



What's Up Wickliffe!

September
2021



Can you believe it is September already? Where did the Summer go? It all went by so quickly! Hello readers of our Wickliffe Newsletter! It is difficult to believe Summer has already come and gone. We are now moving into Fall.

We've enjoyed our summer gatherings. But now we must think about Fall and that other season! Well, maybe just not yet! After all, that "other season" is still farther down the road a piece! Let's just navigate our way through the Fall right now. We can think about that other season much, much later.

So, how do we approach the Fall of 2021? Let's consider the wisdom of Proverbs 2:6-8 as a guide. "For the Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones." Well, that works for me! That sounds like good advice and counsel. What do you think?

I think this past summer and the approaching Fall season can be summarized in a few simple words; "We're not out of the woods yet!" We're certainly in a better position today than we were at this same time last year. But there is still reason for caution and concern. As individuals living our lives daily. As people who gather we must still be cautious.

Making difficult decisions and living cautiously remain part of our daily life. Everyone continues to weigh the dangers against the benefits, check mark the pros and the cons, debate what could be right and what could be wrong. Moreover, these decisions weigh heavily upon us and place us in a cloud of uncertainty.

Without question, we need the mental data which we can process. We need the moments and hours of time-proven thought which has preserved life over the centuries. We need the threads of assurance and confidence that have woven together the comforting cloth that has covered the ages. We need the words that matter.

Practical, sensible, realistic thoughtful words that preserve and guide the human spirit. This, of course, is not the first time I've written about Proverbs. I hope and pray you also cultivate and foster a love for this book of wisdom. It's practical, sensible, realistic, common-sense knowledge in a briefcase! I apologize! I should say, it's hand-sized knowledge in your hand-held phone! Who, besides me, still carries a briefcase? Not many.

But allow me to share an even smaller "bite" of wisdom. In fact, not only does the book of Proverbs, but all of scripture can be summarized into one bite-sized phrase; "People need the Lord." This is what Proverbs and scripture point out! "People need the Lord." Knowledge, understanding, victory, a shield, a walk that is blameless, guarding the course and protecting the faithful. These all come from the wisdom of the Lord and the wisdom of knowing the Lord. God desires to give us wisdom, knowledge and understanding. However, we must be willing to respect knowledge and understanding. And we must also prize and cherish their benefits.

Life and living is a journey of gathering and relishing the knowledge and understanding we collect along the way. Yes, today's decisions are not easy to make! But there is a data base of knowledge and understanding which is bountiful, plentiful and does not end. It is the wisdom we receive from the Lord. Amen. Take care everyone and be safe! ~ **Pastor Mark**

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SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE



- Sep 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 - ◆ Faith Journey Sunday School Resumes at 9AM
- Sep 12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 - ◆ Communion
 - ◆ Adult II Sunday School Resumes at 11:15AM
- Sep 19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Sep 26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 - ◆ Benevolence Offering

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Worship

Sunday Services 10:00AM

Acolytes

Volunteers are needed for weekly acolytes.

Ushers

1st Week - Nancy O'Hara, Volunteer
Alternate: Neil Truslow

2nd Week - Kevin Yacucci, Sherry Yacucci,
Alternate: Ricky Witt

3rd Week - Bev Bagoly, Bill Wayland
Alternate: Bill O'Hara

4th Week - Jamie Bryant, Debbie Marshall
Alternate: Bob Fabian

5th Week & Evenings - Bill O'Hara, Volunteer
Alternate: Nancy Truslow



Wickliffe Presbyterian Church Financial Report - July 2021

06/30/21	Total Available Funds (checking/savings)	\$120,859.19
	Total Cash Received	9,048.65
	Total Expenditures	7,467.76
	Total Interest	.65
07/31/21	Total Available Funds (checking/savings)	\$122,440.73

Account Balances:	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Cap. Camp.</u>
Balance as of 06/30/21	\$78,472.24	\$42,386.95	\$1,292.09	\$7,510.93	\$0.00
Deposits	0.00	9,048.65	3.00		\$2,802.00
Interest Received	.65				
Withdrawals	0.00	7,467.76			
Balance as of 07/31/21	\$78,472.89	\$43,967.84	\$1,295.09	\$7,510.93	\$2,802.00

Per Capita ~ Received - \$766.00 Paid - \$0.00



The Deacons are hoping to return to a little bit of "normalcy"...we'll see! We will plan for the soup and sloppy joe luncheon on Oct. 3. If Covid doesn't agree, we'll plan it for later....one step at a time.

