



# What's Up Wickliffe!

MAY 2025

## Out of the Mouths Of...

Ladies and Gentlemen,

There's a saying we've heard time and time again — "Out of the mouths of babes." It comes straight from [Psalm 8:2](#): *"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger."*

What does this mean for us today?

It means that God speaks — not only through the wise, the mighty, the educated — but through the unexpected. Through children. Through the humble. Through the broken. Through you... and through me.

You see, we often disqualify ourselves from being used by God. We say we're too young, too old, too inexperienced, too messed up. But God has a history of using the least likely voices to proclaim His greatest truths.

Out of the mouths of stutterers like Moses, nations were led.

Out of the mouths of shepherd boys like David, giants fell.

Out of the mouths of fishermen like Peter, the gospel spread like wildfire.

And still today, out of the mouths of ordinary people like us, God is calling His church to rise up, speak up, and build up.

The world doesn't need louder opinions. It needs the truth spoken in love.

It doesn't need more division. It needs unity in the name of Jesus.

It doesn't need empty noise. It needs the voice of God echoing through His people.

So I ask you today — what is coming out of your mouth?

Are you speaking life or death? Faith or fear? Encouragement or criticism?

Because [Proverbs 18:21](#) reminds us: "Death

*and life are in the power of the tongue."*

We are living in a time when silence can be just as dangerous as speaking wrongly. But the Spirit of God gives us discernment, courage, and wisdom to say what needs to be said — in love, with grace, and for His glory.

So let the voice of heaven be heard...

Out of the mouths of the young and old,

Out of the mouths of the bold and broken,

Out of the mouths of a generation hungry for something real.

Let us proclaim the goodness of God. Let us declare His mercy endures forever. Let us speak His promises over our families, our communities, and ourselves.

Because when God puts a word in your heart, it's not meant to stay there. It's meant to be spoken.

So speak — child of God. Speak boldly. Speak faithfully.

Let the world hear the truth...

Out of your mouth.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Frank P. Martinez Jr, FaithWriters.com

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## MAY SCHEDULE

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- May 4**            **3rd Sunday of Easter**
- May 11**          **4th Sunday of Easter**  
♦ **Mother's Day**
- May 18**          **5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Deacon's Ice Cream Social**  
♦ **Support Meeting**
- May 25**          **6th Sunday of Easter**  
♦ **Benevolence Sunday**



### Happy Birthday!

May 11 Kevin Yacucci  
May 22 Nancy Witt  
May 25 Kathleen Kirchner

#### 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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Director, Norma Johnson



**2025 Per Capita increased to \$33.00. Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.**



## IN STEP WITH SESSION

*Time has gotten away from me with the change of time for our Session meeting. I figured I'd have plenty of time and here I am writing this at the last minute.*

*We met on April 10<sup>th</sup> with 7 of our Elders in attendance. We were honored to have our Liaison to the Committee on Ministry, Rev Payne Warner. Payne is the pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown and resides in Campbell. He will make himself available if we have concerns or questions.*

*Thank You Rev Amber for moderating our Session.*

*I will be updating our Benevolence Policy to be presented to Session in May. An article I read from Mercy Health pertaining to an invite in May for a Breakfast meeting is in the Narthex. Our Financials are looking good and we thank our Congregation for your support. We will not have the Renewal Trio for our upcoming picnic. Our Temporary Pastor, Rev Rob Joy, will present his sermon. We spoke on having other choirs and/or musical groups to perform @ Wickliffe.*

*The Growth committee is organizing a Movie Night with TLCC invited along with anyone interested in joining. It will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Details to follow.*

*As I mentioned above, we are going to have Rev Rob Joy as our temporary pastor starting on Mother's Day. His duties will be decided soon. Thank you, Rev Joy for offering to lead us. Please watch for his bio in the upcoming Newsletter or Bulletin.*

*Other concerns were reported by Jeff. The roof over the sanctuary is in poor condition. Jeff is looking into estimates for its repair. Jeff replaced 52 outdated switches through-out our building.*

*We also, as a Session, made a decision to rent our hall on Saturdays only at the cost of \$300. This is opened to non-members. Another way to help our Church financially. I will write an addendum to our Hall rental policy.*

*This is a quick overview of our discussions during the meeting. Please let us know if you have any concerns. We have one more meeting in May before our Summer break. Blessings to all, Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session.*



As you drive past the church on Mahoning Avenue, be sure to view our outside sign. It's been updated and each slide is beautiful!

Many thanks to our own **Ricky Witt** for working with the sign company to learn the new format. Our sign is now a thing of beauty!





