

Happy 4th of July!

What's Up Wickliffe!

JULY 2024

WHEN TIME IS PART OF GOD'S PLAN

Imagine Moses as a young man, looking out of Pharaoh's palace windows at the Hebrew slaves below, working extremely hard from dawn to dusk every day. I think Moses felt quite privileged and special, for he too deserved to be a lowly slave without any recognition or hope for a better life. As a matter of fact, by the Pharaoh's orders, he was supposed to be drowned immediately when he was born.

But he had a different lot in life, and by a strange sequence of events was rescued and adopted by the Pharaoh's own daughter and received the title of prince. A true Hebrew like the rest of the captives in Egypt, he somehow escaped the terrible death he was supposed to die as an infant, and beyond that, escaped the enslaved existence the survivors were forced to live.

He knew it was for a purpose, and he knew the purpose too. God had saved him because he was to be the deliverer of the nation of Israel. He was to be the mighty rescuer and hero.

I think as he grew into adulthood and watched his Hebrew kinsmen in their terrible enslavement, he had sympathy for them and often dreamed of the day when he would deliver every one of them in a splendid display of power and triumph.

Perhaps he saw his prestige as an adopted prince of Egypt, and thought because of that he would be able to rescue his kinspeople.

The day finally came when he was grown up - forty years old, as a matter of fact - and strolling through the land thinking of his purpose and mission. When would the right time come? How was he supposed to do it?

Then, right before his eyes, a cruel Egyptian slavedriver beat an innocent Hebrew man and laughed. Rage boiled up inside of Moses and suddenly the moment of revenge had begun. He killed the Egyptian and hid the body, wondering what was he supposed to do next. When Pharaoh heard of the news, he would not be happy. Moses had to act quickly if he wanted his plan of rescuing the Hebrews to succeed.

But alas, no one was on his side. His own Hebrew kinsmen laughed at him and threatened to tell the Egyptians of the murder. Realizing that his own life was now at stake, Moses fled the castle and became an outcast.

I wonder how it felt when he realized that his plan had gone terribly wrong, and his lifelong purpose was lost. Instead of the prince he once was, he now was a poor shepherd with no chance of saving the Hebrew nation.

But God still had a purpose for Moses. Moses was just not yet ready, and his character was still missing the effect of one great influence: time.

For Moses to become the true deliverer of the nation of Israel, he still required forty more quiet humble years working as an unknown shepherd and staying low profile so no one would find out about the crime he committed when he first thought he had begun the rescue of the Hebrews. Who would have thought? Not Moses, certainly.

The day finally came when God called Moses with unmistakable clarity. And Moses was not the pompous, well-known prince he once was; he was a meek shepherd whose heart was finally ready for God to begin working wondrous miracles the like of which the world had not yet seen. For God's power to be shown in Moses, Moses had to be ready and seasoned.

There are so many lessons I want to apply to my own life when I think of Moses and his preparation to serve God. For one, our timing is not God's timing, and we often don't realize that part of God's plan for us includes waiting seasons and sometimes lots of time. Through waiting, God wants us to learn patience, humbleness, trust, and faith. These are priceless character traits we must have if we wish to serve God with all our hearts. The other thought I want to leave with you is that God's power is shown through our weakness. Sometimes we don't realize that the hardships we go through are necessary for us to understand how weak and helpless we are, and how much we need God.

God couldn't use Moses when Moses thought he was ready - it was forty years later when he was ready to do the great things God had in store for him.

So trust the plan God has for you, and embrace the waiting seasons... God is preparing you!

Anna Osipov, Faithwriters.com

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JULY SCHEDULE

- July 7 7th Sunday After Pentecost
♦ Service at Needle's Eye
- July 14 8th Sunday After Pentecost
- July 21 9th Sunday After Pentecost
- July 28 10th Sunday After Pentecost
* 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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Happy Birthday!

- July 1 Bill O'Hara
July 10 Janet Walston
July 13 Nancy O'Hara
July 16 Melanie Duritza
July 29 Gail Wayne

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



2024 Per Capita remains \$32.50. Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.

SPECIAL GIFTS

Eight gifts that do not cost a cent:

1) THE GIFT OF LISTENING...