I talked to some of our sick and shut-in this week and they all seem to be hanging in there, some a little better than others. Michelle Grazier would love to talk to some of you. Sondra Perkins will be moving in to assisted living facility in Hubbard soon. New address pending. Gomer and Bettie are o.k. Ada Neff sounded rather weak...she has had some health problems. The others seemed pretty good. Don't forget to send a card or make a phone call. Put yourself in their shoes, home alone and no calls or visitors. It's hard enough for us who have calls and visitors and can still drive and get around.

God bless you all and remember, God is an awesome God!!! As a kindergarten child once said: God is like the Energizer bunny...He keeps going and going. ~Your Deacon Board. Nancy Truslow, Chairman



Faith Journey Class will be focusing on Exodus studying praise and righteousness.

Class will begin on September 5 and meet weekly at 9:00 AM

Adult II Class will be studying the Book of Acts

Class will begin on September 12 and meet weekly at 11:15 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!



It is that time of year again where the nominating committee is looking for you for help in serving on committees. We are in need of **2 Elders** and **2-3 Deacons**. If anyone is interested in serving in any of the above areas, please reach out to the Nominating Committee: Janelle Truslow, Janet Walston, Bev Bagoly. Please look into your heart and listen to Jesus' guidance on where you may be helpful. Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration. ~ Janelle Truslow, Chair



2021 Per Capita is again \$32.00. Per Capita informational flyers available at the church.

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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Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Look for your last name initial and please donate regular size cans of soup or peanut butter. Bill and I take our donations to Needle's Eye at the end of the month to help feed elderly who often run out of food at the end of the month.

Please be generous!
Thank you! Donna Cooper

This month's initials are: D - E - F



Happy Birthday!

September 1 - Bill Schoenfeld

September 13 - Kimberly Clark

September 14 - Debby Fabian

September 15 - Donna Cooper

September 16 - Bob Fabian

September 17 - Bev Lunn

September 17 - Pastor Mark Thompson

September 22 - Carole Leslie

September 29 - Dot Schoenfeld

Happy Anniversary

September 3 - Rich & Janelle Truslow

September 24 - Jamie & Jeff Bryant

September 25 - Ricky & Nancy Witt

Special Thanks To

Everyone from Bill & Nancy O'Hara for the cards, calls and prayers regarding the loss of Bill's brother Tom and from Greg & Kerry Schneider on the passing of Greg's brother Mike.

We are all so blessed to be surrounded by such a thoughtful and caring church family.



PEACE at all times in all ways. 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Since 1940, World Communion Sunday is when we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the communion table, in God's house. The Peace and Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980.

World Communion Sunday (October 3) is the Sunday for receiving the Offering. 25% of the Offering stays with local congregations, and 25% stays with Presbytery to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please consider giving what you can give to this special offering. "IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT! Thank you! Donna Cooper



Sunday, August 8 - Thank you All for coming!



Faith Journey Sunday
School Class - 9:00 AM
Beginning Sept. 5

SEPTEMBER 2021

Adult II Sunday School
Class - 11:15 AM
Beginning Sept. 12

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 5:45 PM TOPS	3	4
10:00 AM WORSHIP Service 5	6	7	8 10:30 AM Church with Norma In Sanctuary for TLCC Kids	9 5:45 PM TOPS	10	11
10:00 AM WORSHIP Service 12 COMMUNION	13 6:00 PM TLCC Board Meeting	14	15	16 5:45 PM TOPS	17	18
9:00 AM Support Meeting 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service 19	20 <i>October Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 6:00 PM Session Meeting	22 10:30 AM Church with Norma In Sanctuary for TLCC Kids	23 5:45 PM TOPS	24	25
10:00 AM WORSHIP Service 26 	27	28 12:30 PM Discovery Group	29	30		