

## *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.

Childrens' Church 10:00 a.m.



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## *Pastor's Paragraphs*

*By Interim Pastor Doug Marshall*

The baseball season is just starting. There isn't a lot of excitement for the Pirates this year, but there is always hope. With all changes no one expects much from them, but who knows – they might surprise everyone and make the playoffs. Even if they don't, I still would like to get down to PNC Park and see a game. It is a fun place to watch a game. Watching a baseball game on a warm summer afternoon or evening is a relaxing way to spend a few hours. It is what a national pastime should be.

My dictionary defines a **pastime** as a pleasant way of spending free time. It is a recreational activity, a diversion from real life. Baseball fits this description. That is why it is known as our national pastime.

For some people, church appears to be a pastime – a relaxing way to spend a few hours on Sunday morning, when you have nothing better to do. For some it is a diversion from the real world. This is similar to the church of Laodicea, described in Revelation 3.

The church in Laodicea was lukewarm. It wasn't an evil place, just indifferent. About this church Jesus said, "Because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:16) Jesus wanted the church to have zeal, to be on fire, to be passionate.

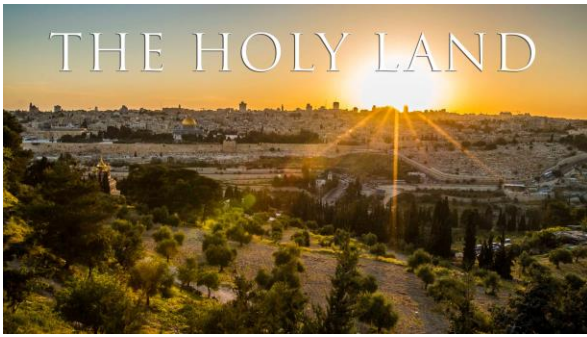
**Passion** is that which "has an overpowering or compelling effect." Passion is intense energy directed toward something. My dictionary also defines passion as suffering or agony. Passion is also a word used to describe the events of the last week of Jesus, especially his death on the cross. Jesus' death on the cross was an event filled with intense emotion.

Pastime and passion. In my dictionary these two words are on opposite sides of the same piece of paper. In many ways they are almost complete opposites, at least as they describe how various people approach their faith in Jesus Christ and their participation in Christ's church.

What would Jesus say if he wrote a letter to Puckety Church? Is ours a pastime congregation or are we passionate for Jesus Christ? How would he describe your faith? Is it a pastime or are you passionately in love with our Lord?

*Adapted from a PFR ReNews article by Joe Woods.*

*Doug*



## Pilgrimage Presentation

**April 8 @ 11:30 am**

In the spring of 2016 I had the privilege of going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel). Walking in the places where Jesus walked, seeing the views that he saw, was one of the spiritual highlights of my life. Last spring, I led a pilgrimage and Tanya was able to come

with me. Sharing this experience with her was even better. On April 8, after worship, we would like to share with you some of our pictures and stories of the Holy Land. We hope you'll stay and enjoy some beautiful scenery and hear about some of our experiences in Israel/Palestine.

### **FELLOWSHIP AND CARE TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT:**

If anyone is interested in serving as part of the Fellowship and Care Team, please talk to Mike or Kim Tatem. The main New Testament word translated "fellowship" means, "partnership, close relationship, or communion". The goal of the team is to promote fellowship with God first, then believers at Puckety, other local believers, and Christians around the world. Our goal is for fellowship to be truly spiritual and practical. We believe that God wants everything that is done at Puckety (the body of believers, not the building) to promote fellowship with Him and other believers, to the glory of our Lord! Some of the things we are considering are: small groups, ways to get to know each other spiritually and personally at church meals and gatherings, connection with other local believers, and ministry of various kinds. If this is something you believe the Lord wants you to consider, please let us know.

## SESSION UPDATE

Discipleship – We will be conducting a once annual collection for support of Maria thru Compassionate Child

New Members – We will be welcoming 5 new members to Puckety Church on Sunday, April 1. Please welcome Fran Kapelewski, Christina Logan, Cecil McCutcheon, Brandy Roland and Lisa Wilson.

