

Puckety Presbyterian Church

Following Jesus... Making Disciples... Loving One Another as He Loves Us

March 2016

Post-Scripts
a monthly publication



"The greatest news that mortal ear has ever heard is the news that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, as He had promised..."

The following excerpt is from a message by Billy Graham on the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's website.

We worship a risen, living Savior who has promised to give immortality to all who believe on His name. No longer do men and women need to stumble in the fog and darkness of hopelessness. A Light shines brighter than the noonday sun, offering hope to everyone who has been born again. Jesus promised, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die"* (John 11:25-26).

Long ago Job asked the great question of the ages: "If a man dies, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). We expect death, but we always have a glimmer of hope that medical science will discover something that will keep us alive a little longer. Death carries with it a certain dread. It has always been the enemy, the great, mysterious monster that makes people quake with fear.

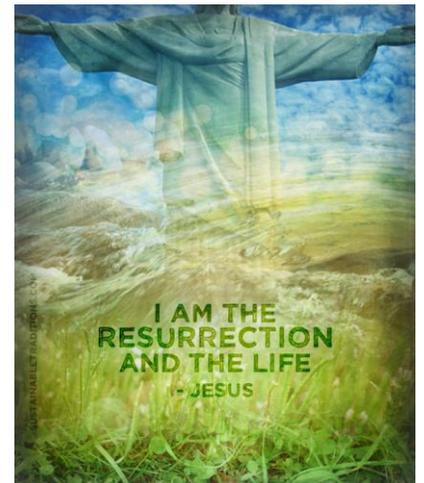
The Bible always links sin with death, saying, *"the sting of death is sin"* (1 Corinthians 15:56). The Bible also says that *"through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned"* (Romans 5:12).

Death stalks the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated. Death is no respecter of race, color or creed. Its shadow haunts us day and night. We never know when the moment of death will come for us.

Is there any hope? Is there a possibility of immortality?

I take you to an empty tomb owned by Joseph of Arimathea. Mary, Mary Magdalene and Salome had come to anoint the body of the crucified Christ, and they had been startled to find the tomb empty. An angel sat on the stone by the door of the tomb and said, *"I know that you seek Jesus. ...He is not here; for He is risen"* (Matthew 28:5-6).

The greatest news that mortal ear has ever heard is the news that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, as He had promised. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the chief proof of the Christian faith. It is the truth that lies at the very foundation of the Gospel. Other doctrines of the Christian faith may be important, but the resurrection is essential. Without a belief in the resurrection there can be no personal salvation. The Bible says, *"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:9).



Puckety Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons met on February 3, 2016 and opened with prayer.



The Deacons discussed our new venture of collecting feminine products for women serving in the military. These items will be donated to the "Cookies for our Troops" organization which is run by Mr. Sam Lombardo out of Sam's Pop Shop. We also agreed to provide a love gift of \$100 to help with the shipping costs.

We will also give \$100 to the Girl Scouts who will send Girl Scout cookies to members of the armed forces.

Food and a gift card was given to a family who also requested a gasoline card to help the father commute to his new job before his first pay check. We will provide this family with a \$50 BP gas card.

We received a positive update on how we have started funneling money into student's accounts at Burrell High School for their school lunches.

Rodney Schafer will have information in the bulletin and the Post Scripts about Easter food baskets.

Sandy Ankney will begin collecting names of college students in March. As we have done in the past, each college student will be given a \$25 gift card to Walmart during final's week.

The upcoming Mother's Day and Father's Day holiday was discussed. Historically, the Deacons gift women and men respectfully on their special day.

Kirk let us all know that Boy Scout Sunday will be on February 28th.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:

GENERAL FUND INCOME FOR JANUARY 2016	\$	14,383.00
EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 2016	\$	12,949.75
TOTAL INCOME FOR THIS YEAR 2016	\$	16,792.00
TOTAL EXPENSES THRU JANUARY 2016	\$	12,949.75

All of our financial responsibilities continue to be met.
We are grateful to God for His faithfulness to our church family!



There will be Maundy Thursday Worship service at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 24th.

The Deacons are now collecting names for local families in need of food baskets for Easter. Please fill this out and place it in the offering plate or send into the office. The food will be distributed March 22nd.

