

# What's Up Wickliffe!

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A philosopher once told the story about a unique town. In this town every citizen was a duck. Yes, the winged two-legged creatures that go “Quack!” As the story goes every Sunday the ducks waddled out of their homes and waddled down main

street to the church. They waddled into the sanctuary and took their place in the pews. The duck choir waddled into the choir loft. Sang their beautiful “Quack-ful Anthem.” The minister duck then waddled into the pulpit and preached his “Quack-inspired sermon.” He stated “Ducks! God has given you wings! God has given you wings to fly! With your God-given wings you can fly and soar like eagles. No walls can confine you! No fence can hold you down! With your wings you are like all the other birds! You have wings to fly!” Hearing such an inspiring message the entire duck congregation stood up and shouted “Amen!” They sang their hymn of “dedi-quack-cation” and they all went home!”

The story’s point is the church can be stifled by the plague of “sameness.” Everything in the church is the same. There may be subtle differences but basically everything is the same.

Today, I want to cast this story in a different light of quacki-ness! You’ve heard the phrase “If it walks like a duck! Sounds like a duck! And quacks like a duck! It must be a duck!” Meaning those qualities of “sameness” leads you to believe it must be the same! But even among ducks there are differences. So, here is the challenge.

Today, the truth is stated to sound like lies. And lies are stated to sound like truths. So, which is which? Are truth and lies all the same? They seem to look the same. They seem to sound the same! The people called by God and the early church were presented with this very problem. As sincere, earnestly called people of God. The prophets prophesied, the preachers would proclaim, and the teachers would teach God’s message and the good news of Jesus Christ. But false prophets, preachers and teachers also appeared. So, how did they tell the difference?

To which the prophets, disciples and apostles often replied. Proverbs 12:22 “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.” A Psalmist

wrote 10:7 “His mouth is full of lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue.” John the beloved disciple wrote 1 John 4:1 “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out in the world.” In Romans Paul wrote 16:18 “For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naïve people.” In his letter to the Ephesians Paul wrote 4:25 “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” The apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:10 “For, whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech.”

Please note! 1, God detests lying but delights in trustworthiness. Lies and truth are not the same. 2, Lies and deceit are accompanied by threats, trouble and more lies waiting to be told. 3, Every spirit must be tested. Are they of the character and nature of God? 4, Motives for lying are self-seeking and self-gratification. Self-edifying, grandiose, over-the-top statements are the red flags of deception. 5, Despite our many differences our neighbors are of the same human body. Our neighbors deserve the truth just as much as we deserve the truth. Divisiveness is another red flag of deceit. 6, Those who think highly of all life esteem the goodness in our days. 7, It is from within the person that lies pass over the tongue. Please enjoy and don’t quack up! Amen.

~ Pastor Mark

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# AUGUST SCHEDULE

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- August 7**    **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
♦ Communion
- August 14**    **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
♦ Concert-Hubbard FPC
- August 21**    **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
♦ Annual Worship in the Park and Church Picnic
- August 28**    **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
♦ Benevolence Offering



**Happy Birthday!**

August 6	Donna Cole
August 8	Norma Johnson
August 10	Steven Garstka
August 10	Janet Merryman
August 16	Miranda Truslow

**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 contribute a jar of peanut butter, a can of soup or beans this month. These donations are given to the elderly in our area who find their food supply very low at the end of the month. Please place in the basket next to the Fellowship Door.

Thank you for your generosity!  
 Donna Cooper

**This month's initials are: T-U-V**



**2022 Per Capita is again \$32.00. Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.**



**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

**10:00 AM Worship, Picnic to Follow  
Austintown Township Park—Stacey Pavilion**

**Rain or Shine (Pavilion is Indoors)**

***Entertainment will be Provided by The Renewal Trio***

**Hot Dogs, Condiments and Lemonade  
will be provided by the Church**

**PLEASE BRING**

- ◆Casserole and/or Dessert to Share  
(Be sure to bring your own serving spoon)**
- ◆Your Own Place Settings and Silverware**
- ◆Your Own Beverages**

**Games to Play After Worship and Lunch!**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Discovery Group will not meet in July or August. ~ Grace Brown**



**SIMPLE GIFTS INTERFAITH CHOIR**

Presents

**HEARTS WIDE OPEN**

**Sunday, August 14, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**Hubbard, First Presbyterian Church**

**22 Westview Avenue**



The free hour-long concert features the 55-voice choir singing traditional, contemporary and gospel selections, with the opportunity for the audience to sing along. Guest musicians will accompany on piano, flute, guitar, trumpet, violin and percussion for special selections throughout the program. The concert is slated to be held outside, inside if inclement weather. Some seating available outside; bring a lawn chair. Light refreshments will be available.

