

## *Puckety Presbyterian Church*

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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## *Question: "What should be the focus of Christians on Thanksgiving?"*

**Answer:** The original thanksgiving celebration was held by the Pilgrim settlers in Massachusetts during their second winter in America in December, 1621. The first winter had killed 44 of the original 102 colonists. At one point their daily food ration was down to five kernels of corn apiece, but then an unexpected trading vessel arrived, swapping them beaver pelts for corn, providing for their severe need. The next summer's crop brought hope, and Governor William Bradford decreed that December 13, 1621, be set aside as a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists that they were still alive.

These Pilgrims, seeking religious freedom and opportunity in America, gave thanks to God for His provision for them in helping them find 20 acres of cleared land, for the fact that there were no hostile Indians in that area, for their newfound religious freedom, and for God's provision of an interpreter to the Indians in Squanto. Along with the feasting and games involving the colonists and more than 80 friendly Indians (who added to the feast by bringing wild turkeys and venison), prayers, sermons, and songs of praise were important in the celebration. Three days were spent in feasting and prayer.

From that time forward, Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a day to give thanks to God for His gracious and sufficient provision. President Abraham Lincoln officially set aside the last Thursday of November, in 1863, "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." In 1941, Congress ruled that after 1941, the fourth Thursday of November be observed as Thanksgiving Day and be a legal holiday.

Scripturally, we find things related to the issue of thanksgiving nearly from cover to cover. Individuals offered up sacrifices out of gratitude in the book of Genesis. The Israelites sang a song of thanksgiving as they were delivered from Pharaoh's army after the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 15). Later, the Mosaic Law set aside three times each year when the Israelites were to gather together. All three of these times [Unleavened Bread (also called the Feast of the Passover) (Exodus 12:15-20), Harvest or Pentecost (Leviticus 23:15-21), and the Feast of Ingathering or Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:33-36)] involved remembering God's provision and grace. Harvest and Tabernacles took place specifically in relation to God's provision in the harvest of various fruit trees and crops. The book of Psalms is packed full of songs of thanksgiving, both for God's grace to the Israelite people as a whole through His mighty deeds, as well as for His individual graces to each of us.

In the New Testament, there are repeated admonitions to give thanks to God. Thanksgiving is to always be a part of our prayers. Some of the most remembered passages on the giving of thanks are the following:



