

What's Up Wickliffe!

JUNE 2025



MEET Rev. Dr. Rob Joy

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
Temporary Pastor
May 11-August 31, 2025

I retired from Grace Church of Columbiana, Ohio, in September, 2023 where I served since 2007. Before this I served the First Congregational Church of Wayne, MI, the Community Congregational Church of Kewaunee, WI, and the First Congregational Church of Toulon, IL, all members of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. This was a career of 32 years of ordained ministry. I earned a B.A. in Psychology (Philosophy minor) from Edinboro University of PA (1988), a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary (1991), and a Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2007). My doctoral thesis was on how to grow the unity of the local church through involvement of spiritual practices. At the beginning, I was born in Cheektowaga, NY, and was raised in Corry, PA, near Erie. I worked with my dad and brother in building contracting until I felt the call to ministry and started my preparation for that career in 1984. I met the love of my life, Juliann (Jules) Joy, a PCUSA pastor at Princeton Seminary, and we have four children: Ben, Nate, Shannon, and Anna and three grandchildren. The last update on my children has Ben living in Parma and running a home inspection business, Nate living in Boardman, working for a housing and landscaping business in sales, Shannon in New Wilmington, PA, and managing a Dollar General "super store," and Anna a junior 4.0 student at Kent State (main) majoring in Neuroscience and Biochemistry.

One of the topics about church life I enjoy reading about the most is the future of society and the Christian Church. Bragging about my children is a favorite pastime, along with woodworking, most home repairs, hiking and hunting with my extended family in northwest PA, and mountain hiking wherever a trail leads. I completed a three-week pilgrimage, covering 130 miles, on the Camino de Santiago northern mountain route in Spain in 2019, part of my "bucket list." A couple of tidbits about me you probably don't know is I survived both a heart attack and a 40-minute arrest in 2011, and a charging wild boar attack in 2013. Both were "fun" for me, but not so much for my family! Despite my thirst for adventure, one of the things I enjoy the most is a simple good cup of (decaf) coffee and a one-on-one conversation. Jules and I plan an extended western camping trip in the early fall.

I look forward to getting to know all of you and helping Wickliffe Presbyterian Church follow where God leads. My personal cell phone is 330-277-6640.

Grace and Peace on the journey, *Pastor Rob*

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JUNE SCHEDULE

- June 1 7th Sunday of Easter
- June 8 Pentecost Sunday
- June 15 Trinity Sunday
 ♦ Father's Day
- June 22 2nd Sunday After Pentecost
- June 29 3rd 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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2025 Per Capita increased to \$33.00. Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.



IN STEP WITH SESSION

Session met on Thursday, May 22nd, with Pastor Amber Balista serving as our moderator. We were happy to welcome Rev. Rob Joy, our temporary Pastor. Rev. Rob will be our Pastor throughout the summer months. Thank you for your willingness. He mentioned that he is trying to reach out to some of our Sick and Shut-Ins.

He commented on our Mission Statement which definitely needs revised. Hopefully our Elders will take the time to review it and come to Session with changes in September. He shared with Session that he attended the Security workshop in St. Clairsville. This was the same workshop that Jeff attended at Canfield Pres.

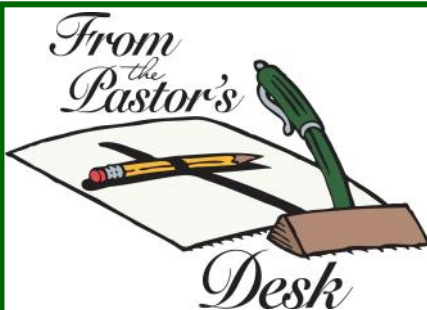
You may notice in this current Newsletter that Session revised their Benevolence policy. We hope that you will take time to read it in its entirety. We have set the last Sunday of each month as Benevolence Sunday. You can place your donations in the envelopes provided or just drop your donations loosely in the offering plate.

We are trying to use the outside sign to relay any events, etc. to our surrounding community. Right now, we are renting our hall to non-members on Saturdays only. If you know of anyone who needs a hall, please have them contact the office and talk to Audrey. The hall can accommodate 80 people comfortably.

Jeff spoke on the following and I wanted to reach out to our congregation with the concerns of our building. We need to address the roof over our sanctuary. It has been leaking off and on for some time. We are past adding a band-aid fix and need to find a contractor willing to address this issue. The windows in the fellowship hall need to be replaced in the near future as well. Jeff would like to replace flooring in the bathrooms. So much to do but we can't put it off.

