

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.

Youth Church 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.



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Pastor's Paragraphs

By Interim Pastor Doug Marshall

“Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people” (Isaiah 65:17-19).

January 1, 2018 – the beginning of a New Year. Will you make New Year’s resolutions? How often have you been able to keep your resolutions in past years? I’ve never been good at keeping my resolutions so now I resolve not to make New Year’s resolutions?

Yet the New Year is an opportunity to make a new beginning. One of the great gifts we have as followers of Jesus is that we can start anew every day. We are given second chances, again and again. Through the grace of God we always have the opportunity to be made new.

How do you need to be made new? Are there mistakes in your life that you regret? What in your past haunts you and keeps you awake at night? What sins have you committed that make you feel guilty? In what ways have you experienced brokenness,

experiences that have left you scarred and shaken, that keep you from living in joy and peace? In Christ all of that is gone. “The old has passed away.” Through Christ you are a new creation. You get a second chance.

This is true for us as individuals. It is also true for the church. Puckety Church has the opportunity to be made new. This doesn’t mean that we forget the past. We need to learn from it, but we are not controlled or defined by what has happened in the past. As we start a New Year we have the opportunity to begin anew. As Puckety begins a new chapter in its life and ministry this is a message of hope.

The problem with New Year’s resolutions is that we have to work so hard to make them a reality. It depends on *our* efforts, *our* sacrifices, *our* work, *our* abilities. The truth is, if we were able to make those changes we probably would have already made them. The good news is that becoming a new creation does not rely on our efforts or abilities. It is God’s work in us. “I will create a new heaven and a new earth... I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.” “I am making everything new.” God is doing what we can’t do.

Our job is to put ourselves in circumstances that make it most likely that God will work in our lives – attending worship as often as we can, praying and reading God’s Word, forgiving those who have hurt us (or confessing our own faults), serving in whatever ways we are called, obeying what we know to be true, loving those around us, etc. What needs to happen in your life so that you will most likely be able to experience God’s work in your life? What needs to happen at Puckety so that we might become new?

As we move into the New Year rejoice and celebrate the good news that God makes all things new. “Everyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away; see, everything has become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17)!

P.S. Thank you so much for the wonderful and generous gift that came from the Puckety Church Family. I was surprised by your love and generosity. It is an honor to serve as your pastor and a privilege to be part of the Puckety Family.

Doug & Tanya



In January

7 Sophia Earhart
14 Chari Burtner
21 Michelle Hough
28 Mick Dober

Your Session:

Debra Artman
Sue Close
Sophia Earhart
Rebecca Fisher
Jolene Kostelansky
Doug Marshall
Mike Tatem
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.

Your Deacons:

Vi Adamsky
Sandy Ankney
Lori Antonacci
Beth Dober
Mick Dober
Lauretta Lockwood
Brenda McAllister
John McAllister
Irene Nelson
Maria Schafer
Denise Wehrle

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor:
Doug Marshall

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



7 Matt Wehrle and
Rebecca Fisher
14 Debra Artman and
Sophia Earhart
21 Chuck West and
Mike Tatem
28 Jolene Kostelansky and
Sue Close

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

The Church address/phone directory has been updated. Copies are now available. If you would like one, let Kelly know and she will print you one! If you have any corrections, please let her know ASAP.

Ministry Teams

Puckety has several teams established to help accomplish our ministries. Each team is usually lead by an Elder, and is made up of various people from the congregation. Below is a list of our teams, and who is currently leading that team. By clicking on a team name, you can learn more about the ministries this team oversees.

Discipleship Team - Rebecca Fisher - The Discipleship Team oversees the Christian Education Ministry Area at Puckety. These areas include Youth Church, Small Groups, and Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Outreach Team - Matt Wehrle - The Outreach Team oversees the mission outreach of Puckety Church. This includes all mission areas from local up to global.

Fellowship & Care Team - The Fellowship and Care Team works to provide exactly what their name states - fellowship opportunities and care of our membership.

Upkeep Team - Vince Appleman - The Upkeep Team is in responsible for maintaining the buildings and the grounds at Puckety.

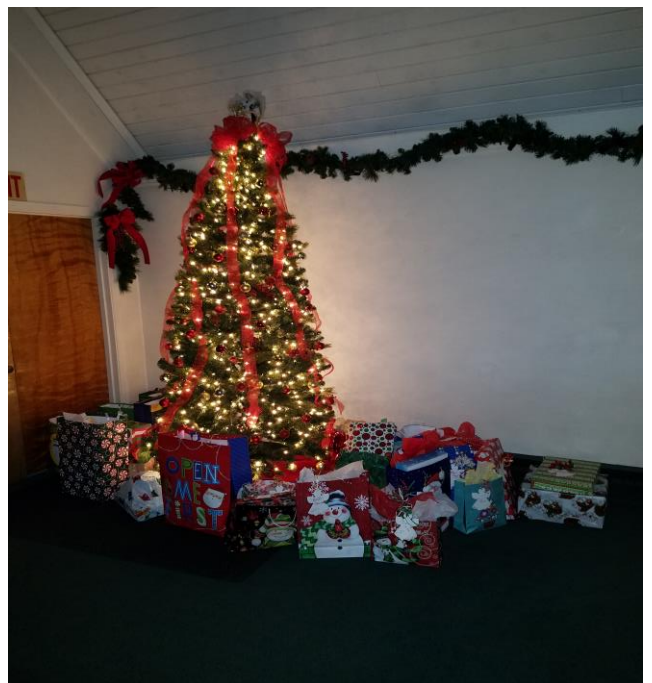
Worship Team - Sue Close - The Worship Team, along with the pastor, oversees the worship at Puckety.