### Mother's Beatitudes

**Blessed is** the mother who understands her child, for she shall inherit a kingdom of memories.

**Blessed is** the mother who knows how to comfort, for she shall possess a child's devotion.

**Blessed is** the mother who did without for her child, for she will be rewarded.

**Blessed is** the mother who guides by the path of righteousness, for she shall be proud of her offspring.

**Blessed is** the mother who lost sleep when her children were sick, for she will find rest.

**Blessed is** the mother who emphasizes the good and minimizes the bad, for in like manner the child himself shall make evaluations.

**Blessed is** the mother who taught us right from wrong, for she will know justice.

**Blessed is** the mother who treats her child as she would be treated, for her home shall be filled with happiness.

**Blessed is** the mother who taught her child to pray, for she will share God's kingdom.

**Blessed is** the mother who simply answers the startling questions, for she shall always be trusted.

**Blessed is** the mother who has character strong enough to withstand the thoughtless remarks and resentments of the growing child, for, in that time, she shall be honored.



### COINS FOR CHURCH!

**Do you have coins laying around? Is your purse getting heavy with coins? If so, please consider donating them to our Coin Drive for Capital Improvements for our church. A container for your coins will be in the Narthex each Sunday morning. If you have questions, please see Tracy Martin.**

### T.L.C.C. NEWS AND EVENTS

Children singing, poems being recited, hugs, kisses and smiles all around!

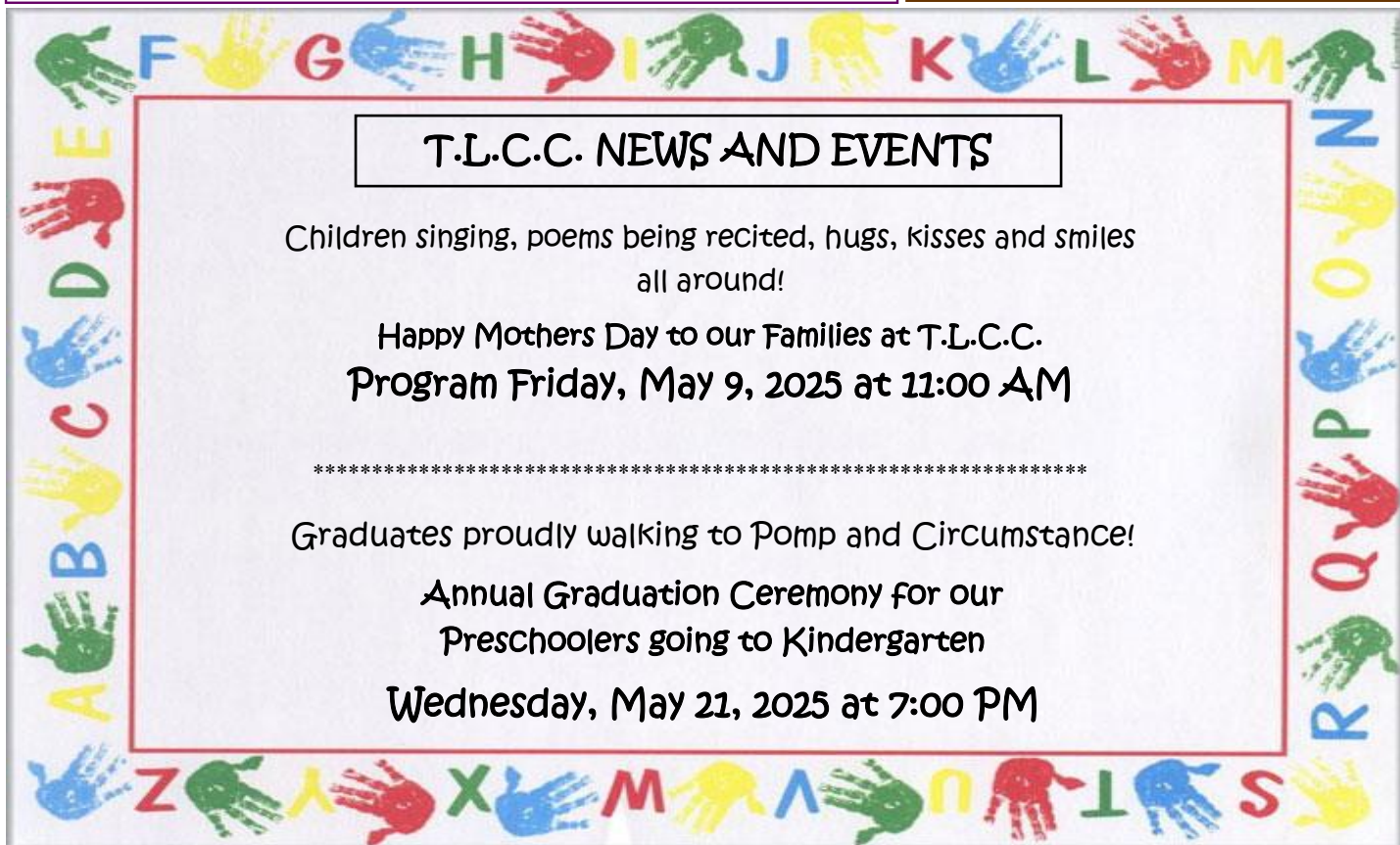
**Happy Mothers Day to our Families at T.L.C.C.  
Program Friday, May 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM**