But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

2) THE GIFT OF AFFECTION...

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

3) THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER...

Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

4) THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE...

It can be a simple "Thanks for your help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

5) THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT...

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," "You did a super job," or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

6) THE GIFT OF A FAVOR...

Everyday, go out of your way to do something kind.

7) THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE...

There are times when we want nothing more than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

8) THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION...

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really, it's not that hard to say, hello or thank you. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us.

Submitted by Nancy O'Hara

BEST POEM IN THE WORLD

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp—
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh
grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,
somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said,
'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT!!

Remember...Just going to church
doesn't make you a Christian any
more than standing in your garage
makes you a car.

**Every saint has a PAST...Every sinner
has a FUTURE!**

*Reprinted—originally submitted
by Nancy Truslow*

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**A REQUEST FROM
JEFF BRYANT, CHAIRMAN
WPC SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**If you need to enter the church,
please don't do so after dark.**

This is for your safety!

**If you need to do so, contact
Jeff at 330-402-4498 and he will
meet you there.**

Thank you!

Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Thank you, thank you for the June donations! Please remember if you haven't donated lately, there is always a new month to begin! Jars of peanut butter, cans of soup or beans are always welcome!

Thank you! ~ Donna Cooper



**GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, July 3rd at 11:30 AM
at Denny's on Mahoning Ave.**

~Grace Brown

**PLEASE NOTE: Sunday school is suspended for June, July and August.
We will start up again in September. ~ Grace Brown**



SUNDAY

August 11, 2024

Austintown Township Park

Stacey Pavilion

**Worship will be held at
the park**





The Rescue Mission Tour

On June 9, Chrystal Echman, Mission Ambassador for The Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley, joined about 12 of us for brunch in the Library before setting off for a tour of The Rescue Mission. What a wonderful facility for actually rescuing many, many people including families who have no person or place to help them!

Every room, bedroom, chapel, kitchen, activity rooms are thought out so well for the people and children who use them! The use of space is amazing with security uppermost. Entering the welcoming lobby, the first thing noticed is a window in the floor that holds an open Bible showing significant scripture for that area. This is repeated in many rooms. All through The Mission, art work with religious themes of comfort and encouragement are spotlighted.

All the Mission's programs are directed for self-development, responsibility, and faith. Besides Bible lessons each day in the chapel, there are also classes in budgeting, and computers for individuals to research jobs and how to apply for jobs.

The Rescue Mission is truly a gem of our valley and there are ways to volunteer which possibly Wickliffe will find a way to help out! The Mission was built and runs on donations with NO government funding!

Please keep The Rescue Mission in your daily prayers! ~ Donna Cooper

THIRD ANNUAL NEEDLE'S EYE SERVICE JULY 7, 2024

Please join us for our Third Annual Summer Sunday Service on July 7!

A yummy luncheon follows after the 10:00 AM service with Needle's Eye providing the speaker. Come along with us and meet these delightful people who work so hard day after day to follow Christ's command to love one another and help others!

Bill and I will be in the church parking lot at 9:15 AM if anyone wants a ride or to follow us to the Needle's Eye on Kenmore and Oak Hill. If arriving on your own, please plan to be at The Needle's Eye at 9:30 AM.

If you wish, please bring a jar of peanut butter, beans, or soup to add to The Needle's Eye pantry which will be a nice surprise for them. Also, a Free Will donation will be taken up by Nancy O'Hara to give after eating.

See you there on Sunday, July 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM!
Donna Cooper

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 11:30 AM Goodtimers Denny's 4927 Mahoning Ave.	4 	5	6
7 10:00 AM Worship Service at Needle's Eye 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	8	9	10	11 5:45 PM Tops	12	13
14 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	15	16	17	18 5:45 PM Tops	19	20
21 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25 5:45 PM Tops	26	27
28 10:00 AM Worship Service Benevolence 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	29	30	31			