What's Up Wickliffe!

APRIL 2026

Dear Folks of Wickliffe Presbyterian Church:

According to the calendar, spring was supposed to arrive last Friday, but I seriously believe something went wrong!! The snow drops are done blooming and the daffodils are bursting forth from the ground. Spring is trying soooo hard to arrive. We had high temperatures on Saturday and Sunday in the 70's and then the storms with rain and wind arrived on Sunday evening. This morning on our way over to Niles, it was snowing like crazy. These days of up and down temperatures have us all frustrated!! What coat shall I wear today and it is a short sleeve or a sweater day? This is the month of March, which is known for its roller coaster temperatures and conditions. March seems to be one colossal tease. There is the old proverb, "March roars in like a lion and bows out like a lamb." In our area, this represents the hinge season between the chiller climate of February and the eventual springtime heat of April. March 20th, also known as the spring equinox, is the official start of spring and the beginning of a season when daytime finally outlasts the night.
Spring will arrive in all due time and I personally want the cold and snow to leave, ASAP.

The weather reminds me of how we as Christians are: up and down at times with our spiritual and personal lives. The uncertainties of life are with us every day. Our personal lives change by a phone call. There are unexpected emergencies with our loved ones, difficult medical diagnoses, and financial problems are just a few of these situations. What are we to do? Pray, spend time in daily devotion, reading scripture, music, and listening to the still small voice of God are my practices to get one through difficult circumstances. When we realize that most situations are out of our control, we can be at peace, when we give it all to God. Not just a small portion but everything!! He gives us the hope we need in his word, *"Rejoice and exult in hope; be steadfast and patient in suffering and tribulation; be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

My hope is that during these 40 days of lent that you have taken the time to examine yourself to see what improvements can be made in your own life. We all have old habits that need to be let go so our lives can be changed. One opportunity will be The Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 PM on April 2nd. This is a joint Service with the Wickliffe Congregation held at First Hubbard. We will write our sins on a piece of paper and lay them at the cross. A confession, which you can make privately between you and God. In addition to acknowledging our sin, we will gather round the table and partake in Holy Communion remembering what Jesus Christ did for us. The Resurrection of the Lord, Easter, will be on the first Sunday of April as both churches gather for worship and communion.

I close with 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, "*Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you were being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received; that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he has raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve".* Thanks be to God for his wonderful love to us, through Jesus Christ! See you in worship.

In His Service,
Pastor Marsha

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APRIL SCHEDULE

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April 5	**Easter Sunday**
April 12	**2nd Sunday of Easter**
April 19	**3rd Sunday of Easter** **♦ Support Meeting**
April 26	**4th Sunday of Easter** **♦ Benevolence Sunday**

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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TLCC Daycare and Preschool

Director, Norma Johnson

April 21 Kerry Schneider

April 17 Al & Beverly Bagoly

April 18 Paul & Georgia Velly

2026 Per Capita is $35.00.

Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.

IN STEP WITH SESSION

Session met on St Patrick's Day, 3/17, with six of the eight Elders present.
It was a very productive meeting with the following discussed.

Most importantly, we discussed our financial situation. Please know that our Church is in need of your help as we move forward. We are trying to find ways to reduce our spending. If you have any ideas, please share them with our Elders/Pastor. It was suggested that we do an Office Supply Fund Raiser. If anyone is willing to donate stamps, computer paper, etc. please do so. Anything will help. Also, keep in mind ways to cut costs with utilities. If you see a light that doesn't need to be on, turn it off. Anything you can think of, will help. Let's work together for the good of our Church.

Our committees are working diligently to accomplish tasks for 2026.

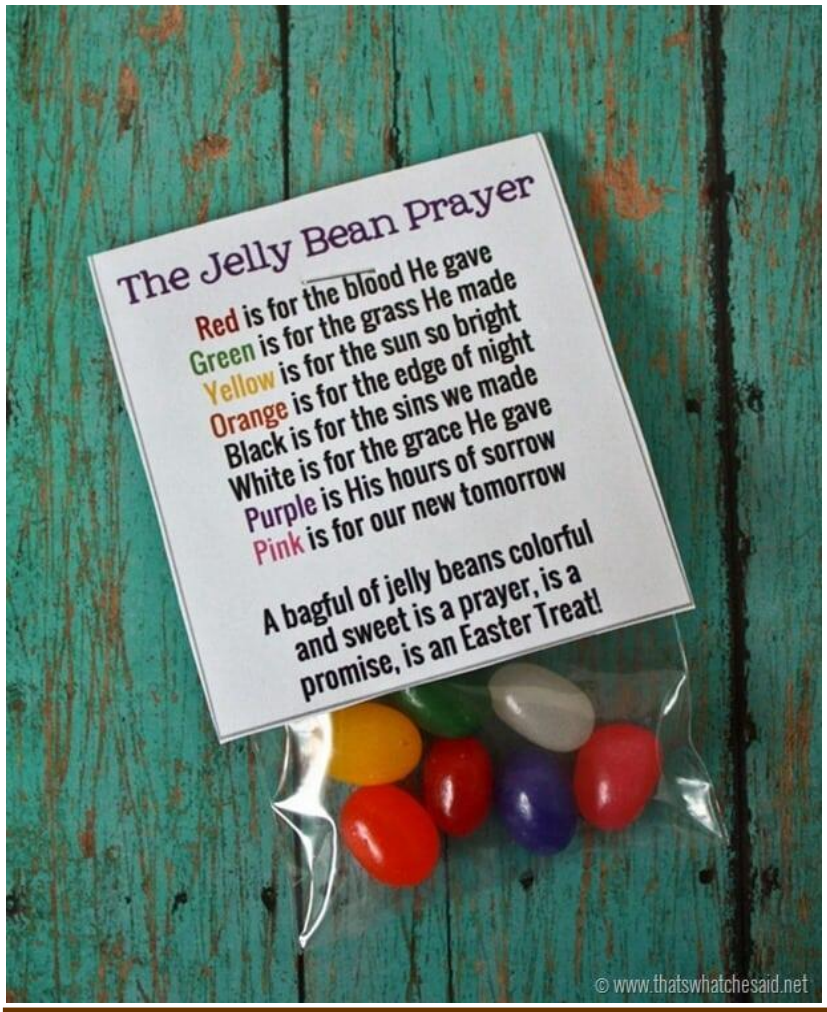
Christian Education: ***Grace has been out of commission with her falls, has still been working to obtain volunteers for Children's Sunday School. Please sign up on sheet in Narthex.***

