

## *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.

*July* ★★

# *Puckety Church*

*Post-Scripts*  
a monthly publication

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



# Post-Scripts

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## Puckety Presbyterian Church

The mission of Puckety Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism.

July 2020



**Dear Puckety Church family & friends,**

**GREETINGS!** I write this to you from my new office, on my new desk - well, half-constructed desk (some of you were privileged to watch portions of the “construction” process at my hands). But, by God’s grace, by the time you read this it will be complete.

Interestingly, I’m very

grateful for the reasons why the office isn’t “done yet.” I have been blessed by thoughtful and pleasant visits from many of you, and that has afforded me a precious opportunity to get to know you a bit better during a time when physical contact and larger gatherings are limited. There have been challenges for sure in the last 2 weeks – I’m sure you’ve heard about the accident when our movers pulled down the power lines (some members decided to christen me, “Pastor Sparky”). But when I take the time to sit back and look at the bigger picture – and perspective often only comes when one takes the time to do that – I find it amazing how God has been there with Wiebke and me. When one obstacle or problem surfaced, again and again, God provided help – many times through the immediate response of some of Puckety’s members. If you think about it, if it wasn’t for the “problems,” I’d never get to see the creative and wonderful ways God works through things like that. The solution wasn’t always easy, but it was always *more than sufficient*. And with that observation, I leave you with a reality the Apostle Paul discovered as well – he writes in 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 – “The Lord said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” May the power of Christ rest upon you as well.

In his name, Pastor Brian



As Westmoreland County has moved into the “Green” phase of re-opening during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Worship Team has been hard at work crafting plans to safely resume in-person worship beginning **July 12 at 10:00am**. For those who prefer, we'll also continue to offer the ability to connect in worship via Zoom or by telephone each week. Session voted to approve the plans outlined here, and we thank the Worship Team for all their hard work and great ideas!

Here's the schedule for the next several weeks, with **worship starting at each week 10:00am**. This assumes, of course, that Westmoreland County continues to remain in “Green”:

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| <b>July 5:</b>   | Worship via Zoom or by telephone, virtual communion                                  |
| <b>July 12:</b>  | Worship in-person, via Zoom, or by telephone   |
| <b>July 19:</b>  | Worship in-person, via Zoom, or by telephone;<br>Brian's installation service at 4pm |
| <b>July 26:</b>  | Worship in-person, via Zoom, or by telephone   |
| <b>August 2:</b> | Worship in-person, via Zoom, or by telephone, physical or virtual communion          |

In-person services at Puckety will look a little different upon reopening. Our COVID-19 prevention practices may seem odd or even unnecessary to some, but they're grounded in the mandates of the State of Pennsylvania, the best medical advice of the CDC, and the imperative of Luke 6:31: *“And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”* Ensuring the safety and well-being of our congregation as we glorify God continues to be our top priority.

Changes will include:

- Required mask usage in the church building (don't worry, we'll have extras on hand if you forget!);
- Designated pew seating zones to facilitate social distancing;
- Removal of black pads, offering envelopes, hymnals, and bibles from the pews (hymnals and bibles will be available on-loan for take home use by request);
- Entry and exit through the hall and side doors only, ushers will assist with traffic flow;
- Adaptations to music to accommodate mask usage;
- Offering plates in stationary locations at both side entrances of sanctuary;
- Revised communion practices;
- Contactless caring and socializing (sorry, no hugs and kisses for now!)

As we eagerly anticipate resuming in-person worship starting **July 12**, let us continue to pray for God's love, grace, and guidance. In our “new normal,” may we be guided by 1 Corinthians 16:14: *“Let all that you do be done in love.”*

## July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<b>29</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>30</b> 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>1</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 AM Wolfe Memorial Service	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<b>6</b> Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry	<b>7</b> 4:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>8</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Kinter Grad Party	<b>13</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	<b>14</b> 1:00PM Bracken Bible Study 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>15</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>18</b> Miller Grad Party
<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Worship  4:00 PM Installation of Reverend Brian Kilbert followed by dinner reception	<b>20</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>22</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>25</b> 7:00 AM Motosicky Bridal Shower
<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Worship	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>28</b> 1:00pm Bracken Bible Study 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>29</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>1</b>  9:00 AM Nicholson Birthday Party



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

### 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.

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## In July

12 – Jenn McKay  
19 - Maria Schafer  
26 – Chari Burtner

## **Your Session:**

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

## **Corporate Officers:**

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



## **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



## **Pastor:**

Reverend Brian Kilbert

## **Administrative**

### **Secretary:**

Kelly Kapelewski

### **Treasurer:**

Donna Bracken

### **Choir Director:**

Lorraine Menk

### **Organist/Pianist:**

Sue Close

### **Housekeeper:**

Irene Nelson

### **Financial Secretary:**

Judy West

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

## July

12 – Rebecca Fisher and  
Jenn McKay  
19 - Jack Barnett and  
Charlene McKay  
26 – Michelle Gordon and  
Matt Wehrle

## Attention Puckety Offering counters:

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



From Janet Karan for all  
the cards and phone calls  
as she celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup>  
birthday!