Family Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

of adults _____ **# of children** _____

Contact # _____





WEEK OF March 6

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

WEEK OF March 13

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

WEEK OF March 20

Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

WEEK OF March 27

Acts 1:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Lue 24:13-49

RISEN TO SAVE will be performing at the Casino Theatre in Vandergrift on March 19th at 7:30pm. If you have any questions, Please see Marcie or Paul Leo or Mick Dober. They are all band members and Would be happy to tell you all about it!

HELP WANTED:

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.



Youth Group Blurp - Brandon Brim

One of the coolest things about being part of the Youth Group is being able to see these kids not only grow and mature, but have genuine fun with each other. These are siblings who most of the time can stand each other or kids from other social circles that seem to never meet while at school. But for one hour and a half each week all that stuff that separates them can be forgotten during a game of life size bowling and genuine fun can be had. To me this is one of the best lessons that anyone can take away from being at Youth Group, that Jesus unites us. If we can come to a place where we can just let go of all the stuff that separates us and enjoy each other's company that would go a long way to making Jesus' dream of Heaven on Earth a reality.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS In January

6 Jenn Motosicky
13 Denise Wehrle
20 Maria Schafer
27 Sophia Earhart

Your Session:

Michelle Hough
Rebecca Fisher
Cliff McKay, Sr.
Debbie Fotheringham
Deb Artman
Kirk Orr
Jolene Kostelansky
Mick Dober
Mike Tatem
Vicki Orr

Corporate Officers:

President: Sophia Earhart
Vice-Pres.: Cliff McKay
Secretary: Michelle Hough
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.
Rodney Schafer
Charlene McKay
Jennifer Motosicky
Irene Nelson
Bob Bates
Kim Soulcheck
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 Rebecca Fisher and
Michelle Hough
14 Deb Fotheringham and
Cliff McKay
20 Jolene Kostelansky and
Deb Artman
27 Mike Tatem and
Mick Dober

Counters:

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

Boy Scout Troop 141

David Pike – Troop Leader

David Pike
Michael McKown
Dylan Krolicki
Brandon Fiedor
Timothy Smarick
Brad Schager
Blaise Krall
David Matovcik
Nemy Abraham

*On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law,
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally straight.*



MEALS 4 CHILDREN

Is in full swing here at Puckety Church and throughout the community! Please give of your time or donate any of the items listed below. We will be collecting and packing food here through the end of the school year every

Wednesday at 10:00 am in the choir room!

FOOD ITEMS LIST

- small milk boxes/ plastic bottles
- small cereal boxes or individual servings
- pudding or jello w/fruit cups
- individual servings of peanut butter
- small individual mac and cheese servings
- small packages/boxes of raisins/trail mix
- single servings of chicken or tuna (packs)
- packaged lunches (lunchables)
- instant oatmeal packets
- small canned pasta meals (must have pop off lids)
- juice boxes/ pouches
- apple sauce cups
- fruit cups
- packs of crackers
- fruit roll ups
- granola bars
- soup cups
- pop tarts/toaster pastries
- breakfast and snack bars
- any healthy, nutritious single serving breakfast or lunch item

FINALS ARE COMING!!

The Deacons are asking the congregation to provide the **names and addresses of Puckety Church members currently attending college**. This outreach endeavor is a way of letting them know that the Puckety Church family is thinking about them and praying for them as their finals approach. Anyone who has attended college knows that academic and career success requires hard work, dedication and sacrifice as well as learning to prioritize your day and manage your time. Please give Kelly (in the office) or Sandra Ankney (Deacon) this information. The names/addresses will be collected all of March for distribution of a love gift to our college students the first week of April.



Stories of Redstone
Christ at work in our midst

Body and Spirit

Pat Betts thought that she would be hanging up her stethoscope when she retired from her nursing career. God had other plans. First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown believes that the church is called to minister to the whole person and that healthcare should be about physical, mental and spiritual health. So Pat's nursing career found a new chapter within her faith community as First Presbyterian's **Parish Nurse**. Faith Community Nursing (or Parish Nursing) is a recognized specialty nursing practice approved by the American Nurses Association, with a certification process for current R.N.'s.

Pat's ministry is broad and inclusive in its scope. One of its keystones is blood pressure checks, offered after church during a fellowship hour or a monthly meal (hosted by their Congregational Care Committee, often with a health-related presentation), as well as two weekday mornings. At this time, people can also bring their questions about medications or have help interpreting something their doctor told them.



