

*Puckety Presbyterian Church*

1009 Puckety Church Road

Lower Burrell, PA 15068

*(Return Service Requested)*

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**REMINDER:**

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Zoom/video at [pucketychurch.org](http://pucketychurch.org)

October

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# *Puckety Church*

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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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### Pastor's Corner

It's September 20<sup>th</sup> as I write this. Wiebke and I took our dog, Talia, for our morning walk this morning at Burrell Lake. It was very misty with low light, giving a very palpable "Fall has arrived" feel, as we could see the dozens of intricate spiderwebs, delineated by the dew, that you normally can't see otherwise. The fog was thick enough that you couldn't see across the lake to the other side (and as you probably know, it's a *small* lake). The vast majority of the ducks (at least 30) were on the water in an interesting pattern of black dots. But I digress. My point is – it felt like my favorite season had arrived *both* softly and "in force."

It has been similar with the restarting of various ministries and activity at Puckety over the last month: Kickoff Sunday, Children's Church, Youth Group, Choir, Life Groups, Outreach opportunities with the Burrell School District, our bonfire and more. I'm excited about what the Lord has in store. But just as I sometimes tell people in October – "make sure you take some time amidst your packed calendar just to enjoy the color of the leaves on the trees, because they'll be

done soon" – I want to encourage you (and myself) to take the time to *pay attention* to what God is doing around us, to slow down, look and listen. Let's be sure to remember who we are in Christ, and why we're here. Let's recommit ourselves (weekly) to our *Mission* – "*We personally and collectively, Honor God, Grow in Faith and Improve our Community and World.*"

I praise God for giving us the ability to do the many things we've been up to – giving deep thanks for answered prayer left and right; but it's also important to ask ourselves if we're doing them for the right reasons ... are we doing them because: 1) it's what we've been doing for years ... or 2) it's what we like to do and lines up with our interests ... or 3) it's what we've discerned God desires and believe it's what our Lord is calling us to? Sometimes, obviously, it can be more than one of those reasons, but we should ALWAYS ask if #3 is true, and if we're not sure, to get to prayer and discussion with our sisters and brothers in faith. Oftentimes, when we start that conversation (not waiting for someone else to do it), we discover things we didn't know, and learn of ways Christ can use us, through the power of the Spirit, to bring glory to the Father. To that end, may the Lord equip and use you to be the heart, voice, and hands of God, making a lasting difference, not just in the lives you know, but in the broader community and world.

~ *Pastor Brian*

Our next **Prayer Walk** will be Sunday, *October 16*, after worship. We invite everyone to please join us! Remember, you don't have to walk to join this prayer time; you can remain in the sanctuary if that's helpful to you. But please plan to be part of the Body of Christ united in prayer for our community.

**Remember to check Puckety's website and social media!**

Website: [www.pucketychurch.org](http://www.pucketychurch.org)

Like and Follow on Facebook: Puckety Presbyterian Church

Follow us on Instagram: Puckety Church

Follow us on Twitter: @churchpuckety



There are different ways to give to the mission of the church. If you choose to give electronically, click the button on our website or you can also make it even easier by using the Vanco Faith App! (*search Vanco App in the App Store or Google Play*). When you search for our church, put in "Puckety Presbyterian Church" For more information on how to use Vanco Faith click the link on [pucketychurch.org](http://pucketychurch.org). Thank you for your generosity!



The 2022 Church Bonfire was another huge success! We had perfect weather and 38 people in attendance. A good time was had by all!



- 02 Sophia Earhart
- 09 Michelle Gordon
- 16 Chari Burtner
- 23 Jennifer McKay
- 30 Mira Whalen

## Your Deacons:

- Sandra Ankney
- Pat Fish
- John McAllister
- Cecil McCutcheon
- Brandy Roland
- Mira Whalen
- Kim Soulcheck
- Jean Welte
- Fran Kapelewski
- Nita Serene
- Brenda McAllister
- Rodney Schafer

## Corporate Officers:

- President:** Jennifer McKay
- Vice-Pres.:** Cliff McKay, Sr.
- Secretary:** Debra Artman
- Treasurer:** Chuck West

Women's Bible Study: Reminder to the Women's study we are meeting in Faith Hall on October 2nd and October 23rd. This is a slightly different schedule this month.

