

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.

Children's' Church 10:00 a.m.



Puckety Church

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

Post-Scripts
a monthly publication



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The mission of Puckety Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Evangelism.

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Pastor's Paragraphs

Greetings Puckety Church! As I write this (days after Memorial Day), I'm busy packing lots of moving boxes with a smile on my face (yes, you read that right). Even though there's a great deal to do in the next month (*if I stop too long to think about it, it makes my head spin a little*), yet I am truly excited and grateful for the opportunity ahead! I'm humbled by the prospect of being your next pastor, and I also have great faith in God in terms of what he will lead us to do together in his name and for his Kingdom. As the county hopefully moves from the yellow phase to the green phase in the next few months, I hope to have opportunity to meet many of you properly and get to know you personally. In the meantime, please pray for Wiebke and I as we have begun praying for you all as well. God bless you! Sola Deo Gloria. ~ Pastor Brian

"Leading in/through Chaos—Opportunity for Change"

They say that the Lord has a good "sense of humor." No doubt, God has been having a good laugh not only at my efforts to negotiate ministry service in multiple locations and roles at the same time, but just for good measure.....do it during a pandemic. For the last 2-3 months, almost everything that each of us could take for granted, rely upon and perhaps, even "do in our sleep" (which might be part of the problem) has been disrupted. For many, there have been and will continue to be the sense of "loss" over all the

practices and preferences that they use to enjoy. For others, maybe this period which forced a break in patterns has actually provided a bit of a respite. In either case, in this "sabbatical" pause, it is my hope that you and I have turned to the Lord in some new ways. Our dependence upon our God has probably never been more clear than when reliable structures and habits are ripped out from underneath us. In those moments, we discover anew whether our faith was exercised in the providential care and redeeming grace of our God or just in the familiar.

During these past five and ½ months, it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve alongside you in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Like all congregations, Puckety Church has both strengths and concerns. And, as with any church making a transition to new pastoral leadership, there will be adjustments and developments. It is my sincere hope and prayer that during this season not only of my service, but in a pandemic, that you have discovered again that our Lord has called all of us (not just the old or the new pastor) to be God's people in a particular place. That means that together we must seek the Lord that we might see where God is leading us to love and serve in Jesus name. No doubt, it will mean wrestling with the assessment of our pasts and traditions along with the new opportunities that God might just be placing in our paths.

I am thankful that both the PNC, the congregation, Rev. Kilbert and the Presbytery discerned that the Lord was leading him here at this time. I am confident that together the Lord's name will be lifted up and glorified at Puckety not only in worship, but in discipleship and outreach and fellowship and caring for one another and the "least of these." May God bless you as you enter into this new adventure together!

Skip Noftzger

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)



ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICES

In accordance with guidance of the health departments and other government agencies, the session has decided to offer only alternative worship instead of in-person gatherings until further notice. As soon as this changes, we will engage in a comprehensive effort to notify all members and participants of the Puckety Presbyterian congregation. Currently, alternative (online) worship services are planned.

OFFERINGS: NOW AS MUCH AS EVER?

When we present our gifts, tithes and offerings each week, they signify our “offering” of ourselves to God. While contributions of finances is only way to represent those lives of gratitude, it is a tangible reflection of our own understanding of God’s generosity and grace to us. So, while we are not meeting in-person, it does not mean that God’s ministry and mission in and through Puckety Church is not continuing. In fact, with the same type of commitments and engagement that there is under “normal” times, there remains during this period of the “new normal.” We ask that you would plan and submit your contributions in response to God’s grace to you. All gifts may be sent through the mail to:

Attn: Treasurer
Puckety Presbyterian Church
1009 Puckety Church Road
Lower Burrell, PA 15608



If you have any issues requiring Pastoral care, please feel free to reach out to our Interim Pastor, Rev. Skip Noftzger. His contact information is noftzger@gmail.com; 724.833.0340 or you can always call/email the church office.

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



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.



