

*Puckety Presbyterian Church*  
1009 Puckety Church Road  
Lower Burrell, PA 15068

*(Return Service Requested)*

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**REMINDER:**

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom/video at [pucketychurch.org](http://pucketychurch.org)

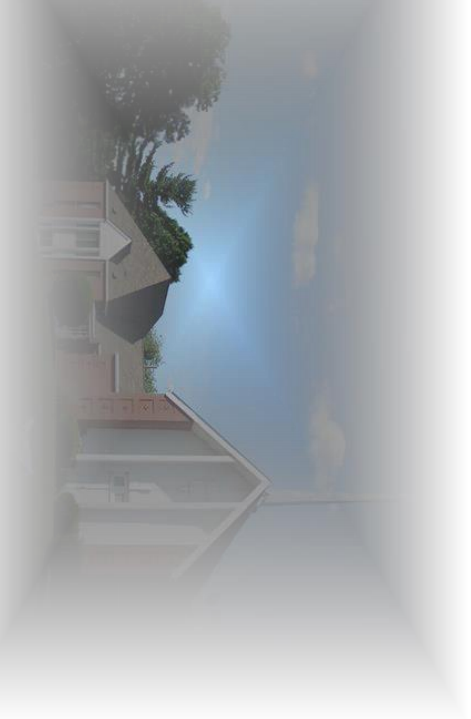


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# *Puckety Church*

*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*  
a monthly publication



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

*August 2024*

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### Pastor's Corner

*A Reflection on My Experience at General Assembly in Salt Lake City*

– Rev. Brian Kilbert

In the time I have, allow me to share something I found surprising. Even though parliamentary procedure had its share of ... “moments” let’s call them ... the thing that may have impressed me the most as “spiritual” ALSO came in the midst of “Robert’s Rules.” (Try to stick with me through this). Two times a vote/action was reconsidered (both times that required not only a 2/3 majority to revisit but the motion to do so had to come from the prevailing side – in other words, someone from the ‘winners’ had to move it). One of these times, not only was the action reconsidered, but it was *reversed* – which is extremely rare – someone told me it hasn’t happened in this century. But here’s the part that struck me ... The electronic tally polled showed a *sizeable* number willing to reconsider – I was not expecting this because I don’t see this kind of openness in the world usually.

Keep in mind this had already been a LENGTHY process (it had been *past 2 hours*). But in that moment, when a sizeable number of the “winners” were ready to reconsider, I became personally convicted that the Holy Spirit was at work. It wasn’t merely an “openness” to the Spirit. The level of patience, humility, and love (the wonderful sacrificial thing) – it showed forth in and through commissioners who disagreed. This wasn’t just “good argument” – this kind of mutual submission to the leading of the Lord was WAY more than what you find in other spheres (like, say, in Congress). And you might say you’d expect that from the Church. Exactly. My reflection is that I saw it at GA.

Yes, there were overtures & votes that did not go the way I would have wanted. But I was encouraged by the way the Church (who could disagree so strongly) treated each other with respect, dignity, and hope. I’m grateful that God let me see the Church do what the theme of this year’s GA was: “Live into Hope.”

Respectfully,

Teaching Elder Commissioner Brian Kilbert

*P.S. If you’d like more stories/details (or just want to see some pictures of the National Parks in Utah, just stop by the office some morning) – I’m very happy to share more with you.*

### Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!

Website: [www.pucketychurch.org](http://www.pucketychurch.org) Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church  
Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety

**VANCO**  
FAITH

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](http://pucketychurch.org). Thank you for your generosity!



- 04 Jennifer McKay
- 11 Alice Knopfel
- 18 Mira Whalen
- 25 Maria Schafer

**Your Deacons:**

- Sandra Ankney
- Pat Fish
- John McAllister
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Mira Whalen
- Kim Soulcheck
- Sandy Appleman
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Bruce Sproull
- Vicky Eckman

**Corporate Officers:**

- President:** Chuck West
- Vice-Pres.:** Maria Schafer
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Jolene Kostelansky

SUMMER IS HERE...and with it, time off for the choir. From the beginning of June until the end of August, we need special music to fill the spot usually reserved for anthems. If you are willing to share your musical talent (vocal or instrumental), just sign up on the list provided on the hallway bulletin board. If you need accompaniment, please let Jesse Oddis or Lorraine Menk know. If you have audio recordings, etc., please let someone on the AV team know.

