

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



Puckety Church

*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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and Improve our Community and World.*

April 2021

Pastor's Corner

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Life Group Training

You may recall that at the very beginning of the year, to address some of our Church Mission goals, I hosted *Small Group Training* for potential facilitators and participants. It was well-received, and 3 new small groups were originated. We want to maximize on the impact, so I will be hosting the same training on **Saturday, May 22nd** from 10 – 11:45 AM. There are several GOOD reasons for you to join us that morning:

- There are many members of Puckety not yet a part of a Life Group, who are maybe looking for something a little different, *or* maybe a different meeting time, etc. You can help be part of the solution to that.
- This training will happen near the end of some of our current small groups' first round, and so it will be a perfect time to explore opportunities for what comes next.
- We are looking for people willing to be future facilitators to help support the current ones (either separately or as a team) – this event will be a great help for that.
- Even if you know you're not in a place to "lead" a group, this training is very helpful to being a better group participant – knowing some basic key fundamentals can help any member of a small group make it even better for all.
- Being part of a Life Group has this essential function, as worded by Lee Kricher:

“because, then, people are not just hearing a message on the weekend about reaching the next generation. They are also discussion in their small groups their God-given purpose as individuals and as a church to make a difference in our community and world.”

So, with all that being said, the Life Group event on May 22nd is for EVERYONE! Please contact me (Pastor Brian) at 724-678-6976 or call the church office – 724-339-1323 to let us know you're coming. Together, let's Honor God, Grow in Faith, and Improve our World. God bless you. ~ Pastor Brian

Puckety's current *Life Groups* include:

**Ministering through Spiritual Gifts - led by Rev. Brian Kilbert (Wednesdays 7- 8:30 PM).*

**1 Corinthians (study on how to love amidst conflict) – led by Wiebke Kilbert - every other Wednesday @ 6:00pm.*

**Bracken Bible Study on Romans – led by Donna Bracken (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday @1:00pm).*

**Men's Group using John Eldredge's *Wild at Heart* - led by Matt Wehrle and Mick Dober (Monday mornings at 10 AM).*

**Daniel Plan (Fitness & Faith - movement based) led by Alice Knopfel (call 412-400-9463).*

Please call the church office or Pastor Brian (724-678-6976) to inquire about availability, and other upcoming groups etc.

Join us Maundy Thursday, April 1,
at 7:00 PM as we remember the
institution of the Lord's Supper.



We want to invite you to join us for our **Easter Sunrise Service** (April 4th) at **7:00 AM** outside *behind Faith Hall* (please dress for the weather, we will be inside Faith Hall if it's inclement). We encourage you to invite others to join you, so we can take advantage of the benefit of being outdoors.

For those planning on actually coming in person to the 10 AM Easter service, *please contact the church office* (phone or email) and let us know so we can monitor our social distancing.

Pre-registration is highly encouraged!



Our next gathering will be Saturday, April 3 @ 8:30 AM! Grab your mask and your crafts and join us in Faith Hall!

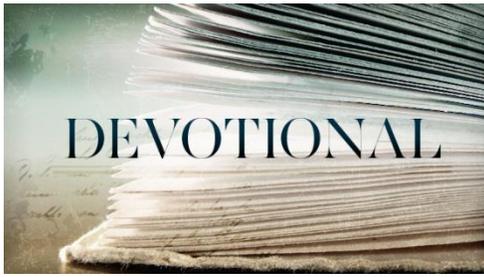
Remember to check Puckety's website and social media for information on upcoming events and encouragement!

Website: www.pucketychurch.org

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Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety



A Devotional for You ~ Read 1 John 1:5-9

You've probably heard me talk at length about the importance of small group community. I thought it important to go from the "grand sweeping view" to focus on a particular part – almost like a microscope to see one of the moving parts that make it so wonderful. The part I'm thinking of is *authenticity*. This is something the New Testament reveals is essential for our spiritual growth, and something sorely lacking in our post-modern society. We live in a world where everyone's life is "on display" 24/7 with Instagram filters, Facebook profiles and viral hashtags. But the crazy irony is that all this stuff is leading to a fake authenticity (what we want people to see). Author Chris Surratt says this is "because there's a near-paralyzing fear that comes with true authenticity. The thoughts bombard us every time we start to grow in relationship with others. If people only knew ... the things I have done ... my shortcomings as a spouse ... my failures as a parent ... my private thoughts. But the beautiful and freeing truth of true authenticity is that being open and vulnerable to a group of people doesn't require wading in perfection; it requires walking in confession" (*Leading Small Groups: Gather, Launch, Lead, ch. 9*).