In June

None needed

Your Session:

Chari Burtner
Jack Barnett
Rebecca Fisher
Michelle Gordon
Charlene McKay
Jennifer McKay
Matt Wehrle
Chuck West
Mira Whalen

Corporate Officers:

President: Matt Wehrle
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Pastor Nominating Committee:

Deb Artman
Mick Dober
Sophia Earhart
Rebecca Fisher
Kelly Kapelewski
Brenda McAllister
Cliff McKay, Sr.

There is no June calendar in this edition of the Post Scripts because we have very few Session approved events in the buildings as of yet.

Your Deacons:

Sandy Ankney
Mick Dober
Pat Fish
Margie Hazlett
Traci Kirchartz
John McAllister
Cecil McCutcheon
Brandy Roland
Maria Schafer
Kim Soulcheck
Peg Uhing
Jean Welte

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor:

Richard "Skip" Noftzger

Administrative

Secretary:

Kelly Kapelewski

Treasurer:

Donna Bracken

Choir Director:

Lorraine Menk

Organist/Pianist:

Sue Close

Housekeeper:

Irene Nelson

Financial Secretary:

Judy West

GREETERS **SCHEDULE**

None Needed

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 contact the church office or let us know during Worship on Zoom!



OFFERING
COUNTERS

None Needed


Happy 1st DAY
OF SUMMER
June 20, 2020



Let's Be Healthy Together!



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Puckety Presbyterian Church on 6/18/2020. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

Musical Notes:



As we continue to worship on Zoom, we are asking those who are musical to take a Sunday or two and record a musical offering such as a vocal song (accompanied from home or acapella), a piano piece, a duet or small group from home, (a family singing a hymn together!), etc. so we can praise our God in our music! You can either record the song and send it to Pastor Skip or perform live during our virtual worship time.

Think of this as our summer music program. If interested, just let me (Lorraine Menk) know which Sunday/s you will do the music. I will tell you how to do the next step if you need some guidance. Hope you will consider this to bless the congregation. Lorraine: 724-339-9531 or kirbie1@comcast.net



From Lois Barnett: I would like to thank all my church family for keeping me in prayer and for the many cards after my surgery.



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

June 7:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Cor 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

June 14:

Genesis 18:1-15

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 21:

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 28:

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalms 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42



Blessings On Your Birthday!!!

- 1 Michelle Gordon
- 3 Ryan Smith
- 4 Lorraine Menk
Alice Knopf
- 13 John Kelly
Beverly Becker
- 15 Rebecca Fisher
- 16 Patty Jones
- 17 Janet Karan
- 19 Dessie Wetmore
Jack Kirchartz
- 20 Ben Szich
Dean Kunkle
- 21 Caryn Nelson
- 24 Margie Hazlett
- 25 Lisa Sennett
Mike Zurenski, Jr.
- 27 Jenny Adams
- 30 Dorothy Moore

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and mandates from the Governor of Pennsylvania, the office of Puckety Presbyterian Church is now in the "yellow phase" until further notice. Do not enter the building. You must email or call the office for an appointment and you must wear a mask. When you arrive, ring the buzzer at the ramp door to be let in.

June 7, 2020





GOING FORWARD

As a Session, we have begun plans for what it might look like when some restrictions are lifted. You may be aware that the Governor has provided some benchmarks on a possible phased-in reopening based upon counties and regions. This system uses the familiar “red”(which we are in currently across the state), “yellow” (which might be implemented in particular counties after May 8) and “green” (which might

be greater opening, but still with mitigation). We have moved on to a “yellow” phase which will permit group gathering limited to twenty-five and still require physical distancing. We will keep you posted as we go forward as Puckety Church community.

ONGOING ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Puckety Presbyterian Church continues to worship together through virtual connections. We encourage you to connect in your home (<https://zoom.us/j/101971455>) or let us know by calling the office and we will find a friend with whom you might be able to participate (physically distant over course).

