any time!

Meals on Wheels is currently looking for volunteers:

For the Administrative Management role, which includes - Scheduling regular volunteers (not alternates), Maintaining the schedule files, Administrative Log Book and the Processes, Scheduling volunteers to work the Administrative Desk when MOW is open.

For Driver Management role, which includes Setting the delivery routes, Maintaining and printing the Driver's Schedule, Working with the Alternate Driver Scheduler (currently Dave Peters) and Maintaining and printing the Monthly Driver's Log (make deletions, additions, corrections), Training new driver volunteers and Notification of changes to all drivers.

Both of these roles need an individual that has a computer and has a knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. 95% of this work is done in your home.

Call Mary (724-335-9793) if you need more details about the role before making a decision. Training will be provided for both of these positions.

Thanks for your consideration and if you know someone in the community that might be interested, please let us know.

The Valley Points Family YMCA is offering two new programs to control heart disease/hypertension and prediabetes. Our Blood Pressure Self Monitoring and Diabetes Prevention Program are offered at five area locations. Please call Melanie Garee at 724-845-1968 to registrar and begin on your way to a **HEALTHIER YOU!!!**



Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

August 7:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21:

Jer. 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28:

Jer. 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8
Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Road of Life

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die.. He was out there sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him.

But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal.

I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable . . . It was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places at breakneck speeds, it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!"

I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust.

I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand.

He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me gifts to take on my journey, my Lord's and mine.

And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it; but He knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten scary passages.

And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ.

And when I'm sure I just can't do anymore, He just smiles and says . . . "Pedal."

-- author unknown

Dear Generous Family,

Thank you to all who have contributed to the West Virginia Special Offering. From the two Sunday collections, we accumulated \$1104, plus \$400 from the Deacon Fund, to help the victims of the devastating flooding. What a blessing you are to the needy!

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:17-18)

It is very hard for most of us to imagine losing our home, and everything else we own, in a matter of a few seconds. Then having to start over by first searching for a place to live before you can start to get your life back together, knowing nothing will be the same. Many survivors still have nowhere to go. But thanks to people like you, they are beginning a new chapter in their lives, and with God's blessing, they will continue to receive help.

So, thank you and thank you.

In His service, Board of Deacons PS Please remember to continue to pray for WV, and our nation.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS In July

- 7
14 Denise Wehrle
21 Maria Schafer
28 Sophia Earhart

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.: 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.
Brenda McAllister
Lauretta Lockwood
Jennifer Motosicky
Irene Nelson
Maria Schafer
John McAllister
Nita Serene
Hilda Maxwell
Denise Wehrle



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 Matt Wehrle and
Rebecca Fisher
14 Sue Close and Jolene
Kostelansky
21 Deb Artman and Sophia
Earhart
28 Mick Dober and Mike
Tatem

Counters:

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



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

*Our
sympathies to
the family and
friends of Carol Johnston who*

passed away on July 21, 2016.

Before Carol Johnston passed away, she asked to thank you all for your cards, prayers and offers to help. She enjoyed the cards very much. She also wanted to thank Kirk for his visits. She thanked Pucketty Church for being a caring church through her ALS ordeal.



to the
following
Upkeep
Team
members for

sealing the manse driveway and the drive into the church: Vince Appleman, Jack Barnett, John Guyer and Dean Kunkle.

- ✓ Our Pine Springs Counselor to pray for this summer is Simon Deangelo.

*Please consider sending him a note of encouragement (between June 3- August 8)...address the envelope using the following address:

Simon Deangelo
 Pine Springs Camp
 371 Pine Springs Camp Road
 Jennerstown, PA 15547

- ✓ Puckety will be hosting a women's retreat in the spring of 2017 (Friday night, all day Saturday). More details will be given later in the summer/fall.

Backyard Blessing 2016

at Hartwood Acres

August 6th from 11am to 5pm

Come for a day of family friendly fun!

Free concert (including Risen to Save) food and fun things to do for the kids!!



