



What's Up Wickliffe!

NOVEMBER 2024

PEACEMAKERS

Dave sighed as he entered the last bit of info into the spreadsheet and closed out his computer. It had been a busy week for conducting funerals, and he was looking forward to a quiet evening. Pushing back his chair to get up, he heard the doorbell ring.

"What can I do for you?" Dave inquired as he tried to recall if he knew the tired-looking gentleman standing before him.

"I want to make arrangements for my funeral. My wife died several years ago, and I'm not getting any younger."

"Certainly." Dave led the man to his office and offered him a chair. "You are...?"

"Will. Will Talbot."

As he gathered information for Will's file, Dave came to the question, "Do you have children?"

Dave straightened things on his desk as the elderly man struggled to answer. "I have a daughter, but we didn't get along very well after she got in high school. She moved out as soon as she graduated. I haven't heard from Mary Sue since her mother died. I don't even know where she is."

Dave thought of his own daughters, and his heart ached for Will. "Would you like for me to try to find her?"

Dave was moved by the tears forming in Will's eyes. "If you think you can, I would like to see her once more before I die. I hope she's happy."

With the help of the internet and a couple of phone calls, Dave was able to locate Mary Sue. She had moved just across the state line. And, yes, she was willing to make contact with her Dad.

A couple weeks later, Dave answered the doorbell

again. This time he was greeted by Will, looking ten years younger, clutching something in his hand.

Dave stepped aside for Will to come in, then grinned as Will excitedly shared, "I don't know how you did it, but Mary Sue called. She is married and has two children. She sent me some pictures." Dave had never seen a prouder grandpa. "And, she invited me to come to her house for Thanksgiving Dinner!"

Time passed, the snow melted, and the tulips and daffodils were in full bloom. Dave had been gazing out the office window when he saw a car pull into the parking lot. He couldn't help but smile when he saw Will's happy countenance. "You probably won't get my funeral after all," Will offered. "A small apartment is available on Mary Sue's street, and she wants me to move there. I just want to thank you again for finding her."

Dave usually felt down and disappointed when he lost a funeral. But as he watched Will get in his car and drive out of the parking lot, he felt joy and an indescribable sense of peace, thankful that he had had a part in restoring a broken relationship. Based on a true story.

Faithwriters ~ Marlene Custer

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 3 24th Sunday After Pentecost

**November 10 25th Sunday After Pentecost
♦ Support Meeting**

November 17 26th Sunday After Pentecost

**November 24 27th Sunday After Pentecost
♦ Christ the King Sunday
♦ Hanging of the Greens**

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!

November 8 Bill Cooper

November 13 Sherry Yacucci

November 22 Bonnie Salo

Happy Anniversary

Nov. 10 Bill & Nancy O'Hara





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



IN STEP WITH SESSION

We met on Tuesday, the 22nd, and all our Elders were present. It's a blessing to have a dedicated Team as we move forward into the Holiday Seasons.
Thank you Rev. Meta Cramer for moderating.

I want to take the time to thank our members for their support in the events that occurred during this season: The Deacons Soup & Sloppy Joe Luncheon, the collection of Samaritan boxes that we've received so far and also the receiving of your pledges in support of our Church. It is not too late to fill out your pledge card. Jamie is working on the budget and needs your offering to balance the bottom line. It was mentioned at Session that we, your leadership, need to ask for any additional funds you feel you can afford. We know times are hard and completely understand if you're not able to increase your pledge but an occasional increase would help to take care of not only our bills but also our repairs. Thank you in advance.

Just to mention a few events coming up in the next month or so....**Hanging of the Greens** after Worship will be held on Nov 24th, the **Renewal Trio Concert** will be held on Dec 22nd @ 6 P.M., a **Combined Service** on Dec 1st @ Wickliffe to include our Hubbard family. We will be receiving two members at that Service (**Cathy and Jerry Murray**) and our **Christmas Eve Service** will be held at Hubbard at 4 P.M.

Tracy Martin will be working on filling the vacated positions for Elders, Deacons and TLCC Board. If you feel called to serve, please talk to Tracy or anyone of the Elders. **Grace Brown** is looking for anyone willing to teach our Youth on Sunday morning. Please see her if you can fill in. We also need some new blood for Lay leaders. The sign-up sheet is on the large Narthex bulletin board. A sign-up sheet for coffee hour refreshments is on the table in Narthex.

