



What's Up Wickliffe!

MARCH 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday (*March 5, 2025*) begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Historically, Ash Wednesday was a time when penitents were presented for church discipline during Lent, culminating in reconciliation on Maundy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is also the occasion when would-be disciples of Christ known as catechumens were enrolled in the catechumenate, a special time of learning the basics of the faith in preparation for baptism on Easter Sunday or during the Easter Vigil. In some traditions, Ash Wednesday is a fast day, beginning the Lenten time of fasting and preparation for the Great Three Days that culminate in Easter.

A time to turn

An excerpt from the [Companion to the Book of Common Worship](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 109-110)

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the imposition of ashes — placing a cross on one's forehead. During the

imposition of ashes the words: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures, always on the edge of death. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek through the desert toward Easter.

Ashes on the forehead is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not to show off one's faith. The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.

Trusting in the "accomplished fact" of Christ's resurrection, however, we listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories of the church's Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast, and proceed "on the way" to Jerusalem and the cross. Our Lenten journey is one of metanoia ("turning around"), of changing directions from self-serving toward the self-giving way of the cross.

~ pcusa.org

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MARCH SCHEDULE

- March 2** Transfiguration of the Lord
- March 9** 1st Sunday in Lent
◆ Support Meeting
- March 16** 2nd Sunday in Lent
- March 23** 3rd Sunday in Lent
- March 30** 4th Sunday in Lent
◆ Benevolence Sunday



Happy Birthday!

March 1	Dow Davis
March 3	Dorothy Vaupel
March 4	Michelle Grazier
March 4	Patricia Morningstar
March 5	Carolyn Lewis
March 10	Ricky Witt
March 10	Paul Velly
March 19	Michele Manenti
March 23	Cathy Murray
March 28	Sherrie Wolfe
March 29	Steven Garstka
March 30	Aymie Hittle

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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Spring Forward



March 9, 2025 • Set your clock ahead!



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



IN STEP WITH SESSION

I want to thank all our Elders for attending our February meeting on a very frigid night. This was the last meeting for Meta to moderate. Our new moderator will be Amber Balista from Canfield Presbyterian. Thank you Amber for attending our February meeting. She is to start in March at our next Session meeting. We will now be meeting on Thursdays in the Library.

Before the Team Chairs spoke on their committees, I handed out the emergency call list. Unfortunately we didn't have it in their hands before we had to cancel church on Feb 9th due to the icy parking lot. We're ready now. The pop tabs have been delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Akron. Please start collecting your tabs from pop/other tabs for our next trip and don't forget to collect your pop cans to be placed in the bin inside the canopy door. -F.Y.I. We will be hosting the Maundy Thursday Service on April 17th with Hubbard invited. It will be held at 7:00 PM with Rev. Bonnie Dutton as Pastor. Please plan to attend.

-Donna spoke on the Annual Church Picnic that will be held on August 10th at the Austintown Senior Center. Watch for info in the Newsletter. Ladies... Lets try and attend the Church Women United service to be held on May 10th. Donna will keep us informed of details.

-Thank you, Tracy, for handling the Nominating slate. The following Deacons and Elders were installed on Feb 16th: Cathy Murray as new Deacon, Deb Fabian, Patricia Cramer and Bobbi Jo Smith as 2nd term Deacons.... Jamie Bryant as Elder along with Bill and Donna going into their 2nd term. Welcome all....

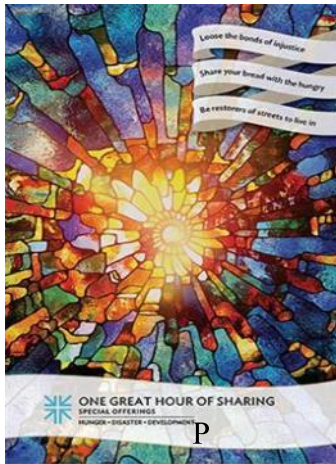
-Jeff talked about Service. Please keep our boiler in your prayers. We can't afford a major repair of this magnitude. Also, Jeff mentioned to keep our car doors locked while in church. Safety precaution. We are also in the process of finding a new Insurance company for our church. Thank you, Jeff for all you do.

