



What's Up Wickliffe!

OCTOBER 2026

Dear Folks:

This week we will flip over the calendar to the month of October. It's a time for many changes, which began in September with back to school, new schedules and also changes in our church community. Sunday School classes are back in session for all ages and other activities are being planned. On Friday night, October 2, everyone is invited to First Hubbard for a free dinner at 5:30 PM. Come and hear Rev. Mark Adams, share about he and his wife's ministry in Mexico. I met Mark 15 or so years ago when Pittsburgh Theological Seminary traveled to New Mexico and Mexico. It was quite an experience!! There is no charge for the dinner consisting of soup, salad, and whatever else the Fellowship Committee decides. Comes and share in this time of fellowship and mission opportunity.

From time to time I will share with you a person's faith story and how God impacted their lives. I recently read about Frances Ridley Havergal, who was a hymn writer and lived from 1836 – 1879. From early childhood, Frances Havergal had a deep longing for God. As a youngster she diligently memorized scripture verses. When she became a young adult, she studied Greek and Hebrew to better understand the Bible. Her musical talents could have brought her fame, but these she dedicated to God's service.

On one occasion Frances was spending a week with friends for whom she had been praying. Some were not Christians. Others were believers, but to Frances they didn't seem passionate in their faith. During their visit, she prayed, "God, give me all in this house." Before the week was over each person she had prayed for had received a blessing. As a result of this



victory, Frances dedicated herself anew to God's purposes and in 1874, she wrote this hymn:

Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord to Thee; Take my hands, and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love, At the impulse of Thy love.

The apostle Paul urged believers to periodically check their dedication to God and make new consecrations. In view of what Jesus did for us at Calvary, this seems the reasonable thing to do.

I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice-the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Romans 12:1

As we have begun a new season in the church, help us to dedicate ourselves to the service of Christ here in this time and place.

In His Service,
Pastor Marsha

Check Out What's Inside

- Page 2 October Schedule
Birthdays/Anniversaries
- Page 3 In Step With Session; Per Capita
- Page 4 Deacon News; World Communion Sunday; Soup & Sloppy Joe Luncheon
- Page 5 Needles Eye; Coins for Church; Stewardship Sunday; Goodtimers; Discovery
- Page 6 October Calendar



OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- October 4 19th Sunday after Pentecost**
 ♦ World Communion Sunday
- October 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost**
 ♦ World Communion Offering
- October 18 21st Sunday after Pentecost**
 ♦ Stewardship Sunday
 ♦ Support Meeting
 ♦ Soup & Sloppy Joe Luncheon
- October 25 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
 ♦ Reformation Sunday
 ♦ Benevolence Sunday



Happy Birthday!

- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| October 6 | Marcy Clark |
| October 8 | Jeff Bryant |
| October 12 | Vivian Manenti |
| October 13 | Ruth Capper |

Happy Anniversary

- | | |
|---------|------------------------|
| Oct. 4 | Glenn & Norma Johnson |
| Oct. 26 | Kerry & Greg Schneider |
| Oct. 27 | Bill & Donna Cooper |

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)

Church Website: www.wickliffepc.com

Secretary's Email: wickliffepc@gmail.com

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
 45 Idlewood Rd.
 Austintown, OH 44515

P: 330-792-6441 F: 330-792-1006

TLCC Daycare and Preschool
 Director, Norma Johnson





2026 Per Capita is \$35.00.

Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.



IN STEP WITH SESSION

Sept 22nd, 2026

Your Session has finally reconvened after our summer break. It sometimes is difficult to move forward after a time of relaxation, but we are ready and willing.

All Elders were present except for Grace Brown. Please keep Grace in your prayers. She needs to know we all love her and wish her well.

At our meeting, Pastor Amber Balista and Sue from Committee on Ministry joined us to hear any concerns on our journey with Pastor Marsha and Hubbard Presbyterian. Comments were very positive.

Our Teams reported on the following:

CE: With Grace absent, we made a decision to have Donna take care of the list of volunteers for Children's Sunday School.

Growth: Donna asked Session how we felt about the Annual Picnic. All felt it went well. She spoke on the Needle's Eye service also. Bibles were purchased for a prison ministry in Akron as an outreach.