**Your Session:**

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Jolene Kostelansky
- Mick Dober
- Kelly Kapelewski
- Marilyn Crumley
- Helen Crissman
- Maria Schafer
- Sandy Schafer
- Chuck West
- Matt Wehrle



**Offering counters:**

- 04: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart & Matt Wehrle
- 11: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley, Janet Karan or Jolene Kostelansky
- 18: Janet Karan & Jolene Kostelansky
- 25: Chuck & Judy West

**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!

**Pastor:**

Reverend Brian Kilbert

**Administrative Secretary:**

Kelly Kapelewski

**Bookkeeper:**

Debra Artman

**Choir Director:**

Lorraine Menk

**Music Ministry Specialist:**

Jesse Oddis

**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.

**The Deacons are in need of donations of any non-perishable food items for the Deacon's Pantry. Place your items outside the metal cabinet beside the library door. THANK YOU!**



The Bible readings are from "Book of Common Worship"

**August 4:**

2 Sam 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Eph 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

**August 11:**

2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33  
Psalm 130  
Eph 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35; 41-51

**August 18:**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Eph 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

**August 25:**

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Eph 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69



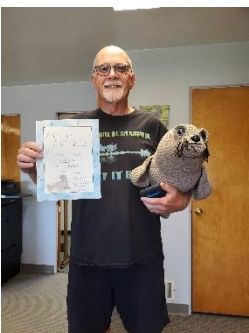
save the date: TRUNK OR TREAT WILL BE SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH THIS YEAR. WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU TO SAVE THE DATE SO EARLY? WE WILL BE PAIRING TRUNK OR TREAT WITH A BASKET RAFFLE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL BE IN NEED EVERYONE'S HELP TO MAKE IT A GREAT SUCCESS. IF YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR PUTTING FANTASTIC BASKETS TOGETHER OR WANT TO HELP IN SOME OTHER WAY PLEASE LET WIEBKE KNOW.

**JOIN US FOR PRAYER WALKING ON 8/18 FOLLOWING WORSHIP. WE WILL PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR SCHOOLS.**



- 1 Sandra Ankney
- 3 Todd Johnston
- 9 Kim Soulcheck
- 10 George Davis
- 12 Nicholas Yohe
- 13 Kelly Kapelewski
- 15 Jack Barnett
- Marilyn Crumley
- Leroy Anthony
- 16 Cooper Spenick
- 17 Julie Teichman
- 19 Sandy Appleman
- 20 Caroline McAllister
- 22 Brennan Sugajski
- 30 Leatha O'Neil
- 31 Laurel Thomm
- Debbi Fritz

We will be going to Origins, formerly TryLife, on Tuesday August 13th at 5PM to. This month the volunteers are: Lisa Wilson, Barb Sprinkle, Bruce and Kim Sproull and Wiebke Kilbert. There is always room for additional volunteers. Please consider signing up for September and December as those months there are only two people signed up. We like to have 4 church members at a minimum go to work as a team. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Wiebke or Pastor Brian. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



The new grand total for the Capital Campaign in: \$113,961.04!!

The sea creature auction brought in \$717 and the hoagie/pizza sale \$766!

The photo on the left is that of one of our sea creature adoptees!

We continue to be incredibly blessed by the power and provision of our great God. We thank all through whom the Spirit has been moving and working, and we give glory to the One without whom this would not have been possible -

Soli Deo Gloria!



The Puckety Praise Team is actively seeking out a drummer to play for Sunday morning services and Thursday evening rehearsals! They are also wanting to open themselves to any guitarists, vocalists, or any other musician who wants to dedicate their talents to the Lord. Come join us Thursday evening at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary if you or someone you know might be interested - please see Pastor Brian, Jesse O, or any member of the Puckety Praise Team for more info.

Jesse Oddis' mom is in the process of trying to sell his grandfather's electric scooter. He hardly used it and it's in good condition. The price is somewhat negotiable. Perhaps someone at church would want it or would know someone who would want it. Contact Jesse if you or anyone you know might be interested. 724-882-9242



## Presbytery of Redstone



*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."*

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As we gather this day in worship to our God, we pray for former President Trump, and for all those affected by this act of violence. We pray for healing, both physical and emotional for him and any others who have suffered at the hand of this senseless violence. Such acts have no place in our political process nor in any other form of our engagement together as a people.

More than ever, we are aware of the ways in which differences among us, whether political or religious, become magnified and escalate. Yet, as Christians we are called to a different standard where peacemaking is not merely an ideal, but a way of living with one another and loving our neighbors (and not just those with whom we agree). So, during this time not only in response to this horrific action, but during this election season, in our churches and in our neighborhoods, may we come together to pray for our leaders and our country.

May our prayers begin today. Prayers for recovery and healing from violence. Prayers for our unity as a people of God and those who inhabit this land. And may peacemaking be both our prayer and our practice for former President Trump, for others affected and for our neighbors.