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

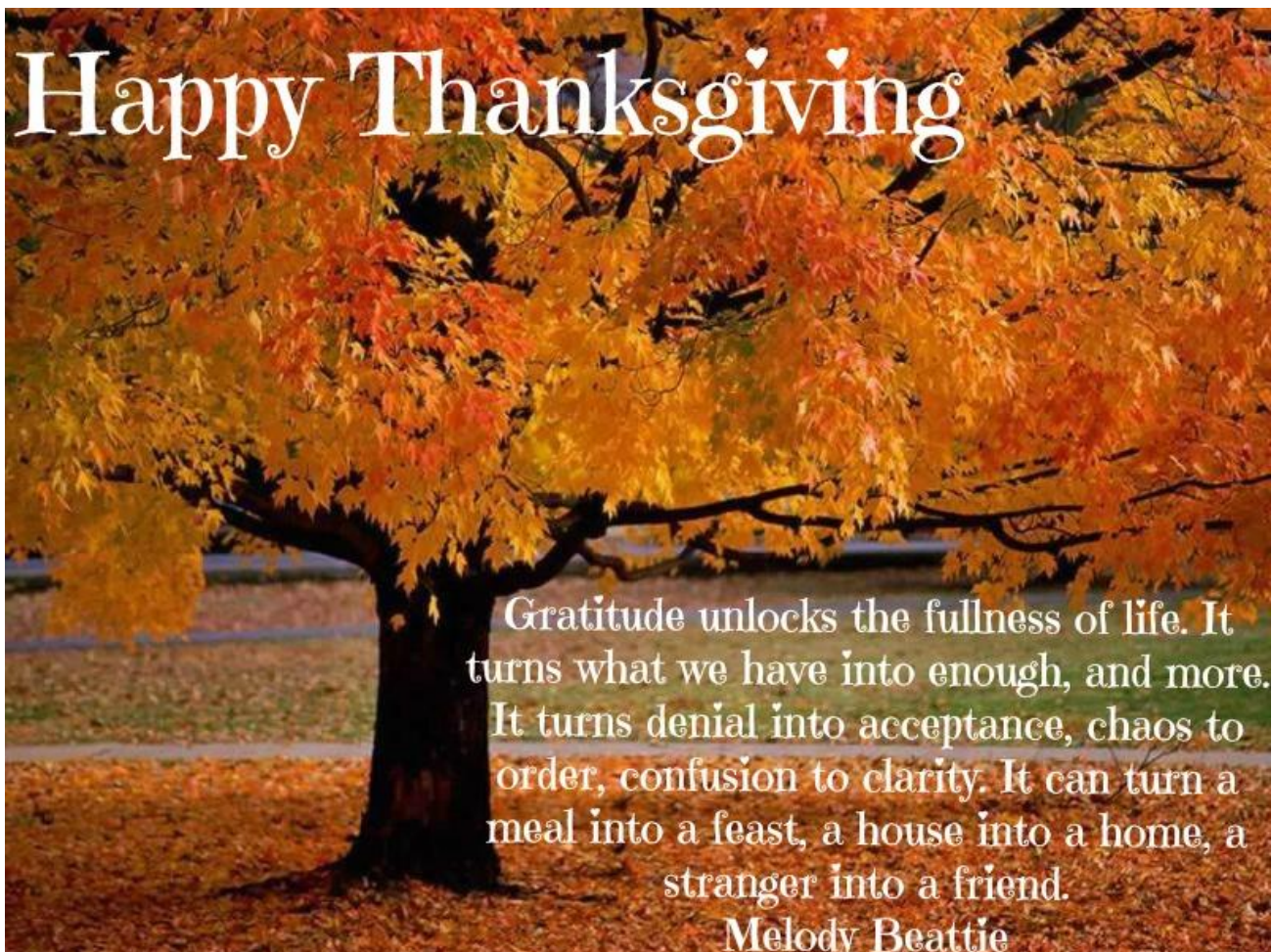
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men" (1 Timothy 2:1).

Of all of God's gifts, the greatest one He has given is the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. On the cross of Calvary, Jesus paid our sin debt, so a holy and just Judge could forgive us our sins and give us eternal life as a free gift. This gift is available to those who will call on Christ to save them from their sin in simple but sincere faith (John 3:16; Romans 3:19-26; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:13; Ephesians 2:8-10).

For this gift of His Son, the gift which meets our greatest need, the Apostle Paul says, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

We, like the Pilgrims, have a choice. In life there will always be those things that we can complain about (the Pilgrims had lost many loved ones), but there will also be much to be thankful for. As our society becomes increasingly secular, the actual "giving of thanks to God" during our annual Thanksgiving holiday is being overlooked, leaving only the feasting. May God grant that He may find us grateful every day for all of His gifts, spiritual and material. God is good, and every good gift comes from Him (James 1:17). For those who know Christ, God also works everything together for good, even events we would not necessarily consider good (Romans 8:28-30). May He find us to be His grateful children.





## Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

### For the week of:

#### November 6:

Hag 1:15b-2:9  
Psalm 145:1-5, 12-21  
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

#### November 13:

Isaiah 65:17-25  
Isaiah 12:2  
2 Thess 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

#### November 20:

Jer 23:1-6  
Luke 1:68-79  
Col 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

#### November 27:

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44

# Save the Date!!

We want **YOU** to join us for **A Women's Retreat**

- o **Where:** Puckety Church
- o **When:** Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>-Saturday March 25<sup>t</sup>
- o **Cost:** \$ 10.00 (Covers the cost of your book, coffee, light breakfast and lunch)
- o **Theme:** Sweet Life Café "Where Women Savor Time with God"

This retreat provides an experience that allows women to slow down and savor time with God and each other.