MUSICAL NOTES:

In a few weeks we will begin the new season for the adult choir with rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. I know the current members are going to love both singing and experiencing God's love through the musical prayer planned for the fall. I believe He who loves us calls us to minister in music. If He is calling you, you are welcome to come enjoy being with the choir family. There is a seat waiting for you. It is great that we have a full, robust choir so that members can have flexibility with attendance. You can reach me at 724-339-9531 or kirbie1@comcast.net See you on Thursday nights!
 ~ Loraine Menk, Choir Director

Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 1 Sandy Ankney
- 3 Todd Johnston
- 9 Kim Soulcheck
- 10 John Fisher
Shannon Brown
George Davis
- 11 Gary Close
- 12 Nicholas Yohe
Jessica Guyer
Justin Varner
- 13 Kelly Kapelewski
- 14 Linda Brown
- 15 Janet Yurkin
Jack Barnett
Marilyn Crumley
Daniel Pettigrew
Leroy Anthony
- 16 Cooper Spenik
- 17 Julie (Johnston) Teichman
- 19 Norma London
Sandy Appleman
- 20 Caroline McAllister
- 22 Dorothy Brackin
Noelle Schirato
- 25 John Brown
- 30 Leetha O'Neil
- 31 Laurel Thomm

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



CHOIR
 KICK-
 OFF
 PICNIC

Current and incoming choir members are invited to a Kick-Off picnic on Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Cliff and Charlene McKay and George. The address is 3138 Texas Drive, Lower Burrell. It will be fun to see each other and listen to some sweet music planned for the fall. Chicken and paper products will be provided. Please let Lorraine know (724-339-9531) what you would like to bring for a side dish no later than Monday, August 22 so she can coordinate the meal. This would be the perfect opportunity to come and meet your musical family if you are interested in joining us. First rehearsal is Thursday, September 8.



End of Summer Festival 2016

You have probably already marked the date on your calendar for our festival this year. If not, it's time to now! **August 27th**, with a rain date of the **28th**. If we don't need to use the rain date, our Sunday morning worship service will be outside.

Once again, we'll have:

- live music throughout the day
- FREE games and activities for the children;
 - rock wall, bounce house, face painting, rocketry, balloon animals...
- crafters
- food vendors
- Boy Scout camping experience

We are looking for any stuffed animals in EXCELLENT condition that you may have to donate for prizes, or for monetary donations that we can use to buy them. See Deb Artman with either type.

More than 90 Puckety people participated / attended last year. We are praying for an even better turnout this year. The festival 'helper' signup board is in the front of the sanctuary. Speaking of praying, we trust you will all be praying for great weather, safety, and Holy Spirit to work through us to reach our community.

Bring a chair, bring a friend!



222nd General Assembly

A "YAAD" Perspective—Mandi Pascarella

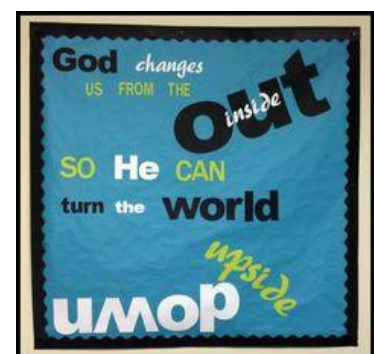
*Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World **Together!***

Christ at work in our midst

“Young adults in the church often get a bad reputation. Many feel that we don't know what is going on, or we just don't care. While this sometimes is true, it is not always the case. I was given the opportunity to attend General Assembly as a YAAD. On this trip, I met many *amazing young adults*, as well as many *inspiring* and *influential* members of the church. I was

honored to share my thoughts and feelings on issues the church faces today. While much of what we did raised discussion and debate, at the end of the day we all came together in prayer and song. I believe the church is headed in a good direction with the current commissioners and will be in good hands in the future. I'd like to thank you for selecting me to represent Redstone Presbytery. I would also like to thank my congregation (First, Greensburg). When I was baptized 19 years ago, they promised to love and support me as their own. I can affirm that along this road I have felt nothing less.” (For more information on General Assembly...www.redstone.org)

The Bulletin Board Group will meet on August 29th at 1:30pm in Faith Hall. Bring your scissors! Any questions, contact Beth Dober! See you there!!