**RAISERIGHT FUNDRAISING – an easy way to contribute to our Capital Campaign! All you do is buy gift cards from your favorite stores to earn money for Puckety Church to help with the cost of replacing the parking lot, church roof and new sign! There are flyers at each entrance to the sanctuary with all the information you need to get started. Right now they are doing a big back-to-school promotion! See the bulletin board for more info.**



**TAI CHI CLASS!!!** Join in for a relaxing exercise that is beneficial to the whole body. Tai chi trains you to find alignments that are safe and unstrained allowing you to perform graceful movements.

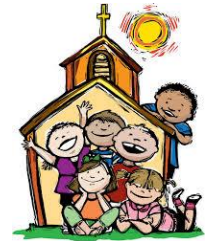
**Every Wednesday 6:00 PM in Faith Hall** Led by Donna Jeffries.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SUMMER SCHEDULE

August 11<sup>th</sup>

August 25<sup>th</sup>

We will return to the normal weekly schedule, starting Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.



**Crafternoon:** We will be meeting on August 18th after service. Bring your current project and a snack if you are inclined. This is a great time to relax and work on our projects with other crafters.

The next Ladies Luncheon is on **August 25<sup>th</sup>** and we will be going to **China Lobster** in Lower Burrell. We will **gather after the service in Hope Hall** by the display case and head over more or less as a group. Contact Joyce Yurko for any questions or if you need a ride.

Everyone is invited to our next Coffee Hour hosted by Fellowship & Care Team on August 11 following Worship in Faith Hall. They will be making breakfast sandwiches and serving cake in honor of George Davis' 70<sup>th</sup> birthday! There will be a card box for George if you care to bring one for him.



### ***Musical Notes...***

The season kick-off picnic for the Puckety Choir will be held on Thursday, August 29 at 6pm in Faith Hall. All current and new members are invited to attend! Chicken and paper products will be provided and we are asking choir members to bring a side dish or dessert. Just let Lorraine know by about August 25 what you'd like to bring. Praise band will rehearse about 7, after the picnic.

Looking forward to having YOU with us this season!  
Regular rehearsals will begin on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7pm  
First worship with choir will be Sunday, Sept. 22



Many people describe their experiences at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a family reunion. People see friends and colleagues from the larger church that they haven't seen in some time, reconnecting and catching up for lost time while overtures are being discussed, debated and voted on around them.

For Chris and Brian Kilbert, this year's GA in Salt Lake City was literally a family reunion. The 45-year-olds from the Synod of the Trinity region who were GA commissioners in Utah in late June and early July are not only brothers, but also twins. It made for an extra-special time for the two to bond over Presbyterian work while also getting in some sightseeing and hiking after their GA work was complete ...

The Kilberts were roommates at GA, allowing them to connect after busy days in their committees, a hectic schedule that sometimes prevented them from talking throughout the day.

Brian admitted that there weren't too many surprises at GA this year. If he had to pick one memorable moment during the gathering, it would be during the [debate over the fossil fuel industry](#), a vote that originally went in favor of full divestment and then swung the other way in a landmark decision. "They were very long," he said of the discussions. "I did not expect to see God's Spirit move in the midst of all the parliamentary procedure, but I did. One particular item of business had to be around four hours long. "What surprised me was not only that they reconsidered, but the significant amount of the 'winners' who were willing to hear those that didn't feel like they had been heard. When I watched the process and the people being open to make sure that everyone had been heard, even though everyone was tired, I said that's got to be God because I don't see that in the world. You don't see it in Congress, you don't see it in other places with human beings, particularly when they have 'won,' they're not going to reconsider.

"I was very encouraged by how the church showed love, respect, openness and humility. It was so neat how it ended up working in the end." While Brian was clearly encouraged and thankful by what he saw regarding people on both sides of an issue being heard, Chris agreed that this was an encouraging sign.

Chris said, "It was interesting, once we got to Salt Lake City, whether it was our own committee or whether it was just random connections through meals or different kinds of conversations, to see the spirit of the people, the love of the people, the connectedness of the church," he said. "It is something that you can hear about and cherish about our own church tradition, but to see it really lived out was encouraging. It's something to cherish and be thankful for just to see brothers and sisters as the larger church seeking the will of Christ for his church."

The co-moderators were also responsible for honoring Chris and Brian in front of the almost 600-person plenary on July 3, as that date coincided with the 20-year anniversary of their ordinations. "They took the time to honor us, and that was pretty neat," Brian said.

Following the five days at General Assembly, the Kilberts hiked four national parks in the area.

Despite serving congregations roughly 4 ½ hours apart, they stay connected but usually only see each other during holidays. That helped make GA special.

"It was a very unique and humbling way to serve the larger church and our presbytery," Chris concluded.