**Key Verse:** "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

*Pray about who you can bring with you!*

**Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>** 6:15-7:00 is our Community Prayer Service.  
Please join us as we lift up our community to God in prayer!

## Prayer Focus for Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>

For the month of November, we are changing our prayer focus a little...your challenge is to create a list (in a notebook, your prayer journal-just do it somewhere)! Make a list of one thing (or person) each day during the month of November that you can be thankful for. Some things are easy to be grateful for...but challenge

yourself! When it comes down to it, what are things (or people) that you don't often remember to praise God for and express gratitude for, but which you should?

It's impossible to be discontented and thankful at the same time...have fun looking each day for things and people to be grateful for!

*The Bible says...*"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you, in Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ, our Lord!" Romans 7:25

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS In November

6 Maria Schafer  
13 Sophia Earhart  
20 Michelle Hough  
27 Chari Burtner

## **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.:** Matt Wehrle  
**Secretary:** Debra Artman  
**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

## CHURCH STAFF

**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

6 Vicki Orr and  
Sophia Earhart  
13 Rebecca Fisher and  
Matt Wehrle  
20 Sue Close and  
Deb Artman  
27 Jolene Kostelansky and  
Mick Dober

## **Offering Counters:**

6 Janet Karan and Deb  
Artman  
13 Chuck and Judy West  
20 Jolene Kostelansky and  
Sophia Earhart  
27 Chari Burtner and Matt  
Wehrle

## **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)



## HELP NEEDED!

Would you like:

- To keep your mind fresh and sharp?
- To learn new things or utilize what you already know in a different way?
- To have the privilege of worshipping as you work?



### JOIN THE VIDEO TEAM!

We need at least 2 new persons to join the team so that no one needs to volunteer more than once a month. There are either 4 or 5 Sundays or other worship opportunities each month. We currently have 3 volunteers.

### WE NEED YOU!

You can work from the comfort of your own home and computer during the week. Someone will lead you and be beside you while you learn the ins and outs. Talk to Mark Benish, Beth Dober or Matt Wehrle if you are interested in being a part of this important ministry.

There will be no ladies luncheon for November or December. Please join everyone for fellowship during coffee time and Christmas Dinner. We will resume lunch in January.



## Blessings On Your Birthday!!!



- 3 Doreen Dailey  
Ryleigh Smith
- 5 Dakota Jones  
Jesse Cribbs
- 6 Jane Newell  
Eldaree Meyer
- 11 Jeff Ewing  
Craig Szalai
- 12 Sharon Nadolny
- 13 Dorothy Beveridge
- 14 Nicolas Nadolny
- 15 Norene Nelson
- 16 Lauren (Nelson) Grady  
Deb Artman  
Linda Weston
- 17 Kristen Gordon
- 18 Chuck West
- 23 Jordan Jones
- 25 Linda Benish  
Rebecca Dunkel
- 26 Cliff McKay
- 27 Barbara Smallwood  
Mick Dober

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



The  
Deacons  
want you  
to be

aware and encourage you to use the Media Worship resource that is available on the church's website. All sermons for the year 2016 have been recorded and are available for playback. Go to [www.pucketychurch.org](http://www.pucketychurch.org).

Then click on worship then media.



Packing Date	Church	Puckety Team
November 2nd	BCC	
November 16th	Grace Comm	
November 30th	Bethesda	
<b>December 7th</b>	<b>Puckety</b>	<b>1 Team</b>
December 14th	BCC	
December 21st	Grace Comm	
January 4th	Bethesda	
<b>January 11th</b>	<b>Puckety</b>	<b>Team 2</b>
January 18th	BCC	
January 25th	Grace Comm	
February 1st	Bethesda	
<b>February 8th</b>	<b>Puckety</b>	<b>1 Team</b>
February 15th	BCC	
February 22nd	Grace Comm	
March 1st	Bethesda	
<b>March 8th</b>	<b>Puckety</b>	<b>Team 2</b>
March 15th	BCC	
March 22nd	Grace Comm	
March 29th	Bethesda	
<b>April 5th</b>	<b>Puckety</b>	<b>1 Team</b>
April 19th	BCC	
April 26th	Grace Comm	
May 3rd	Bethesda	
<b>May 10th</b>	<b>Puckety</b>	<b>Team 2</b>
May 17th	BCC	
May 24th	Grace Comm	
May 31st	Bethesda	



Clare Kapustik has stepped in to take over funeral dinners here at Puckety. Myrna Zellefrow will be her back up in case Clare isn't available. They have been working the funeral dinners for many years and I'm sure they will do a terrific job taking over for Hilda Maxwell!! Thank you both!

Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner - the 2016 Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner, "Growing in Gratitude," will be held on Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Willow Room in Belle Vernon. This is their annual fundraising event and it is always a wonderful celebration of the history and the future of Pine Springs Camp. Go to their website [pinespringscamp.org](http://pinespringscamp.org) for more information.



*Sounds  
of the  
Season*

Would you like to sing for Advent and Christmas, and not make a long term commitment? We welcome "seasonal singers"! The choir is starting on beautiful Christmas music on Thursday evenings at about 7:30 p.m. as part of our regular Thursday rehearsal time. We would love to have you join us as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. If interested, please let me know so I can prepare your music.

~Lorraine Menk, Choir Director  
[kirbie1@comcast.net](mailto:kirbie1@comcast.net) 724-339-9531







## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

Hector Retamal/AFP/Getty Images

A girl walks on a street damaged in Hurricane Matthew, in Jeremie, in western Haiti, on October 7. The full scale of the devastation in the hurricane-hit country became clear as the death toll surged over 400 three days after Hurricane Matthew leveled huge swaths of the country's south.



### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provides help for those impacted by the storm.**

Hurricane Matthew has caused death and destruction across the Caribbean and southeastern United States, including more than 800 dead, thousands injured, and the destruction of communities and crops, especially in Haiti. Many impacted areas were still recovering from previous flooding and other disasters. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is supporting the delivery of emergency aid to those impacted, working with our partners in the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) and local staff who had been monitoring the completion of prior earthquake and hurricane projects.

In Haiti, PDA is leveraging long-standing church partnerships to assess damage and to develop long-term disaster recovery and rebuilding strategies. Ecumenical partner ACT Alliance has already issued an appeal for over \$1 million to assist relief efforts in Cuba, and is working with partners throughout the Caribbean to evaluate needs in Jamaica, the Bahamas, and beyond. After immediate needs are addressed, PDA will remain, drawing upon its strong relationships and effective prior development efforts in the region.

Throughout the southeastern United States, PDA has reached out to pastors and presbytery leaders in areas impacted by the storm. Extensive flooding and

storm surges throughout the region have damaged many homes and churches. National Response Team members are mobilizing to visit affected presbyteries and to support local development of disaster response and recovery plans. In the coming weeks, PDA will begin deploying teams into as many as seven presbyteries and providing assistance to congregations mucking out as the waters recede.

**The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.**

**Give:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated for Hurricane Matthew by giving to DR000193. Gifts can be made [online](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

**Act:** Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and [like us](#) on Facebook, [download resources](#), and share updates with your congregation.

