

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.

Zoom/video at pucketychurch.org



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*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.*

November 2021

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings to all of you in the name of Christ! Now that it's November, with the leaves on the ground and the colder temps, many of us are now looking toward ___ (the "C" word – *pastors don't like rushing there before Advent, you know - wink*). And some are thinking of the new year ahead. I would like to encourage you all to do that in a particular way. To that end, I'd like to share an illustration that didn't make it into my sermon series on stewardship ...

About 50 years ago (in the mid 1970's), there were four men who used to meet together each week in Memphis. One man was a service station owner, one man was a salesman for a wholesale appliance company, one man was assistant treasurer of a large corporation, and one man was a teacher. These men shared with each other their longings, desires, and plans. They decided to set goals and to share these with each other.

The service station owner set a goal to be making \$50,000 a year within five years. The wholesale appliance salesman set a goal to be making \$25,000 a year within the next five years. The teacher set a goal to be teaching in one of the greatest educational institutions in America within five years. The assistant treasurer said he was going to do the best he could, but he was not going to set a specific goal.

Within five years the service station owner was making in excess of \$50,000 a year. In the year 2,000 he was worth over one million dollars. Within four years the wholesale appliance salesman was making \$25,000 a year. By retirement, he was a very wealthy man. In two years and ten months the teacher was offered the best teaching job in his field in the United States. But as for the asst. treasurer, 15 years after their meeting, he was still working at his same job in the circumstances that he was in the day the goals were set. ***Aim determines direction.*** When you aim a pistol toward a target, how you aim determines the direction the bullet will go. The conscious and sub-conscious goals you have for your life have brought about the situation in which you find yourself today. A goal you set, an aim you determine with your intellect and emotions is one of the most powerful forces in the world. And when you do it for the true *Owner of everything*, it's even more powerful! Regardless of your age and situation, I'm challenging you to "***aim***" your time, abilities, and spiritual gifts to the kingdom vision we've been given: "To be the heart, voice and hands of God, making a lasting difference in others' lives, the community and world." Don't just "do good where you are," **AIM**, so that God is served well, and lives are transformed by his presence. Amen.

Reverend Brian Kilbert

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From the hearts and hands of the Session



At our October meeting, we addressed some of the normal routine (but important) duties of fall-time: discussing the *2022 Budget* (thanks to all for their submissions), *Reviewing the Membership Roll*, and various Upkeep Team updates – including care for the cemetery and a new metal roof for the manse at the end of October! In addition to all that, we were excited to discuss the various upcoming events through Fellowship & Care that will afford Puckety and the community to interact and bless one another. For example: the **Church Bonfire** on October 16th was a success – despite the rain that had fallen all through the morning, the skies cleared and gave us a nice, cool evening to enjoy the fire with hot dogs, S’mores, and roughly 30 people! Thanks to all who helped make it a great night!

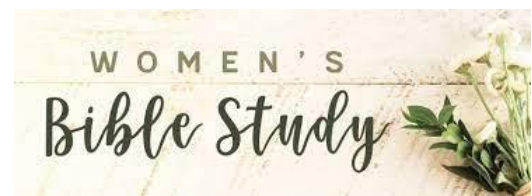
The **Soup & Salad Luncheon** was also a wonderful occasion after worship on Oct. 17th – with a good crowd and an opportunity not only to catch up with friends but also to get to know our Christian Ed. Coordinator (Jamie Kmett). Charlene and the Fellowship Team received LOTS of orders for apple dumplings this year, so though a lot of work, those became a delight to MANY. And next is our **Veterans Day Luncheon** (after worship on *Sunday, Nov. 7th*) – join us in thanking our veterans for their service, showing appreciation, and fostering a prayerful attitude for those who continue to serve. We encourage you to attend the upcoming church events not just for great fellowship, but ALSO to learn what is happening in ministry, and how you can participate with heart and hands.

The AV Team needs 2 more volunteers to run the sound for worship services. No experience needed, training will be provided. This does not require any computer work. If we do not have more volunteers for the soundboard we will need to discontinue Zoom and Facebook live as an option for Sunday worship to those who cannot attend with us in house. Please prayerfully consider stepping out of your comfort zone and helping with this ministry.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL TEAM LEADS!!!

If you have *anything* you'd like to schedule to be held on church grounds in any of our buildings, please call or email the office to be sure the date/time/place are available to you! There is a master calendar kept in the office by Kelly. We are a wonderfully busy church family, but it requires everyone's cooperation.

Thank you!!



The Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study will start a study on "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis on January 5th. Please let Wiebke know by Sunday November 28th if you are interested in joining this study. This study will require reading before each meeting to discuss. Wiebke can be reached at 724-799-3323 or veesb@yahoo.com.