**A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC. THANK YOU TO THE FELLOWSHIP & CARE TEAM, JOHN McALLISTER AND ALL WHO BROUGHT A DISH TO SHARE.**



AV Team: In the last two months we have secured a headset that connects to one of the computers eliminating the need for a sound volunteer to bring in a phone, computer, or headset to hear how the sound is on the Zoom broadcast is. We are still in desperate need of an additional sound volunteer to ensure that the worship service is properly broadcast. Please prayerfully consider shadowing a sound volunteer to see if this is something you would be able to do. To any of our teenagers who need volunteer hours, this would qualify!

Date	Presentation Creation	Presenter	Sound	Zoom host
8/4/2024	Beth	Beth	Nate	Wiebke
8/11/2024	Sandra	Sandra	Rodney	Wiebke
8/18/2024	Brian	Joyce	Zach	Wiebke
8/25/2024	Matt	Matt	Nate	Deb





**SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual church and community bonfire will be held on Saturday, October 12 at 7:00pm. There will be hot dogs, smores and hot chocolate! Bring a chair and a friend!

The Church Roof project is scheduled to begin the week of August 11th! The new digital Church Sign has been ordered and is expected to be installed sometime in the month of October. The Upkeep Team also continues to stay on top of various necessary things (such as the possible needed augmentation of the electrical supply to the sign, etc.). Many thanks to all who have continued to be part of the process.

**Youth Group** - Rev. Kilbert has planned two outings with the students to say goodbye to the summer:

- Rafting the Lower Yough in OhioPyle on Aug. 17th (5 students and a couple adults)
- Kayaking on Aug. 24th on the Allegheny at 10.7 Marina since the Kiski is still too low (7 students and 3 adults)
- The Fall Kickoff for our youth group will be Sunday, September 22nd - officially from 6:00 to 8:00 PM but kids (5th grade and up) can gather as early as 5:45 PM for 4 square and outdoor games. Anyone who is willing to serve as a youth group adult volunteer this year, please let Pastor Brian know ASAP - there are LOTS of ways to help.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**August 29th** - Choir Picnic in Faith Hall

**August 30th (+9/13 & 9/27)** - Parking Fundraiser (Bucs Home Games) - youth group will help collect parking \$ for the Capital Campaign (to help pay back loan for the lot). *We need adult help* for 3 games (8/30, 9/13, & 9/27) from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. *Please contact Pastor Brian to help the group!*

**September 8th** - Rally Day ("Back-to-Church") Breakfast - before worship (9:00 to 9:45 AM) with pancakes and more. All are invited as we start off the year right.

**September 22nd** - Youth Group Kickoff (6:00 to 8:00 PM) - spread the word - students from any district (5th grade and up) are welcome. Invite someone new to be part of the crew.

**September 25th** - The Chosen (*Season 3 w/ Pastor Brian*) - first Small Group meeting (then each Wednesday) - 6:30 to 8:00 PM. If you're not part of one of Puckety's small groups, this is a GREAT one to jump in with.

**September 28th** - American Revival on the Kelley Farm - 325 Riemer Rd, Sarver, PA 16055  
Starts at 11:00 AM - Christian bands, speakers, and more. Food vendors too. NOTE: We would like to get additional volunteers from Puckety to help with various needs for the event. Please contact Deb Artman to help with this event.

\*The next Open Mic Night will be rescheduled so please watch bulletins and the church's social media sites.

# AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>Children's Church <b>10:00am Worship</b> 11:30am Ladies Lunch</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 10:30am Card Ministry</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00pm N.A. meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Tai Chi</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am DKG Meeting 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Hicks/Becker Reunion</p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>10:00am Worship</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 6:00pm Upkeep Team Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00pm N.A. meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Deacons Meeting 6:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Schafer Small Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am Burrell Marching Band Lunch 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Children's Church <b>10:00am Worship</b></p> <p>COFFEE HOUR</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 5:30pm MS Group Meeting 7:00pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00pm Origins Outreach 6:00pm Session Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Tai Chi</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Burrell Marching Band Lunch 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>17</p> <p>White Water Rafting</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>10:00am Worship</b> 11:00am Prayer Walking 11:30am Crafternoon</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 4:30pm Discipleship Team Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00pm N.A. meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Tai Chi 6:30pm Schafer Small Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00am Emilia Catering in Faith Hall</p> <p>1:00pm Youth Group Kayaking</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Children's Church <b>10:00am Worship</b> 11:30am Ladies Lunch at China Lobster</p> <p>Ladies Lunch</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 10:30am Card Ministry</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Tai Chi</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>WELCOME BACK, CHOIR</b> </p> <p>6:00pm Back to Choir Gathering 7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>Church Parking</p> <p>Youth Group Parking</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30am Jones Family Reunion</p>