Nominating: Tracy mentioned that we need two new Elders. She is going to be the Financial Secretary starting in 2027. Kerry is stepping down. Suggested that Tracy also step down from being the Asst. Treasurer.

Service: Jamie mentioned that Mark Cole is still interested in purchasing the small strip of land by Parking lot at a cost of \$6000. We are waiting for a contract from him. A motion was made to remove the bushes by the ramp along with a Motion to approve the annual Snowplowing job by Youngstown Tree and Landscaping at a cost of \$2400. TLCC will pay half of this cost.

Worship: Made a decision to have separate Christmas Eve Services. Hubbard will be at 4:00 and ours will be at 6:00 PM. Hanging of the Greens will be held on Nov 22nd after Worship.

Other issues discussed:

Pastor attended the Preaching seminar

Will have two people count money each Sunday. A list of people willing to help will be decided by the Support committee. Right now, Sherrie Wolfe is willing to help me with the counting.

Donna spoke on the Presbytery meeting saying it was very nice.

Blessings to all as we move forward into the last few months of 2026
Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session



Deacon Ministry

DEACON NEWS! SAVE THESE DATES!

- ♦ World Communion Sunday will be held October 4, 2026
 - ♦ Soup and Sloppy Joe Luncheon will be held October 18, 2026
- Our annual Soup and Sloppy Joe Luncheon has a free-will offering that helps support all the Deacon Missions. Please try to attend.

It is also time to help fill the Deacon Cupboard with food for the up and coming food baskets. We need everything but especially cereal, tuna, soups, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, and anything you desire to donate for the needy. We do give out Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter food baskets if requested by the needy. Thanks in advance for helping in any way you can.

Blessings to all,
Your WPC Deacons

DEACON'S SOUP AND SLOPPY JOE LUNCHEON



Sunday, October 18, 2026
After Worship

There will be a Variety of Soups, Sloppy Joes, Chips and Pickles. We are asking the congregation for a donation of cookies to finish the yummy menu!

A free will donation is encouraged to help with our Deacon missions. See You There!



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING (October 11, 2026) (Once known as Peace and Global Witness)

The first Sunday in October has traditionally been a time to celebrate World Communion Sunday. This is a time when Christians everywhere take part of the Lord's Supper. Sundays in church, we are usually with people like us. How can we feel the "Globalness" of this holy time? We are all children of God and siblings in Christ! Luckily, we have occasions throughout the year to be with Needle's Eye staff and Members of Pentecostal House of Prayer, and members of

Hubbard Presbyterian Church (although they look like us!)

One hymn says:

"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North,
But the one great fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide world."

The World Communion Offering is our Presbyterian way to "love kindness" expressed in action. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported in this offering.

Since we will have our 4th annual Needle's Eye Service September 27, "(A HA!! Interfaith and Racial engagement!!! Wickliffe is on the ball!!), **our offering will be taken up on October 11.** Please consider what you can donate!!

Blessings, Donna Cooper



Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

I am happy to say I have met **Rita Tate**, the new **Director of Needle's Eye** and she is as dynamic and loving as Emmeline Smith was! Wickliffe, you will enjoy meeting her at our annual service!

Please continue to donate cans of soup, beans and jars of peanut butter monthly!

Blessings and thankfulness!
~ **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, see Tracy Martin.

~ **Tracy Martin**

STEWARDSHIP 2027 CAMPAIGN

Stewardship Sunday....October 18, 2026



Your Support team would like to thank you ahead of time for your generosity as we collect your pledges on **Commitment Sunday, October 18th**, during Worship.

Our theme this year is "**Count Our Blessings**".

We're counting on your faithfulness as you contribute not only financially but also giving of your time and talents. It is our intention that, with your help and continued support, our Church will survive the difficult times. May God Bless you abundantly as we accomplish our planning for 2027.

**GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, October 14 at**

11:30 AM

**at Denny's Restaurant, Mahoning Ave.,
Austintown.**

**DISCOVERY GROUP will meet
Tuesday, October 27 at 12:30 PM
here at the church.**

~Grace Brown