

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.

Children's' Church 10:00 a.m.



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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Jesus promises us an abundant life. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). However, we often confuse "abundant" with "comfortable." We assume that if we are comfortable we must be living the abundant life. We also assume that we can find the abundant life by pursuing comfort. They are not the same. As one person said, "Christ came to comfort the afflicted, and to afflict the comfortable." Several years ago I read an article that described this in a different way.

"People love the 'Hosannas' of Palm Sunday and the 'Hallelujahs' of Easter Day, but would rather avoid the Good Friday cross that lies between them... In the trenchant words of William Penn, 'No pain, no palm;\ No thorns, no throne;\ No gall, no glory;\ No cross, no crown.' The pain and the thorns and the gall and the cross are simply part of what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus Christ" (Chris Webb & Richard Foster, in Heart-to-Heart, January 2008).

Lent is a time for Christians to focus on our faith journey. We are called to journey with Jesus, to follow Jesus, by taking up the cross. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Jesus died on the cross for us

and we are called to take up our own cross. What that means will be different for each of us, but it certainly means that the comfortable and easy Christianity that is so common in our day may not be what God desires for us. In our culture, if we want to grow closer to Christ, if we want to become the persons God wants us to be, we are likely to struggle. We may not face persecution that someone might experience in the Middle East, or in other countries where it is illegal to be a Christian, but it may mean we struggle with loneliness, or with giving away more of our money and possessions. Or maybe it means taking the risk of sharing our faith with our friends, neighbors and co-workers, inviting them to church.

Certainly, for many, that would mean more than skipping from the "Hosannas" of Palm Sunday to the "Hallelujahs" of Easter and attending worship services during Holy Week (Puckety has a Maundy Thursday service, 4/18 @ 7:00 PM. Other churches have Good Friday services.). It probably also means reading the story of the last week of Christ, in at least one of the gospels (Matthew 21-28; Mark 11-16; Luke 19-24; John 11-21). Take the time to ponder the events that took place. Imagine what it might have been like to actually be there. Reflect on what God wants to say to you in His Holy Word. Ponder the idea that Jesus did this **for you.**

Jesus came to bring us the abundant life, a life overflowing with joy and an overwhelming sense of God's gracious presence. Here's the paradox; we will experience that abundance as we embrace the cross and the pain of our lives, and as we embrace our Lord, who died that we might live. As we do so we will discover that our Lord's arms embrace us, holding us close to the heart of God.

If you are not currently on our email list and would like to receive our weekly Friday morning emails that briefly describe the upcoming Sunday sermon and contains important announcements for future events, please email the office at kelly@pucketychurch.org and we would be glad to add you!



"Musical Notes" - From personal reflection on the Lord's Prayer, to the Lord's Passion, to His magnificent Resurrection to new life, the choir's music has been chosen to reflect the many emotions and prayers we experience during Lent. The choir recently welcomed Lisa Wilson to the alto section, and we look forward to others joining in. We are especially in need of men to sing who have both low or high voices. Keep in mind after the anthem, you are always welcome to return to the pews to sit with family. We all wear many hats!

The choir is preparing two special pieces for the Maundy Thursday service that will truly enrich your prayer life. In addition, a splendid anthem for Easter, and the children having their moment to share is in store for Easter. After Easter the choir will begin their preparation for Choir Appreciation Sunday on Sunday, May 19, their last Sunday for the season. Thank you all for your support of your choir, their director, and for your hearty participation in the music worship at Puckety! ~ Lorraine Menk, Choir Director



The Deacons will be collecting names of local families in need of a Food Basket for Easter until April 12, 2019. Pick-up will be Saturday, April 13th from 9:30 - 10:30am. Please email or call the church office or drop off a note!

Sponsors Name/Number: _____

Family Receiving Food Name/Number/Address: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children (& ages, if known): _____



In April

7 Sophia Earhart
14 Mick Dober
21 Beth Dober
28 Vince Appleman

Your Session:

Debra Artman
Sophia Earhart
Rebecca Fisher
Jolene Kostelansky
Charlene McKay
Jennifer McKay
Doug Marshall
Matt Wehrle
Chuck West

Corporate Officers:

President: Sophia Earhart
Vice-Pres.: Matt Wehrle
Secretary: Debra Artman
Treasurer: Donna Bracken

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.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

DEB ARTMAN
MICK DOBER
SOPHIA EARHART
REBECCA FISHER
KELLY KAPELEWSKI
BRENDA MCALLISTER
CLIFF MCKAY. SR.

