

What's Up Wickliffe!

NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Folks:



Where has the month of October gone? It seems like yesterday we were beginning the month and here we are at the end of it. Both churches will be packing boxes for Samaritan's Purse at the beginning of November. First Hubbard is having a Packing Party where everyone is invited to come and pack a box. Because there was mission money left, Session decided to buy the items and have everyone come and pack boxes or take a box and pack it on your own. There's more information in this Newsletter about the date and time. Wickliffe will take boxes, fill them up accordingly, and return them to the church. Two great ways in which to help others and especially children here in the United States and all over the world. I wanted to share this story with you about how a simple box impacted this little girl's life.

My mother could not provide for me and protect me at the same time. As a single mom in Cambodia, she worked hard and often had to leave me home alone. When I was 4 years old, her sister-in-law kidnapped me. I was terrified and cried so hard. Thankfully, a Christian couple soon found me and rescued me, returning me to my mother.

Shortly after, my absent father gambled away our house, leaving my mother and me homeless. I felt unlovable and I hated my father for the pain he caused. Unable to provide for both of us and feeling she had no other choice, my mother sent me to live with my uncle and his Christian family when I was 5 years old. My uncle became like a true father to me. He modeled Christian values and took care of me even though I felt like an outsider.

But it wasn't until I was 12 years old that a simple gift opened my heart to Jesus. Our church held a special outreach event with worship, games, and a gospel presentation. At the end, every child received an Operation Christ Child shoebox gift! This was my first gift ever! When I asked where the shoebox came from, I was told that it came from people who love God. I was amazed that someone from the other side of the world, who did not know me, cared enough to pack a gift just for me. It made me feel cherished, and it opened my heart to what God was teaching me.

God has used faithful people to rescue me through my life and point me to the true Savior I needed most. The Bible is clear that even if the very people who are supposed to care for me forget me, God never will: "*Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you" Isaiah 49:15.* There is nothing that can separate you or me from God's love.

After experiencing the Father's love for me, I learned to forgive those who hurt me, just as Christ forgives us. Forgiving other people who wrong or hurt us isn't easy. Sometimes it even seems impossible. But that's exactly what God did for us, and it's what He asks us to do for others *(Colossians 3:13*).

Even today, I find myself experiencing brokenness that required grace and forgiveness. When I feel overwhelmed and unable to grant mercy, I ask the Lord for the strength to forgive so that I can live freely and glorify him.

Receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift was a defining moment in Lydia Giedd's life. After receiving her shoebox gift in Cambodia, Lydia was trained to be a teacher for the follow-up discipleship program. "The Greatest Journey." Children whom she taught in the program also have become disciple-making teachers of the same program. Today Lydia shares about the impact of Operation Christ Child and "The Greatest Journey" through her devotional writings.

When you participate in Operation Christmas Child, you share God's love and gospel message with children around the world. Remember to pray for the child who will receive your packed box.

I will be out of the pulpit for 3 Sunday's beginning November 8th and back on November 29th, the beginning of Advent. I'll be on a cruise with my daughter-in-law and visiting all of the Hawaiian Island. I'll have photos and stories to share when I return.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!!

In His Service,

Pastor Marsha

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November Schedule

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November 1 **All Saints' Day**

November 8 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**
- **Veterans Day Service**

November 15 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
- **Support Meeting**

November 22 **26th Sunday after Pentecost**
- **Christ the King Sunday**
- **Communion-Intinction**
- **Hanging of the Greens**

November 29 **1st Sunday of Advent**
- **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





November 8	Bill Cooper
November 13	Sherry Yacucci
November 22	Bonnie Salo



November 10	Bill & Nancy O'Hara





2026 Per Capita is $35.00.

Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.

IN STEP WITH SESSION



Your Session met on Oct 20th with all Elders present.
We reviewed the rolls for Wickliffe. Donna made notations on who should receive letters.
We also elected Donna Cooper as the Commissioner to Presbytery for 2027.
The Deacons will serve communion on Nov 22nd by Intinction.
We will also have communion on Christmas Eve at 6:00 P.M.
Growth would like to have gathering events during the Winter.
More info to follow.
Pastor will be away on Nov 8th, 15th and 22nd. We will use pulpit supply.
The hanging of the greens will be held on Nov 22nd after Worship.
Tracy will be meeting with her Nominating Team soon.
Jamie reported that Jeff has been painting the railings and will be removing the bushes by ramp. Our snow plowing company has been hired.
Advent is the last Sunday of November and preparations are in the works. Janelle will be asking members to do the Advent readings.
We discussed Boundary Training. Those who work with Gracie should be certified. Donna, Jamie, Tracy and Janelle are certified and are to turn in copy of document so we can keep them on file in office.
The next Planning Meeting between Hubbard and Wickliffe will be held at Wickliffe on Nov 30th at 6:00 P.M.

