

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!*

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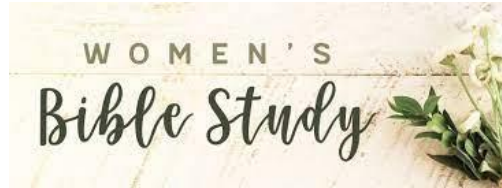


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*At Puckety we personally and collectively Honor God, Grow in Faith,
and Improve our Community and World.*

January 2021

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We will be starting our study of C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters" on Sunday January 23rd at 11:30. We will be meeting in the conference room. Bring your packed lunch and something to drink. Please have the Preface and Letters 1-4 read. Come with your questions and thoughts!

Please note that due to no volunteers available to fill these positions Zoom and Facebook worship will not be available on January 9th or 16th. If you are interested in learning how to help run this specific part of our worship please let Wiebke know.

If you are a member of the choir, praise team or help with the readings of worship please make sure you have turned in a signed broadcast release form. Kelly has them in the office. This form will allow us to broadcast your picture and voice over Zoom and Facebook.



NEW SMALL GROUP - The outward aspect of our Church's *Mission Statement* is to "improve our community and world," and our *Vision Statement* ends with the words, "making a lasting difference in your life, our community and world." I'm sure you'd all agree that the primary way we do this – by WIDE margin – is through our encounter with Christ. But the only way to effectively do that is through "personal and collective" *evangelism*. "Evangelism" can seem a scary word, but it simply means bringing people to Christ – in other words, bringing them to a place (not just physically, but spiritually), where they can have an encounter with the living Jesus. This is something we are all called to do.

So, to that end, Pastor Brian plans to start a new weekly small group where we can, in a non-intimidating way, discuss and learn how to "tighten our testimony" and witness to those in need of Christ. Drawing from tested works like, *Becoming a Contagious Christian* and *Just Walk Across the Room*, we'll use video lessons and participant guides to help strengthen one another. We plan to make this a casual atmosphere with an intentional focus. We'd meet weekly (starting in early February through Easter) for no more than 90 minutes. We'd like to invite to invite *every member of Puckety who is not currently in a small group* to join one, so if that applies to you, contact Pastor Brian (724-678-6976) and find out some more about this one! We'll schedule it based on what works best for the majority of those interested! This is the kind of group that can be a true blessing to Puckety, give great glory to God, and move our *Mission & Vision* from ideals to reality.

Things Are Looking Brighter at Puckety Church

We mean this in a true literal sense. The Upkeep Committee is glad to report a significant exterior lighting improvement that was completed in time for Christmas. You may have noticed the improved lighting around the Narthex door that runs the entire way up to the peak of the roof line. The LED lights provide greater illumination at a reduced cost. They provided an enhanced back drop to the Christmas Nativity scene.

In addition, if you tilted your head back and looked upward toward the steeple, you would also notice that the steeple is now illuminated. The old steeple lighting system was well past its usable life. The steeple at Puckety had not been fully lighted for at least 20 years, maybe even longer. The system needed to be totally replaced and rebuilt. A number of members had expressed a desire to see the steeple illuminated like in the “old days”, noting that our church was the proverbial light on the hill. While it remained unlighted, it was never given serious consideration because of the height challenge and high labor expense involved. A couple of talented members of the Upkeep Committee with electrical skills decided to take on the challenge, and were able to overcome numerous obstacles to make it happen. The new lighting is much improved beyond the prior set up with low energy using LED lights. We wish to thank all those who contributed to the success of our lighting project. A special thanks to Fran Kapelewski, Jack Barnett, George Tkach and Cousins Electric.

The Upkeep Committee has two other projects that have already been initiated. First, we have acquired two AED Defibrillators that were purchased from money in the Memorial Fund account. One device will be placed in the church and the other in Faith Hall. This will give church members and all who use our facilities a greater sense of security. The devices come with very simple instructions and are completely mistake proof. They are designed to be used by a complete novice. Of course, we hope they are never needed, but if they are needed, they will be there. Secondly, the Upkeep Committee has put forth a plan to change out the entire lighting system in the sanctuary. This plan has been approved by Session and the materials are on order. The labor will be done in house. It includes new lighting for the chancel area, new indirect side lighting and new lighting for the present center aisle chandeliers. The Upkeep Committee is always looking for additional help. Anyone wishing to help with these projects are welcome to join us, no electrical skills necessary. If you are interested in helping, please contact Vince Appleman.

Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!

Website: www.pucketychurch.org

Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church

Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety

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!

The 2nd Annual Ladies Advent Tea was a wonderful time! Thank you to all who attended and to the great food and program provided by the Women's Bible Study Small Group as well as all the help by the Men's Bible Study Class!





Over the last month, we have had 13 different students (of various combos) at our Sunday meetings – including a couple newcomers!

We had 10 students for our Christmas Party on Dec. 19th – big thanks to *Alice Knopfel* for planning and organizing so much of the night (giant ugly-sweater-cookie decorating, festive games and even dancing!) – thanks to *Lisa Wilson* for

great help and service, and hearty thanks to *Chuck and Judy West* for preparing the meal for the kids - yum! We voted on our January outing and – *at present* – we plan on going to Boyce Park for snowtubing on 1/23! Next regular group will be on Sun. Jan. 9th at 6:00 PM (5th grade and up).