Your Deacons:

Sandy Ankney
Beth Dober
Mick Dober
Margie Hazlett
Brenda McAllister
John McAllister
Maria Schafer
Rodney Schafer
Kim Tatem
Peg Uhing
Jean Welte

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor:
Doug Marshall

Administrative Secretary:
Kelly Kapelewski

Treasurer:
Donna Bracken

Choir Director:
Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:
Sue Close

Housekeeper:
Irene Nelson

Assistant Treasurer:
Sophia Earhart

Financial Secretary:
Judy West



7 Charlene McKay and
Matt Wehrle
14 Rebecca Fisher and
Deb Artman
21 Jolene Kostelansky and
Sophia Earhart
28 Chuck West and
Jennifer McKay

POWER OF PRAYER

To the family of God here at Puckety: We want to remind you that there are people here at Puckety who are available to pray for you after the worship service and we invite you to take advantage of these opportunities for prayer. We are asking that all who desire prayer to come and be seated in the first or second pew, up by the communion table. This will help us be aware of your desire for prayer. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16b)

Counters Schedule

7 Jolene Kostelansky,
Sophia Earhart and
Matt Wehrle
14 Marilyn Crumley and
Helen Crissman
21 Janet Karan and
Deb Artman
28 Chuck and Judy
West

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE ANY TIME YOU ARE VISITING THE CHURCH. IT IS FULL OF USEFUL INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY!



Like and follow us on Facebook for updates and info on activities and events as well as announcements!

Women's Retreat

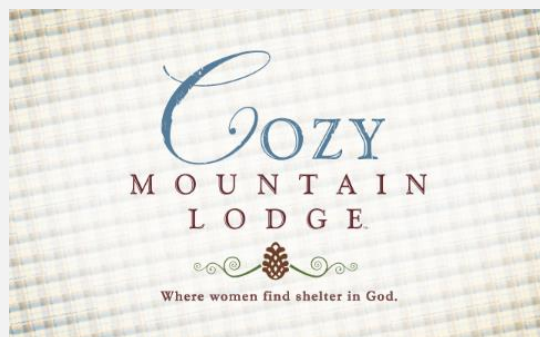
April 5-6, 2019

Come join us for a wonderful time of worship and fellowship, to help us grow closer to Jesus, that's just for women!

Where: Puckey Church (go home to sleep Friday night and return Saturday for the day).

Cost: \$20.00 (includes workbook, breakfast, and lunch).

Watch our website www.pucketychurch.org and [Puckety Presbyterian Church on Facebook](#) for more info and updates!



"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble."
– Psalm 46:1, NLT

If you have questions, please contact
Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at rfisher@syfcomputing.com



Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

April 7:

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Phil 3:46-14
John 12:1-8

April 14:

Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Phil 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

April 21:

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
1 Cor 15:19-26
John 20:1-18
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114
1 Cor 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49

April 28:

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Rev 1:4-8
John 20:19-31



Coffee Time: **Thursday, April 25** **@ 10:00 AM.**

You are invited to join Pastor Doug for a monthly Coffee Time – an opportunity to share a cup of coffee (or whatever your favorite drink might be) with no agenda other than enjoying the company of those who gather. Come join us – in the Conference Room.

Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 4 Ryan Smith
- 7 William Morrow
- 8 Margaret Uhing
- 10 Evelyn Smith
Megan Benish
- 13 Maggie McMelleon
Clare Kapustik
- 16 Jeff Ewing
- 17 John Zurenski
- 18 Jennifer Spenik
- 20 Fran Kapelewski
- 21 Chari Burtner
Mary Wilds
- 28 Kelly Praniewicz

Please include the PNC
(Pastor Nominating
Committee) in your daily
prayer list!

*Ask God to work schedules out, so that they can meet when needed and all be able to participate.

*Ask God to give them wisdom as they do interviews with candidates, to hear what is being said as well as what is not being said.

*Ask God to give them unity of thought and mind as they rate/rank candidates, so that they would be led to the pastor God desires for Puckety.

*Pray about anything else for them that God brings to your mind.



*to the family and friends of
Eleanor Kantorski who
passed away on March 5,
2019.*





Burrell Meals4Children Packing Schedule 2018-19

Food items needed:

April 3rd Puckety
 April 10th BCC
 April 24th Grace Comm
 May 1st Bethesda

May 8th Puckety
 May 15th BCC
 May 22nd Grace Comm
 May 29th Bethesda

individual mac and cheese servings
 single serving cereal
 individual servings of chicken, tuna, etc
 small packages/boxes of trail mix
 small canned pasta meals (must have pop off lids)
 soup cups
 breakfast bars
 any healthy, single serving breakfast or lunch item
 small packs of crackers



*Two words that create anxiety in the hearts of college students is “**Finals Week.**” This can be overwhelming, and our students realize that this is the toughest part of the semester.*

The Deacons are once again asking the congregation to submit the name and address of a family member or relative who is currently attending college. This information will be collected until April 7th, 2019.