Called Pastor – Session has decided to slow down the process of self study and electing a PNC to find a called pastor. We have decided to deal with the issues and not focus on the time it takes. We need to find out who we are and what we are looking for before we start looking.



### **In April**

- 1** Michelle Gordon
- 8** Beth Dober
- 15** Mick Dober
- 22** Vince Appleman
- 29** Cliff McKay

### **Your Session:**

Debra Artman  
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  
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



- 1** Jolene Kostelansky and Rebecca Fisher
- 8** Deb Artman and Sophia Earhart
- 15** Chuck West and Mike Tatem
- 22** Jolene Kostelansky and Sue Close
- 29** Rebecca Fisher and Mike Tatem

### **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**

- 1** Chuck and Judy West
- 8** Jolene Kostelansky and Sophia Earhart
- 15** Helen Crissman and Marilyn Crumley
- 22** Janet Karan and Deb Artman
- 29** Chuck and Judy West

**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!**



## "Tis the Season"



You probably thought this article was an extremely late or misplaced Christmas story. Sad to say it is neither of these. It actually is a very timely reminder that it will soon be the season to mow the church and cemetery grass. While it may not be as exciting as trimming your Christmas tree or buying gifts for all your love ones, it does come along with the much anticipated arrival of spring.

As we again feel the freedom to be outdoors that comes with spring, we have a way for you to celebrate its arrival. How about enjoying the spring time air and sunshine by helping with the grass mowing. The Upkeep committee would welcome your participation in this spring ritual by signing up to mow. We can use all the help we can get. We are flexible and can arrange times that fit your schedule. You can mow with a team or mow individually. If you can only help once or twice during the eight month mowing season it is truly appreciated. We do not discriminate by age or gender. All are welcome.

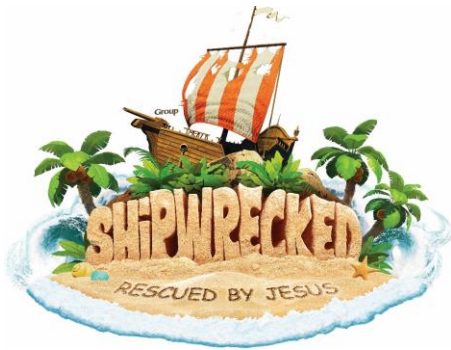
We have two riding mowers, two push mowers and three gas trimmers, so you have some preference choices. No matter what, we are very accommodating and always appreciative.

You may sign up by contacting Vince Appleman or Kelly in the office. Please state your degree of interest, preferences for times and availability. We will then attempt to put a tentative schedule together. As you can well imagine, we are a business that operates under the limitations and demands of the weather. Coordination is sometimes challenging, but with your help and patience we will get by.

## Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School

**Who:** Children ages 3 years\*\* - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**When:** Mon. June 18<sup>th</sup> - Fri. June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm-8:45pm



***There are many different ways YOU can help, some before VBS, some during...some behind the scenes, some with the kids each night.***

***Either way, to make our VBS as successful as possible, we need YOUR help! Take a look at the opportunities to see where YOU can fit in:***

***Crew leaders:*** You are not responsible for teaching the VBS material in this role. They are responsible for taking a group of 5-8 children from station to station, talking with the children in your group, getting to know the kids and share God's love with them!

***Bible Story Station Supply Helpers:*** This two-person team will find, gather, whatever props and things are needed for the Bible Story Teller. This 2-person team would work with the Bible story teller, to ensure that supplies are ready each night. At least one of the two people in this team needs to stay and assist the Bible story teller each evening as the story is told to each crew.

***Station leaders:*** They stay in one place and are responsible for leading one particular thing. We need leaders for the following stations: Imagination Station (Science experiments and Crafts area), the Bible Discovery Station (where the Bible story is told to the children each evening), Snack Factory (the place where all kids and staff come to eat and fellowship), and the Game Makers station. If you are a station leader, all materials and lessons are provided!

