



What's Up Wickliffe!

MAY
2022



Hello readers of our Newsletter. I hope you are steadfast in the hope and promises of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I know we have all been watching the news and praying for Ukraine. I want to remind you that our offerings and gifts to our

Presbyterian Missions are going to help the refugee situation and people of Ukraine. Our Presbyterian Mission work is always among the first missions around the world addressing the needs and situations of global catastrophes. Whatever the need may be our Presbyterian Missions are there. This is something as Presbyterians we can be proud of and thankful for.

But there is another matter to which I want to direct your attention. I want to share an observation with you regarding this Russian imposed war. Quite often as we read passages in Exodus, there is difficulty digesting and understanding the idea expressed in scripture.

Let me point out this idea. Reading Exodus 4:21 NIV "The Lord said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart (Pharaoh) so that he will not let the people go."

Frequently when reading such passages, the reader's reaction is "Wait a minute. How could the Pharaoh let Moses and the Hebrews go? Scripture seems to state God hardened the Pharaoh's heart?" Certainly, this is a natural question we would ask. I want to venture down this road with you because of what we are witnessing in the Russian imposed War on Ukraine. The parallel I want to illustrate is the hardened heart of the Pharaoh in Exodus is the same hardened heart we are witnessing in Vladimir Putin. Yes, on a global scale we are observing a phenomenon written about in scripture: a hardened heart.

So, let's clarify what scripture is stating. Did God impose God's will upon Pharaoh not to let Moses and the Hebrew people go? Or asking the same question another way. Did God force Pharaoh not to let the people go? Or did Pharaoh act upon his own will?

Let's approach this scene with a present-day situation. Your recently licensed teen-age driver asks to drive

the family car somewhere. Being the adult, your knowledge of your teen-ager prompts you in the realization your teen-ager loves and adores their cell phone. They can hardly avoid their own impulse to answer calls and text when and wherever they occur. So, you give your teen the sternest warning you can muster. "You know if you use your cell phone while driving you will cause an accident!"

In other words, as the adult you know the impulses of your teen. Your foreknowledge predicts the outcome of their talking or texting while driving. It is the will and the hand of the teen who brings about the situation. Likewise, God's foreknowledge of the Pharaoh knows how the Pharaoh will respond. And it is fully the will of the Pharaoh who hardened his own heart.

God did not remove or force the will of Pharaoh. So, it is with Vladimir Putin. We are witnessing the hardened heart of Putin's own will. Presently, on a global scale we are witnessing what Exodus seeks to convey. Be mindful that we are witnessing the personification of evil in the world. Let us be vigilant in our prayers and in our support of Ukraine. And please pray for all the people assisting the Ukrainian people. Amen.

~ Pastor Mark

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MAY SCHEDULE

- May 1** **Third Sunday of Easter**
- May 8** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
 - ◆ Mother's Day
 - ◆ Support Meeting
- May 15** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
 - ◆ Session Meeting
- May 22** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
 - ◆ Deacon's Ice Cream Social
- May 29** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
 - ◆ Benevolence Offering



Happy Birthday!

May 11	Kevin Yacucci
May 22	Nancy Witt
May 25	Kathleen Kirchner
May 31	Ingrid Thompson

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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Mother's Day Blessings
Have a Lovely Day!



Proverbs 31:28
KJV

*Her children arise up,
 and call her blessed*

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



IN STEP WITH SESSION...

Session held their meeting on Sunday, the 24th, after Worship. All the Elders were present and accounted for. Thank you. Next meeting is on May 15th.

Deacons news: Pastor is going to get in touch with Debbie Fabian to ask if it is feasible to offer carry-out for the Ice Cream Social which will be held on May 22nd. We are all excited that the Deacons are finally going to be able to move forward on a fund raiser in person, but would like to make sure everyone will feel comfortable if they don't want to attend due to the aftermath of Covid.