Thank you to all the Elders for attending the meeting.
Blessings to you all.
Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session

Deacon Ministry

Thanks Wickliffe family and friends for generously supporting our Soup and Sloppy Joe Lunch on October 18, 2026. We collected a wonderful $230.00 to be used for Deacon missions. Thanks for the delicious donations of soup, sloppy joes, cookies and everything else to complete our yummy lunch. Kathy Kirchner made a darling apple and caramel sauce favor for all! Yes, we are small but mighty and love being together to share God's love.

Please finish up you Christmas Boxes for needy children to be done by November 8th. Remember to include $10 in an envelope in each box for shipping. We are supporting Protestant Family with our unwrapped gift again this year. These presents can be for any age—children to adults. The hat and mitten tree will be put up at the hanging of the greens soon! All of these items collected will go to Needles Eye at Christmas.

You may also bring in foods and paper products for the Baskets given to the needy at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter by the Deacons. Our food cupboard needs help. We have tons of canned veggies! Cereal, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, pasta are some needed suggestions. Thank you dear congregation for being a huge part of Deacon's mission work.

Blessing, Debby Fabian and the Deacons: Sherry, Bobbi Jo, Kathy, Carolyn, Cathy, Bev and Patti



TLCC THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

We come together once again to celebrate the thankfulness of the season. The love, joy and laughter of the holidays have begun in our T.L.C.C. children! They will be preparing soup to share with their families along with a program.

Friday, November 20, 2026

11:00 AM

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Miss Norma



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WILL BE HELD AT WICKLIFFE CHURCH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026 AFTER WORSHIP

"Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on my life. You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions. Thank you, Lord, for keeping me safe, helping me make better choices, and guiding me through life's difficult decisions. Amen."

— A Simple Prayer of Gratitude
via Xavier University



Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

THANK YOU! Thank you! For all your donations. Bill and I have gone every week with our Sunday donations in October!! Keep up the great Giving for November!

Blessings and thankfulness!
~ Donna Cooper, Growth









VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Dear Lord,

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, November 11 at 11:30 AM
at Denny's Restaurant, Mahoning Ave., Austintown.

DISCOVERY GROUP will meet
Tuesday, November 24 at 12:30 PM
here at the church.

~Grace Brown



Nominating Committee – A Call to Serve

It's that time of year again! We ask you to prayerfully consider serving our church in a leadership role. Serving is a wonderful way to share your gifts, support our congregation, and help guide the future of our church.

The following positions are available for consideration:

- Elder
- Deacon
- TLCC Board
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Financial Secretary
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- Clerk of Session

If you have questions about any of these positions or would like more information about the responsibilities involved, please feel free to contact me, **Tracy Martin, at 330-941-0130**, or reach out to any member of the Nominating Committee:

Beverly Bagoly, Janelle Truslow, Patti Cramer, or Bobbie Jo Smith

Please prayerfully consider how you might serve and help our church. Your willingness to share your time and talents is greatly appreciated!



Together we can make a difference… At our Support meeting we were informed that the Deacons are willing and able to clean the white chairs in the fellowship hall. This got me to thinking about other areas of our church and the willingness of our members to step up and give our custodian, Nathan, a helping hand. Nathan can't clean every nook and cranny of our building. He can only accomplish the basics.

So….. If anyone in our congregation, either as a group or individually, would like to clean a certain area of our church facility, either inside or out, please see Jamie, our Service Team Chair. The area of choice would be your responsibility and you would do this as an ongoing project out of the goodness of your hearts.

Please remember that you should make sure Jamie is aware of your decision to take on any area…

"Let's make our Church sparkle."

Blessings to all,
Nancy O'Hara-Support Chair and Clerk of Session



Coins for Church

We are continuing to collect coins (and paper bills, too)! These donations help cover the cost of church maintenance and repairs. Every little bit adds up, and every contribution is appreciated!

Take a moment to clean out your purses, cars, and coin jars. Your spare change can make a big difference in caring for our church. The coin jar is in the Narthex prior to church service. Thank you for your continued generosity!

~ Tracy Martin