## Your Session:

- Deb Artman – Clerk
- Jolene Kostelansky
- Chari Burtner
- Donna Bracken
- Jennifer McKay
- Cliff McKay
- Chuck West
- Kelly Kapelewski
- Marilyn Crumley



## Offering counters:

- 10/2: Chuck & Judy West
- 10/9: Jolene Kostelansky, Sophia Earhart and Matt Wehrle
- 10/16: Helen Crissman & Marilyn Crumley
- 10/23: Deb Artman & Janet Karan
- 10/30: Chuck & Judy West

### Pastor:

Reverend Brian Kilbert

### Administrative Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

### Bookkeeper:

Debra Artman

### Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

### Organist/Pianist:

Barb Sprinkle

### Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

### Financial Secretary:

Judy West

## 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.



## ATTENTION ALL SESSION MEMBERS, DEACONS, AND TEAM LEADERS:

Please be sure to check your mail slots in the metal cabinet at the top of the stairs often. You may receive correspondence or announcements that need your attention in a timely manner! Donna Bracken, Cliff McKay, Sr., Jolene Kostelansky, Wiek and Marilyn Crumley have been recently added.

“Help the Pastor” - Do you ever think, “I wish Brian would preach on \_\_\_\_\_”? Is there a topic, question, or Scripture passage you’d like to hear addressed in a sermon? Please feel free to submit such ideas to the office – email pastor@pucketychurch.org or call 724-339-1323.



The Bible readings are from  
"Book of Common Worship"

**October 2:**

Lam 1:1-6  
Hab 1:1-4;2:1-4  
2 Tim 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

**October 9**

Jer 29:1, 4-7  
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
2 Tim 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

**October 16:**

Jer 31:27-34  
Gen 32:22-31  
2 Tim 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

**October 23:**

Joel 2:23-32  
Jer 14:7-10, 19-22  
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

**October 30:**

Hab 1:1-4;2:1-4  
Isa 1:10-18  
Thes 1:1-4,11-12  
Luke 19:1-10



**Don't forget to pick up your  
Apple dumplings order either  
October 8 or 9 at 3:00pm!**



**"Our Daily Bread" for College Students"**

The Deacons are extending the opportunity for college students to receive this devotional. Please consider having "Our Daily Bread" mailed to him or her.

Please submit names and addresses of students during October and give the information to any Deacon or Kelly.

First mailing is for the months of  
**October, November, December, 2022**



- 1 Evan Girard
- 3 Beth Hilbeck
- 4 Ryan Bargerstock
- 5 Nita Lundie
- Terry Soulcheck
- 10 Rachel Aungst
- Sandy Schafer
- 12 Joel McCullough
- Kwade Kirchartz
- 14 Denise Johnston
- Elaine Bargerstock
- 16 Doug Marshall
- 18 Jessica Mele
- 24 Doris Prinkey
- 30 Lillian Blandford



**Sunday Ladies Lunch Out!** We invite all the ladies of the congregation, young, old and in the middle, to join us on the last Sunday of the month for a lunch out at a local restaurant. We will gather after the service and head out to the chosen restaurant. This will be a time to gather, chat, eat and reconnect without having to do any dishes afterwards. Our next lunch out will be October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!



Crafternoon will be meeting on October 16th to continue to work on our lap blankets for Monarch Hospice and our own projects. Though the doctors always recommend a high fiber diet, yarn isn't the way to get it so bring a lunch to enjoy before we get crafty.

We are working on lap blankets for Monarch Hospice. If you are interested the crochet pattern is in the conference room near the lime green can. There is a tall laundry basket nearby for completed projects.

### **A Devotional For You** – Read Psalm 126

As you read this, we will just be in the middle of a sermon series called, “Got Joy?” – drawing from 3 different New Testament letters to help us get a better grip on this particular fruit of the Spirit. So, for the devotional I thought I’d go with the *Old Testament* for broader perspective. Let me begin with a quote from Eugene Peterson – “Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship; it is a *consequence*. It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ; it is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience. We come to God because none of us have it within ourselves, except momentarily, to be joyous. Joy is a product of *abundance* (not abundance in worldly circumstance but abundance in Christ’s presence). It is the overflow of vitality” (*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*).

