



What's Up Wickliffe!



Hello newsletter readers! I want to talk a bit about the Apostle Paul. Particularly his letter of Philippians. He wrote "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the

Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose." (Philippians 1:1-2 NIV)

When considering the challenges the Apostle Paul faced, an interesting question would be, which situation was the most challenging? His conversion experience on the Damascus road? The confrontations of the crowds seeking to take Paul's life? His time spent in prison? The beatings he suffered? The shipwrecks? Or possibly the trials before the Roman officials?

Any one of those experiences would probably send many of us back to the comforts of our homes. Saying, "Yes, Jesus I am all for the gospel mission. But prisons, life threatening crowds, shipwrecks and beatings? Really? What about my life?"

However, I am suggesting maybe none of those experiences were his greatest challenge. When we ask ourselves, what has been our most difficult life challenge? Perhaps it was a difficult family situation? A difficult work situation? Or maybe a struggle of health?

Whatever the challenge. Many situations are more difficult when we are not able to be there. We are not able to be part of the solution. It is impossible for us to be hands-on with the situation. Having no influence. Unable to contribute. Having no ability to do anything at all. We pray. We remain hopeful and pray it gets resolved.

This is the situation Paul found himself in while in prison. Unable to be with the church in Philippi. Unable to be part of the conversations at Philippi. Unable to be hands-on with the church. All Paul

could do was -write and receive letters. You can be sure Paul prayed. Paul hoped. And Paul's hope and desire was for the church.

Paul was experiencing the kind of the feeling we feel when we can't be there. Be it bad news or good news. We would say "(Oh, I wish I could be there!)"

It is in these experiences of distance and being far-removed from situations that we appreciate the simple things. In four simple words Paul expressed his joy but he also spoke of a mission. Paul wrote "make my joy complete." Isn't that what our Christian faith and life are about? We're all desiring the joy of life in the simplest of things.

It is with this expression that I announce my retirement from the pastoral office of the Church. I am retiring because it is my time to retire. Retiring has been a difficult decision. But I know many of you have been in my place and know how I feel. I have enjoyed my time with the former Christ Church and Wickliffe Presbyterian Church. I am so grateful for our years together. I've enjoyed sharing my passion of the scriptures with you. And I will not forget anyone.

God has been good! And I am grateful! We've shared our burdens and our joys. You will always be in our prayers! Please let me close with Paul's words. "May we all make the joy of one another complete!" This is the joy we find in Jesus Christ our Lord! Take care everyone! Amen

~ Pastor Mark

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

November 6 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
◆ Support Meeting

November 20 24th Sunday after Pentecost
◆ Session Meeting

November 27 25th Sunday after Pentecost
◆ Benevolence Offering



Happy Birthday!

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| November 8 | Bill Cooper |
| November 13 | Sherry Yacucci |
| November 22 | Bonnie Salo |
| November 28 | Margaret Davies |

Happy Anniversary

November 10 Bill & Nancy O'Hara



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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IN STEP WITH SESSION



Session met on Sunday the 16th after Worship. We weren't prepared to hear the announcement made by Pastor Mark saying that he will be retiring in November. His last day at the Pulpit will be November 13th. We were all taken aback with his announcement but know that the Lord will walk with both He and Ingrid as they move forward in their journey of faith. We will miss them. Please take time to convey your well wishes in the days to come. Cathy Ulrich and Judy Bender attended the Session meeting to help guide us and are more

than willing to answer any of our questions as we make decisions on "What to do next". We will keep you informed of any of these decisions which will certainly affect our Church Family. Please be patient as we take our steps one day at a time.

Once this discussion was finalized for now, we moved forward and discussed the following: Jamie asked for any changes of committee budget amounts from Team Chairs to balance the 2023 budget; Jeff B. spoke on several issues including Snow Plowing contract, finding a new company for our roof, issues with our outside sign, No parking signs which are for cars other than our members, Rob of Rob's Heating and Cooling will be retiring soon, removal of damaged pew in back of sanctuary; and TLCC's help in writing a grant for Security equipment offered by Governor DeWine.

We will be meeting again on Nov 20th with a moderator assigned by Presbytery.

I'm asking all our Congregation and those who are reading our Newsletter to please keep Wickliffe in your daily prayers. I know, with God's help, we will prevail.

Blessings to all and especially to Pastor Mark and Ingrid.

Your Clerk of Session, Nancy O'Hara



DEACON NEWS!

The Deacons hosted their annual **Soup and Sloppy Joe Luncheon** on October 23, 2022 after church. Delicious soups, sloppy joes and cookies were had by all!!! They made \$255.00 for Deacon mission giving. Wickliffe is small but mighty generous!

We are collecting food and paper products for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for any needy family. Please submit names to Debby or any Deacon.

This is our busy season. Soon the Operation Christmas Child Christmas Boxes for the children will be available so start gathering your goodies. More information soon.

In December the Deacons also are in charge of the two trees at Christmas to help others. The Giving Tree is for Protestant Family Service who will be asking for a donated gift card of any type. The other tree will ask for new mittens, gloves, socks or scarves that will be donated to Fish Samaritan.

Giving is good for our hearts and helps others. Thanks for helping make others feel the gift of love in any way you can help out.

Gratefully, Debby Fabian and the Deacons



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



**Happy 50th Anniversary
Bill and Nancy O'Hara !**

**Wishing you many,
many blessings from
your friends at Wickliffe!**

THANKSGIVING AT T.L.C.C.

It is a little different. We don't have traditional turkey, instead the children make soup!!!

We have Pilgrims singing, Indians chopping a planting, toddlers that are wobbling and gobbling and it all comes together as a celebration of love and thankfulness.

Friday, November 18th at 11:00 AM

**Happy Thanksgiving to All,
Miss Norma**



Merciful God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution may be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**



AUSTINTOWN FALL SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Austintown Fitch High School

Dinner will be Served at 4:00 PM

COST is \$2.00 AT THE DOOR



RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE CALL 330-797-3919

MENU: Manicotti with Sauce and Meatballs, Green Beans, Salad with Italian Dressing, Garlic Bread, Pumpkin Roll, Lemonade, Water, Coffee



"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!



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Contemporary Christian Issues

Using "The Wired Word" curriculum series and material from PC(USA), *Christianity Today* and more, they will explore various topics of interest within a Christian setting. The discussions will be held Wednesdays at 1:00 PM beginning October 5th in the church parlor. Contact Susan Sheridan by e-mail at ssher77@sbcglobal.net or by text/phone at 330-507-9232 to be registered.

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: F-G-H