-Abraham Concert on Palm Sunday: Even though the attendance was down from the last concert in November, it was very uplifting and enjoyed by all.

We are going to ask them to entertain us at our Annual picnic again.

-Worship: Ruth spoke on Palm Sunday and Easter Services. Waving of the palms was the highlight of Palm Sunday. For those who have attended in the past, remember when we paraded around the Sanctuary waving our palms. All felt that the silk flowers used were a nice choice on Easter. Thank you, Ruth.

-Support/Finances: Because of the Financial Statement being in the red, Support decided to move \$5000 from Savings to General fund to help with bottom line.

Pledges have been down so this will help with any upcoming expenses we incur. Nancy to order plates for the Memorial plaque for Freddie Donatiello, Ada Neff and Bettie Lewis.

-Phone service/Internet: We discussed changing the company covering our phones/internet from ATT to Armstrong. Jeff to reach out to the company with our decision.

All in all, everything seems to be going well. Our next meeting is our last meeting until Fall. If anyone has any concerns they would like to have brought up at our next Session meeting, please let one of the Elders, Clerk of Session or Pastor know. Now's your time to speak up.

Blessings to all and wishing you a safe and healthy summer.

Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session





PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING



Pentecost and One Great Hour of Sharing are Presbyterian Special Offerings which do come one upon the other in the Spring! However, the Pentecost Offering is not taken up until June 5! Many thanks for all who gave to OGHS in April!

Now let us think of what the Pentecost Offering is and what it endeavors to do with the funds given by congregations.

"At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering help YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS by building a life of faith, and a hopeful future by connecting them with one another, with caring communities and with opportunities beyond our envisioning."

40% of our offerings stays within our congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own Church and community.

25% supports Young Adult Volunteers serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through Transformative Christian service.

25% supports Ministries with Youth.

10% is devoted to children at-risk and supports improved education and provide safe havens.

"IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!"