I believe Peterson is right, and I’m sure many others would too, but I think the problem comes when people misunderstand *where to look* for the abundance. And it’s not just unbelievers, many of us have the same problem. We try to get it through entertainment. We pay someone to make jokes, tell stories, perform with dramatic flair, sing songs, etc. As Peterson goes on to say, “We buy the vitality of another’s imagination to divert and enliven our own poor lives. Society is a bored, gluttonous king employing a court jester to divert it after an overindulgent meal.” But that kind of joy never penetrates our lives. The effects are (extremely) temporary – a few minutes, a few hours, a few days at most. Maybe that’s because joy cannot be commanded.

But there is something we can do. We can decide to live in response to the abundance of God and not under the dictatorship of our own poor needs. We can decide to live in the environment of a living God and not our own dying selves. We can decide to center ourselves in the God who generously gives and not in our own egos which greedily grab. That’s what the Psalmist was calling God’s people to do (Ps. 126). Keep in mind the Psalmists were no strangers to hurt and pain and hardship. The Psalmist calls us beyond our immediate, ephemeral experience, to develop a historical memory, fed by God’s faithfulness in the past and his sure promise for the future. Joy is rooted in God’s mighty deeds of redemption of generations past, and joy is nurtured by anticipation of his goodness to come. If the joy-producing acts of God are characteristic of our past as God’s people, they will also be characteristic of our future as his people.

The joy that develops in the believer – in the way of discipleship – is an overflow that comes from feeling good not about yourself but about God. It’s not dependent on good luck or good health. Christian joy is actual in the midst of pain, suffering, loss and misfortune (remember the Apostle Paul – you need both hands for the number of examples). In the end, this psalm doesn’t give us joy as a neatly wrapped package or secret formula, but it does help us see past the tinniness of the world’s joy and affirms the solidity of God’s joy. It encourages us in the way of faith to both experience and share joy. And that’s enough. God bless you – not with fleeting experiences – but his own abiding, abundant Presence. ~ Pastor Brian



We want to get a group of Puckety folks together to attend some Bucs football games - NOT just for entertainment, but to work at building relationships with Burrell School District! To that end, a group of us will be meeting in the church parking lot before the following games to pray and then go over together:

Friday Oct. 7th (vs. Ligonier Valley)

Friday Oct. 28th (vs. Apollo Ridge)

Please gather in the church lot around 6:20 pm. At 6:30, we'll walk over together (games start at 7:00).



Annually, we celebrate World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. Initiated by a pastor at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, this annual worship experience offers the opportunity for each of our congregations to recognize our interconnectedness within the body of Christ. Our unity is grounded in the one Lord, one faith, one

baptism. Sometimes, our fellow believers and their experiences can seem so distant and removed from our lives. Although this is not the only time, particularly on World Communion Sunday, we should recognize the ways our God's redeeming grace is lived out in and among peoples of every nation, tribe and tongue. Beyond merely awareness, our God has called us into connected friendship and partnership for the gospel. In Redstone Presbytery, we have been blessed by God to join in tangible partnership with the Sudan and South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church since 2004. Attached you will find a bulletin insert for your use on World Communion Sunday. It is our hope that by focusing on our specific relationship, this celebration of World Communion will be more than a nice thought, but rather affirmation our genuine engagement with one another in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Thank you for your willingness to celebrate this mutual partnership in faith on World Communion Sunday.

Blessings.

Redstone Presbytery Mission Network



Rodney Schafer is part of the rocketry team that finished first in Team Division this summer, giving them a back-to-back National Championship! Congratulations to Rodney and the entire team!



## Youth Group

Wow, have we had a GREAT start to the school year! On Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, for our *Kickoff night*, we had twelve (12) students come, including a couple new ones, from 3 different schools. On Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, a group of us went *white-water rafting* (7.5 mi.) on the Lower Yough at Ohio Pyle – the weather was absolutely perfect (“Thank you, God”) and the rapids were *just right* (not too intense, but also exciting and fun for all).



We hope to do it again next year, and hope many more will join us. On Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, we had a total of 12 children and youth attend the Church Bonfire. We have several other events planned for the next month alone – *Turf Attack* (Nerf Battleground) on October 9<sup>th</sup> and a *Joint Halloween Party* with Grace Community Presby’s Youth Group on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>! We now meet for just a little bit longer at our weekly meetings – Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM – we usually start at Faith Hall – all students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome. Please help us tell other families in the community; we want as many as possible to encounter Christ and come to know God through him.



