



# What's Up Wickliffe!

SEPTEMBER 2025

## **"Meet God on the Journey" Luke 24:13-35**

Here is a beautiful picture from my pilgrimage on the Camino De Santiago. It was taken September 22, 2019 at



11:13 a.m. In about two and half hours I have only covered about 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) of the 20.7 km (12.9 miles) I had to cover that day. The way had been predominantly a twisty very steep incline crossing over small backroads. During the ascent of the mountain, there was a sudden

driving rain storm with wind, thunder, lightning, the whole bit. I will admit to taking refuge for a while in a small coffee shop conveniently located on the side of a mountain just off a one-lane paved road with some of my fellow pilgrims! In this picture, four fellow pilgrims, all from Spain, are in front of me. They were very friendly (like many Spaniards) and, using my phone, took my picture. We are seen approaching the Embalse de Salime Reservoir, near the small city of Grandas de Salime. Part of the majestic Cantabrian Mountains lie beyond. As I walked I thought about how many pilgrims over the many centuries walked this well-worn path beneath my feet and what they talked about as they covered kilometer after kilometer. How many friendships were made and broken on this pilgrimage? Only God knows!

Then I thought about Emmaus.

Walking with someone for a long distance, or, for a long time, is a sure and certain way of getting to know someone. Some folks might share a life story, or a few thoughts that reveal a type of personality. Some like to tell jokes, or make witty statements. Some are only curious about YOU, and seem hesitant to share much about life. But given enough

miles and time, that often changes. I think the miles wear down your resistance. Boundaries soften. People on the journey with you realize we all have much more in common than not. Trust develops. Friendships grow. Stories are told. Experiences on the journey are shared and celebrated. It was no different for the two travelers to Emmaus.

In the world of medieval pilgrimage tradition and lore, not only are the two travelers to Emmaus considered pilgrims, but Jesus, who joined up with them, is as well. The example is that not only do we have each other's companionship on this journey through life, but also the companionship of God! Often, like the travelers to Emmaus, we don't even know God is along on the journey! There are many paintings and stone relief carvings in Spain depicting Jesus with the travelers on the road to Emmaus. How important is it to you, the thought that Jesus travels with you on your pilgrimage through life?

It has been my pleasure these past four months to get to know the people of Wickliffe Presbyterian Church. You are not difficult to get to know! Everyone was authentic and friendly and helpful. Thank you for welcoming me. When I "signed on" my terms of service were for May-August as a transitional minister. On August 31, those terms will be complete. We have been on an all-to-brief journey together, with each other, and with God. I like to think of it as a pilgrimage, for we have journeyed together, seeking God. I have enjoyed the companionship and I hope you have too! Now it is time for Jules and I to head west to the four corners area (Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah) and explore some of the ancient indigenous people's relics, such as petroglyphs and cliff dwellings. Please keep us in your prayers and we will keep you in our prayers as well.

***Grace and Peace, Pastor Rob***

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## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

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**September 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
♦ **Sunday School Starts**

**September 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 21 15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
♦ **Support Meeting**

**September 28 16th Sunday After Pentecost**  
♦ **Benevolence Sunday**



## Happy Birthday!

Sept. 8	Tracy Martin
Sept. 13	Kimberly Clark
Sept. 14	Debby Fabian
Sept. 15	Donna Cooper
Sept. 16	Bob Fabian
Sept. 22	Carole Leslie

## Happy Anniversary

Sept. 3	Rich & Janelle Truslow
Sept. 24	Jeff & Jamie Bryant
Sept. 25	Ricky & Nancy Witt

### 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 people should eat and drink and  
enjoy the fruits of their labor, for  
these are gifts from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

# Happy Labor Day!





## WICKLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PICNIC

### Sunday, August 10, 2025



**WOW!!! 58 people attended our 2025 picnic on Sunday, August 10th!**

**9 people from Needle's Eye**

**15 from Hubbard Presbyterian**

**3 from the Hungarian Presbyterian Church which just closed**

**31 from our Wickliffe congregation**

**Seemed like there were a sea of smiles throughout the room at the Austintown Senior Center Event Room! Hopefully, everyone had a good time!**

**Pastor Joy gave us a pertinent gardening biblical message which was well-received with much applause!**

**We thank him for his thoughts and presentation!**

**Many thanks from our committee to all who participated and helped set out the food and clean up afterwards!**

**Jamie Bryant, Debby Fabian,  
Cathy Murray, Donna Cooper**







## A couple more photos from the picnic....



### PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** encourages our Presbyterian Churches to promote the **PEACE OF CHRIST** by addressing systems of conflict and injustice around the world.

**25% of offering is for Wickliffe's use for local mission**

**25% of offering goes to Presbytery peace efforts**

**50% of offering goes to Presbyterian Mission Agency for peacemaking and reconciliation globally**

**This offering helps us PERSUE WHAT MAKES FOR PEACE!**

**Our offering will be taken up on Sunday, October 5, 2025 ~ 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.**

Contact me and I will pick them up on the Saturday before church. If I am not available, then you will need to pick them up yourself and deliver them to the church.

~ Grace Brown

### PRESBYTERY-WIDE PICNIC!

Join us on **September 13th at noon** at the **Lake Milton Presbyterian Church**, [942 Grandview Rd., Lake Milton, OH 44429](https://www.lake-milton.org/), for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Bring your family and a dish to share or just come on your own - everyone is welcome. We are excited for the opportunity of bringing our congregations together to enjoy a beautiful day by the lake!

To help with preparations, please email your RSVP to Rev. Annie Parker



**\*MESSAGE FROM BILL WAYLAND\***



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I am so thankful and grateful for the prayers, visits and cards that all of you have sent me in the last two months, during my recovery from hip replacement.

May God bless everyone and you are always in my prayers.

In the next couple of weeks, I hope to see you in church.

Sincerely,  
Bill Wayland

**Needle's Eye Soup Ministry**

Remember, please, our mission of donating cans of soup, beans, and/or jars of peanut butter for the elderly of our area.

Thank you! *Donna Cooper*



**GOODTIMERS will meet  
Wednesday, September 10,  
2025 at 11:30 AM at Denny's.**

**~Grace Brown**

**The DISCOVERY GROUP meeting will  
resume Tuesday, September 30, 2025  
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**

**Do not forget we are continuing to do a spare coin fund. This fund will be used for building maintenance and repair. The jar is out in the Narthex before service. Until the end of July we have collected \$107.00. Thank you for your support.**

**~ Tracy Martin**

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>  5:45 PM TOPS	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Starts-</b> <b>Grace Brown</b>  <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b>	<i>8</i>  <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>TLCC Board</b> <b>Mtg.</b>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>  <b>11:30 AM</b> <b>Goodtimers at</b> <b>Denny's</b>	<i>11</i>  5:45 PM TOPS	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>   <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>  5:45 PM TOPS	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Support Mtg.</b>  <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b>	<i>22</i>  <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>  5:45 PM TOPS  <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Session</b>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>   <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>				