



What's Up Wickliffe!

JULY 2026

Dear Folks of Wickliffe Presbyterian Church:



In a couple of days, we will flip over the calendar to the month of July. Half of 2026 is over, summer officially has begun, and I've been your pastor for 6 months. What a blessing you have been to me, and I look forward to see what God is up to in the coming months.

In only a little over a week many will be celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our country and there will be a variety of ways to celebrate. Some of you may travel to see family, or they may travel here. We celebrate this holiday because of what happened in 1776, when 13 colonies and 56 representatives met with Congress and declared that no longer was America adjoined to Mother Europe, and no longer did we need to answer to her. Thus the Declaration of Independence was drafted; the documents from which the Bill of Rights and the Constitution was taken.

The second sentence of the Declaration of Independence says: we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable (unchangeable) Rights that among these Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. 250 years later we still enjoy the freedom that the Declaration of Independence created for us.

Let's look at this from a Christian perspective. We live in the greatest country in the world, the richest, the finest and the most blessed. But many of us do not enjoy Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Life: Did you know that some people do not enjoy living? In the US, the Centers for Disease Control reports that more people die from suicide than from homicide. Overall, suicide is a leading cause of death for all Americans and annually many attempts are made with too many completions. Why is this? Could it be that their life is so full of violence, and hatred? Have you ever stopped to wonder how many people live on the edge of insanity, while bullets fly over their heads? Some people live in neighborhoods in America where they can't leave their home after a

certain time. Could it be that people's lives are so filled with drama caused by alcohol and drugs that people don't know how to live life?

Jesus says, in John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. That thief is the devil. He has set up all these thing drugs, alcohol, worry, heartache, anger, pornography, pain, stress, and depression, to steal YOUR LIFE! In our forefathers eyes, the right to a peaceful life was very important, and so with Jesus.

Liberty: Liberty is Freedom. We live in a free enterprise system, a free market, and we give free will offerings. Imagine being made to go to a certain kind of church and then being made to give money to that church. That religious persecution and bondage used to be part of our forefathers lives. Now, we all enjoy this freedom, but we all are not free. In Galatians 5:1, "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of Slavery. Paul says, after you have become free, stand fast in that freedom where Christ has set you free. When we are set free from the yoke of bondage, somehow when we continue to sin, we are back in chains. Jesus is the only one who can break the chains of sin and death.

The Pursuit of Happiness: In the Bible we find several passages about Happiness. In Psalms 144:15 "Happy is that people, that is in such a case, happy is that people whose God is the Lord." Proverbs 14:21 and 16:20 speak about happiness.

It is obvious, to pursue happiness is to pursue God! Help us all to do so, each day of our lives. See you in worship!

In His Service, Pastor Marsha

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JULY SCHEDULE

- July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost
♦ Benevolence Sunday



Happy Birthday!

- July 1 Bill O'Hara
- July 13 Nancy O'Hara
- July 16 Melania Duritza
- July 29 Gail Wayne

Happy Anniversary

- July 22 Clete & Patricia Morningstar
- July 27 Bill & Sandie Wayland



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



Wickliffe Presbyterian Church Picnic

August 23, 2026 at our church!
Worship service will be held outdoors, weather permitting!
**THAT IS NOT A JOKE!
IT IS A PRAYER!!**

Donna Cooper, Growth Committee
Jamie Bryant, Debby Fabian and Cathy Murray

2026 Per Capita is \$35.00.

Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.



Needle's Eye Service



Since there is a new director and I have not talked with her yet, a date for our Fourth Annual Service is on hold for awhile, sorry to say! As soon as I am able to meet with Mrs. Tate, a 'Save The Date' will follow!

~ Donna Cooper

Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Wow! You wonderful Wickliffe People! Thank you for filling our basket several times! You all keep blessing our mission! Prayerful thanks!

~ 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, please see Tracy Martin.

~ Tracy Martin

Guideposts Secrets of Up-Side Living



FAITH

1. "Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at His word and taking the next step." - *Joni Eareckson Tada, author and speaker*
2. "Stop talking to God about how big your mountains are, and start talking to your mountains about how big your God is!" - *Joel Osteen, from Your Best Life Now*
3. "Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right." - *Max Lucado, from his book, He Still Moves Stones*
4. "God always answers prayers. Sometimes it's 'yes.' Sometimes the answer is 'no.' Sometimes it's 'you gotta be kidding'." - *Jimmy Carter, former U.S. president*
5. "Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death." - *Debbie Macomber, from her book, Mrs. Miracle*
6. "Our faith is what connects our weakness to God's power." - *Wanda McDaniel, Guideposts reader*
7. "The significance and joy in my science comes in the occasional moments of discovering something new and saying to myself, 'So that's how God did it!'" - *Henry "Fritz" Schaefer III, author and chemist*
8. "I had the choice to either grow up and find God in the situation or become bitter. I chose to find God. And I experienced freedom like I never knew before." - *Heather Mercer, aid worker imprisoned by the Taliban*
9. "You can see God's signature everywhere around you once you learn to recognize His handwriting." - *Carol Harrington Brock, Guideposts reader*
10. "Faith that does not translate into actions is no faith at all." - *The Dalai Lama*
11. "Deep faith is paranoia turned inside out...It allows us to trust ourselves even if we and they have proven untrustworthy in the past." - *Thomas Moore, author*
12. "Prayer: The world's greatest wireless connection." - *Via @JesusGraces on Twitter*

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church RUMMAGE SALE is back!!

Friday, July 10 ~ 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Saturday, July 11 ~ 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

(Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 PM, fill a bag for \$3.00)

Household Items—Clothing—Misc.—Holiday Decorations—Books and More
Bake Sale and Hot Dogs/Chips/Water

ALL INSIDE

The last day we will accept donations is Sunday, June 28.
Contact Sherrie Wolfe at 330-406-8351 or Ruth Capper at 330-509-2205.

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Our deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of **Janet Ellen Merryman**, who passed away May 29, 2026 at the age of 78. Janet was a long

time member of Wickliffe Church and will be dearly missed.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 20 here at Wickliffe Church.

May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN...

- ◆ A member of your family or a friend in the church, is admitted to the hospital,
- ◆ Your telephone number, address or e-mail address is changed (so that our records can be updated),
- ◆ A baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member,
- ◆ A member of your family leaves home for college, the military or to establish a new residence,
- ◆ You feel the church can assist you or another member in any way.

Thank you!

**GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, July 8 at 11:30 AM
at Denny's Restaurant, Mahoning Ave.,
Austintown.
~Grace Brown**

**The DISCOVERY GROUP
is suspended during the summer months.
~Grace Brown**

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 9:30 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	6	7	8 11:30 AM Goodtimers	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 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	20	21	22	23 5:45 PM TOPS	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	27 Newsletter Deadline	28	29	30 5:45 PM TOPS	31	