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!

Meals 4 Children Food packing has begun! Wednesdays at 9:30am downstairs in the choir room. Please be sure to take a schedule on the front of Kelly's desk if you're interested in helping out with this wonderful community ministry! There is also a copy of the schedule in the Post Scripts each month and on the bulletin board.

Doug Marshall, our Interim Pastor, has a mail slot in the metal cabinet at the top of the stairs for any correspondence you would like to leave him. You can also email him at pastor@pucketychurch.org.

Our beautiful sanctuary at Christmas time





Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

January 7:

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalms 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 14:

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Cor 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 21:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Cor :29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28:

Deut 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Cor 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28



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

Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 1 Nancy Kelly
Judy West
- 2 Tyler Schafer
- 3 Jennifer McKay
- 6 Kim Tatem
- 7 Owen Manges
- 9 Don Zellefrow
- 10 Marcie Leo
- 14 Wayne McAllister
- 15 Matt Wehrle
Allison Marshall
Andrew Fisher
Marie Hough
Mallory Soulcheck
- 16 Trey Sennett
- 17 John McAllister
- 18 Kenzie Girard
- 19 Michael McKown
- 23 Vi Adamsky
- 24 Vicky Baker
Tori Soulcheck
- 26 Sue Close
Lois Barnett

Burrell Meals4Children Packing Schedule 2017-18

January 3rd

January 10th

January 17th

January 24th

January 31st

February 7th

February 14th

February 21st

February 28th

March 7th

March 14th

March 21st

April 4th

April 11th

April 18th

April 25th

May 2nd

May 9th

May 16th

May 23rd

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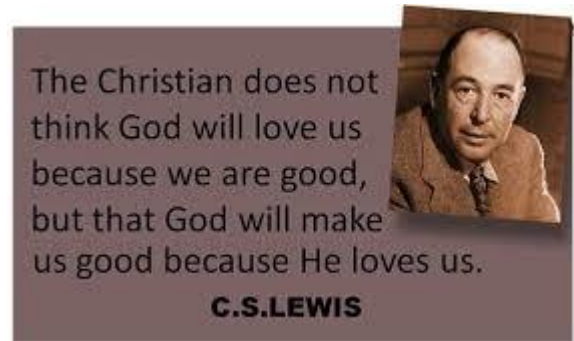
Grace Comm

Bethesda

*If you are a "regular attender" here at Puckety
Presbyterian Church, please be sure the office has
your address, phone number/s and email address/es
so that you can stay up to date with the events here
at Puckety!*

PLEASE PLAN TO STAY AFTER WORSHIP
ON JANUARY 28TH FOR A BRIEF
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO REVIEW
THE ANNUAL REPORTS. IF YOU
CANNOT ATTEND, LET KELLY KNOW
AND SHE CAN GET YOU A COPY.

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. You may have seen the blockbuster movie. You may even have read the book or the whole Narnia series. But what do you know about C.S. Lewis, the man behind the book? He was one of the most published authors of the 20th century, a professor of medieval literature at Oxford and Cambridge, a man who loved long walks, going to a pub to drink beer, smoke his pipe and tell jokes with friends. Join the ***Small Group*** as Doug Marshall leads them in a look at the life & writings of C.S. Lewis, whose faith and writings are still contemporary, encourage us in our own lives and challenge us to grow in our faith.



This class will meet in the conference room from 11:30 am – 12:45 pm for 4 Sundays beginning January 7th. Bring a lunch. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending by January 5th.

New Connections! Are you interested in joining Puckety Presbyterian Church, or learning more about Puckety and what it means to be a member? If so, there will be a New Member / Inquirer Class on three Sundays in February, February 11, 18, 25, from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Childcare will be provided if needed. If you want to join Puckety we would like for you to attend these classes, though there is no obligation to join. This is just an opportunity to learn more about the church and what it means to be a member. Contact the church office (724-339-1323, kelly@pucketychurch.org) to let us know if you plan to come.

Minutes of the Puckety Presbyterian Church Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Denise opened the meeting with prayer. Our balance as of 10/31/2017 is \$3,716.85.
We had 12 requests for help. We were able to help 9 with rent, food and love gifts.

We need to increase the amount of communion items for Sunday, November 5th due to it being Kirk Orr's last Sunday.