Outside of the church walls, Pat has accompanied individuals to doctors' appointments to serve as an advocate and to help translate any confusing information. She has taken people to tour senior communities and assisted with the paperwork to move in. Pat connects folks with community resources, such as helping people register with Senior LIFE. Pat also shares in pastoral care duties with Rev. Alice Tondora, visiting the hospitalized and the homebound.

This is ministry: serving the needs of body, mind and spirit. It is likely that there are nurses within your congregation who could begin a similar ministry. What other skills can you envision church members putting to use to serve God in your neighborhood?

Communicate the Word... Carry on the Work... Change the World

Together!

It's not too early to start thinking about our wonderful Christian summer camp in Jennerstown, PA! Camps are offered for the very young with a guardian and for the young elementary through high schoolers! For more information check out their website! www.pinesprings.org Puckety Church has scholarships available also. We will have more information for the 2016 season soon.

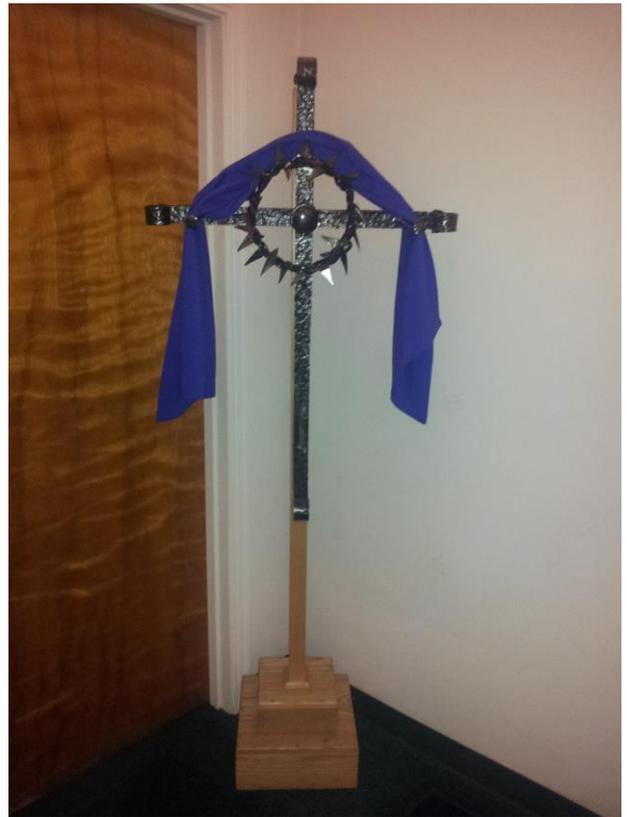
"THE SCROLLED HAMMERED CROSS" AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY

THE "SCROLLED HAMMERED CROSS" WAS DESIGNED AND CRAFTED BY METAL SCULPTOR, MR. JAMES ELLIOTT OF FREEPORT, PA. THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND CROSS WAS DESIGNED WITH A UNIQUE SCROLLED HEAD, BASE AND CROSS PIECE. ITS PURPOSE IS TO CELEBRATE THE MAJOR FAITH EVENTS OF CHRISTIANITY.

BEGINNING WITH ASH WEDNESDAY THROUGH THE SEASON OF LENT, THREE LARGE NAILS PROTRUDE FROM THE CROSS REPRESENTING PENITENCE (REGRET), SORROW (DEEP DISTRESS OR GRIEF) AND REPENTANCE (PROCESS OF TURNING AWAY FROM SIN).

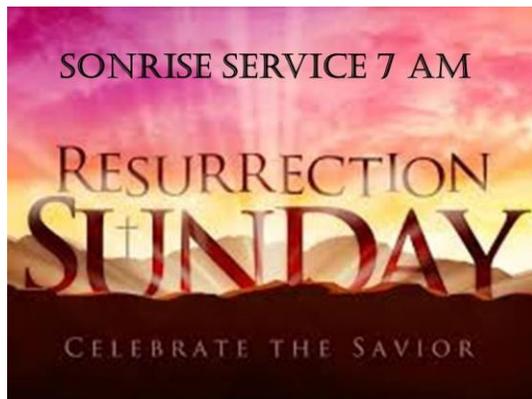
ON PASSION/PALM SUNDAY THROUGH GOOD FRIDAY, A CROWN OF THORNS WITH 33 POINTS (REPRESENTING THE AGE OF CHRIST AT HIS DEATH) IS PLACED AT THE CENTER OF THE CROSS. IN ADDITION, THE TRADITIONAL LATIN PLACARD, " INRI", IS PLACED AT THE TOP OF THE CROSS, TRANSLATED, "JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS" (JOHN 19:19) RECALLING CHRIST'S DEATH.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, ALL OF THE SYMBOLS OF PASSION, DEATH AND SORROW ARE REMOVED AND A BRASS ON STEEL SONBURST IS PLACED BEHIND THE CROSS REPRESENTING CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND HIS ETERNALNESS.