- 07 Sue Close
- 14 Sophia Earhart
- 21 Michelle Gordon
- 28 Chari Burtner

Your Deacons:

- Mick Dober
- Pat Fish
- Traci Kirchartz
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Maria Schafer
- Kim Soulcheck
- Jean Welte
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Brenda McAllister
- Rodney Schafer

Corporate Officers:

- President:** Matt Wehrle
- Vice-Pres.:** Jennifer McKay
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Chuck West

Congregational Meeting - the annual December meeting will be **Sun. December 12th**, *immediately after worship*, for the purpose of reviewing and approving Pastoral Terms of Call/Budgeted Compensation for 2022. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Your Session:

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Chari Burtner
- Charlene McKay
- Jennifer McKay
- Matt Wehrle
- Chuck West
- Kelly Kapelewski
- Irene Nelson



Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

Offering counters:

- 11/7: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 11/14: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 11/21: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 11/28: Chuck & Judy West

Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

Media Specialist:

Chris Mason

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.



Puckety Church will be hosting a **Veterans Day Appreciation Luncheon on November 7th** immediately following Worship. Please join us in honoring our Veterans! Call, email or tell the office or Charlene McKay if you're planning to attend by November 1st!



The Daniel Plan Group will continue meeting through November on the following dates: November 2, 16, 30 will be studying Fitness. Join Us!!



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

November 7:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms 127

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 14:

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

November 21:

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-12

Ref 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

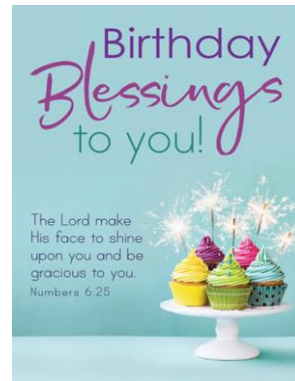
November 28:

Job 42:1-6; 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52



- 1 Nate Manges
- 3 Doreen Dailey
Ryleigh Smith
- 4 Dylan Kifer
- 5 Jeff Jones
Owen Aungst
Jesse Cribbs
- 6 Jane Newell
Eldaree Meyer
- 7 Dakota Jones
- 11 Jill Szich
Craig Szalai
Jeff Ewing
- 13 Dorothy Beveridge
- 14 Nicolas Nadolny
- 16 Lauren Grady
Deb Artman
- 18 Chuck West
- 23 Jordan Jones
- 25 Linda Benish
- 26 Cliff McKay
- 27 Barb Smallwood
Mick Dober

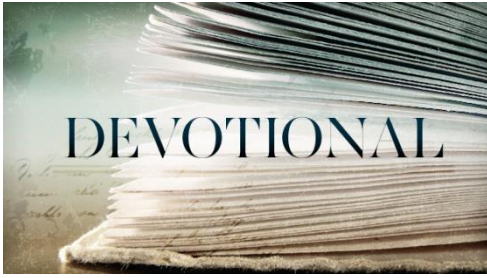
Hey, did you know? ... Did you know that Puckety Church is still using Zoom to share our worship services? The AV Team also live streams the worship service to Facebook and to YouTube. What does this mean for you? It means that *prayer concerns & joys that are shared in the worship service are sent out to the world* and once there cannot be removed. This is why Pastor Brian tries to not use last names in the prayer requests/joys/announcements. We know God knows which concern or joy we are praying about, but we want to keep these personal moments as private as possible, even as we come along side you to celebrate, mourn and pray for the need you have brought to your church family. So when you share something with Pastor Brian and he asks if he can share this news in worship we wanted to make sure you were aware that the information would not be staying just inside the walls of the building. If you have any concerns about who might hear the information please talk to Pastor Brian and he can help you.

YOUTH GROUP



A good time was had by Puckety's Youth group at the costume party on October 24th! Thank you Maria, Leah, Alice and Pastor Brian for putting this together and helping out with this event!





A Devotional for you – Read Psalm 24:1-2 (*three times*) & Matthew 25:15-19

By the time you read this, we will have finished up a 6-week series on stewardship, but almost none of the messages were about money specifically. So, a quick reference to that here is timely, but it's also good to summarize the big picture. First of all...what is stewardship?

Stewardship is simply the wise management of God's resources. It's as much about living as it is about giving. It reaches into every part of our

lives. When we joined the Church, we promised God that we would be faithful members of this part of Christ's body – Puckety Presbyterian - and uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service....

