

What's Up Wickliffe!

JUNE
2022



Hello readers of our newsletter. I want to begin with an important question. Do you know your relatives? You are probably thinking grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, etc. But actually, I am talking about your relatives in Creation.

Those relatives who live in relationship with you. They're an important part of creation. They too were created by God! God even put God's own seal of approval on them. "And God saw that it was good."

More precisely, I am talking about the entire Creature Kingdom. Creatures in the water, animals on the ground and creatures of the air. Those other creatures that inhabit our planet. Over time the Church has concentrated on -human salvation. The salvation of human souls. Which is a good thing. But our relationships with our other relatives have been rarely considered.

So, for a moment, let's recognize our planet Earth and its Creaturely Kingdom. Take the tiny, little but critically important world-wide citizen. The Bee! The Bee who pollinates flowers. The flowers of the many foods we eat. apples, almonds, asparagus, beans, beets, black berries, blue berries, cranberries, cabbage, celery, cherries, cucumbers, cantaloupe, flax, garlic, grapes, lettuce, onions, peaches, pears, pumpkins, raspberries, rhubarb, squash, strawberries, sweet potatoes, sunflowers and many, many more of our food staples. All because of that little world-wide citizen the Bee.

Yes, God's word speaks to our relationship with God's created creaturely kingdom. Job 12:7-10 states "But ask the animals and they will teach you, or the birds of the air and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all of these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

But did you know our relationship with the creaturely kingdom also relates to another church matter? It's a relationship we observe -in church! It's an important matter we relate too! And it's directly related to the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. It's related to our Communion.

It's rarely acknowledged. And it's a bit startling to recognize. But the fact is the creaturely kingdom was

sacrificed to fulfill our human need. Genesis 3:21a "The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them." Those garments were the skins of animals.

When we think about Communion. How often do we think about and recognize the creaturely kingdom was sacrificed for our sake? It was this Genesis moment which began the sacrificial system throughout the Old Testament. It was this Genesis moment which required the spilling of blood. The blood of Jesus of Nazareth. Was Jesus' title the "Lamb of God" just an interesting title? It was this Genesis moment which necessitated Jesus' words "This is my body and blood shed for you for the remission of Sin."

Global degradation, increasing threats to the creaturely kingdom and threats to our own earthly nest, has brought about our seeing the relationship of humanity and the creaturely kingdom differently. Our bible and its scriptures have not changed. What has changed is our understanding. It's not just our planet! It's their planet as well! Our relationship with creation and its' creatures is a "relative matter." It truly matters how we relate to creation and creation's creatures. It really does matter. Let's truly praise God for creation and all its inhabitants. Amen.

~ Pastor Mark

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JUNE SCHEDULE

- June 5** **Day of Pentecost**
 ♦ Communion
- June 12** **Trinity Sunday**
- June 19** **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
 ♦ Father's Day
- June 26** **Third Sunday after Pentecost**
 ♦ Benevolence Offering



Happy Birthday!

June 15	Bill Wayland
June 26	Pauline Oliphant
June 21	Robert Kirchner
June 30	Elaine Ritchie

Happy Anniversary

June 8	Ray & Debby Marshall
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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2022 Per Capita is again \$32.00. Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.

IN STEP WITH SESSION HELD ON MAY 15TH 2022....



This was our last official Regular Session meeting until Sept 25th. We, of course, will have the option to call Special Session Meetings during the summer, if concerns arise. This is a quick recap of our meeting. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask any one of our Elders, Clerk of Session or Pastor...

*Remember to bring in Pop cans and tabs for collection. A trash can will be available for cans (VFW) and large plastic jar for tabs (Ronald McDonalds) .

*We will no longer be collecting ink cartridges/cell phones for TLCC.

*Annual Church Picnic will be held on August 21st. More info to follow. The Abrahams will be our entertainment again. Come and enjoy.

*Presbytery Meeting to be held on June 7th at Northminster in Cuyahoga Falls.

*Anyone who would like to work on the following committees, please let the chair be aware of your willingness. (Could use help on Worship and Growth) Chair Worship-Ruth Capper and Chair Growth-Donna Cooper)

*We are switching from ATT to Armstrong soon.