**Station leader helpers:** These people help a particular station leader each night of VBS and possibly help the leader gather/organize materials and prepare the activities for each night.

**Nursery Care:** This 2-person group is responsible to care for any children (younger than 3 yrs. of age) whose parent is helping during VBS. This takes place in the cry room in the sanctuary.

**Head Decorator:** This person would be the lead for all the decorating throughout the church and Faith Hall. They would gather other people to help them do the decorating. The Shipwrecked Decorating DVD and Group's website both provide pictures and offer suggestions for how to decorate various areas of the church. Some supplies are ordered and we have some things in the attic, but this person should have some water/shipwrecked ideas to add to what is purchased.

**Decorator:** These people would work with the "head decorator" to transform the sanctuary and hallways into our shipwrecked theme as well as transforming the Bible Story room into the shore/jungle home for the week of Bible School. Some supplies are ordered and we have some things in the attic, but this person should have some water/shipwrecked ideas to add to what is purchased.

**Donation Board Manager:** This one or two-person group is responsible to create the donation board, and manage the collection of all the items that come in so we know what still needs to be purchased and what we have. This is done prior to VBS starting and does not require you to be at VBS. (There is a template you can use and help is available if you'd like it!)

**The "Whatever is Needed" job:** This one or two-person group is willing to show up the first two nights of VBS and is very willing to just be "around." They understand that they might be asked to serve as a crew leader, or maybe just asked to be a "runner" finding people, or relaying messages, or maybe not need to do a lot. This person or group is not out in front of people but is very important to have when those unexpected situations arise!

**The Greeter:** This one or two-person person group is asked to welcome parents as they drop their child off for VBS and answer any questions they might have about where their child goes, or other VBS questions. This person should be very comfortable talking with people and their children and making them feel at home with us!

If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at [rfisher@syfcomputing.com](mailto:rfisher@syfcomputing.com)

**\*\*Children age 3 can attend VBS in the Pre-School class, if they have completed at least one year of a pre-school program.**



## *Women's Retreat*

Come join us Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> for a wonderful time of worship and fellowship that's just for women! **Cost:** \$10.00 (includes workbook, coffee, and lunch).

Psalms 23:5 says that when we're in God's presence, our cup overflows with blessings. Through *Fill Your Cup*, women will experience this truth and discover that when we're filled with God's love, we can't help but overflow and share that love with others!

If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or at [rfisher@syfcomputing.com](mailto:rfisher@syfcomputing.com)



There is still time to sign up to get in our new church picture directory! We have partnered with Lifetouch Church Directories to do the photography and create the directory. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph of their directory image, as well as a complimentary printed and/or mobile directory. One of their professional photographers will photograph you and your family on site at our church. After your photography session you will view your images, select your directory pose, and have the opportunity to order additional prints. You are under no obligation to order additional products. The portrait sessions are April 3, April 4, and April 6 from 2pm to 9pm and April 7 from 10am to 5pm. You can schedule online by going to the Puckety website and clicking on the blue button. You can also schedule by calling either Janet Karan at 724-335-6030 or Debbie Artman at 724-478-3216.

**COFFEE HOUR - Sunday, April 15 after worship, sponsored by the Adult Choir. Let's gather in the conference room after worship to welcome the newly installed elders and deacons. Your choir will host you, so come enjoy fellowship and goodies.**





## Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

### For the week of:

#### April 1:

Acts 10:3-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Cor 15:1-11  
John 20:1-18

#### April 8:

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

#### April 15:

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

#### April 22:

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

#### April 29:

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8



*(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!!!

- 4 Brian Smith
- 7 William Morrow
- 8 Margaret Uhing
- 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

## Burrell Meals4Children Packing Schedule 2017-18

### April 4<sup>th</sup>

April 11<sup>th</sup>  
April 18<sup>th</sup>  
April 25<sup>th</sup>

### May 2<sup>nd</sup>

May 9<sup>th</sup>  
May 16<sup>th</sup>  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
May 30<sup>th</sup>

### Puckety

BCC  
Grace Comm  
Bethesda  
**Puckety**  
BCC  
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 at Puckety!*

The LARGE print "Our Daily Bread" devotional for the months April, May, and June, 2018 is available at all entrances to the sanctuary and on the glass display case next to the entrance to the conference room. The REGULAR print "Our Daily Bread" devotional for the months March, April, and May, 2018 is also located in the same areas. Please pick one up for yourself, a friend, or a relative.