We would like to warmly invite you to the ***Installation Service for Rev. Brian Kilbert on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM***, followed by a reception and dinner at Faith Hall. This is a joyous occasion, and

we want all to share in it, but we need to continue to abide by CDC regulations as well as the safety protocols laid out by the Puckety Session. To that end, please remember to wear your mask and social distance both during worship and during the meal. This is *especially* the case with the number of people we expect. We appreciate your help not only in following the guidelines for everyone's safety but modeling them for everyone's sake as well. God bless you. The Office of Puckety Church

Please **RSVP** to Charlene McKay as to whether you will be attending the Installation Service and or dinner **by July 13, 2020**. You can RSVP via email to [cliffordmckay1@comcast.net](mailto:cliffordmckay1@comcast.net) or by phone 724-335-9645.

***Ephesians 5:19 "speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord..."***

We know that God meets us where we are. We know he is omnipresent. So we know he hears us when we sing whether with our lips or from the silent recesses of our hearts. Sometimes the most powerful musical prayer is sung in the dark of the evening in whispers. We know he hears it. So as we sing from home during virtual worship or silently from our pew, He hears us.

Our Puckety choir has met a few times via "zoom" to meet and chat and yes, try to sing. We learned that did not go so well because of delays and such, and we got a chuckle out of that!

We truly need people to step forward to offer special music this summer either at worship or via recording. Please contact Lorraine Menk, choir director, at 724-339-9531 or [kirbie1@comcast.net](mailto:kirbie1@comcast.net) if you would like to learn more.

And keep a song in your HEART!





The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

**For the week of:**

**July 5:**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49

Psalms 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 12:**

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 19:**

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**June 28:**

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 128

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



## Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 2 Jackson Aungst
- 4 Jonathan Szich  
Bob Bargerstock, Jr.
- 7 Matthew Pranewicz  
Beth Dober
- 9 David Peters  
Georgianne Bargerstock
- 10 Keira Manges  
Ruth Foley  
Lauren Benish
- 11 Cathy Yohe  
Ralph Baker  
Ellen Fisher
- 13 Matthew Burtner
- 15 Abby Fisher  
Garrett Baker
- 18 Brandy Roland
- 21 Jim Johnston
- 24 Tynia Girard
- 28 Kevin Blandford  
Talor Kapelewski  
Gianna Smith
- 31 Clayton Jones  
Ken Bush



The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like  
the crocus, it will burst into bloom.  
-- Isaiah 35:1-2

## Our Daily Bread

The **LARGE PRINT** of Our Daily Bread for the months of July, August, and September 2020 and the **REGULAR PRINT** for the months of June, July and August 2020 are available in a waterproof tote outside the side entrance to the sanctuary. Also, there are copies of devotional inside the church at all entrances to the sanctuary.

Please stop by the church at your convenience and pick up a copy for you, a friend, and relative.

Some suggested ways to pray for our sponsored child, Maria: As sponsors, we want to develop relationships with our sponsored children, but distance, time, and sometimes uninformative letters can make those relationships seem distant. Even when we don't always know all the particulars of our sponsored children's daily lives, we can still be praying for God to be moving in their hearts and transforming them to be more like Christ.

This prayer list, developed by [Bob Hostetler](#) and used with his permission, contains 31 ways to pray for children, one for each day of the month. Each topic is based on Scripture and includes a supporting Bible verse.

**When we don't have a face-to-face relationship with our sponsored children, prayer can be an excellent tool to help build one.** Remember, at the same time you're praying for your sponsored child, your sponsored child is praying for you.

**Day 1 — Salvation** Praise God that through the local church and our program, sponsored children have access to the most important gift of all — salvation through Christ. Pray that God would make your sponsored child's heart tender to repent and find salvation in Christ.

**Day 2 — Growth in Grace** Thank God for the church members and ministry staff who can take part in discipling our sponsored children. Pray that your sponsored child will grow in his or her knowledge of Christ, as well as grow deeper and deeper in His grace.

**Day 3 — Love** Although our sponsored children don't have access to many material resources, they have access to the immeasurable love of Christ! Pray that your sponsored child would live a life of love — committed to the love of his or her Lord and the love of others.

**Day 4 — Honesty and Integrity** Some of the places where our sponsored children live are rife with corruption. Pray that your sponsored child would reject corruption and would be an example of honesty and integrity in his or her community.

**Day 5 — Self-Control** Many sponsored children live in places where alcoholism, drug use and promiscuity are common. Pray that your sponsored child will grow in the fruit of the Spirit of self-control.

**Day 6 — Love for God's Word** Thank God that sponsored children around the world have a chance to learn the Word of God. Pray that your sponsored child would learn to cling to God's Word and treasure its words as his or her comfort and treasure.

