

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.



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Pastor's Paragraphs

What does God want for Puckety Church in the coming years? The answer to this question comes at the intersection of three questions: The first question is one of identity – Who are we? Puckety is a white, middle-class, suburban Presbyterian church that has served the Lower Burrell / New Kensington community for many years. It is a congregation that has had some struggles and some successes. How would you define the identity of Puckety Presbyterian Church?

The second question has to do with our purpose, or our mission – What are we here for? The session just approved a new mission statement: *“The mission of Puckety Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism.”* This isn't really a new mission. The mission of the church never really changes. It just gets said in new ways. These five areas are at the core of why we exist and what we are called to do. How are we doing in these five areas? Is there an aspect of Puckety's mission that you feel led to help strengthen?

The third question – Who is our neighbor? – has to do with our calling. In Luke 11 a religious leader tried to make himself look good. He asked Jesus about the most important commandments. Jesus answered as any rabbi would – Love God and love your neighbor. The leader then asked “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus responded by telling the parable of the Good Samaritan (see Luke 10:25-37). He changes the

question – How can you be a neighbor?

Another way to look at this question is to ask what are the needs that are most common in our neighborhood? What do the people of our community really need? The needs of our community are opportunities for ministry. We need to find ways to discover / discern the needs of our community. Here are a few ideas of ways we could do this:

- Ask community leaders what they see as the greatest needs – mayor & town council, police and/or fire chief, business leaders, friends and neighbors, school officials, other congregations, and other people;
- Demographic studies (we have access to this through the Presbytery).

Are there other ways you can think of to discover the needs of our community? Would you be willing to help us discover the needs of our community? If so, please contact me to let me know what your ideas are and how you might like to help us discover our neighbor. Pray that God would open our eyes to the opportunities for ministry.

Coffee Time: September 27 @ 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!"

“Our Daily Bread” for College Students



Do you have a family member or relative who will be attending college this fall (2018)? During the month of August, the Deacons are asking the congregation to consider having the Our Daily Bread devotional mailed to him or her during the school year. When available, please give the name and address to any Deacon or Kelly. The first mailing will be for the months of Sept, Oct, and Nov as names are submitted. The devotional is one way for our students to discipline themselves to read the Bible every day and strengthen their faith.

Name_____

Address_____



Beginning September 9th, Children's Church will resume! Be sure to watch your bulletins, email announcements and post scripts for more information in the coming weeks! We will also have a coffee time following worship! Please join us for some yummy treats while you visit with friends after church!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL NOW BE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS! THIS WAS A JOINT DECISION MADE STRICTLY TO HELP DEFRAY SOME STAFF COSTS. THE OFFICE WILL REMAIN OPEN MONDAY-THURSDAY FROM 9AM - 2PM.

Sunday September 23rd is the next Ladies Lunch! If you've never come before, this is the month to join us...great time for fellowship!



In September

- 2 Cliff McKay
- 9 Jennifer McKay
- 16 Maria Schafer
- 23 Mick Dober
- 30 Sophia Earhart

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



- 2 Jennifer McKay and Charlene McKay
- 9 Matt Wehrle and Rebecca Fisher
- 16 Deb Artman and Sophia Earhart
- 23 Jolene Kostelansky and Chuck West
- 30 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)

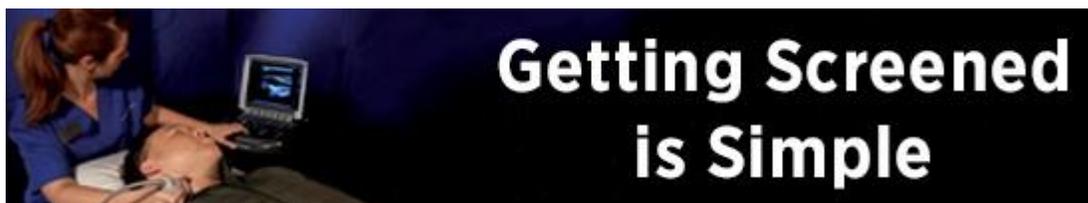
Counters Schedule

- 2 Helen Crissman and Marilyn Crumley
- 9 Janet Karan and Deb Artman
- 16 Chuck and Judy West
- 23 Jolene Kostelansky and Sophia Earhart
- 30 Helen Crissman and Marilyn Crumley

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!



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."



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Puckety Presbyterian Church on 10/2/2018. 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 (\$124 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$25 member discount, you must call 1-877-380-1743 or register at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. You can also text the word "circle" to 797979.** Kelly has also been given 2 complimentary screenings for anyone who may want to take advantage of this but can't afford it at this time. First come first serve. Just call or email the office if you are interested in one of these free screenings.