That's *not* just Surratt's *opinion*. The Apostle John lays out the same in the reading from his first epistle: "If we say we have fellowship with [God], yet we walk in darkness, we are *not practicing the truth*. But if we walk in the light – as God himself is in the light [*Trinity as perfect unity in community*] – we have fellowship with one another ... If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sin and cleanse us." (HCSB)

Because of the blood of Jesus, we don't have to be afraid of confessing our sin – not because sin doesn't have consequences, but because through the gospel, we know we are forgiven. James talks about transparency at its best in his letter: "Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed" (5:16 HCSB). This is a picture of someone who, convinced of the limitless grace and promised forgiveness of Jesus, lets themselves be seen, opens their heart to those who share the same trust. They lay themselves bare before others, not expecting shame or guilt, but instead expecting grace and healing. It's a crucial step on the road to holiness. The gospel both enables us to be truly transparent and compels us toward a greater end that lies beyond transparency – we start by "being real with each other" – but that's the means to the greater end – to be made holy by the Spirit, conformed into the image of Jesus Christ, to the glory of the Father. May that be true in our lives. ~ *Pastor Brian*



Spring Is around the Corner So Start your Mowers

As we look forward to the spring, we are also reminded that means that the grass will soon be growing. As always is the case, we are looking for mowers to volunteer to help. The maintenance of our grounds at the church and cemetery are not just limited to mowing. We appreciate anyone who likes to push a mower, ride a mower, trim around, mulch around and pull weeds. These are all ongoing spring, summer and fall jobs. The nice thing is they comply very well with Covid 19 protocols. You will find yourself in the fresh and certainly more than 6 feet away from everyone. What could be healthier? If you would be interested

in helping with any of these tasks this coming season, please contact Kelly at the church office or call Vince Appleman at 412-793-8574.

Daniel Plan Life Group – facilitated by Alice Knopfel. The nature of this group is one of prayer, praise, motion and fitness. It's about more than a little exercise to uplifting music. It's about stewardship of our bodies for God's purposes. *The Daniel Plan* is an innovative approach to achieving a healthy lifestyle where people get together by optimizing their health in the key areas of faith, fitness, focus and friends. This group will likely start in mid to late March. Please contact Alice Knopfel with interest (so we can get a participant guide for you) and any questions – 412-400-9463.





- 04 Beth Dober
- 11 Vince Appleman
- 18 Jennifer McKay
- 25 Maria Schafer

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

Corporate Officers:

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



Offering counters:

- 4/4: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 4/11: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 4/18: Chuck & Judy West
- 4/25: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle

Your Session:
 Deb Artman – Clerk
 Chari Burtner
 Jack Barnett
 Rebecca Fisher
 Michelle Gordon
 Charlene McKay
 Jennifer McKay
 Matt Wehrle
 Chuck West



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

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.



We ask all members to please bring their own masks each time you enter the church building if possible. This will help reduce waste of disposable masks as well as be good stewards of the ones we have in stock.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Drivers and kitchen help are needed at Lower Burrell Meals on Wheels. We are a non-profit organization serving Arnold, New Kensington and Lower Burrell, working out of Puckety United Presbyterian Church. If you can volunteer an hour or two a week, please call 724-334-4404 and leave a message for a return call



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

April 4:

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
1 Cor 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

April 11:

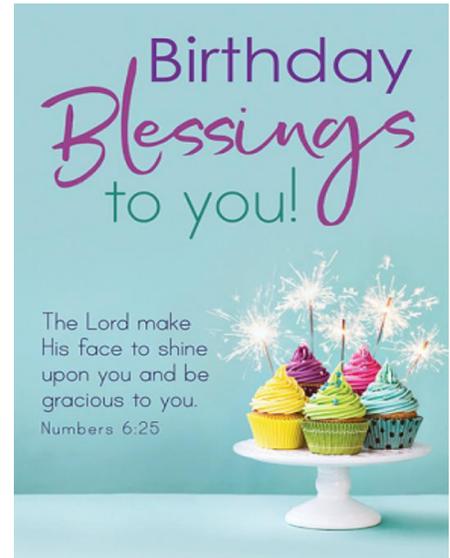
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2;2
John 20:19-31

April 18:

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 25:

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18



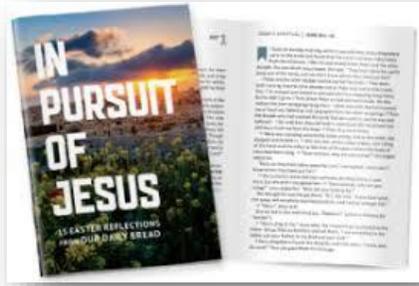
The Lord make
His face to shine
upon you and be
gracious to you.
Numbers 6:25

- 4 Ryan Smith
- 5 Kathy Kirchartz
- 7 William Morrow
- 8 Margaret Uhing
- 9 Myrna Zellefrow
- 10 Evelyn Smith
Megan Benish
- 13 Maggie McMelleon
Clara Kapustik
- 16 Jeff Ewing
- 17 John Zurenski
- 18 Jennifer Spenik
- 20 Fran Kapelewski
- 21 Chari Burtner
Mary Wilds
- 28 Kelly Pranievicz

From the Session

At our March meeting, in line with Puckety Church's *Vision* to be "God's Heart, Voice and Hands to the Community," we voted and approved a \$5,000 donation to directly support local outreach through Young Life, including the needs associated with the incoming Area Director – more about the chosen candidate to come! We ask that all our church's *ministry teams, small groups* and the *whole of our membership* to be praying for the staff and programming of Young Life as well as their partnership with this area's local churches – all in service of the goal of bringing more youth to Christ and bringing honor to God.

Easter Reflections From Our Daily Bread



During Lent, a special devotional titled “In Pursuit of Jesus” is available at all entrances to the sanctuary and on the glass display case by the conference room. There are 15 articles and scripture readings. In addition to the readings you have the opportunity to watch devotional videos. The links are listed within the pages.

Welcome Christ into your life – Get to know Him better.
Allow God to pursue you – Accept this wonderful gift of faith and love.

Our Daily Bread

Large Print – April, May June

Regular Print – March, April, May

The latest “Our Daily Bread” is now available at all entrances to the sanctuary and on the glass display case in front of the conference room. Please pick up a devotion for yourself, a friend, or relative.



AV Corner:

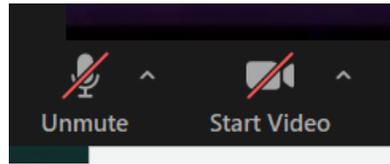
After the Zoom meet and greet in spring 2020 I mentioned to Brian how encouraging it was to see a congregation that embraced technology. It was so refreshing to see a congregation of all ages put aside hesitation and fear of change to embrace the world of Zoom to ensure they could continue to worship together and support each other through a year like no other. You all should be very proud of yourselves for what you have learned to do to stay connected.

A year later we are now part of your family and Zoom is still with us. I joined the AV Team to help with running the Zoom aspect of worship so the rest of the AV Team can focus on the other aspects of worship. Though more and more of you are joining us in house to worship, Zoom will be with us for some time to come. The AV Team thought it might be good to share some tips and tricks of Zoom.

For our phone in users, you may have noticed that occasionally the sound goes quiet just as a choir anthem is about to start. If the choir is using a CD for the background music, we need to turn off the sound. We do not have the license to broadcast recorded music over Zoom. Once the anthem is over you should start hearing the service again.

The first thing every Zoom user needs to know is that Zoom looks and acts differently depending on what device you are using it. Zoom on a laptop looks different than on a PC, a phone, an iPad or other tablet. The below tips are very general, and the photos may not perfectly match how your Zoom looks. We have also learned that not every tip and trick work on every device. We would like to encourage you to take the tips below as reference points and try them on your system. Do not be afraid to explore the different buttons on the Zoom screen.

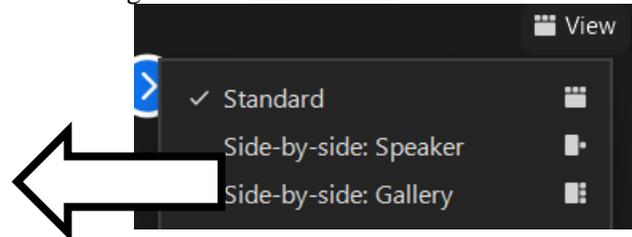
Down in the bottom left corner you may see these two symbols. and connect with the audio your microphone on your device is a red line through it. Be aware that the microphones on devices the other Zoom participants can hear you, your TV, your dog, conversations to other people in the room with you. You can clicking the microphone button. At the start of worship, the Zoom host mutes all participants, and the little microphone will now have a red slash through it. This makes sure that all background noise is turned off and worship can begin. When worship is done you can click on the microphone again and the red slash will disappear, and your microphone is live again and you can be heard again by any of the other Zoom participants. The Zoom host can mute you at any time but only YOU have the power to unmute yourself, the host cannot do that for you.