Thank you! Donna Cooper

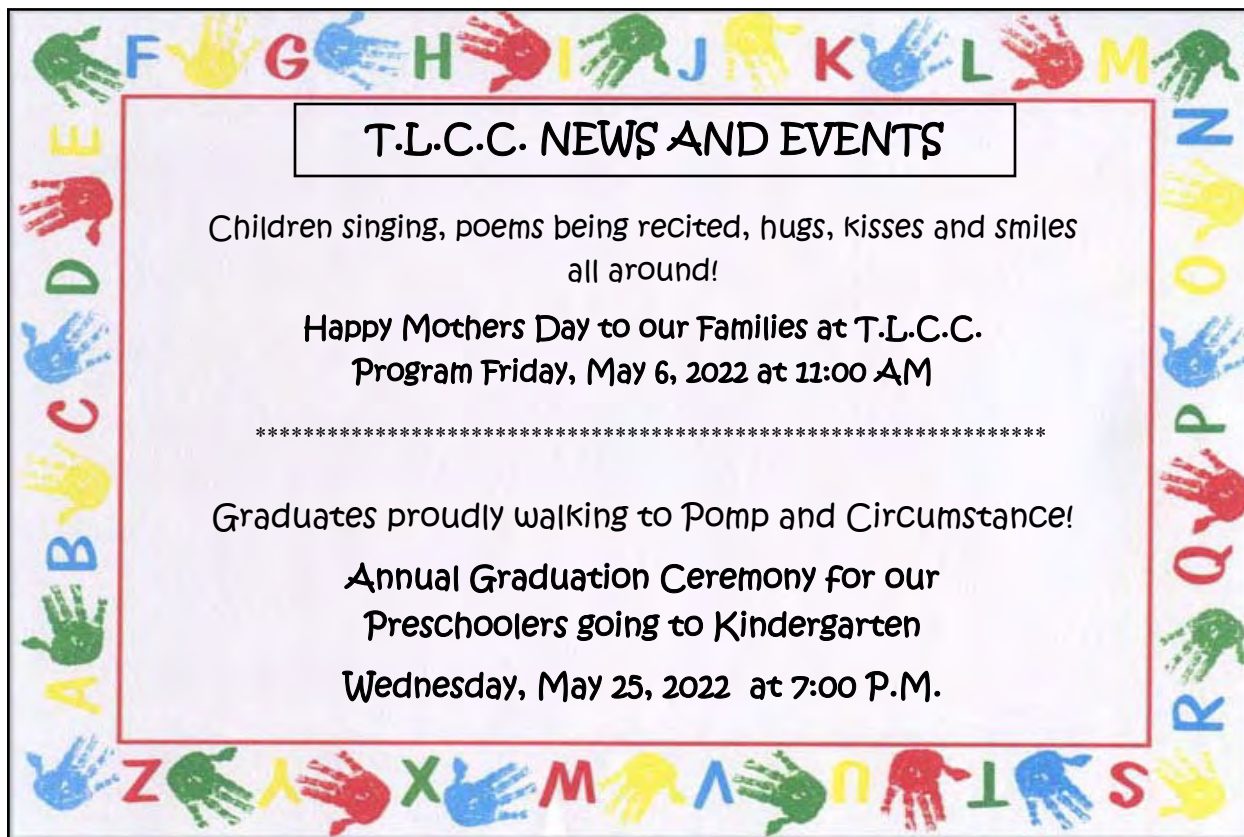
T.L.C.C. NEWS AND EVENTS

Children singing, poems being recited, hugs, kisses and smiles all around!

**Happy Mothers Day to our Families at T.L.C.C.
Program Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11:00 AM**

Graduates proudly walking to Pomp and Circumstance!

**Annual Graduation Ceremony for our
Preschoolers going to Kindergarten
Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**





REQUEST FROM JEFF

Jeff Bryant is collecting **aluminum cans** for a project with the VFW called **"Cans for Vets"**. Please bring your cans to Jeff at the church 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!



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: **G-H-J-K**



LUNCH WITH THE DEACONS



Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream Social

May 22, 2022

After Worship Service

**Hot dogs, Potato Salad,
Baked Beans, Chips,**

**Ice Cream with Lots of Toppings,
Strawberries**

Please Support Us and Come Hungry!

Free Will Offering Only



Ukrainian Pasta Benefit

Charitable event to support humanitarian aid to help the Ukrainian people



100% of proceeds will go directly to support this crisis, through the International Knights of Columbus www.kofc.org

**Sunday, May 15, 2022
12 PM to 6 PM**

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH CENTER

**4500 Norquest Blvd.
Austintown, Ohio 44515
330-793-9988**

\$10.00 Pasta Dinner by Rachel's Restaurant Catering

Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, butter and dessert

Dine In or Carry Out Available

Cash and Checks Only

Live entertainment starting at 12:30 PM

Huge Basket Raffle and Special Item Raffle

1st Prize—Samsung 65 Inch 4K Smart TV

2nd Prize—Ninja Coffee Maker and Air Fryer

3rd Prize—20 V DeWalt Drill/Impact Plus Accessories

For questions please call Debi Stickle 330-533-7785

Or refer to the parish website www.ihm-parish.com

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FOR
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Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that You will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in Your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service	2	3	4 11:30 AM Goodtimers	5 5:45 PM TOPS	6  11:00 AM TLCC Mother's Day Program	7
8  10:00 AM WORSHIP Service Support Meeting	9 6:00 PM TLCC Board Meeting	10	11	12 5:45 PM TOPS	13	14
15 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service Session Meeting	16	17	18 12:00 PM Esther Circle	19 5:45 PM TOPS	20	21
22 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service Ice Cream Social	23 June Newsletter Deadline	24 12:30 PM Discovery Group	25  7:00 PM TLCC Preschool Graduation	26 5:45 PM TOPS	27	28
29 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service 	30  MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER	31				