HYMNS FOR YOUR SPEED ON THE HIGHWAY

- 45 MPH God Will Take Care Of You
- 55 MPH Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
- 65 MPH Nearer My God To Thee
- 75 MPH Nearer Still Nearer
- 85 MPH This World Is Not My Home
- 95 MPH Lord, I'm Coming Home
- Over 100MPH Precious Memories

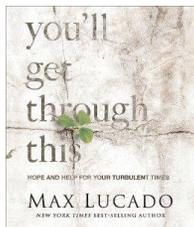


Bring a chair and literally watch the sun rise! Sunrise service starts at 7:00am on Sunday, March 27th at the Puckety Church Cemetery. There will also be a Worship service in the Sanctuary at 10:00am. JOIN US!!



you'll get through this

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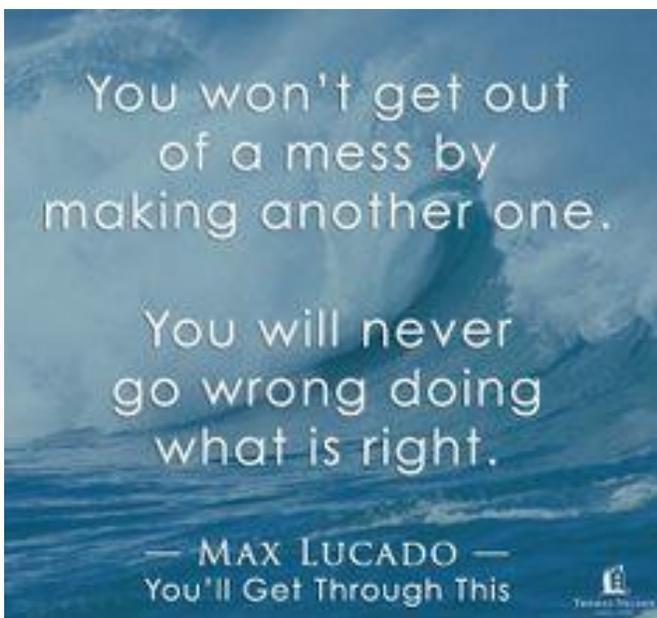
You'll get through this. Whatever "this" is— financial woes, relationship valleys, health crises. You fear you won't make it through. You fear that the depression will never lift, the yelling will never stop, the pain will never leave. Will this gray sky ever brighten? This load ever lighten? Yes!

Deliverance is to the Bible what jazz music is to Mardi Gras: bold, brassy, and everywhere. Consider the Old Testament story of Joseph—tossed in a pit by his brothers, sold into slavery, wrongfully imprisoned. But God wove what was meant for evil into good. God is in the business of redeeming the broken. He was then. He is still. Do you crave some hope for these tough times? Then this is the message you need. Join us on a six-week small group campaign that encourages you to trust God in troubling times. Beginning Sunday, April 3! Please fill out the attached tear-off and place it in the offering plate or mail to the office:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

I want to *lead* a small group: _____
Day/Time: _____

I want to *join* a small group: _____
Day/Time: _____



Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 2 Irene Nelson
- 3 Sophia Earhart
- 6 Melissa Baronie
- 7 Ben Johnston
- 9 Myran Zellefrow
- 10 Helen Crissman
- 12 Joyce Heasley
Mary Goldinger
- 13 Brandon Brim
Alexandra McKown
- 14 Jason Schwartz
- 17 Patricia Baker
- 20 Nancy Scibilia
- 22 Zachery Schafer
- 26 Jane Weaver
- 30 Leon Yurkin
Trevor Hazlett
Richard Schwartz



Please join our group to help cut out letters! The Bulletin board group will meet next on Thursday March 17th at 1:30pm. Bring scissors!

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(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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