

# What's Up Wickliffe!

JUNE 2026

Dear Folks of Wickliffe Presbyterian Church:

Spring is one of my favorite seasons of the year. Even though it is always the busiest, I personally like to see the progression from the cold barren winter to this season of spring. Rather it is the green leaves and grass, the various colors of spring flowers and shrubs, growth and change is ever present. There is nothing like digging up the weeds and getting the ground ready to plant. Whether it is my front flower bed or our small garden, growth is all around. It is always amazing to me to see how the beautiful flowers will grow or the planting of seeds in the garden eventually will produce vegetables.



In order for there to be beautiful flowers and vegetables, we must start with good soil as our basis. The correct soil is the key element to any planting project. The soil has to be worked up with a hoe or whatever tool you may have to make it light and airy. If the soil is too compact, it will be difficult to grow anything. Peat moss, compost or other added material help to enrich the soil. With the proper nutrients added in addition to water, your planting project should be a success!

Isn't our personal spiritual growth much like preparing the soil and planting? When we have a good foundation of faith and add a generous portion of daily prayer and Bible reading, our spiritual roots grow deeper and stronger. But what about when the storms of life come? Will you be able to withstand the pressures of life and trying situations? In Ephesians 6:10-11 we find these words: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Most of our problems stem from our inability to say no to certain temptations. The devil is very good at what he does. He does not go about his work haphazardly. He has a plan. The apostle refers to the enemy's strategy as "wiles". Satan designs a plan of attack against each of us. His attacks are specific, direct, and relentless. They are always perfectly timed. More than we would like to admit, his attacks are successful.

What is our defense system? A sprinkling of prayer and Bible reading here and there isn't enough to prepare for the devil's attacks. Paul in the text above refers to putting on the armor of God to protect us from evil. He refers to a Roman soldier in that day by associating the believer's spiritual defenses. By putting on the whole armor of God, it is possible to have the entire Christian personality and character completely covered. We stand our ground in battle between light and darkness, good and evil.

One of the habits you can develop is putting on the armor of God every morning and saying this prayer:

Good morning Lord. Thank you for assuring me of victory today.

By faith I choose to follow your battle plan to prepare myself according to your instructions.

To prepare myself for the battle ahead, by faith I put on the belt of truth. Renew my mind to what is true. Fill me with truth. Expose in my heart the lies that I am tempted to believe. The truth is that you are a sovereign God who loves me and cares for me. The truth about me is that I am Your child-bought and paid for. Nothing can separate me from Your love.

By faith I put on the breastplate of righteousness. Today I am committed to doing what is right. I pray that I would be known as one who does what is right regardless of what it costs me. Allow the righteousness of Christ to shine through me today.

By faith I put on the sandals of the gospel. I am available to You. Use me in the lives of others. I pray that in my conducts and speech I would accurately represent you. Make me a calming presence everywhere I go.

I now take up my shield of faith. My faith is in You and You alone. Apart from You I can do nothing. In You, I can do all things. Everything that comes against me must come through You for I am in You. As you walked without sin on this earth, live without sin through me today. By faith I claim victory over \_\_\_\_\_ (a temptation). When I face temptations, remind me that the victory has already been won.

By faith I put on the helmet of salvation. Thank you for saving me. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to live inside me. Holy Spirit I surrender my will to You today. I surrender my thoughts to You. I choose to take every thought captive to be obedience of Christ.

And last, I take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. So, Lord, I go now rejoicing that You have chosen me to represent You to this lost world. May others see Jesus in me. May Satan and his hosts shudder as Your power is manifest through me. In Jesus' name I pray Amen.

