



What's Up Wickliffe!

OCTOBER 2025

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](#)

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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

October 5 17th Sunday after Pentecost
♦ 11:00 AM Worship at FPC Hubbard
♦ World Communion Sunday

October 12 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost
♦ Support Meeting
♦ Soup & Sloppy Joe Luncheon
♦ Stewardship Sunday

October 26 16th Sunday After Pentecost
♦ Benevolence Sunday
♦ Reformation 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



Happy Birthday!

Oct. 6	Marcy Clark
Oct. 8	Jeff Bryant
Oct. 12	Vivian Manenti
Oct. 13	Ruth Capper

Happy Anniversary

Oct. 4	Glenn & Norma Johnson
Oct. 25	Kerry & Greg Schneider
Oct. 27	Bill & Donna Cooper





2025 Per Capita is \$33.00. Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.



DEACON NEWS! SAVE THE DATE!

The Deacons are starting the fall in a busy way. There will be World Communion served October 5, 2025 at Hubbard Church this year. Hope many will attend.

Deacons will be having the Soup and Sloppy Joe Lunch on **October 19, 2025** at Wickliffe after the church service. A free will offering will be encouraged to help with our Deacon missions. 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!

Please submit any needy family name who might need a food basket for Thanksgiving or Christmas. We will gladly help. Keep bringing in food items and paper products for the Deacon's cupboard. This really is a congregational effort to help people in need.

The Samaritan Purse Christmas Child Shoebox and instruction labels are on the table in the Narthex. Last year we packed 14 boxes for children. Let's try to increase our numbers this year. You can also do it online if that would be easier for anyone who doesn't want to shop. The last day to return the box will be November 12. Remember to include \$10.00 for shipping in each box.

Keep in mind we will be having the Head to Toe Tree for Protestant Family Service again this year in December. This is where a gift (unwrapped) can be purchased and labeled for any age person. And lastly there will be the Tree for hats, mittens, Gloves, scarves, and socks. These items collected will be given to the Fish Samaritan House to be distributed.

Wow, that is a lot of activities!! The holidays are the perfect time for giving to others. Thank you for your wonderful support. If we all do a little it will help a lot of people and share God's love.

Debby Fabian and the Deacons

DEACON'S SOUP AND SLOPPY JOE LUNCHEON



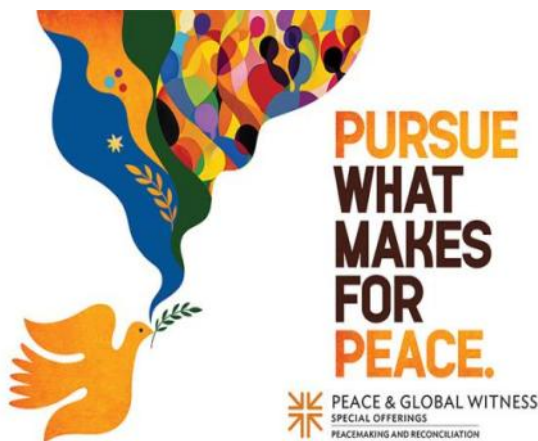
Sunday, October 19, 2025

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!



Dear Wonderful Wickliffe Members,

Thank you for your donation to our Peace and Global Witness! Two Super Heroes visited on Sunday the 21st and we learned that we are all Super Heroes when we support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Programs. These programs are assisting aide not only at home but in Gaza and the Ukraine!

You can send a donation to church or use the envelope when in church!

~ Donna Cooper

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church.

The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of Presbyterian Outlook:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied, "The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.





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

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, October 8, 2025
at 11:30 AM at Denny's.**

~Grace Brown

**The DISCOVERY GROUP meeting will
meet Tuesday, October 28, 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 \$113.00. Thank you for your support.

~ Tracy Martin

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 5:45 PM TOPS	3	4
5 11:00 AM Worship Service World Communion Sunday 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	6	7	8 11:30 AM Goodtimers at Denny's	9 5:45 PM TOPS	10	11
12 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	13	14	15	16 5:45 PM TOPS	17	18
19 10:00 AM Worship Service Support Mtg. Stewardship Sunday Soup & Sloppy Joe Luncheon 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	20	21	22	23 5:45 PM TOPS 6:30 PM Session	24	25
26 10:00 AM Worship Service   8:00 PM AA Mtg.	27 Newsletter Deadline	28 12:30 PM Discovery Group	29	30 5:45 PM TOPS	31 	