

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.

Happy July 4th



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Pastor's Paragraphs

"The two most difficult things to get straight in life are love and God. More often than not, the mess people make of their lives can be traced to failure or stupidity or meanness in one or both of these areas.

The basic and biblical Christian conviction is that the two subjects are intricately related. If we want to deal with God the right way, we have to learn to love the right way. If we want to love the right way, we have to deal with God the right way. God and love can't be separated.

John's three letters provide wonderfully explicit direction in how this works. Jesus, the Messiah, is the focus: Jesus provides the full and true understanding of God; Jesus shows us the mature working-out of love. In Jesus, God and love are linked accurately, intricately, and indissolubly."

These words by Eugene Peterson, from the Introduction to 1, 2, & 3 John, in *The Message*, lay out the challenge we have as followers of Christ – learning who God is and how to love. During the summer months the worship and sermons will be based on the First Letter of John, exploring how we can love God in truth and what it means for us to love one another.

It's been said that everyone is a heretic. All of us have false ideas and misconceptions about God. No one fully understands who God is. Therefore we need to keep learning, searching the Scriptures, to discover the truth about God (or better, to discover Jesus as the Truth). Our character will be determined by the character of the god we worship. Therefore, let us keep learning about God.

Love is the great command, and the great challenge. We may want to love perfectly, but our ability to love is limited. Our love grows as we experience love. Therefore, we need to keep growing in our realization of God's love for us and growing in our love for God and for God's children.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God" (1 John 4:7). Join us through the summer months as we study 1 John.

Coffee Time: July 25 @ 10:00 AM.

You are invited to join Pastor Doug for a monthly Coffee Time – an opportunity to share a cup of coffee (or whatever your favorite drink might be) with no agenda other than enjoying the company of those who gather. Come join us – in the Conference Room.





Like and follow us on Facebook for updates and info on activities and events as well as announcements!"

Music Notes from the Choir Director...Lorraine Menk

The Summer Special Music schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Won't you consider offering your music talents to the congregation at worship? As a solo, duet, or group, give your talents back to the Lord and praise Him with your song. All you need to do is pick a Sunday and fill in your name. The title needs to be in the office to Kelly by Tuesday the previous week but not until then. I can help coordinate accompaniment, microphone, etc. for you if you need it. You can reach me at 724-339-9531 with any concerns/questions.



The mission of *Open Your Heart to a Senior*, (formerly Faith in Action) is to extend the ability of adults over the age of 60 to live safely and independently in their homes. That independence can be measured by avoiding the need for long-term care, such as assisted living or nursing home care.

Our volunteers provide a range of non-medical services for free, that include escorted transportation to appointments and shopping, caregiver relief, supportive home visits, telephone reassurance calls, home safety checks, and errands and grocery shopping. We currently serve you and your neighbors in New Kensington, Arnold, Lower & Upper Burrell, Vandergrift and Allegheny Township.

Volunteers receive training and support, and average 2-3 hours of service per week. Please consider volunteering to provide this meaningful service to your senior neighbor in need. For more information about receiving our services or volunteering to help, please contact *Open Your Heart to a Senior* at 724-224-3199 or maureen.zang@unitedwayswpa.org.

Open Your  to a Senior
Formerly Faith in Action



In July

- 1 Cliff McKay
- 8 Jennifer McKay
- 15 Maria Schafer
- 22 Sophia Earhart
- 29 Chari Burtner

Your Session:

- Debra Artman
- Sophia Earhart
- Rebecca Fisher
- Jolene Kostelansky
- Charlene McKay
- Jennifer McKay
- 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:

- Sandy Ankney
- Beth Dober
- Mick Dober
- Margie Hazlett
- Brenda McAllister
- John McAllister
- Maria Schafer
- Rodney Schafer
- Kim Tatem
- Peg Uhing
- Jean Welte



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 Jennifer McKay and Charlene McKay
- 8 Matt Wehrle and Rebecca Fisher
- 15 Deb Artman and Sophia Earhart
- 22 Jolene Kostelansky and Chuck West
- 29 Mike Tatem and Jennifer McKay

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

Ladies Lunch will be on Sunday July 29th - it's the LAST Sunday and not the 4th Sunday - just for this month! We will meet in the hallway by the ramp doors and proceed to China Lobster.

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!



There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, July 1st so that we may elect our Pastoral Nominating Committee. Please plan to stay!