As an outreach into our community, Puckety will be taking breakfast to each school in Burrell School District (one school will get breakfast each Monday in the month of September). Breakfast will be delivered on Monday of each week, starting on Monday September 10th. If you sign-up to make/donate something, you can bring it to church on the Sunday prior to whatever breakfast you are able to sign-up for. We are looking for things like (but not limited to): homemade breads/muffins, bagels, donuts, juice, fresh fruit, plates, napkins, cups. There will be sign-ups for what you'd like to make/donate in the bulletin and in the sanctuary. If you'd like to donate something,

please contact Charlene McKay, (724.335.9645), Matt Wehrle (724.396.6775), or Rebecca Fisher (412.260.1571)



The Bible readings are from
"Book of Common Worship"

For the week of:

September 2:

Song of Sol 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

September 9:

Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

September 16:

Prov 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-2
Mark 8:27-38

September 23:

Prov 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 30:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50



*(If your name does not appear
or if the information is
incorrect, please contact the
office so that the records may
be updated.)*

**From Lorraine
Menk ...choir news!
Choir rehearsals
will begin for the
adult choir on
Thursday,
September 13 at 7
PM. We have a few
open seats for you!
We are welcoming
two new singers,
and we'd like to
welcome two more!
the first Sunday the
choir will be**

**together at worship is Sunday, September
23. please pray for your choir as they
begin to prepare for musical prayer at
worship.**

In Observance Of



**Our office will be closed
September 3, 2018**

**Blessings On Your
Birthday!!!**

- 1 Paul McCullough
- 4 Traci Kirchartz
John McCullough
- 7 Nicole Zurenski
- 9 Lauren McCullough
Denise Wehrle
- 10 Jim Serene
- 12 Fran Cosentino
- 13 Mira Whalen
Cecil McCutcheon
Melissa Smith
- 15 Erika Manges
- 17 Jeff Burtner
- 18 Mersades Schafer
- 19 Erik Wilds
Pamela McAllister
- 20 Charlene McKay
- 21 Laretta Lockwood
- 23 Kaylee Hazlett
- 24 Brenda McAllister
Erin Murillo
Sara Nadolny
- 25 Conner Kapelewski
- 27 Hannah Fisher
- 29 Harley Wilds
- 30 Clint Motosicky



*The "Our Daily Bread" devotional,
regular print, for the months of
September, October, and November,
is available at all entrances to the
sanctuary and on the glass display case
near the conference room.
Please pick one up for yourself, a friend,
or relative.*

PNC Update

- Early in July the PNC met to begin reviewing the Ministry Information Form (MIF)
- During the last week of July, the PNC met with Rev. Skip Noftzger (the pastor who oversees all the churches in our presbytery), and with a member of the Committee on Ministry (a committee of our presbytery). At this meeting, Skip outlined the process for the PNC, answered questions and gave us a great deal of guidance.
- Puckety needed a mission statement and a vision statement (partly just because it is important to discern what God is calling Puckety to do...and because we needed it to be able to complete the Ministry Information Form (MIF)
- Session met for about three hours Friday Aug. 3, and another three hours on Saturday Aug. 4th, to work on our mission and vision. It was an exciting time, and we will share more about that at a later time.
- See the next page for the focus groups that the PNC and Session will be hosting. It is the desire of the PNC, that EVERYONE (members of Puckety, friends of Puckety, we want EVERYbody) make an effort to attend one of the focus groups. The purpose of the focus groups is for the PNC to gather information by listening. These groups will be small in number (8-12 people per group). We can add additional focus groups if we need to. We NEED your honest thoughts, feelings, and input to help us complete the Church Information Form accurately. This is your opportunity to share your honest thoughts and feelings and what we want from our next pastor.
- After the conclusion of all the focus groups, the PNC will compile the info from each focus group and look at it (analyze it). Then, we will finish completing the MIF, and send it to Skip. After he reviews it, it will be sent to the Committee on Ministry and after they approve it, our form will be sent to Louisville (the headquarters of Presbytery).
- More information on next steps beyond this step, will be shared in the coming months. It is the PNC's hope that we will have the form completed and submitted to the Committee on Ministry by the beginning of October so they can review it at their October meeting.

Focus Group Sign-Up

The purpose of a focus group is to allow members and friends of Puckety Church the opportunity to share ideas, dreams, thoughts, feelings, etc. regarding where Puckety is now, where we are going, and what we want from our next pastor. Attending a focus group is important...we want EVERYBODY to sign up to attend one of them! If you have any questions, please contact Mike Tatem (724.882.3491) or Rebecca (412.260.1571)

The Session and PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) of Puckety Church will host focus groups on the dates/times listed below. Please mark which date/time you'd like to sign up for. If none of these dates/times is suitable for you, please mark that and someone will be in touch with you to try and find a time.

Please tear off below the line and place your sign-up in the offering plate or call Mike/Rebecca to sign up.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Sunday September 2nd at 11:30 am (right after church) Thursday September 6th at 6:30 pm
 Thursday September 6th at 2:00 pm Sunday September 9th at 11:30 (right after church)
 I want to participate but none of the above dates/times work for me.

Thank you very much for providing the meal at Faith Hall for my Mom's funeral. My Mom and her family grew up in the church and my parents met at Puckety. Our thanks to the men and women for their time.