- 02 Sophia Earhart
- 09 Michelle Gordon
- 16 Chari Burtner
- 23 Mick Dober
- 30 Beth Dober

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

Administrative Secretary:
 Kelly Kapelewski

Bookkeeper:
 Debra Artman

Choir Director:
 Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:
 Sue Close

Housekeeper:
 Irene Nelson

Financial Secretary:
 Judy West

Christian Ed:
 Jamie Kmett

Offering counters:

- 1/2: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 1/9: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 1/16: Janet Karan & Deb Artman
- 1/23: Chuck & Judy West
- 1/30: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle

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 want you to be aware that WPXI and Severe Weather Team 11 will be your go-to source for cancellations due to inclement weather. We encourage you to watch Channel 11 Morning News or follow WPXI Sunday morning before you would head out for Worship.



The Daniel Plan Small Group will start back up on January 18 at 2:15pm in Faith Hall.



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

January 2:

Jer 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Eph 1:3-14
John 1:10-18

January 9:

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16:

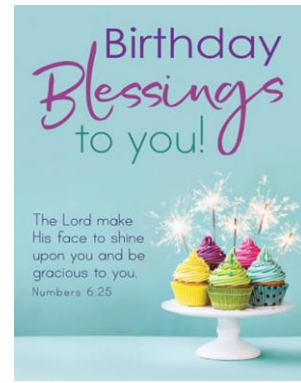
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Cor 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 23:

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Cor 12:12-31z
Luke 4:14-21

January 30:

Jer 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Cor 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30



- 1 Nancy Kelley
Judy West
- 2 Tyler Schafer
- 3 Jennifer McKay
- 7 Owen Manges
- 9 Don Zellefrow
- 14 Wayne McAllister
- 15 Matt Wehrle (dad)
Andrew Fisher
Marie Hough
Mallory Soulcheck
- 16 John Trey Sennett
- 17 John McAllister
- 18 Kenzie Girard
- 19 Michael McKown
- 23 Vi Adamsky
- 24 Tori Soulcheck
- 26 Sue Close
Lois Barnett

Notes from the Choir Director:

A BIG THANK YOU to the Puckety Choir and their participation in the music program at Puckety. We strive to do the best we can under these unusual circumstances, and I am proud of the musical prayer they have presented. As we move into Ordinary Time, and then into Lent, what a perfect time to join us on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm for rehearsal for Sunday worship. it is a relaxed time, no auditions necessary. We pray, we laugh, we sing & pray. We would be starting any new music together and we help each other. You can see me or any other choir member if you have questions.

Hope you can join us!



Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway for Youth Group Snacks. If you can donate snack/drink items for a particular Sunday, put your name in the slot and drop off items that day to Pastor Brian's office - please *avoid* any food with peanuts. Thank you.



The monthly tradition of Puckety Church's coffee hour will resume on January 9th immediately following Worship! Join us for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and some goodies. It is a great time to fellowship. All are welcome!

Coffee Fellowship

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are on the front pew of the Sanctuary. They are in alphabetical order. Please take yours upon entering/exiting for Worship. Thank you!



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Miller Christmas Party 10:00 AM Worship	27 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Men's Group 11:00 AM Maloney Funeral Dinner	28 OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	29 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 	1 
2 10:00 AM Worship - Communion	3 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 10:30 AM Card Ministry 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 46799 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting	4 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	5 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	6  5:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234	7 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 PM Girl Scout Cookie Rally	8
9 10:00 AM Worship  6:00 PM Youth Group	10 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 5:30 PM MS Group Meeting 6:30 PM Discipleship Team Meeting 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	11 1:00 PM Bracken Bible Study 6:30 PM Christian Assembly of God 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	12 Meals on Wheels 6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	13 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 Grimm Birthday Party 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Prayer Walk 3:00 PM Youth Group Snow Tubing	17 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Men's Group 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 46799 	18 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	19 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 26605 7:00 PM Saints Of The Bible Speak Small Group	20 5:00 PM Girl Scouts 26234 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	21 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	22 12:00 PM Logan Birthday Party
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**Please consider donating any of the following for our Outreach Team's
Burrell School Staff Recognition Day:**

Burrell School Staff - Purchase List			
	Item Description	Total Amount needed	Suggested Package, Source, and Store
Feel free to shop other stores for equal or better deals!			
 1 package = 45 bottles	Bottles of Water	5 Packs	Sams Club - \$3.58 / Package
 1 Box = 36 packets	Water Flavor Packets	7 Boxes	Sams Club - Propel Variety Pack (36) - Electrolyte Water Beverage for \$6.98 / box
 1 package = 8 packs	Chewing Gum	30 Sleeves	Walmart - 8 packs of "Extra" gum in a sleeve; \$6.84 per sleeve; \$13.68 for 2 sleeves
	Life Savers	6 bags (3 mint 3 fruit)	Walmart - 50 oz. bags of Life Savers (Individually wrapped) for \$9.98 per bag
	Snickers Minis	4 bags	Walmart - 40 oz. bag of SNICKERS Minis Size for \$10.98 per bag
	Box of Cheez-Its Bags	5 boxes	Sams - Cheez-Its Box of 45 bags for \$12.78 per box
	Colored Ink Pens	10 packs	Walmart - Paper Mate InkJoy Gel Pens, Medium Point, 0.7 mm, Assorted Colors, 22 Count - \$23.88 per pack
Donut Connection Gift Certificates	Gift Certificates	225	\$5 each
	Plastic Bags	250 BAGS	Walmart - Universal Plastic Shopping Bags 250 count - for \$22.06 per order