DAILY PRAYER

In certain periods in my life, I have found it helpful to use other resources to structure my own prayer and reading of the Scriptures. More recently, I have begun using the Daily Prayer App put out by the Office of Theology and Worship of the PCUSA. These prayers, psalms and Scriptures for a streamlined version of the ancient daily office with origins in the monastic movement. If you would like to join me, you can participate by Zoom every weekday (M-F) morning at 8:00 a.m. <https://zoom.us/j/9658697269>)

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God’s grace is still sufficient, and God continues to provide for our every need. Our response of gratitude (even for stimulus monies) is represented in our weekly gifts, tithes and offerings. They signify the offering of our very lives in service to the Lord Jesus Christ. These offerings continue to be received through mail to:

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ELDER/DEACON SUPPORT

If you are in need of support in any one of a number of ways, please do not hesitate to let us know. One of the Deacons or Elders will be glad to assist you in whatever way that we are able.

OUR DAILY BREAD

If you normally would pick up a copy of the daily bread when you would attend worship services, please let us know through the office (voicemail or email) and we will make arrangements to mail you a copy for this quarter.

Below, you will find the latest update from Bolivia. I hope this update helps you as you pray for your sponsored child, Maria, and as you lift up prayers for wisdom and guidance for the national leaders.

Bolivia

Beginning May 11, a “dynamic quarantine” was implemented in some areas, lifting some restrictions on movement and work hours for parts of the country determined to be at medium and low risk for virus transmission. Group activities at all Compassion child development centers remain on hold. Under the updated government regulations, delivery of food is permitted from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, so partner churches are working to provide food, disease prevention materials and hygiene supplies to beneficiaries and their families. They are also checking in with families via phone to provide spiritual and emotional support. Compassion Bolivia has deployed teams of physicians and psychologists to support our frontline church partners.

Please continue to pray for those who are impacted directly by this pandemic. **Medical professionals predict the worst may be yet to come for the developing world, which is far more underprepared for testing and caring for COVID-19 patients than we have been in more developed nations.** This means tracking the full impact on our ministry, the children and their families will be increasingly difficult in the weeks and months to come. Our staff around the world have reported suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19 among beneficiaries, family members, staff and frontline church members. We are doing our best to keep you informed of the effect this crisis is having on our ministry but always while respecting the privacy of those who serve alongside us. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Thank you for your continued love and support of Maria during this time. It is truly a gift of hope and stability for her.

In Him,

Rich Van Eaton
Sponsor and Donor Relations Director
Compassion International

"Alright, does everyone have sound?"



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Just a humorous depiction poking fun at our Sunday Morning ZOOM services.

To post and comment, join **House Of God.**

Join



Our Daily Bread Devotional

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the REGULAR print of the Our Daily Bread for the months of June, July, and August has been late in arriving at Puckety Church.

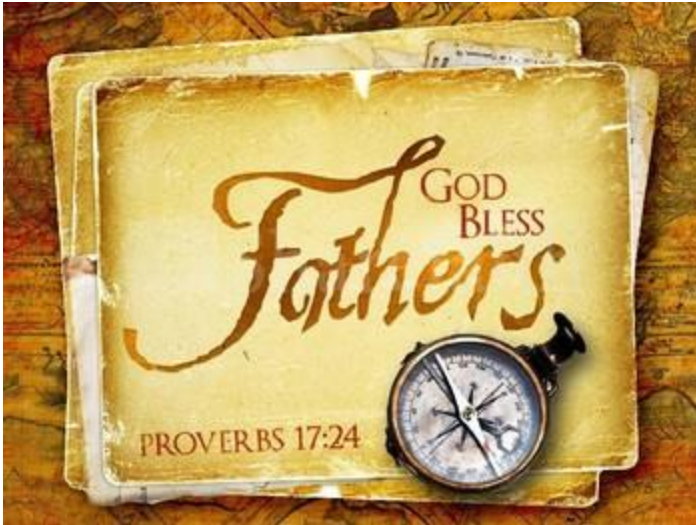
Please Note

Beginning May 27, 2020, a labeled waterproof tote will be placed outside the side door to the sanctuary containing the Daily Bread regular print, large print and copies of the Post Scripts.

You, a friend, or relative may stop by the church at your convenience and pick up a copy.



Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Emery Szalai who passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2020.



SURPRISE Janet Karan with a mailbox full of cards for her 85th birthday on June 17th! Her address is: 3111 Ben Davis Ave, Lower Burrell PA 15068. And remember, IT'S A SURPRISE!

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