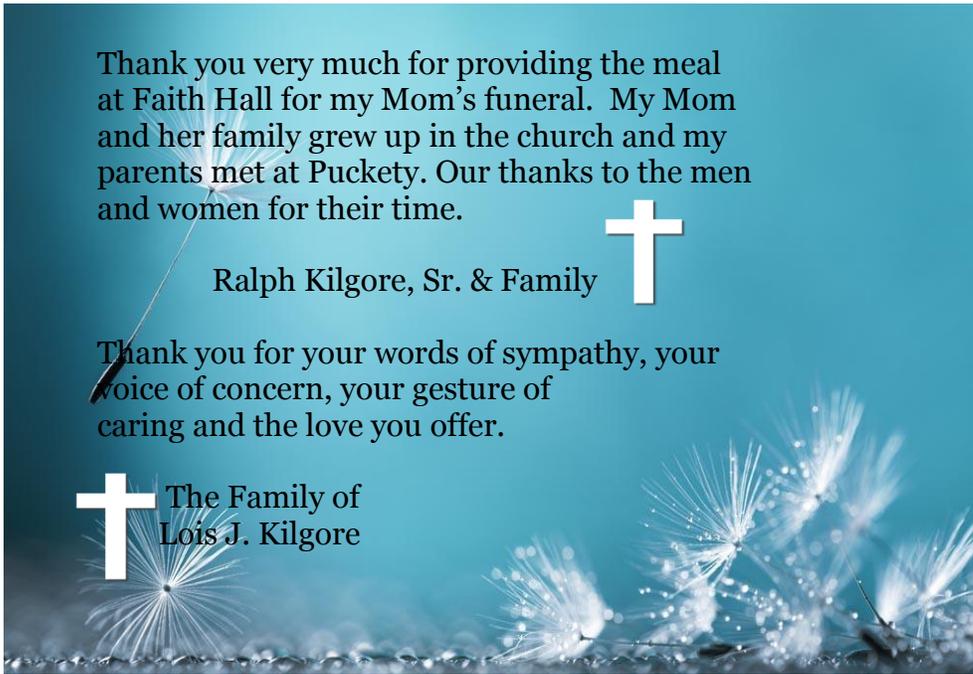
Ralph Kilgore, Sr. & Family



Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer.



The Family of
Lois J. Kilgore



Somerset County, PA

New York, NY

Washington, DC

Through blurred eyes we find the strength and courage to soar beyond the moment.

We look to the future knowing we can never forget the past.

God Bless America

September 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Congregational Conversation Luncheon | 27 Meals on Wheels 4:15 PM Worship Team Meeting | 28 8:00 PM N.A. meeting | 29 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Open Registration 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 30 | 31 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 1 |
| 2 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Focus Group | 3  LABOR DAY Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 10:30 AM Card Ministry | 4 8:00 PM N.A. meeting | 5 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 6 2:00 PM Focus Group 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Focus Group | 7 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 8 |
| 9  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour  11:30 AM Focus Group 11:30 AM Wehrle Small Group | 10 Meals on Wheels 6:30 PM MS Group Meeting 6:30 PM Seneca Service Unit Leader Meeting 6:30 PM Upkeep Meeting | 11 6:30 PM Session Meeting 8:00 PM N.A. meeting  9/11 REMEMBRANCE | 12 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 13 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 14 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 15 DKG Event/Meeting??? |
| 16 Logan Baptism Party??? 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Worship | 17 Meals on Wheels | 18 7:00 PM Sewing Guild 8:00 PM N.A. meeting | 19 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 20 5:00 PM Puckety Condo Association Meeting 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 21 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 22 |
| 23  9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Ladies Luncheon 11:30 AM Wehrle Small Group | 24 Meals on Wheels 4:15 PM Worship Team Meeting | 25 8:00 PM N.A. meeting | 26 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 27 10:00 AM Coffee Time  Coffee Hour 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 28 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 29 |
| 30 Oswalt Birthday Party??? 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Children's Church 10:00 AM Worship | 1 Meals on Wheels 10:30 AM Card Ministry | 2 8:00 PM N.A. meeting | 3 Meals on Wheels 7:00 PM Boy Scouts | 4 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 5 Meals on Wheels OFFICE CLOSED 1:00 PM Line Dancing | 6 |

A Prayer for Our Students

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Exodus 20:1-21

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| R | E | O | R | R | N | S | C | H | E | C | A | F | D | C |
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Moses & The 10 Commandments Puzzle #81

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| AARON | LIKENESS |
| ADULTERY | LORD |
| BORDERS | MERCY |
| CHILDREN | MORNING |
| CLOUD | MOSES |
| COMMAND | MOTHER |
| COVENANT | MOUNT |
| DESTROY | NEIGHBOUR |
| FACE | OBSERVE |
| FALSE | PARDON |
| FATHER | REST |
| GRACE | SABBATH |
| GRAVEN | SACRIFICE |
| HOLY | SEVENTH |
| HONOUR | SIN |
| IMAGES | SPOKEN |
| INCENSE | STEAL |
| ISRAEL | TABLES |
| KILL | TENT |
| LEAVEN | VAIL |
| WITNESS | |

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

 Psalm 33