We discussed progress on our various missions for November and December. These were Operation Christmas Child cost adjustments, Thanksgiving baskets, and the Angel Tree.

This year we have 30 children's names from families we have helped throughout the year for the Angel Tree. Next year we will contact a senior center and see if we can use some of their residents for the Angel Tree.

We approved sending a Christmas card and love gift of \$100 to Try-Life in lieu of diapers. We discussed the yearly Pastor Christmas Love Gift letter. Denise will take charge of creating and making the copies.

Beth will take over keeping mints in the candy baskets. Anyone else is welcome to donate other varieties.

We decided to keep the donation to Our Daily Bread at \$250 this year.

We decided to help pay for a new edition of Media Shout, which is the video program the volunteers use to project the worship service on the screen each week. This will be approximately \$400. John Fisher will be handling the purchase and Sandra will coordinate the purchase with John.

The meeting closed with us praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday December 6, 2017 at 6:30pm.
Respectfully submitted, Beth Dober

Minutes of the Puckety Presbyterian Church Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Our pastor, Doug Marshall attended the meeting. Denise opened the meeting with prayer.

Our balance as of 11/30/2017 is \$2,500.94.

We had 10 requests for help. We were able to help 5 with rent, love gifts and a ride to the doctor's office.

11 Thanksgiving baskets were packed by John, Brenda and Irene. They provided food for 25 adults and 19 children. They were picked up on Saturday November 18th.

28 boxes were donated to Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse. Irene delivered them to the community drop off at Grace Presbyterian.

We had 30 children's names from families we have helped throughout the year for the Angel Tree. Gifts were placed under the sanctuary Christmas Tree. Denise and Maria will call and coordinate the pick up of the gifts on the same day as the Christmas food baskets.

Christmas baskets will be prepared and ready for pick up on Saturday December 16th between 9:30 – 10:30 am.

Lori brought up the issue of having too many regular print Our Daily Bread devotionals left at the end of November. It was recommended that in order to be good stewards we reduce the quarterly request from 225 to 150 copies.

The deacons were presented with a request for a man who had his electricity shut off for the last year and had his sewage shut off. Further discussion involved his age, job, life situation and mental capability. It was decided that his situation required more serious help than what we could currently provide. We are consulting with the person who submitted his name about possibly referring him to Westmoreland Case management and Supports, Inc. (WCSI).

Denise gave us a floor plan of the church building and a brief presentation on emergency evacuation routes and procedures when in the church building. She also presented recommendations for safety during an active shooter scenario.

Denise has challenged us to find all the fire extinguishers and their locations in the church buildings and if there are any evacuation plans posted. There will be a prize.

RECOMMENDATION TO SESSION: Please discuss having an evacuation plan and a pull down fire alarm that rings throughout the church building.

The meeting closed with us praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday January 3, 2018 at 6:30pm.


Respectfully submitted, Beth Dober

Stories of Redstone

Christ at work in our midst

LOGOS, a midweek ministry for children and youth, is based on Acts 2:42, which tells of the disciples gathering for fellowship, study, worship, and sharing a meal. Their mission is simple: intergenerational ministry so that the next generation will catch the faith and know that we are ALL children of God, and that we ALL deserve to be treated that way.

To learn more about the ministry, Delmont Presbyterian Church welcomed two trainers from GenOn Ministry, the organization that sponsors the ministry and supports churches who want to implement it in their own unique settings.



As part of the LOGOS Encounter, we experienced LOGOS. We shared a family meal, with a Pirates theme and table games. We enjoyed recreation that wasn't based on having winners and losers. We studied the Bible interactively, and we learned worship skills.


LOGOS is like jazz: there are a few very basic things that are crucial for success, and then each congregation adapts the program for their needs. Got just a few high school students and a few lower-elementary age children with nothing in-between? The trainers had ideas for ways to make it work. Want to use it as a Sunday School option? That can work. Lots of children and youth in your congregation? This ministry can strengthen relationships and bring even more growth.

Want to learn more about LOGOS? Contact Rev. Caroline Vickery at Delmont Presbyterian Church or check out their website at www.genonministries.org.

*Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...
Change the World...Together!*



January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	1 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 AM Card Ministry 	2 OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	3 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	6 
7 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	8 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	9 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	10 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	13 12:30 PM Brady Lippert Eagle Scout Dinner
14 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	15 Meals on Wheels 	16 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	17 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	18 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	20
21 Burtner Family Party??? 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting	22 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	23 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	24 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	26 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	27
28 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship/Youth Church 8:00 PM AA Meeting 	29 Meals on Wheels	30 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	31 Meals on Wheels 9:30 AM Meals 4 Children 6:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	3 

MEALS 4 CHILDREN

If anyone in the congregation needs food for their children/grandchildren/neighbor kids, etc., please let Kelly Kapelewski or Matt Wehrle know. The program is expanding their outreach to include local kids in need that perhaps aren't in the free lunch program. The food will be available for you to pick up in the church office every Sunday.

THE 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE! THE ARE ON THE FRONT PEW OF THE SANCTUARY IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.