And the better we are at being good stewards by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service ... the more possible it is for us to be able to reach the world with what is our **primary stewardship -- the most valued treasure of all -- something we possess through the gift of faith-- the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ** to those people who have not yet received it. *Stewardship--in a nutshell--is what a person does after he or she says, "I believe."*

We're almost to Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is about gratitude. And true gratitude responds in joy at what has been received in the act of sharing and giving to others. Rick Warren says that giving benefits our lives in multiple ways:

"Giving makes me more like God ... Giving draws me closer to God... Giving breaks the grip of materialism... Giving strengthens my faith... Giving is an investment in Kingdom purposes on earth and eternal realities in heaven ... Giving makes me happy!" (*The Purpose Driven Life*)

Thanksgiving, please hear me; thanksgiving isn't merely a good time for annual traditions and counting blessings we've received. It's a time to consider WHAT WE DO with those blessings. It is the perfect occasion to aim our hearts resolutely to making our gratitude a life-directing attitude – making thanksgiving into (you guessed it) thanks-living. How are you going to channel your gratitude through the "light-staffed" ministries at Puckety or via your spiritual gifts in the community? It is our responsibility to yield to the Owner ... to let Him guide us ... to let Him direct us. I'm NOT talking about taking the initiative out of God's hand – but I am talking about trusting God more.

We all must go beyond the call to merely 'believe' in Christ (the word for 'believe' in the New Testament isn't in reference to a mental action but an action of the *will* – like the word 'love') ...we must demonstrate that faith by our dedication, preparation and service. Happy Thanks-living. Amen.

IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!! Please take a shoe box from the entrances of the Sanctuary and fill with small items suitable for shipping and age appropriate. Shipping cost for EACH box is \$9. If you are packing multiple boxes and only writing one check for shipping, please include a note in each box saying so. Also, if you pay your shipping charges online, please include a note in your box stating that you've done so. All boxes are due back on November 14th. Please place your filled boxes on the front pew of the sanctuary. Thank you!



Advent is starting on November 28th – We encourage all to prepare to observe the paced preparation for Christmas.

The Deacons of Puckety Church are once again filling baskets for those in need for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Baskets



If you know of anyone who needs food for Thanksgiving, please fill out the following and place it in an offering plate, give it to one of our Deacons, or put it on Kelly's desk in the office by November 14th! Pick up will be Saturday, November 20th at 9:30 AM.

Sponsors name/number: _____

Family in need's name: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Phone number: _____









On December 4th (Saturday), Puckety will once again be hosting a Blue Christmas Service (4:00 PM) - this service is offered particularly for those who find the holidays hard to celebrate, whether because of a loved one who has passed or other hardship. Bring someone along and come and receive God's peace for whatever valley you are walking in.

ONLINE GIVING – Now members, friends and other patrons can give to Puckety *electronically!* It is managed through the Presbyterian Foundation and very easy to use! You can either click on links on our website (*Home* page and *Give & Donate* page), or you can download the Give+ app (search for “GivePlus” in the App Store). When you download the app, make sure you search for “Puckety Presbyterian Church” – the full name is required to find us. You can do a quick profile set up and then you’ll be ready to give once you add a checking account or credit card to link to your profile. There’s more helpful information about the Give+ mobile app on the website (*Give & Donate* page) and available in the office – please feel free to request a copy and help us share. You can also use the QR code in our printed publications (like the bulletin) and included below. Please note that using the online giving page charges the church a 2% transaction fee, so please consider the option of paying that fee if possible. Thank you for your generosity and please let us know how we can make this new process easier to use!



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Apple Dumping Sale 10:00 AM Worship	1  ALL SAINTS' DAY Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 10:30 AM Card Ministry 12:00 PM Upkeep Meeting 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 46799 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting	2 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God 6:30 PM Outreach Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting  ELECTION DAY	3 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	4 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	6 Veterans Lunch Prep
7  TIME TO FALL BACK 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Veterans Lunch 6:00 PM Youth Group	8 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 5:30 PM MS Group Meeting 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	9 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	10 Meals on Wheels 5:45 PM Burrell Cheer Parent Meeting 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	11  VETERANS DAY 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Kostelansky/Myers Wedding Rehearsal	13 2:00 PM Kostelansky/Myers Wedding
14 Pisano Baby Shower??? Youth Group @ Turf Attack 10:00 AM Worship	15 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 46799 6:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting	16 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	17 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	18 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	20 9:00 AM Brocius Birthday Party
21 Christmas Decorating 10:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Sassani Eagle Court Of Honor 6:00 PM Youth Group	22 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group	23 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	24 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	25 OFFICE CLOSED 11:00 AM Phillips' Family Dinner  HAPPY Thanksgiving!	26 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	27
28  FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent 10:00 AM Worship	29 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group	30 2:15 PM Daniel Plan Group 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	1  December Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	2	3 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	4