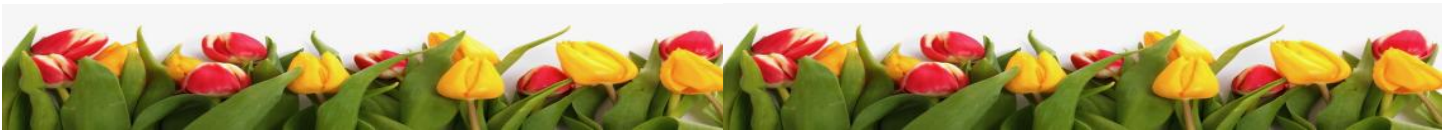
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Graduates proudly walking to Pomp and Circumstance!

**Annual Graduation Ceremony for our  
Preschoolers going to Kindergarten**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM**





## DEACONS ICE CREAM SOCIAL

May 18, 2025



### Ice Cream Social

The Deacons will hold their annual Ice Cream Social on May 18, 2025 immediately following worship. A free will offering will be taken to help support the Deacon missions. We will serve hotdogs, baked beans, pickles, potato chips, potato salad, ice cream with all the toppings, and cookies that will be donated from our wonderful women of Wickliffe!

Please come with an appetite and join us in fellowship and fun. Hope to see you on May 18. Please support the Deacons!

Happy Spring!

### WICKLIFFE CHURCH

#### ANNUAL PICNIC

#### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, August 10, 2025 at the  
Austintown Senior Center on  
Westchester Drive.



PLEASE plan to STAY after lunch for games and activities!!



**SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025  
SPRUCING UP HOSPICE  
CARE CENTER IN AKRON  
BY PRESBYTERY  
MISSION PROJECT!!!!**

As older adults, most of  
us can't help out this time! But we  
can pray for the success of the  
mission project!!!!!!!

### Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

You all who donated last month are  
**SOUPER!**

Let's donate cans of soup, peanut butter,  
and/or beans for May!

Thank you! *Donna Cooper*



**GOODTIMERS will meet Wednesday,  
May 14, 2025 at 11:30 AM  
at Denny's.**

~Grace Brown

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

~Grace Brown



**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED  
MAY FRIENDSHIP SERVICE DAY  
FEAST OF SALADS  
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025  
SAVE THE DATE!!**

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
**305 Wick Ave.**  
**Youngstown, Ohio 44503**

REGISTRATION 10:00 am  
MAY FRIENDSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am  
LUNCHEON 11:30 am

Donation \$5.00 with a Salad; \$10 without

***Registration Form Due: Saturday, April 19, 2025***

MAIL TO: Donna Cooper 1003 Collins Ave. Austintown, OH 44515

Phone: 330-799-0190 or 330-651-3253

***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHURCH WOMEN UNITED***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS: ENTER PARKING LOT IN BACK OF LIBRARY FROM RAYEN AVE.  
SIDEWALK LEADS FROM PARKING LOT TO ENTRANCE. EVENT ROOM IS TO THE RIGHT AFTER ENTERING  
THE LOBBY.



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Deacons Mtg.</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>TLCC</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>Tea</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Women</b> <b>United Event</b>
<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Welcome</b>   <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>TLCC</b> <b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>11:30 AM</b> <b>Goodtimers at</b> <b>Denny's</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Support Mtg.</b>  <b>Deacons' Ice</b> <b>Cream Social</b>  <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>TLCC</b> <b>Preschool</b> <b>Graduation</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Session Mtg.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>   <b>8:00 PM</b> <b>AA Mtg.</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b> 	<b>27</b>  <b>12:30 PM</b> <b>Discovery Group</b> <b>at WPC</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>    <b>MOVIE</b> <b>NIGHT</b>