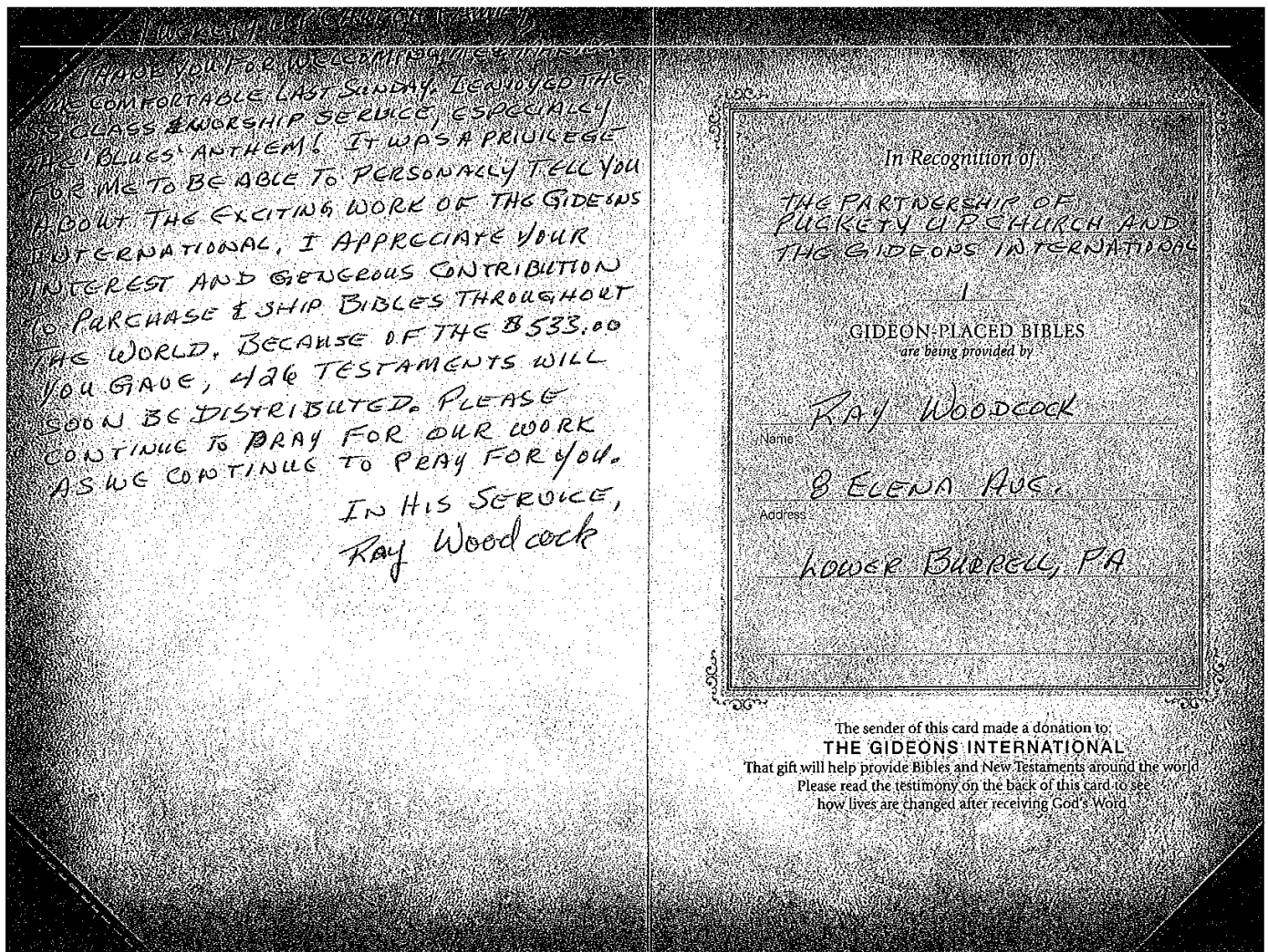
**Pray:** Pray for those who suffered loss of family or home or for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

## **Youth group Report.**

We had an amazing summer. Through the fellowship focus of just going out and doing things like hiking, the zoo, and movie nights we were able to get a few new kids to attend. Please pray that they might become a regular part of the group. Recently the group started going through 1 Corinthians. The discussions and thoughts that the kids are bringing have been amazing. It's awesome to see how much these kids have grown spiritually in the last year. So excited to see what the rest of the school year holds.







The hard copy of this very nice note from the Gideon, Ray Woodcock is hanging on the hallway bulletin for you to view easier.



The Deacon's meeting on October 5, 2016 was opened with prayer.

There have been six requests received and filled in the month of September.

Deacons will consider and pray about taking on the task of funeral dinners. Because of work responsibilities, many Deacons are unable to consider this task.

We discussed Bethesda Lutheran's coat drive appeal. This venture will be worthwhile, and we will announce to the congregation for their anticipated cooperation.

Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse will be advertised soon in both the bulletin and in the Post Scripts.

Thanksgiving food baskets names will soon be collected. We will also appeal to the congregation for non-perishable food items.