...and lastly but not least. You may have read about the TORNADOS in Kentucky. As a Mission, we would like to send towels, soap or anything needed. Amber is going to reach out to Presbytery and you will know the details soon.

Blessings to all....and please take time to pray for our church, neighbors and country. God hears your prayers. Nancy O'Hara-Clerk of Session



I am so grateful for the warm welcome I have received at Wickliffe PC! I hope the worship services and the sermons have been meaningful so far. If you would like a visit, just call me at 330-277-6640 or email me at joyfamily5@comcast.net and I will arrange a time with you for that to happen. If you would like to chat about something, or have a question, just call or you can visit me at the office (I will try to be there usually when Audrey is there). Sunday afternoons are usually open for me as well. I am always up for a cup of coffee! Peace to all! -Pastor Rob

Happy FATHER'S DAY

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BEATITUDES FOR DADS

Blessed be the man who God chooses to be a parent, a teacher, a protector, a provider, a role model, and a motivator, he shall be called Dad.

Blessed be Dad as he holds each of his children for the first time and realizes the gift that God has entrusted to him.

Blessed be Dad for the faith he handed on to us, the prayers he taught us, and the many ways he taught us the Gospel through his actions without words.

Blessed be Step-Dads who as St. Joseph accepted and loved what was entrusted to him, may they be blessed for their abundance of love they share.

Blessed be Dad who loves his children unconditionally, whether they are athletic or computer geeks, musical or physically challenged, straight or gay, may his children always see him as the Good Shepherd who is always there.

Blessed be Dad as he has gone home to God and this year, we'll celebrate Father's Day here and he'll celebrate it in heaven. So wherever you are Dad, here beside us, across town, across the country, at work or in heaven,

blessed may you be for the ways you have blessed our lives, which goes to show anyone can Father a child, but it takes someone special and committed to be a Dad who creates such memories.

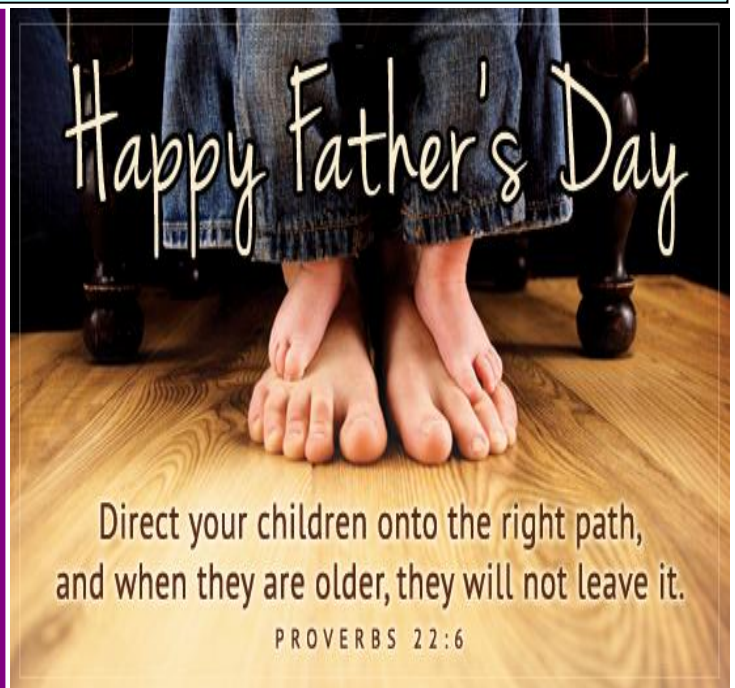
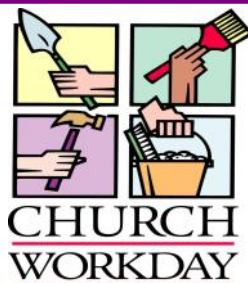
"They Shall See God."

SUMMER WORK PARTIES

The Church is calling us to give of our time during the Summer months to accomplish mini to-do-lists. I have written a check off chart that will be on the table in the Narthex. We can have Saturday work parties or pick a day during the week that works for you. Our Custodian can only do so much. If you see any additional concerns, please add them on the clip board.

Thank you ahead of time for your help....

Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session



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Ice Cream Social

The food was yummy and plentiful, plus the ice cream toppings were very special this year. We had peanut butter, cherries, sprinkles, cookie dough and all the other regular toppings like nuts, chocolate, caramel, cool whip and of course, lots of delicious strawberries to finish it off. Thanks for the many different kinds of cookies too.

We collected about \$250 in donations which will be used for our Deacon missions. Fellowship at this lunch is one of the highlights. Thanks for your support!

With many blessings, The Wickliffe Deacons

"Thanks from the Deacons"

We had a wonderful lunch at our ICE CREAM SOCIAL! Thank you to all who contributed in any way to make this event a huge success.

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WICKLIFFE CHURCH

ANNUAL PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Austintown Senior Center on
Westchester Drive.



Service, luncheon, games, prizes, fellowship!!

PLEASE plan to attend!!



COINS FOR CHURCH!

Do you have coins laying around? Is your purse getting heavy with coins? If so, please consider donating them to our Coin Drive for Capital Improvements for our church. A container for your coins will be in the Narthex each Sunday morning. If you have questions, please see Tracy Martin.

Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Our **FOURTH ANNUAL SUNDAY SERVICE AND LUNCHEON** will be held in July. Date will be announced soon!

Thank you all for this month's donations of peanut butter, beans, and soup!

Thank you! *Donna Cooper*



**GOODTIMERS will meet Wednesday,
June 11, 2025 at 11:30 AM
at Denny's.**

~Grace Brown

**The DISCOVERY GROUP meetings are
suspended for the summer; will resume
Tuesday, September 30, 2025.**

~Grace Brown



PENTECOST OFFERING SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT and the BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH!! The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing to the church of future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension - when Jesus ascends and the church is born. If His mission and ministry is to continue, it is upon us to keep it going, and we have the Holy Spirit to lead us!

Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting Ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith.

Congregations keep 40% of receipts to initiate or support programs for young people in our communities.

25% of the offering goes to Young Adult Volunteer experience to train and equip volunteers to engage in mission in eight sites around U.S. and around the world.

25% supports ministries with youth ages 12 - 18 to create New Quicksheets - free downloadable resources for youth ministry, fund the Senior Project which offers a path and plan for graduating seniors to explore their next steps in faith, community, and vocation.

10% supports the "Educate a Child, Transform The World ". The goal is to inspire and motivate Presbyterians to better the lives children to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education that all children may grow in the fullness of life in the image of God.

Since the Pentecost Offering began in 1998, Presbyterians have raised nearly \$18 million for ministries that benefit younger members to help them build a strong foundation of faith.

Please consider what you could donate to this offering on Sunday, June 8.

Thank you! *Donna Cooper*

BENEVOLENCE FUND GUIDELINES- WPC AND TLCC ONLY

1. The Session is responsible for deciding who is eligible to receive help during time of financial need.
2. The Session shall maintain confidentiality regarding recipients and their circumstances.
3. If possible, Session will discuss and approve the distribution of funds at a stated meeting. Reaching out to Elders via e-mail will be acceptable as funds need to be distributed in a timely manner. Session will vote on e-mail at the next stated meeting. Clerk of Session is responsible for sending the e-mails and bringing said e-mails to Session.
4. We will only distribute funds to a family twice a year unless Session approves that family is in need of additional help.
5. Funds shall only be distributed in check form made out directly to the business, e.g. utility, doctor, pharmacy, house payment, etc. A check will never be issued to the recipient. Using funds to purchase gift cards for food or gas as needed would also be acceptable.
6. The fund will only receive money through contributions from congregational donations and fund raisers with no money being transferred from other areas of the budget. The last Sunday of the month is stated as Benevolence Sunday. Members can place donations in the envelopes in the bulletin. Loose money collected on that Sunday will also be applied to the fund.
7. This fund is available for any Wickliffe Presbyterian member as well as TLCC Staff.
8. A written record shall be kept by the Clerk of Session of all dispersed funds and action taken.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	2	3	4	5 5:45 PM TOPS	6	7
8 10:00 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	9	10	11 11:30 AM Goodtimers at Denny's	12 5:45 PM TOPS	13	14
15 10:00 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	16	17	18	19 5:45 PM TOPS	20	21
22 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 Discovery Group Suspended Until Sept. 30, 2025	25	26 5:45 PM TOPS	27	28
29 10:00 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	30					