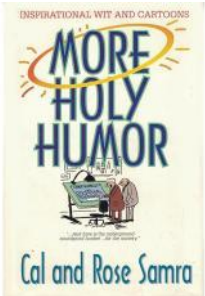
Growth: ***Donna also has been in and out of the hospital, but is moving forward with her team. Planning on Birthday Celebration every quarter, holding the Annual Church Picnic at the Senior Center on Aug 23rd with ideas on having a Shepherding program and Spot-lighting a Church member. Details to follow.***

Service: ***Jamie reported that the roof has been repaired by Roth Brothers, Ceiling tiles have been replaced in Pastors office, Side lights in Sanctuary have been replaced with LED lights and custodial issues are being addressed. Please note that if you have concerns about custodial issues, write them on the clipboard on Janitor's closet.***

Worship: ***Ruth will have palms to hand out on Palm Sunday. We will utilize the Cross for Easter again. We also are adding another communion date, Aug 2nd.***
Again Hubbard will be holding their annual picnic on Aug 16th.
Also, Janelle has joined the Worship team. We need lay-leaders to step up.
Pastor Marsha shared her dates for time away. She has been here two months already. Hard to believe. If you haven't attended Church in a while, please try and attend to meet our new Pastor. She will be away on May 10th, July 19th & 26th, Aug 9th, and Nov 8th, 15th, & 22nd.
Blessings to all. Don't hesitate to reach out to us, if you have any concerns.

Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session





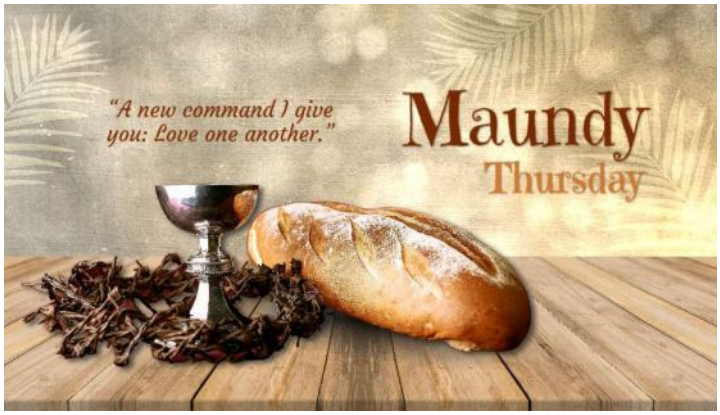
Pastor Richard Carton, associate pastor of St. Catherine Church, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, was speaking to a group of second graders about the resurrection when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

It was a question of great theological importance, but Pastor Carton had to explain, in words suitable to his young audience, that the Gospels do not tell us just what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said, Father," she insisted.

"And what was that?" asked Pastor Carton.

"**Tah-dah**!" the girl exclaimed.



Wickliffe Presbyterian Church is invited to attend a joint **Maundy Thursday** service to be held **April 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM** at **Hubbard Presbyterian Church**. Communion will be distributed.

22 Westview Ave.
Hubbard, OH 44425

GOODTIMERS will meet
at Ruby Tuesday, 5555 Mahoning Ave., Austintown. Date TBA
~Grace Brown

The DISCOVERY GROUP
will meet Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 12:30 PM.
~Grace Brown

OFFICE SUPPLY FUNDRAISER

In order to curtail expenses, WPC is starting a fund raising drive for Office Supplies.

If anyone is willing to donate stamps, computer paper, etc. please do so. Anything will help.

At present, we are in need of colored paper, one ream of Canary Yellow and one ream of Pink. Perhaps while you're shopping, you may walk down the office supply aisle and notice that there is a sale on paper. Just leave it in the mailbox outside the church office.

Postage stamps are always an ongoing need.

If you are willing to donate supplies, we would be very grateful!

Thank you,

Audrey Covault and WPC Session

Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Thank you all for the March 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

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

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	*2* **5:45 PM TOPS**	*3* 	*4*
5 **9:30 AM** **Worship Service** **8:00 PM** **AA Mtg.**	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9* **5:45 PM TOPS**	*10*	*11*
12 **9:30 AM** **Worship Service** **8:00 PM** **AA Mtg.**	*13*	*14*	*15*	*16* **5:45 PM TOPS**	*17*	*18*
19 **9:30 AM** **Worship Service** **Support Meeting** **8:00 PM** **AA Mtg.**	*20*	*21* **5:00 PM** **Session Mtg.**	*22* 	*23* **Newsletter Deadline** **5:45 PM TOPS**	*24*	*25*
26 **9:30 AM** **Worship Service** **8:00 PM** **AA Mtg.**	*27*	*28* **12:30 PM** **Discovery Group**	*29*	*30* **5:45 PM TOPS**		