In His Service,

Pastor Marsha

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**JUNE SCHEDULE**

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- June 7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost  
♦ Fathers Day
- June 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost  
♦ Benevolence Sunday



**Happy Birthday!**

- June 15 Bill Wayland
- June 21 Robert Kirchner
- June 30 Elaine Ritchie

**Happy Anniversary**

- June 8 Richard & Bobbi Jo Smith
- June 23 Bob & Debby Fabian
- June 29 Ron & Bonnie Salo

**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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**Wickliffe Presbyterian Church Picnic**

August 23, 2026 at our church!  
Worship service will be held outdoors, weather permitting!  
**THAT IS NOT A JOKE!  
IT IS A PRAYER!!**

Donna Cooper, Growth Committee  
Jamie Bryant, Debby Fabian and Cathy Murray

**2026 Per Capita is \$35.00.**

**Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.**



### IN STEP WITH SESSION

We had a full quorum as we met together for our last meeting before the summer break. Much was discussed. Here is a little of what we talked about:

Approval of Hall rentals for Tops Workshop and Rally/ Sept 26<sup>th</sup> and Oct 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday School will conclude at end of May.

Annual picnic will be held on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Church grounds. Hubbard will be invited. Time 10:30 am.

We are going to Hubbard on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> for a joint service held at 10:30 am.

Grace is planning on Home Communion visits and will contact those who wish to receive communion.

Plans are in the works for receiving anyone interested in joining our Church. See Pastor Marsha or any Elder if you are interested.

Discussion on proposal to sell Mark Cole a portion of our parking lot. We will still be able to use lot as usual. He is asking only for zoning purposes. Details to follow.

Pastor has been busy moderating both Hubbard and Wickliffe. She attended a Pastors retreat on May 18<sup>th</sup>. She also served on a panel held at Mineral Ridge Presbyterian. Still having car trouble.

A notification has been placed in your bulletin for you to fill out and place in the offering plate. This is to help Sherrie Wolfe as she tries to reach those on list by text or phone. If you haven't already, please take time to fill out this slip. You'll find them in Narthex.

Our next Presbytery meeting will be held on 8/11 at Canfield Presbyterian. Dinner at 5, Worship at 6, Business at 7.

We are looking into a Leadership Training for Elders and Deacons. We may gear to a brain-storming session to help us move into the future.

Thank you all for your support as we move forward into 2026.

Blessings to all, Your Clerk of Session, Nancy O'Hara

### Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Please continue donating jars of peanut butter and cans of beans that are distributed to the elderly at the end of each month! Our little basket is feeling neglected! A 'Save the Date' will soon be posted for our 4th Annual Needle's Eye Church Service in July! What a great tradition!

~ Donna Cooper, Growth



### 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



*A Father's Day  
Blessing*

*Blessed  
is the Father,  
Who lets the Lord  
be his guiding hand,  
Whose faith brings  
his family courage,  
Whose wisdom comes  
from God,  
And whose children  
still stand  
and honor him.*



Advice from a  
**GARDEN**

Cultivate lasting friendships  
Sow seeds of kindness  
Listen to sage advice  
Don't let the little things bug you  
Be outstanding in your field  
Take thyme for yourself!

Submitted by Donna Cooper

**What Makes a Dad**

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it... Dad.

- Author Unknown

**GOODTIMERS will meet  
Wednesday, June 10 at 11:30 AM  
at Denny's Restaurant, Mahoning Ave.,  
Austintown.  
~Grace Brown**

**The DISCOVERY GROUP  
is suspended during the summer months.  
~Grace Brown**

## Wickliffe Presbyterian Church

### **RUMMAGE SALE is back!!**

**Friday, July 10 ~ 9:00 AM—4:00 PM**

**Saturday, July 11 ~ 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

**(Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 PM, fill a bag for \$3.00)**

**Household Items—Clothing—Misc.—Holiday Decorations—Books and More  
Bake Sale and Hot Dogs/Chips/Water**

**ALL INSIDE**

**We are still taking donations which can be dropped off at the church.  
Contact Sherrie Wolfe at 330-406-8351 or Ruth Capper at 330-509-2205.**

**Wickliffe Presbyterian Church  
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### **“I Know That Prayer Brings Results”**

*by Kate Smith*

“There is a tremendous force waiting to help us rout the fears and uncertainties of daily life. It is ours just for the asking—in prayer.