## April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  <b>7:00 AM</b> Sunrise Service - Cemetery <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship/Youth Church</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting 	<b>2</b> Meals on Wheels <b>10:30 AM</b> Card Ministry <b>1:00 PM</b> Worship Team Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Upkeep Team Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Lifetouch Photos <b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels <b>9:30 AM</b> Meals 4 Children Food Packing <b>2:00 PM</b> Lifetouch Photos <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts <b>6:30 PM</b> Deacons Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Meals on Wheels <b>2:00 PM</b> Lifetouch Photos	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Lifetouch Photos Bowman Memorial Dinner ???
<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship/Youth Church</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Pilgrimage Presentation <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>9</b> Meals on Wheels <b>6:30 PM</b> MS Group Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting	<b>11</b> Meals on Wheels <b>9:30 AM</b> Meals 4 Children Food Packing <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> Meals on Wheels <b>5:00 PM</b> Women's Retreat Set Up	<b>14</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Retreat 
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> Elders/Deacons Installation <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship/Youth Church</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> Fontana Baby Shower <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>16</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Sewing Guild <b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting	<b>18</b> Meals on Wheels <b>9:30 AM</b> Meals 4 Children Food Packing <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Kapustik Birthday Party
<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship/Youth Church</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting 	<b>23</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Leader Meeting <b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting	<b>25</b> Meals on Wheels <b>9:30 AM</b> Meals 4 Children Food Packing <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Ehrlich Spaghetti Dinner <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship/Youth Church</b> Ladies Lunch <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting	<b>30</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>1</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> N.A. meeting	<b>2</b> Meals on Wheels <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels <b>1:00 PM</b> Line Dancing	<b>5</b>





# Shipwrecked

Where kids learn that they are  
rescued by Jesus!

Vacation Bible School at Puckety  
Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00pm-8:45pm

- Any child who is 3 years old, and been to a year of Pre-School through students finishing 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come! You do not have to be a member to attend! Bring a friend or two!!
  - There is no cost for this event and you can register online at [www.pucketychurch.org](http://www.pucketychurch.org) beginning in May.
  - For more information, contact Rebecca Fisher at 412.260.1571 or [rfisher@sufcomputing.com](mailto:rfisher@sufcomputing.com)
  - We still need crew leaders!!! Please consider volunteering to fill this important role!
  - We will have a VBS Staff Meeting offered two times....please plan to attend the one that works best for you!
    - The first will be after worship on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30
    - A second meeting will be on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>
- This is the same info just offered two different times.*

## Ladies Lunch

\*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

\*Meet near the conference room at 11:15

We enjoy lunch together, fellowship, and learn more about other women at Puckety!

If you haven't joined us for lunch yet, or if it's been a while since you came, consider Coming In April! Hope to see you there!

## Our New Deacons/Elders/Nominating Committee

Elders	Class of 2021	Rebecca Fisher Jennifer McKay Mike Tatem
	Class of 2019	Charlene McKay
Deacons	Class of 2021	Sandy Ankney Margie Hazlett Peg Uhing
	Class of 2020	Rodney Schafer Jean Welte
Nominating		Chuck West – Leader Helen Crissman Mick Dober Maria Schafer Judy West



### **Puckety Vision Day: May 6 –Save The Date**

On Sunday, May 6 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (at the latest), all members and friends of Puckety Church are invited to join us for a day of coming together as the Family of God and the Body of Christ. We will worship together, eat lunch together (potluck), and spend some time talking about how God has worked in the life of Puckety Church, and how God is continuing to work. We hope you will make this a priority and join us. Call the office to sign-up and let us know you are coming.