Take a few minutes to look on pucketychurch.org for some great pictures of all the kids having fun at VBS last week!

Puckety Family and Friends,

We had a great week at Shipwrecked VBS this year!! We had between 40-45 children attend each day and families were invited to join us for our "Sail Away Sendoff" each evening to see what their child had learned each day. Our VBS children led worship on Sunday June 24th!

Throughout the week, we learned that when we are lonely, worried, when we struggle, or do wrong, or when we feel powerless, that Jesus will rescue us!

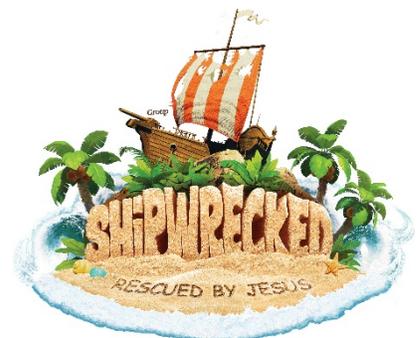
We'd like to thank ALL those who helped in any way, from covering VBS staff and kids in prayer, to donating items, decorating, to being a crew or station leader.

Check Puckety's website (www.pucketychurch.org) in a week or two to view all the pictures we took during VBS!

The theme for 2019 VBS is "Roar...Life is Wild...God is good!" We will begin planning and working on this in earnest in January 2019, so start thinking and praying NOW about how God wants YOU to be involved!!

Blessings,

Erika and Rebecca



Thank
You

Thank you to Vi Adamsky, who donated her kitchen table and chairs to Puckety Church for the Pastor's Study. It is a wonderful addition to the office. Come by and take a look.

We Welcome the Newest Member of the Puckety Church Mowing Team

You are probably wondering what this is all about. Puckety Church was contacted by ACE Hardware about being a demonstration location for their new Husqvarna robotic mower. We did not pay any cost whatsoever for the robotic mower. ACE installed the electrical system that perimeters the area immediately in front of the church. They have given us the privilege to use the mower for this summer season only. Since it is on loan to us it will be returned to them at their request. Our only cost factor is the cost of the electricity to the charging station that will keep the mower ready for continuous service.

The benefit to ACE Hardware is that we are a demonstration location for them. They will most likely bring prospective customers to the church front area to see the equipment in operation. People will likely be parking in our lot, but they do not need any church access for the demonstration.

The mower can only mow the front church grounds. It is limited by the perimeter wiring that works much like an invisible dog fence. It can mow both the high and low ground area. There is a docking station box that it returns to on its own for charging. It is nearly silent and will not disturb neighbors. It can mow day or night. It even knows not to mow in the rain. ACE is responsible for all maintenance of the equipment.

We would like to thank Husqvarna and John at ACE Hardware for thinking of us and giving us this unique opportunity.

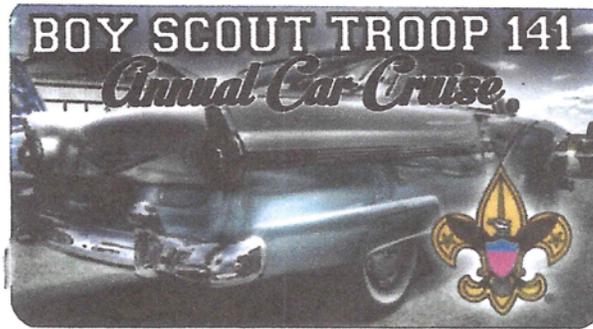


Lower Burrell Meals On Wheels is in need of drivers! Volunteer if you can give a couple hours a week to help the elderly. Monday, Wednesday or Friday right from Puckety Church's Faith Hall. We serve Lower Burrell, New Kensington and Arnold. Call 724-334-4404 if you are interested or have any questions!

The **"OurDaily Bread"** devotional *LARGE* print for the months of *JULY, AUGUST, and SEPTEMBER* is available at all entrances to the sanctuary and on the glass display case in the hallway near the conference room. Please pick one up today for yourself, a friend, or relative.



As we move into the summer months it is common for people to go away on vacation. As a result, attendance at worship sometimes goes down, as does the financial giving. We hope that you have a wonderful time on your vacations **AND** that you will continue to financially support the ministry of Jesus Christ at Puckety Church. Puckety needs to pay its bills through the summer and we don't want to get farther behind in our budget. Please keep up your giving and consider the possibility of giving an extra gift to Puckety so that the church can faithfully and joyfully continue "Following Jesus... Making Disciples... Loving One Another As He Loves Us."