Try Life will supply 20 names for the Christmas angel tree. The principal and guidance counselors from the Burrell School District have been approached; they will supply five requests from each of the four schools.

The Deacons will be having a display of Army "guys" at each entrance to the sanctuary. Members will be asked to take one as a reminder to pray for active duty men and women.

It is now the responsibility of the Deacons to pay for postage for the mailings to shut ins and college students.



# KIRK'S KORNER

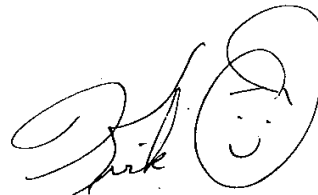
Dear Puckety Faith Family,

Are you one of those blessed believers who had the powerfully nurturing experience of attending a Christian camp? If you are, you will not be surprised with a recent study done in which active church attenders and leaders were asked what they point to as their most important faith building experience. You guessed it. Christian camping has and will continue to have the most influential impact on the spiritual life and health of our churches in America. I am a product of Christian camping. It was in that atmosphere that I came to a place of lifelong commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.

My commitment to Christian camping has put me on the boards of several Presbyterian camps. I have also had the privilege of being camp Chaplain on several occasions. Please believe me when I say that Pine Springs Camp is far and away the most excellent on every level.







For the past seven years, Pine Springs Camp has been growing in the number of campers they serve. A few years ago, it became evident that in order to continue the culture of excellence at PSC, we needed to step out in faith and grow on several levels. In this newsletter you will find exciting information about the FAITH FOR THE FUTURE Capital Campaign. You will notice that we now have enough commitments to begin building the new Dining Hall / Multi-Purpose Building. We have taken this step in the belief that in the coming years, we will be able to fully fund all of the Campaign Goals. In order to best use the camp's facilities, they need to be winterized and kept shipshape. We want to offer excellent programming and make it possible for those who need financial help to have the same wonderful faith-building experiences as others. I am especially excited about the Carrie Foust Memorial Scholarship.

You will soon be given the opportunity to sow into this important mission of our Church. Vicki and I are already committed. Please take time to look at and pray over your faith response to this ministry.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirk', followed by a large, stylized circular flourish.

LEARN MORE BY GOING TO [PINESPRINGSCAMPAIGN.ORG](http://PINESPRINGSCAMPAIGN.ORG)

# NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 11:30 AM Augsburg Baptism Party 11:30 AM Fellowship and Care Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>31</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>1</b>  8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>2</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Burrell Marching Band Spaghetti Dinner
<b>6</b>  Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 4:30 PM Burrell Girls Tennis Banquet 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>7</b> Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	<b>8</b>  6:30 PM Session Meeting	<b>9</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b>  Veterans Day Meals on Wheels Veterans Day 6:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM Haslett Birthday Party
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 4:00 PM Grow Birthday Party 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>14</b> Meals on Wheels 5:30 PM MS Group Meeting 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Leader Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:15 PM Community Prayer Time 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>16</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>19</b> Ruth Birthday Party???
<b>20</b>  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 1:30 PM Kostelansky Birthday Party 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>21</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>22</b> 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>23</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>24</b>  OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	<b>25</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b> McKown Shower???
<b>27</b> Advent 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>28</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>29</b> 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	<b>30</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Meals 4 Children Food Packing 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Line Dancing	<b>3</b>



**Food drive to benefit the Meals 4 Children  
weekend meals program for kids in our schools**

**Please bring items from this list on the 20<sup>th</sup>:**

small milk boxes/ plastic bottles	juice boxes/ pouches
Single serving cereal	apple sauce cups
pudding or jello w/fruit cups	instant oatmeal packets
single servings of peanut butter	small packs of crackers
single serving mac and cheese	fruit snacks
small packages of raisins/trail mix	granola bars
single serving pasta meals	soup cups
pop tarts/toaster pastries	breakfast and snack bars

**Tax deductible monetary gifts are also needed**

**Checks can be made out to PAPP**

**Mail to: PAPP c/o Mark Resetar PO Box 3055  
New Kensington PA 15068**