



What's Up Wickliffe!

MARCH 2026

Dear Folks:

The season of Lent is a time for us to face together the brokenness of our lives and our world, and then turn that brokenness over to Christ so that we can be restored by him through the cross. We began Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service at Wickliffe Presbyterian focusing on our sin and how Christ restores our hearts through his forgiveness. There was the imposition of ashes and we gathered around the table to receive Holy Communion.



Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number *forty* carries biblical significance based on the forty years that Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness. The forty days of lent begins on Ash Wed. and continues through holy week, not counting Sundays. As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism, profession of faith and the calling back to those who have become estranged from the church. The primary focus of the season is to explore and deepen ones spirituality that centers on our union with Christ.

I will be preaching each Sunday through Lent on a stirring series, which focuses on a certain event in the Lenten story. My messages will take a good, hard look at a

broken element from that particular story. I hope each of you will come to an understanding of how these broken elements leads to restoration in Christ. This relationship is ultimately key to how we live today as new creations in Christ. I hope you will invite friends or family to join us on Sunday mornings.

During March there are two opportunities to gather with friends and neighbors from the Hubbard Area. On Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM is the World Day of Prayer service at First Presbyterian of Hubbard. On Wednesday, March 25th at noon First Presbyterian of Hubbard will host a Lenten Luncheon, which is open for everyone to attend. Both events are sponsored through the Hubbard Christians In Action. More information will be available in your weekly bulletin.

My credentials have finally been transferred from Shenango Presbytery to Eastminster Presbytery!! Praise God. I look forward to seeing you in worship; as I continue to learn your names and we get to know one another.

In His Service,
Pastor Marsha

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MARCH SCHEDULE

- March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent**

- March 8 3rd Sunday in Lent**

- March 15 4th Sunday in Lent**
◆ Support Meeting

- March 22 5th Sunday in Lent**

- March 29 Palm Sunday~Holy Week Begins**
◆ Benevolence Sunday



Happy Birthday!

- March 1 Dow Davis
- March 3 Dorothy Vaupel
- March 4 Michelle Grazier
- March 4 Patricia Morningstar
- March 5 Carolyn Lewis
- March 10 Ricky Witt
- March 10 Paul Velly
- March 19 Michele Manenti
- March 23 Cathy Murray
- March 28 Sherrie Wolfe
- March 29 Steven Garstka

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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— THE SEASON OF —
LENT



2026 Per Capita increased to \$35.00.
Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.

LEARN FROM GREAT BIBLE PERSONALITIES

If you are impatient, sit down and talk with Job.

If you are just a little strong-headed, go and see Moses.

If you are tired and afraid, take a good look at Elijah.

If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.

If you feel cold and lonely, get the beloved disciple John to put his arm around you.

If your faith is weak, read about the apostle Paul.

If you are getting lazy, listen to James.

If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

~ From Church Bulletin Bits



Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Thank you all for the February donations!
Please come with me some day and experience the welcome we receive each time we arrive with our jars of peanut butter, cans of soup, and beans!

If you have never been there, you will see a pretty and happy place!

~ Donna Cooper



There is a Flower Chart in the narthex for WPC members to purchase altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

I have established an agreement with

Crystal Vase Florist, 5623 Mahoning Ave., Austintown. Their phone number is **330-793-4545.** They have our Tax Exempt number. If you order flowers, you need to pay for them. **Do Not Charge the Church.**

You will need to pick them up yourself and deliver them to the church.

~ Grace Brown



TORTELLINI SOUP

2 Cloves Garlic, Minced

1/3 Cup Diced Onion

1 Large Can Chicken Broth

1 Small Can Italian Stewed Tomatoes (Petite Cut)

1 Bag /Box Frozen Spinach

1-2 Containers Cheese Tortellini (I like to use the mini-tortellini)

Grated Parmesan Cheese



In a soup pot, saute garlic and onion in a little olive oil. Add chicken broth and stewed tomatoes. Bring to a boil and add spinach. Bring to a boil again and add the tortellini. It takes less than an hour to make. Serve topped with grated parmesan cheese. Enjoy! **Great Lenten Soup!**

Submitted by Audrey Covault

**Want to submit a recipe for a future newsletter? We welcome your great ideas!
Just send an e-mail to wickliffepc@gmail.com or drop it off on Sunday.**

**GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at
11:30 AM at Ruby Tuesday,
5555 Mahoning Ave., Austintown.
~Grace Brown**

**The DISCOVERY GROUP will
meet Tuesday, March 31, 2026
at 12:30 PM.
~Grace Brown**



A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict, especially in the Mideast and Ukraine. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel and saint: please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.



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

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>Installation of Officers</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>5:45 PM TOPS</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>5:30 PM TLCC Board Mtg.</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>11:30 AM Goodtimers</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>5:45 PM TOPS</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>Support Meeting</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>  <p>5:00 PM Session Mtg.</p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>5:45 PM TOPS</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>5:45 PM TOPS</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i> 9:30 AM Worship Service Communion</p>  <p>8:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>12:30 PM Discovery Group</p>				