I believe in prayer. It has helped me through many trying times. But I do not think that prayer should be for ‘emergency use only’. I think we should pray every day to give thanks for what we have and to ask direction for our tasks. Praying makes the way easier. It gives us confidence; it routs doubt and fear; it leads us to new strength and power. Daily prayer can give us a cheerful heart and make us happy and useful, as each of us was meant to be.

If you have lost the habit of prayer or have yet to discover what it can do for you, why not set aside your preconceived notions and give it a fresh, practical trial?

The first step is just to believe that a Higher Power takes care of us. If you have doubts, let them go. Accept this one simple thought, and let it work for you and eventually you will know that He who marks the fall of every sparrow must care for you, too, come what may.

It will help if you set a time each day for prayer, for talking things over with God. But remember that praying is not just asking for things. It is *seeking* in the larger sense. It is stilling your mind to outside forces so that you may feel you have access to Divine Ideas. They will come to you, and show you how to solve your problems.

Accept the leading which comes to you. Carry out the ideas you receive in your quiet, prayerful moments.

Each night give thanks for the day and each day ask for guidance. Peace of mind will follow when you pray *about*, instead of worrying *over*, your troubles.

When things are difficult, give thanks that you have the strength to manage them and that they will get better. Look upon these times as a challenge, something to “grow on” in wisdom and understanding.

But don’t expect God to show you how to live your whole future at once. Tomorrow isn’t your concern until it becomes today. Be content in going one step at a time, in faith.

You will see that prayer works—that it keeps open the channel through which Divine Help will flow to enrich your life.”

*~ Submitted by Donna Cooper*

**YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD....**

As I was pondering on different aspects of my life, I thought I would share with my friends at Wickliffe what has been weighing on my mind. We all reach an age where we feel enough is enough. Health issues take over our everyday well-being.

Frustrations set in when we try so hard to heal from one problem and then another hits us hard. It may be our own health or health of a family member.

I know that our Church needs the help of our members to sustain our building, help with financial situations, and provide what is needed to keep our doors opened.

So back to the point that "We are never too old". No matter how we feel, how old we are, we can do something to help in the long run. Maybe we don't feel that heading a committee is the answer. I know it doesn't help to complain. We need to take action. If we see something that needs attention or something that we can handle without pointing fingers, take the initiative and step up. If we know of anything that would improve our church, we need to find a way to address the issue. Possibly events that we'd like to see happen.

I am aware that our church is getting older. I'll admit I'm getting older and have so many health issues as well. For those who aren't willing to head a team, taking on a committee that lasts 3 years/6years, you can do a project that will benefit Wickliffe. Talk to your fellow members and find ways to make a difference. It doesn't have to be time consuming. Anything you come up with will show you care.

So, pray on what will benefit Wickliffe. This is your church. We may have Elders, Deacons and a TLCC board. Your leaders do their best, but we can't do it all. We need your help. Thank you all that do their part either in a big way or something small. You are a blessing.

Blessings go out to all who have taken the time to read this article.

Sometimes we just need to express what's on our heart.

~ Nancy O'Hara, Your Clerk of Session



**Ice Cream Social**

Thanks to all our Wickliffe members and friends who helped make our Ice Cream Social a fun, yummy celebration. We collected \$195 for Deacon missions. I heard wonderful comments like, "I just love hot dogs", and "Beans and potato salad, my favorite!"

It was a great way to start our spring/summer season and wonderful fellowship for those who attended.

Thanks to all who donated cookies and food to make our lunch a success!

Love, The Deacons of Wickliffe

# June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 5:45 PM TOPS	5	6
7 9:30 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	8	9 11:30 AM Goodtimers	10	11  5:45 PM TOPS	12	13
14 9:30 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	15	16	17	18  5:45 PM TOPS	19  TLCC Closed	20
21 9:30 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25  5:45 PM TOPS	26	27
28 9:30 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	29	30				