-Ruth, Worship chair, is in the process of working with Audrey on a new format for our bulletin. We will have a new insert in the bulletin along with other info to keep you informed. Please sign up for lay-leader along with coffee hour. This is to be printed in the bulletin and we need info in advance to do this. Also, when making announcements, wait for someone to pass the microphone so you can be heard. You hear the remark 'Use your inside voices'. Not in this case. We need to hear you. Use your outside voices!

Blessings to all, *Nancy O'Hara, your Clerk of Session*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Received during the Lenten season (March 5 - April 20), each gift to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING helps improve the lives of people in challenging situations. The OFFERING provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need.

In fact, ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world!

RESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) receives 32% of funds. PDA works alongside communities as they recover and gives hope after natural or human-caused disasters!

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) works to alleviate hunger, care for creation, all causes of poverty! PHP receives 36% of funds.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) invests in communities responding to oppression, poverty, injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. SODP receives 32% of funds.

The OGHS offering will be received on April 13, Palm Sunday. Please consider what you are able to give.

Many thanks for giving! *Donna Cooper*

SAVE THE DATE!!!
MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 10
at the Main Library!!!



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!!



Ronald McDonald House

"POP TABS—Reminder"

This is a reminder that you take time to collect **Pop Tabs** for our **RONALD McDONALD HOUSE Outreach**. You will find the tall plastic container in the Narthex.

Let's please see how fast we can fill the jug this time. Blessings to all for your support of this worthy cause!

~ Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session

REMINDER FROM JEFF

Jeff Bryant is still collecting **aluminum cans** this year for a project with the VFW called **"Cans for Vets"**.

Please bring your cans to the church (garbage can is placed near the door) or set them by the garage for this very worthy cause.

Thank you in advance for your Christian generosity!





The DISCOVERY GROUP will meet Tuesday, March 25 at 12:30 PM here at the church.
~Grace Brown

GOODTIMERS will meet Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 11:30 AM at Denny's.
~Grace Brown

Open Invitation to ALL around Eastminster Presbytery
JOINT ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Westminster, Boardman, will host a joint Ash Wednesday Service on March 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Leaders from several of the Presbyterian Churches in the east area of the presbytery will lead the service, which will include scripture, prayer, a combined choir of participating churches, and imposition of ashes. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

Needle's Eye Soup Ministry
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! You all really filled up the basket with cans of soup, jars of peanut butter and cans of beans for the month of February!! **YAY!!** Let's do it again in March! Thank you! ~ Donna Cooper



TORTELLINI SOUP

- 2 Cloves Garlic, Minced
- 1/3 Cup Diced Onion
- 1 Large Can Chicken Broth
- 1 Small Can Italian Stewed Tomatoes (Petite Cut)
- 1 Bag /Box Frozen Spinach
- 1 Container Cheese Tortellini
- Grated Parmesan Cheese





In a soup pot, saute garlic and onion in a little olive oil. Add chicken broth and stewed tomatoes. Bring to a boil and add spinach. Bring to a boil again and add the tortellini. It takes less than an hour to make. Serve topped with grated parmesan cheese. Enjoy! **Great Lenten Soup!**

Submitted by Audrey Covault

Want to submit a recipe for a future newsletter? We welcome your great ideas!
Just send an e-mail to wickliffepc@gmail.com or drop it off on Sunday.

March 2025

Adult II Sunday School
Class-11:15 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	3	4	5 	6 5:45 PM Tops	7	8
9 10:00 AM Worship Service Support Meeting Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	10 6:00 PM TLCC Board Meeting	11 12:00 PM Stated Presbytery Gathering FPC Salem	12 11:30 AM Goodtimers at Denny's	13 5:45 PM Tops 6:30 PM Session Mtg.	14	15
16 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	17	18	19	20 5:45 PM Tops	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	24 Newsletter Deadline	25 12:30 PM Discovery Group at WPC	26	27 5:45 PM Tops	28	29
30 10:00 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	31					