

What's Up Wickliffe!

FEBRUARY 2026

MEET REVEREND MARSHA PARRISH!



Dear Folks of Wickliffe Presbyterian Church and Hubbard Church:

First and foremost, thank YOU for the opportunity to be your pastor officially on January 5, 2026, when A Covenant Agreement was

signed between myself and this new partnership. In order for us to get to know each other, I was asked to write this article for your churches' next publications of The Quiver and What's Up Wickliffe.

I grew up near the small town of Troutville, southeast of DuBois, PA on an 80 farm. I graduated from DuBois Area School System and attended Troutville U. C. C. I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior while attending a State Sunday School Convention around the age of 13. I sang in the church choir and played piano for Vacation Bible School. I was a member of the Youth Fellowship and the pastor and I would have many conversations about life in general. I preached my first sermon on Youth Sunday and based it on the analogy of a football game. Looking back, I knew God has His hand on my life, but sometimes we just don't realize what He has in store for us.

I married and had two children. My son Ryan is married to Kim and we live together. Kristen is married to Jason and they live outside of Edinboro, PA. My former husband was transferred to Mercer Co, and we moved to the West Middlesex area over 40 years ago. My third child, Katelyn was born here and currently lives on the family farm. I have three adult grandsons, a cute great grandson Fox, and a precious 4 year old granddaughter Clara Mae. Being a grandparent is wonderful, as you all know.

When I moved to Mercer Co. I attended Unity Presbyterian Church. I was ordained an Elder, sang in the choir, and helped with VBS, and went on quite a few mission trips. I had found a home in the Presbyterian Church. I was moderator of Presbyterian Women at Unity and went on to become Moderator of the Presbyterian Women in Shenango Presbytery. I attended many national meetings and organized bus trips to get to those

meetings in Ames, Iowa and then Louisville, KY. Again, God was preparing me for ministry.

On a cold winter day, our interim Tent Pastor came for a visit on insurance business and asked me, "Have you ever thought about going into the ministry?" Those simple words changed my life. I was touched by the Holy Spirit and began a discernment process of how I was to approach this new calling. I enrolled in Westminster College in their Adult Learning Program. Two of the four years I also participated in the Lay Commissioned Pastor classes held at Westminster. During this time, my husband of 22 years left the household and we divorced.

I graduated from Westminster College and began my ministry at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Lawrence County and was there 15 ½ years. Part of that time I also pastored Mt. Hermon Presbyterian Church. These were both small rural congregations. They were willing to support a new pastor and we shared ministry together for many years. Oak Grove decided they wanted to go another route and dropped out of the shared partnership. The Holy Spirit touched my life again and told me I was to go to seminary as well as being called into Chaplain Ministry. I was the Chaplain at UPMC Jameson along with Family Hospice for ten years and continued to pastor Mt. Hermon Presbyterian Church. During this time I graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with a Master's of Divinity Degree.

God called me to Stoneboro Presbyterian Church where I ministered until I had a restless Spirit. This small congregation supported me through the end of the Ordination process. I began the discernment process of where God wanted me to be. Through all the phone calls, emails, etc. I have accepted the call to be here at Hubbard and Wickliffe Presbyterian Churches. To God be the Glory for what He has done in my life and to new chapters of ministry.

~ Pastor Marsha

Check Out What's Inside

Page 2	February Schedule Birthdays/Anniversaries
Page 3	Per Capita; In Step with Session; Ash Wednesday Service
Page 4	Loss of a Friend; Needle's Eye; Church Flowers
Page 5	Congregational Mtg. Date; Goodtimers; Discovery Group;
Page 6	February Calendar



Page 2



What's Up Wickliffe!

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 1 4th Sunday After Epiphany

February 8 5th Sunday After Epiphany
♦Annual Congregational Meeting

February 15 2nd Sunday After Epiphany
♦Support Meeting

February 18 Ash Wednesday
Service to be held at 7:00 PM

February 22 1st Sunday in Lent
♦ 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)

Church Website: www.wickliffepc.com

Secretary's Email: wickliffepc@gmail.com

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
45 Idlewood Rd.
Austintown, OH 44515

P: 330-792-6441 F: 330-792-1006

TLCC Daycare and Preschool
Director, Norma Johnson



Happy Birthday!

February 19 Janelle Truslow

February 21 Cathy Garstka

February 23 Ron Salo

February 24 Jerry Murray

February 26 Gracie May

Happy Anniversary

February 14 Jerry & Cathy Murray





2026 Per Capita increased to \$35.00.

Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.

IN STEP WITH SESSION



Here it is, 2026. We, as your Session, are hoping that everyone is safe from the recent snow fall. It's been quite a while since we've had constant snow with such great abundance.