**Day 7 — Justice** Many sponsored children live in places where they witness or experience injustice. Pray that God would place a deep love of justice in your sponsored child's heart and that he or she would grow to become bearers of justice in their society.

**Day 8 — Mercy** Many sponsored children have a desire to help others because of the help they have received from their sponsors. Pray that your sponsored child would find ways to be merciful to the people around him or her.

**Day 9 — Respect** Some sponsored children live in places with many examples around them of disrespectful and disobedient youth. Pray that your sponsored children would learn to respect those in authority.

**Day 10 — Biblical Self-Esteem** As Dr. Wess Stafford, President Emeritus of Compassion International often says, the lie children learn in poverty is that they are nothing and they don't matter. Pray that this lie would be replaced in your sponsored child's life by the truth that he or she is uniquely, lovingly created by God for a specific purpose.

**Day 11 — Faithfulness** Thank God that sponsored children have an example through the local church of what faithfulness looks like. Pray that God would be working through the Holy Spirit to build faithfulness in your sponsored child's life.

**Day 12 — Courage** Sponsored children need courage when it comes to standing up to their peers, believing the truth of God's Word amid desperate situations, and even standing up against injustice. Pray that your sponsored child would find strength and courage in the Lord for whatever he or she faces each day.

**Day 13 — Purity** In many of the places where sponsored children live, youth become parents while still teenagers. Pray that God would give your sponsored child courage and perseverance to stay pure.

**Day 14 — Kindness** Thank God for how He is working through His Spirit to transform your sponsored child. Pray that your child would become more and more like Christ in the kindness he or she shows others.

**Day 15 — Generosity** Compassion President Emeritus Wess Stafford often says that you can't out-give the poor. Pray that your sponsored child will grow in generosity and will be willing to share what he or she has with others who also are in need.

**Day 16 — Peace-Loving** Pray that your sponsored child would love peace and reject useless quarreling. Pray that he would become a peacemaker in his community

**Day 17 — Joy** Pray that your sponsored child would reject the lie that joy comes from worldly success or our circumstances. Pray that he or she would rather be full of real joy through the Holy Spirit and would be an example of joy in his or her community.

**Day 18 — Perseverance** The lie of poverty can convince children to just give up because there is no hope for their lives. Pray that God would fill your sponsored child with perseverance and that she would set her eyes above, on the things that last.

**Day 19 — Humility** Thank God that your sponsored child has examples of humble men and women at the local church. Pray that she would grow in true humility — that she would have a God-given understanding of Him.

**Day 20 — Compassion** Pray that through the comfort they have received in their troubles, your sponsored children would learn to comfort others. Thank God for the compassionate heart that so many sponsored children have and pray that God would give them opportunities to extend His compassion to others.

**Day 21 — Responsibility** Though many sponsored children have examples around them of hard work, some are also surrounded by examples of alcoholism and truant mothers or fathers. Pray that your sponsored child would learn responsibility and diligence in the Lord.

**Day 22 — Contentment** Praise God that the secret to being content is not being well fed or living in plenty. Pray that your sponsored child would learn true contentment in Christ amidst a difficult situation.

**Day 23 — Faith** Praise God that He has chosen those who are poor in this world's eyes to be rich in faith. Pray that your sponsored child's faith would be growing more and more each day.

**Day 24 — A Servant's Heart** Pray that your sponsored children would reject this world's lie that the point of this life is to serve ourselves first. Pray that they would serve others around them with all their heart and that they would learn to put the needs of others before their own.

**Day 25 — Hope** The surroundings of so many sponsored children scream to them to just give up hope. Pray that your sponsored child would be filled with the hope he has in Christ, and that he would be a beacon in his community, overflowing with hope through the Holy Spirit.

**Day 26 — Willingness and Ability to Work** Pray that your sponsored child would attack her school work with eagerness, as doing it for the Lord. Pray that in all her endeavors, she would devote herself to the Lord and do it in His strength.

**Day 27 — Passion for God** Praise God that even through trials, we have a God who loves us to cling to. Pray that your sponsored child would cling to God and develop a passion for Him.

**Day 28 — Self-Discipline** Praise God that His Spirit is alive and moving in your sponsored child's heart. Pray that your sponsored child would learn self-discipline and would become prudent, even when surrounded by recklessness.

**Day 29 — Prayerfulness** Praise God that He has given sponsored children around the world His ear, that even though they are often voiceless in this world, He cares for their prayers. Pray that God would make your sponsored child a child of prayer, who would continually turn to God in prayer.

**Day 30 — Gratitude** Although they do not have material wealth, pray that your sponsored children would be overflowing with thankfulness to God for the gifts He has given them. Pray that rather than a bitter heart, they would have a heart of gratitude.

**Day 31 — A Heart for Missions** Praise God for how He can use sponsored children to be His messengers in their communities in a powerful way. Pray that God would fill your sponsored child with a passion for proclaiming God's glory and sharing His gospel with the community.

## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 182

Rev.5:8-14

## The Sealed Scroll 2

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Psalm 64

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