*TLCC is having difficulty finding staff. Please prayer for this outreach as we move forward.

*We are trying to solve the screen issue. We know how difficult it is to see the videos. Patience is a virtue. Give us time to solve the problem.

We will keep you posted as we make important decisions concerning any changes we feel will help resolve issues you have brought to our attention. Don't hesitate to let us know if you have any other concerns we need to be aware of...or any issues you feel have not been addressed. We hear you and we care.

Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session

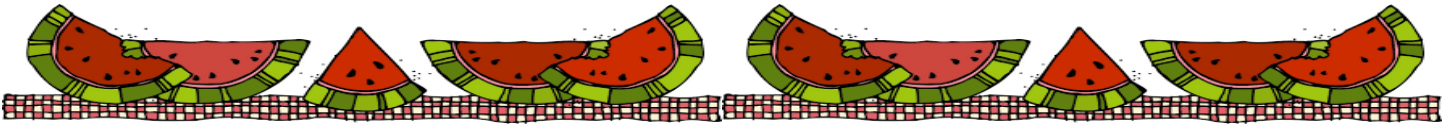


Our May 22nd Ice Cream Social was a huge success thanks to our generous Wickliffe family! We served 39 people a fun menu of hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, drinks, ice cream with strawberries and toppings, plus beautiful homemade cookies provided by you! The Deacons received a lovely free will donation of approximately \$270.00 to be used for their yearly mission work.

Many thanks to all who attended, stayed to socialize and all who baked yummy cookies for the luncheon. We all appreciate your generosity!

Love and thanks from the Deacons





PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING ~ *Reminder*



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

The Jackie Burley Memorial Charity Golf Tournament will be held June 17, 2022. See the church bulletin board for details.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



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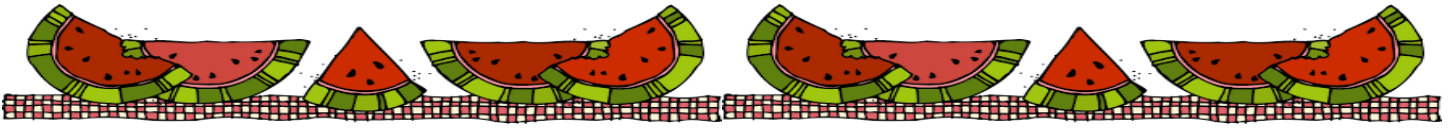
God of Peace and Justice,

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.

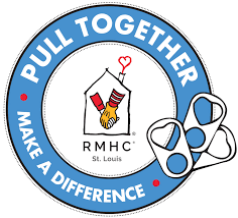
Unite our hearts with the people of Ukraine. We pray that people around the world will join us in our prayers.

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.**



“Attention All”



We are asking that you take time to collect **Pop Tabs** for our **RONALD McDONALD HOUSE Outreach**. You will find the tall plastic container in the Narthex. We have been slowly turning in the tabs to Akron's facility, but have not had a lot of success in this endeavor.



We have recently heard that they are in dire need. 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

HOLY HUMOR

OUT OF THE MOUTHES OF BABES.....

Father Richard Carton, associate pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, was speaking to a group of second graders about the resurrection when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

It was a question of great theological importance, but Father Carton had to explain, in words suitable to his young audience, that the Gospels do not tell us just what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said, Father," she insisted.

"And what was that?" asked Father Carton.

"**Tah-dah!**" the girl exclaimed.

- From the best of The Joyful Newsletter

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: L—M— O



REQUEST FROM JEFF

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!



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:30 AM Goodtimers	2 5:45 PM TOPS	3	4
5 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service Communion	6	7 Presbytery Meeting	8	9 5:45 PM TOPS	10	11
12 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service	13	14	15 12:00 PM Esther Circle	16 5:45 PM TOPS	17	18
19 HAPPY  10:00 AM WORSHIP Service	20 July Newsletter Deadline	21	22	23 5:45 PM TOPS	24	25
26 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service 	27	28 12:30 PM Discovery Group	29	30 5:45 PM TOPS		