Our Session meeting was quite lite with barely a quorum.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Congregational meeting to be held on Feb 8th after Worship. Luncheon to follow. Bring a dish to share. We will install a new Elder, Janelle Truslow, on March 1st.

We welcome Pastor Marsha Parrish to the pulpit and hope that all have had a chance to meet her. She has a unique way of remembering your name. Please come and attend an upcoming Service and formally introduce yourself if you haven't already. We are now in a shared partnership with Hubbard. A joint planning committee has been formed to meet 4-6 times a year to keep on top of events, etc., that both churches would like to share along with concerns as we move forward.

Please know that our Church is trying to maintain our Property and Grounds as we move into 2026 and beyond. Thank You, Jeff. The furnaces went down recently and were repaired. Jeff changed the lighting in the Sanctuary to LED. The Boiler Pump had to be replaced. FYI: Our Boiler is difficult to repair as parts are not easy to find. Please pray that it keeps working.

We have a new snow plowing company. Please be careful when walking in the parking lot. Let's hope the weather co-operates and we can see a little melting soon.

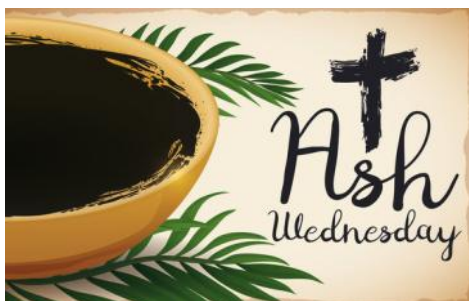
I hope that all understand the recent closing of our doors. Couldn't be helped.

If anyone is not getting the message of our cancellation, please contact me. We only call those that are attending on a regular basis.

Please know that your Session is willing to help with any problems or concerns. Reach out to any one of us: Jamie Bryant, Ruth Capper, Donna and Bill Cooper, Nancy O'Hara, Tracy Martin, Grace Brown and Janelle Truslow along with Pastor Marsha. Audrey is in the office on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-12.

Blessings,

Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session



**Wickliffe Presbyterian Church will hold
ASH WEDNESDAY services on February 18
at 7:00 PM.**

**Pastor Marsha Parrish will preside.
Communion will be served.**

OUR FRIEND, EMMELINE SMITH

What a wonderful smile!

What a special spirit!

What an empty place she has left for us. So many places feel her loss: churches, neighborhoods, and hearts! I am so thankful that our Wickliffe people got to know Emmeline through our Needle's Eye Soup Mission and through our four annual church services and luncheons at the Mission!

Emmeline so delightfully accepted our monthly food donations no matter the amount! Let us thank the Lord for us to know and work with Emmeline for so **many years!**

And let us send our prayers to the Needle's Eye Board members as they search for that special person to fill Emmeline's position as Director!

Emmeline Brogdon Smith, 82, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Emmeline was employed with Needle's Eye Christian Life Center for 50 years as a director. She was a member of Grace Evangelistic Temple, where she was in charge of the women's department and enjoyed cooking for the sick and shut-ins. Her funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

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

Prayerfully submitted, Donna Cooper



Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Thank you all for the January donations!

Please come with me some day and experience the welcome we receive each time we arrive with our jars of peanut butter, cans of soup, and beans!

If you have never been there, you will see a pretty and happy place!

~ Donna Cooper



There is a Flower Chart in the narthex for WPC members to purchase altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

I have established an agreement with **Crystal Vase Florist**, 5623 Mahoning Ave., Austintown. Their phone number is **330-793-4545**. They have our Tax Exempt number. If you order flowers, you need to pay for them. **Do Not Charge the Church.**

You will need to pick them up yourself and deliver them to the church.

~ Grace Brown



Page 5



What's Up Wickliffe!



**The Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held**

Sunday, February 8, 2026 with Pastor Marsha Parrish

**GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at
11:30 AM at Ruby Tuesday,
5555 Mahoning Ave., Austintown.
~Grace Brown**

**The DISCOVERY GROUP will
meet Tuesday, February 24, 2026
at 12:30 PM.
~Grace Brown**



A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict, especially in the Mideast and Ukraine. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel and saint: please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.



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

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> 9:30 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 5:45 PM TOPS	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> 9:30 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 11:30 AM Goodtimers	<i>12</i> 5:45 PM TOPS	<i>13</i>	
<i>15</i> 9:30 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>  Service at 7:00 PM with Communion	<i>19</i> 5:45 PM TOPS	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> 9:30 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	<i>23</i> Newsletter Deadline	<i>24</i> 12:30 PM Discovery Group	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 5:45 PM TOPS	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>