The student will receive a gift card as a way of letting them know the Puckety Church Family is thinking about them and praying for them. Gift cards will be mailed out April 10th. Please fill in and tear out the form below and place it in the offering plate. You may also give the name and address to any Deacon or Kelly.

Student's Name and Address:



VOLUNTEER MOWERS FOR 2019



WITH SPRING APPROACHING AND WINTER NEARLY BEHIND US, IT IS AGAIN TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE BLESSINGS THAT SPRING TIME BRINGS. ONE THAT IS FOREMOST IN THE UPKEEP COMMITTEE'S MIND IS MOWING THE GRASS. WE ARE PRESENTLY PUTTING TOGETHER OUR LIST OF VOLUNTEER MOWERS AND ASKING FOR ANY HELP YOU MAY BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE. THE COMMITMENT INVOLVES MOWING APPROXIMATELY ONCE A MONTH FROM APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER. SCHEDULING ALWAYS IS BASED ON FLEXIBILITY AND YOUR AVAILABILITY.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MOWING THIS YEAR PLEASE CONTACT VINCE APPLEMAN, OR NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF YOUR INTEREST. YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED AND THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF MOWERS WE HAVE, THE LESS THE WORK FOR ALL!

PNC Update...

We are currently interviewing some candidates for the first time, some for the second time, and two will be interviewed for the third time. These interviews will take place over a few weeks. Some may already have taken place by the time you read this, but we are making progress! We are grateful for the prayers of people in the church. We are believing expectantly, that God has already chosen our next pastor, and that He is stirring "the" candidate's heart so they know God is calling them to Puckety. Our heart's desire is to listen to God and follow His wisdom and leading.










VBS Changes!!!!

This year, our VBS date has changed! VBS is the 4th week of June (June 24-28th). AND...

we are going to **combine** our VBS with Bethesda and do VBS together!! Conversations have begun between the churches. Let Rebecca or Erika know if you're interested in being a crew leader, or a station leader, or if you just want a little more information!! Keep your eyes open, more details will be coming!!



April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM worship 11:00 AM Ladies Lunch 11:30 AM New Connections Class	1  Meals on wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	2 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	3 Meals on wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Meals on wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing 6:30 PM Women's Retreat 	6 7:45 AM women's Retreat 
7 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM worship 11:30 AM New Connections Class 11:30 AM Wehrle Small Groups Class	8 Meals on wheels 5:45 PM MS Group Meeting	9 1:00 PM Bracken Small Group 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	10 Meals on wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 Meals on wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	13 7:00 AM Heller Baby Shower
14 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM worship 	15 Meals on wheels 6:30 PM Discipleship Meeting	16 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	17 Meals on wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:30 PM McKay Small Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	18 THURSDAY  7:00 PM worship Service	19 Meals on wheels GOOD FRIDAY  OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	20
21  6:15 AM Sunrise Service 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM worship	22 Meals on wheels	23 1:00 PM Bracken Small Group 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	24 Meals on wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	25 10:00 AM  Coffee Time 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	26 Meals on wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	27
28 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM worship	29 Meals on wheels 4:15 PM worship Team Meeting	30 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	1 Meals on wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 Meals on wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	4





Palm Sunday is the first Day of Holy Week. It is when Christians remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. It is called Palm Sunday because the people were so happy to see Jesus and knew that he was very important, so they took branches from the Palm and Olive Trees that lined the road. They waved them in the air shouting 'Hosanna' (which means 'God Saves' in Hebrew) and put some of them on the road to make it easier for the donkey to walk on the rocky road. Come and worship with us and receive your palms to wave on April 14th at 10:00am!

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus had his last meal with his friends and followers before he was killed. This meal is now known as 'The Last Supper'. Jesus gave the bread and wine a special meaning. When they got to the part of meal when the Bread was eaten and the wine drunk, Jesus said that these would be a symbol of his body and blood to his followers to help them remember that through his death, our sins are forgiven. Come celebrate the last supper with us as we partake in communion on April 18th at 7:00pm!



EASTER SONRISE WORSHIP SERVICE



The service is at 6:15am Easter Sunday behind Faith Hall. Bring a chair and dress for chilly weather (as it most likely will be). We are in need of volunteer readers! Please let Doug or Jennifer McKay know if you would like to do a reading.

Easter, also called **Resurrection Sunday**, is a holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion.

Come celebrate with us on April 21st at 10:00am!