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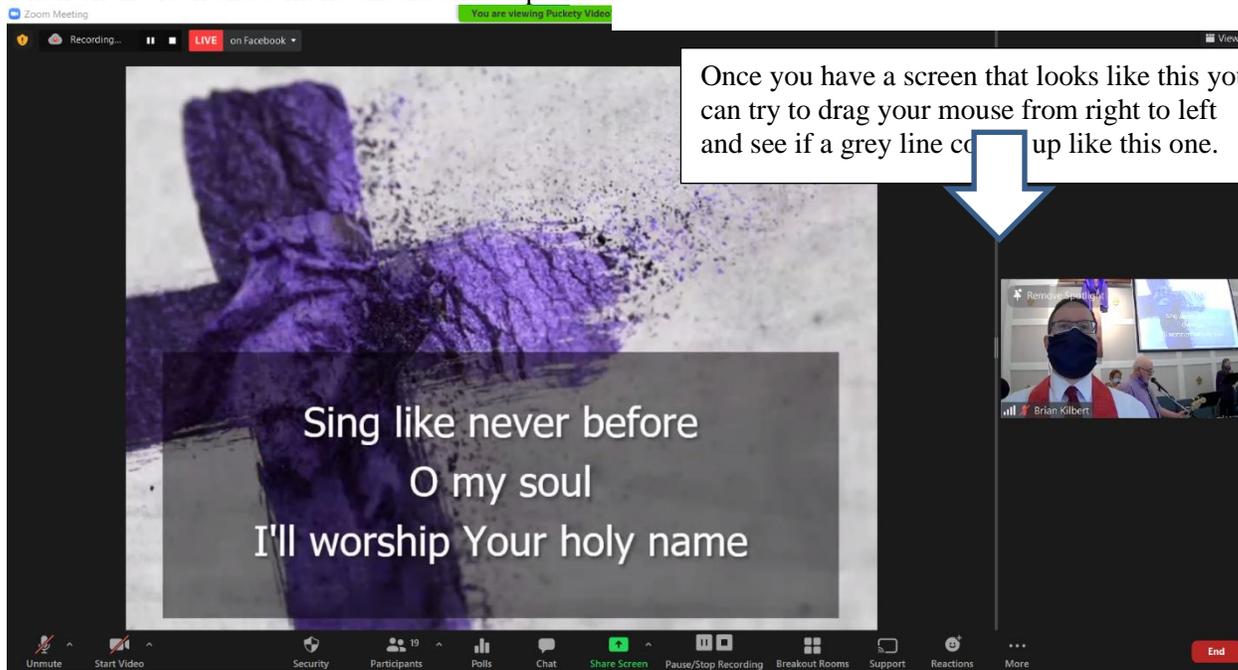
The video icon controls whether we can see you or not. You are the only one who can control if your video shows you live and in color or if only your name shows up to the other Zoom participants. You control this feature with the same click on, click off process.

When you log in to Zoom your screen may look a bit like the Brady Bunch opening scene. All the participants in smaller squares across your screen. Or it may be one big box with lots of little boxes above it or to the side. When worship starts the Zoom host puts a spotlight on the main speaker which should make Pastor Brian or any other speaker at the pulpit the largest picture on your screen. When the AV team starts to share the slides that are on the screen in the sanctuary the speaker may go small again and either be at the top of your screen or on the side. To make sure you always see the speaker you can change your view. In the top right hand corner you should see something like this .



Clicking on the “Side-by-side: Speaker” will remove all the other little boxes and show you just the worship slides and the speaker in a small box next to the speaker.

Click on the icon and a menu should show up that l



If the grey line comes up move your cursor right on top of it, keep the left mouse button down, or use your finger if you have a touch screen, try different things to see if you can move that line to the left which will then make the picture of the speaker larger and the worship slides smaller.

We will have more tips in the May Post-Scripts. Please let any member of the AV Team know if there is a specific issue or tip you would like us to address.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:00 AM Worship	29 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group	30 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	31 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 7:00 PM Spiritual Gifts Small Group	1  5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service	2  GOOD FRIDAY Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	3 8:30 AM Crafting Circle
4 7:00 AM Sunrise Worship Service 10:00 AM Worship 	5 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 10:30 AM Card Ministry 6:00 PM Worship Team Meeting 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	6 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 20130 6:30 PM Outreach Team Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	7 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Spiritual Gifts Small Group	8 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	10 11:00 AM Willis Baby Shower
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