Puckety Presbyterian Church
Deacons Meeting
July 14, 2016

DEACONS

Following to Lead | Leading to Serve

A special Deacon's meeting was called for by Moderator Denise Wehrle and took place on July 14, 2016. The meeting was opened with prayer. The meeting was called for to discuss and update Standard Operating Procedures set forth by Session in 2008 and the Deacon's manual. All Deacons were able to be in attendance.

The following business took place:

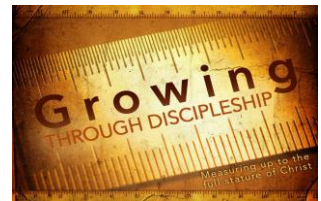
1. Deacon duties were discussed and initial changes made to reflect current practices. These changes will be discussed further at our September meeting and updates made if necessary.
2. All Deacons agreed to allow our Moderator to use her discretion in awarding \$50 with any requests received. This will eliminate phone polling which is time consuming when unable to reach people at home.
3. A request was received and discussed concerning Presbytery's request for churches to support West Virginia residents who have been affected by the recent flooding in their state. It was agreed to open it up to the congregation for their involvement also. We agreed to match congregation contributions up to \$400.
4. A need for "special offering" envelopes was discussed; it was agreed to purchase them and to place them in the pew racks.

The business at hand was discussed while enjoying a delightful dinner courtesy of Denise Wehrle.

Respectfully submitted, Nita Serene

Discipleship Team Update:

- **VBS:**
**Thank you to all of you for your help and willingness to do what was needed, even if it wasn't your first choice!!
**2017 date: Mon. June 19-Fri. June 23rd
- **Back to School:**
**Sunday August 21-during worship we will pray for our students and teachers as they prepare to head back to the classroom.
- **Salad Sunday:** On Sunday September 11: The Discipleship Team along with Fellowship and Care Team is hosting a Salad Sunday luncheon! Bring your favorite tossed, jello, pasta, or fruit salad, and join us after worship for a chance to fellowship, and eat together!
- **Women's Retreat (at Puckety)**
**Date: Friday March 24th-Saturday March 25th
**Pray about who you can bring with you!






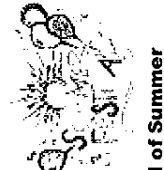
Prayer Focus for Sunday July 31-Saturday August 13th

- *The vendors and setting up and selling items at the festival.
- *For those planning the event
- *For God to bring workers to help set up, and give of their time to work during the festival
- *Above all, that God would be glorified. (Psalm 115:1 says, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to Your name be glory because of your love and faithfulness." This is about taking full advantage of the opportunities God WILL provide that day, to love and serve people who come to the festival, honoring God through the festival, in everything we do and say, and giving Him the glory!

Prayer Focus for Sunday August 14-Saturday August 27

- *Pray for the school board...for wisdom and Godly decisions.
- *Pray for administrators, students, and teachers...
- *For students to have a desire to learn, for their safety and protection and strength to stand up to peer pressure
- **Names of specific people to pray for will be coming in September's Post Scripts.

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Helgert 50th Birthday Party 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	1  Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 7:00 PM Risen To Save Rehearsal in the Sanctuary	2 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	3 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 7:00 PM Risen To Save Rehearsal in the Sanctuary	5 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Line Dancing	6 Erin Birthday Party??
7 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	8 Meals on Wheels 2:30 PM BHS Football Dinner 6:30 PM MS Group Meeting	9 2:30 PM BHS Football Dinner 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	10 Meals on Wheels 2:30 PM BHS Football Dinner 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 2:30 PM BHS Football Dinner	12 Meals on Wheels 2:30 PM BHS Football Dinner 6:00 PM Line Dancing	13
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21  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	22 Meals on Wheels	23 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	24  Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25 6:00 PM Choir Picnic	26 End of Summer Festival Set-Up Meals on Wheels	27  End of Summer Festival
28 End of Summer Festival rain date 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch @ Villa Ballanca 6:00 PM Youth Group	29 Meals on Wheels 1:30 PM Bulletin Board Group	30 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	31 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 5:30 PM Girl Scouts Open Registration	2 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Line Dancing	3

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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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