## Your family is invited to join us for our 2nd Trunk or Treat!

Date: Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:00 -4:00 PM

Location: Puckety Presbyterian Church, 1009 Puckety Church Rd, Lower Burrell

Cost: Free!

Bring your costumed children to trick or treat from car to car in our parking lot during daylight hours. There will be games for children to play for extra treats. Your family will also be able to vote for the best decorated car.

If you would like to sign up your car to give away treats please call the church office at 724-339-1323 by Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>

As our parking lot will be designated a traffic free zone during the event, please park in the Burrell High School lot and follow the sounds of fun!



**Come one Come all it is Trunk or Treat time!!! The sign-up sheet for cars to participate is on the big bulletin board in the office hallway. Please let us know if you intend to bring a car to hand out candy so we can make sure everyone has a space. Decorating your car is completely optional! This is a great way to interact with the members of our community and bring joy to children of all ages. If you want to help but don't want to bring a car, please let Wiebke know. We are hosting games and a craft station and need a few more hands to help with those activities.**

**AV Team:**

Please see the below AV team Schedule. You may notice that names are repeated often for certain tasks. We still need help to click buttons and help with sound and zoom. Please reach out if you are interested. We will gladly have you sit in the booth with us so you can see the tasks and ask questions before you volunteer.








Date	Presentation Creation	Presenter	Sound	Zoom host
10/2/22	Beth	Beth	Nate	Wiebke
10/9/22	John	John	Rodney	Beth
10/16/22	Jenn	Sandra	Nate	Wiebke
10/23/22	Matt	Matt	Zach	Wiebke
10/30/22	Sandra	Sandra	Nate	Wiebke



*The sub-committee tasked with searching for a Music Ministry Specialist has finished our period of discernment, extensive advertising, and interviews. We unanimously agreed on a candidate and presented the candidate to Session. The Session approved extending the position, and we are thrilled to report that Fernando Westre has accepted the position! Fernando was already in the process of moving from San Bernadino, CA to Indiana, PA with his family and has a great deal of music experience. They will be moving in the first week of October and he will likely be starting with us in mid to late October. Please pray for their move and for safe travel. "Welcome, Fernando!" We ask all to join us in lifting praise to God for his work and his gracious provision!*



# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 10:00am Manchini Birthday Party <b>10:00am Worship</b> 11:00am Ladies Lunch 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>26</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 5:30pm By-Laws Team Meeting	<b>27</b> 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 4:30pm Worship Team Meeting 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Parent's Meeting 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>28</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm New Members Class 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	<b>29</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>10:00am Worship</b>  11:30am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>3</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 10:30am Card Ministry 6:00pm Upkeep Team Meeting	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>5</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Deacons Meeting 6:30pm New Members Class	<b>6</b> Apple Dumpling Prep 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> Apple Dumpling Prep Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>8</b> 3:00pm Apple Dumpling Sale Pick Up 3:00pm Schaefer Family Gathering
<b>9</b> Youth Group Turf Attack Outing <b>10:00am Worship</b> 3:00pm Apple Dumpling Sale Pick Up	<b>10</b>  Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 5:30pm MS Group Meeting 6:30pm Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Bracken Small Group 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Session Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>12</b> Meals on Wheels 6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal 6:30pm New Members Class 6:45pm Girl Scouts 26605	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts Daisy Tea 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>10:00am Worship</b> 11:15am Prayer Walk 11:30am Crafternoon 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>17</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group 4:30pm Discipleship Team Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 46799 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 7:00pm Sewing Guild 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>19</b> Meals on Wheels 6:30pm New Members Class	<b>20</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 26234 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> Meals on Wheels Menk Scrapbooking Event OFFICE CLOSED	<b>22</b> Menk Scrapbooking Event
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<b>30</b> <b>10:00am Worship</b>  <b>REFORMATION Sunday</b> 11:00am Ladies Lunch 6:00pm Youth Group Costume Party 	<b>31</b> Meals on Wheels 10:00am Men's Group Meeting 	<b>1</b>  <b>NOVEMBER</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts 20130 Meeting 6:30pm Christian Assembly of God 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting 8:00pm N.A. meeting	<b>2</b> Meals on Wheels	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>