**A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Presbyterian Church USA's Disaster Assistance for Ukraine.**



I want to extend my deepest appreciation to Wickliffe Church's IT Specialist, **Mr. Ricky Witt**. Ricky set up our new (refurbished) computer system, complete with troubleshooting, multiple meetings with reps from our new telephone company, copier company and outside sign company to tie it all together. All I had to do was show up for work! From the bottom of my heart, muchas, muchas gracias, Mr. Witt!

~ Audrey Covault, WPC Secretary

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



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**God of Peace and Justice,**

We pray for the people of Ukraine and ask for Your intervention in this senseless war. We deplore the brutality that has taken place in the country that they love.

Unite our hearts with the people of Ukraine. We pray that people around the world will join us in our prayers.

We pray for **comfort** for those who mourn the casualties of war, **hope** for all those who have been forced to seek refuge elsewhere, **encouragement** for the families that have been separated from their loved ones.

We pray for our world leaders who are working to achieve an end to this war. Give them the wisdom that moves us all to world peace. Heavenly Father, let the love of Your son, Jesus Christ, reign in the hearts of all Ukrainians and continue to give them hope, courage and faith at this challenging time. Let your goodness and justice prevail for all. **Amen.**

**Growth Corner**



**NEEDLE'S EYE SERVICE**

**JULY 24, 2022**

Wickliffe's visit to Needle's Eye Sunday morning July 24, was fabulous! They welcomed us with open arms. The facility is so pretty and colorful and charming. Emmeline Smith, director, spoke at the beginning of the service and gave us new perceptions about the ones they serve who are addicted to alcohol and or drugs and gave us all a new outlook to understanding a little bit better about addiction. Instead of seeing perhaps a drunk person as a stereotype, think "Why" or "How" this has happened in this person's life and say a prayer for help for him or her. How wonderful to experience a new outlook!

Pastor Mark gave an interesting and on point sermon. Emmeline said how much she appreciated it.

After a delicious lunch of fried chicken, green beans, Mac & Cheese, and cupcakes, we had time to visit with everyone.

All agreed that we must have a service at Needle's Eye every year. And a great suggestion from a member was that each of us bring some non-perishable food items next time!

Speaking of food items, check out this month's initials for filling the little basket by the Fellowship door with cans of beans, or soup, or jars of peanut butter! I will be taking our donations at the end of August to help people who need some provisions.

Many thanks to the members who were able to attend this service. Now we can look forward to our picnic on August 21st!

~ Donna Cooper

**"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

**REQUEST FROM JEFF—REMINDER**

Jeff Bryant is collecting **aluminum cans** 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. Jeff will be collecting the cans for the remainder of the year. Thank you in advance for your Christian generosity!



*Our youngest daughter, Nancy, was almost four years old. My wife and I and our four older children had tried to prepare Nancy for Christmas by talking*

*with her about the real meaning of Christmas and why the family celebrated it.*

*Nancy had a wonderful Christmas with a lot of presents and toys. A few days later, she was talking with her older sister about what a great Christmas she had, and said, "I sure hope Joseph and Mary have another baby!"*

*New Year's Toast: "May all your troubles in the coming year be as short as your New Year's resolutions."*

*The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but the fly comes close.*

*-Mark Twain*

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 11:30 AM Goodtimers	4	5	6
7 10:00 AM WORSHIP Communion 8:00 PM AA	8	9	10	11 5:45 PM TOPS	12	13
14 10:00 AM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Concert Hubbard FPC 8:00 PM AA	15	16	17 12:00 PM Esther Circle	18 5:45 PM TOPS	19	20
21 10:00 AM WORSHIP  8:00 PM AA	22 September Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25 5:45 PM TOPS	26	27
28 10:00 AM WORSHIP  Benev <sup>l</sup> ence 8:00 PM AA	29	30	31	5:45 PM TOPS		