BOY SCOUT TROOP 141

END OF SUMMER FESTIVAL / CAR SHOW

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1009 Puckety Churchn Rd.

Lower Burrell, PA 15068

Saturday August 25, 2018

10:00am – 4:00pm

Puckety Church was kind enough to let the Troop hold an End of Summer Festival and Car Show!

We will offer:

- MUSIC - by Tink's D.J. Service
 - FOOD - by several vendors (NO DUPLICATES)
 - CRAFT – (IF DIRECT SALES NO DUPLICATES)
 - ACTIVITIES - for all ages
 - CAR SHOW - PRE-REGISTER \$5.00 AT THE GATE \$10.00 TO REGISTER
COMPLETE APPLICATION ON NEXT PAGE
 - FUN – FOR ALL AGES
 - BAKE SALE – SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TROOP
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Bible Readings

The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

July 1:

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Cor 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 8:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48
2 Cor 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 15:

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24
Eph 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 22:

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Eph 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29:

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Eph 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Stay cool!!!!



*(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!!!

- 2 Jackson Aungst
- 4 Bob Bargerstock Jr
Jonathan Szich
- 7 Matthew Pranievicz
Beth Dober
- 9 David Peters
Dorothy Jean Hurlbut
Georgianne Bargerstock
- 10 Keira Manges
Lauren Benish
Ruth Foley
- 11 Cathy Yohe
Ralph Baker
Ellen Fisher
- 13 Matthew Burtner
- 15 Abby Fisher
Garrett Baker
- 18 Brandy Roland
- 21 Jim Johnston
- 24 Tynia Girard
- 28 Kevin Blandford
Talor Kapelewski
Gianna Smith
- 31 Clayton Jones
Ken Bush



A Prayer for America

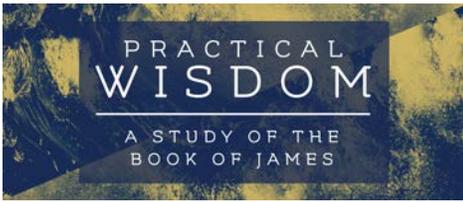
Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.

Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

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Come Study the Book of James!

The Puckety Small Groups will be studying the book of James. This book gives us several practical tests to evaluate and strengthen our faith. Do you have the kind of faith that is pleasing to God? Is your faith “dead” or “alive”? Some of the topics addressed by James: How should we look at life’s hardships? Where does temptation come from? How does our speech affect others? What is the proper relationship between faith and works? What if we know God’s truth, but don’t practice it? How do healing, confession, and prayer go together? Am I someone who shows partiality?

Puckety Small Group Opportunities

1) Donna Bracken - Tuesdays (1st and 3rd each month)

- Time - 1 pm
- Location: Church Bldg.
- Contact #: (724) 335-9054

2) Mike and Kim Tatem - Tuesdays (1st and 3rd each month)

- Time - 6:30 pm
- Location: Church Bldg.
- Contact #: (724) 882-3491

3) Matt and Denise Wehrle - Sundays (2nd and 4th each month)

- Time - 11:30 am
- Location: Church Bldg.
- Contact #: (724) 396-6775

4) Chuck and Judy West - Sunday, July 1st.

- Time - 2:00 pm
- Location: 3401 Windy Hill Dr, Lower Burrell
- Contact #: (724) 224-7046

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Strazzer Shower 2:00 PM West Small Group	2 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry	3 1:00 PM Bracken Small Group 6:30 PM Tatem Small Group 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	4 Meals on Wheels 	5	6 Meals on Wheels	7 1:00 PM Telles Graduation Party
8 Frazier Graduation Party ??? 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 11:30 AM Wehrle Small Group	9 Meals on Wheels	10 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	11 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12	13 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	14
15 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Gizzi Graduation Party 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Confirmation Class	16 Meals on Wheels	17 1:00 PM Bracken Small Group 6:30 PM Tatem Small Group 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	18 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19	20 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	21 Malone Shower???
22 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Wehrle Small Group	23 Meals on Wheels	24 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	25 Meals on Wheels 10:00 AM Coffee Time 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26	27 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	28 
29 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship	30 Meals on Wheels	31 8:00 PM N.A. meeting	1 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2	3 Meals on Wheels 1:00 PM Line Dancing	4