



What's Up Wickliffe!

AUGUST 2026

STAY THE COURSE

Life and ministry rarely travel in straight lines. Sometimes, it feels like we're making progress toward God's calling, and then suddenly, circumstances, people, or even our own doubts cause us to veer off track.

I remember sitting with a trusted mentor at a critical point in ministry back in 2015. I was pouring out my heart, explaining how the church I attended at the time didn't seem to grasp the vision God had placed in me for outreach in our city. That church was inward-focused, and I knew deep down our mission extended far beyond the walls of a building.

My friend listened carefully and then offered wisdom that has shaped my path ever since: "If the church you're in doesn't support the direction God is leading you, then you need to find one that does. Stay the course."

Those three words have been an anchor to me over the years: Stay the course.

Because the truth is, veers will come. Distractions, disappointments, or resistance from others may tempt us to abandon the mission God has given us. But staying the course doesn't mean every road will be smooth. It means holding fast to God's call, even when others don't understand or support it.

When Paul faced opposition, shipwrecks, and prison, he didn't give up. Instead, he wrote, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" ([Philippians 3:14 NIV](#)).

Maybe today you feel pulled to veer away from what God has asked of you. Friend, I have been there.

Maybe you're weary because others don't see the vision the way you do. Let me remind you of the same encouragement I received: Stay the course.

God will be faithful to complete the work He started in you ([Philippians 1:6](#)).

Prayer:

Lord, when life tempts me to veer off track or give up in discouragement, anchor me in Your truth. When others don't understand the vision You've placed in my heart, give me courage to walk in obedience anyway. Strengthen me to stay the course, trusting that You see the end from the beginning. Amen.

~ by Rhonda Barber, [Faithwriters.com](#)

Dear Folks of Wickliffe Presbyterian Church:
I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I'm away on vacation the week when the newsletter is to be completed. Please pay particular attention to the worship times for the month of August; there are two changes. I'll see everyone at First Hubbard on August 2 and Wickliffe on August 23 at 10:30 AM.

~ Pastor Marsha



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AUGUST SCHEDULE

- August 2** **10th Sunday after Pentecost**
♦ **Joint Worship Service at**
 Hubbard Presbyterian Church
 Hymn Sing at 7:00 PM
- August 9** **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
- August 16** **12th Sunday after Pentecost**
♦ **Picnic at Hubbard Church**
- August 23** **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
♦ **WPC Annual Church Picnic**
- August 30** **14th Sunday after Pentecost**
♦ **Benevolence Sunday**



Happy Birthday!

August 6	Donna Cole
August 8	Norma Johnson
August 10	Steven Garstka Jr.
August 16	Miranda Truslow

Church Office Hours:

Monday - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - Closed

Thursday - 9:00am - 12:00pm

Friday - Closed

(Hours may vary. Please contact the office for an appointment if you need in the church)

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AND THE
of GOD
which surpasses
ALL
understanding
WILL GUARD
Your heart
AND YOUR MIND
CHRIST JESUS
4:7
PHIL



2026 Per Capita is \$35.00.

Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.

Praise on the Patio

**Hubbard First Presbyterian Church
22 Westview Avenue
Hubbard, Ohio**

A Hymn Sing

Presented by

Simple Gifts Choir

Sunday, August 2, 2026

7:00—8:00 PM

Audience participation welcome!

Sing along with the 50-voice choir for an hour of classic, gospel and contemporary hymn favorites. Guest musicians will accompany the choir and soloists. The event is free and will be held outside—inside if inclement weather. Some seating available; bring a lawn chair in case. Light refreshments available. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Hubbard Community Supply Pantry.



Newsletter Content Wanted!

Our monthly newsletter, can at times be quite sparse especially during summer months, and I need your help to fill the pages.



Some ideas of things that can be submitted are:

- ◆ Church and Family Celebrations
- ◆ Prayer and Praise Requests
- ◆ Poems and Stories
- ◆ Favorite Recipes

Let's beef up our future newsletters to reflect our church and family life.

I welcome your contributions! Thank you!

Audrey Covault, WPC Secretary

**GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, August 12 at 11:30 AM
at Denny's Restaurant, Mahoning Ave.,
Austintown.
~Grace Brown**

Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Please donate cans of beans and/or jars of peanut butter for our mission to help feed the elderly of our area! One lonely jar of peanut butter was on the basket bottom this week!

Prayerful blessings.

~ Donna Cooper, Growth



Coins for Church

We are continuing our "Coins for Church". There is a container in the Narthex for you to drop off your spare change. This money is used for building maintenance and repairs. Any questions, please see Tracy Martin.

~ Tracy Martin



WICKLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE



We would like to thank everyone involved in our **July 10 and 11 Rummage Sale** who donated items, and the volunteers who helped out during the sale.

We all worked together to make this sale a success. Our grand total is **\$3,069.01!**

We would also like to thank the St. Vincent de Paul Society who took all the remaining items. Thank you, Everyone!

Ruth Capper and Sherrie Wolfe



Guideposts

Secrets of Up-Side Living

HOPE



1. "I have not lost faith in God. I have moments of anger and protest. Sometimes I've been closer to Him for that reason."
- *Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner*
2. "Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray."
- *via The_Gospels on Twitter*
3. "It's not if, but when. I don't believe in that word—if—anymore. I don't think it should be said."
- *Alicia Keys, singer and musician*
4. "When I was at the end of my rope, God was holding the other end."
- *Patricia Balcom, Guideposts reader*
5. "No matter how sad you are today, happiness and laughter and even joy are distinct possibilities for tomorrow..."
- *Linda Richman, author*
6. "Hope is not just one single quality or promise. Hope has to do with believing beyond today—knowing there's a garden of beauty that awaits me."
- *Joyce Rupp, author*
7. "Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future; faith is the courage to dance to it today."
- *Peter Kuzmic, theologian and author*
8. "Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: You don't give up."
- *Anne Lamott, author*
9. "All people have is hope. That's what brings the next day and whatever that day may bring. A hope grounded in the real world of living, friendship, work, family."
- *Bruce Springsteen, musician, singer and song writer*



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Wickliffe Presbyterian Church Annual Picnic

Sunday, August 23, 2026

10:30 AM Worship, Picnic to Follow at 11:30 AM

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church

45 Idlewood Rd.

Austintown, OH 44515

Time is a-flying right on by!!! August is upon us whether we like it or not!

So start thinking of which delicious food you are going to bring, gather up your picnic baskets, and come and enjoy!

Hot dogs, buns and condiments, along with a beverage, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided by the Church.

Please bring a lawn chair, if you are able.

Pastor Marsha Parrish will hold the worship service.

We have invited the members from First Presbyterian Church Hubbard, Needle's Eye and the Pentecostal Church to attend our picnic, so look for some new faces!

See you at WPC at about 10:00 AM to help set up and get ready for the 10:30 AM service!

Donna Cooper, Growth Committee, 330-651-3253

August 2026

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