As we move forward, please let your leadership know if you have any concerns. If you have a concern with our custodian, Nathan, place a note on the clipboard on the Janitors Closet. Protocol is important. Blessings to all. Try and reach out to members who haven't attended church for a while. We want them to know we miss them and care deeply.

Loving Wishes to All...Nancy O'Hara, Your Clerk of Session



- ▶ Set Your Clocks Back an Hour.
- ▶ Check Smoke Detector Batteries.



Dear Wonderful Women of Wickliffe!
Save the date:

Saturday, November 9 for the **Church Women United** service at Western Reserve United Methodist Church! This is our annual service to celebrate Human Rights/World Community Day! The registration form is on page 6 in this newsletter with dates and time!

Let us start off this fall season in celebration of continuing God's good work!

~ Donna Cooper



IMPORTANT DEACON REMINDERS!

This is the busiest time to help others through your generous donations.

1. **Christmas Boxes due by November 10.** Include \$10.00 for shipping.
2. Groceries for Deacon cupboard are needed so we can pack **Needy Family Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets**. Turn in any needy family name to a Deacon.
3. **Protestant Family Gifts are due by December 1st.** Please **DON'T WRAP**. Place them under the Giving Tree in the Narthex in November. Toy suggestions: Legos, Board Games, Arts and Craft sets, Hello Kitty, CoComelon, etc.
Also \$25.00 gift cards from grocery or department stores are welcome.
4. Please collect new Hats, Mittens, Gloves, Scarves, and Socks for the Hat and Mitten Tree by the church entrance in November. These will be given to **Needle's Eye**.

All of these projects are not possible without your generous help. Let's all try to make someone's Christmas a little brighter this year.

In Christian Love and Service,
The Deacons of Wickliffe



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.



NOMINATIONS

Would you like to nominate someone or yourself for a position of Elder, Deacon or to be on the Board of TLCC Day Care?

If so (or if you have any questions as to what your duties would be), please contact Bev Bagoly.

**You can also contact Janelle Truslow,
Patti Cramer or Tracy Martin.**

Thank you for your consideration!!!

~ *Tracy Martin*



Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Once again, it is time to donate soup, beans, peanut butter! Please fill up the basket by the Fellowship Hall Door! Bill and I will be taking the food to Needle's Eye at the end of November.

Thank you! ~ Donna Cooper



**GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, November 13 at
11:30 AM at Denny's on Mahoning Ave.**

~Grace Brown

**The DISCOVERY GROUP will meet
Tuesday, November 19 at 12:30 PM
here at Wickliffe Church.**

~ Grace Brown

What if you woke up

TODAY

with only what you

thanked God for

YESTERDAY?

~ Submitted by Donna Cooper

**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!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
Announcing
HUMAN RIGHTS/WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, November 9, 2024

**Western Reserve United Methodist Church
4580 Canfield Road (Rt. 62)
Canfield, Ohio 44406**



Registration: 10:00 AM Service: 10:30 AM Luncheon Following

Box Lunches from A La Cart Catering

Please Choose:

Croissant Sandwiches: Chicken Salad _____ OR Turkey & Cheese _____

Donation \$15.00 for Programs and Box Lunches

REGISTRATION FORM DUE: Monday, October 28, 2024

Mail to: Ms. Harriet McElvoy, 4495 Woodridge Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44515

Phone: 330-550-1297

Make checks payable to: Church Women United

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

CHURCH _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP \$10.00 _____

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  ALL SAINTS' DAY	2
3 10:00 AM Worship Service Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	4	5	6	7 5:45 PM Tops	8	9
10 10:00 AM Worship Service Veterans Day Service Support Mtg. 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	11  VETERANS DAY 6:00 PM TLCC Board Meeting	12 6:00 PM Presbytery Gathering Via Zoom	13 11:30 AM Goodtimers Denny's 4927 Mahoning Ave.	14 5:45 PM Tops	15	16
17 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	18	19 12:30 PM Discovery Group-WPC 6:00 PM Session Mtg.	20	21 5:45 PM Tops	22	23
24 10:00 AM Worship Service  Hanging of the Greens 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28  Happy Thanksgiving	29	30