

What's Up Wickliffe!

November
2017

Einstein and Billy Graham



Billy Graham is now 96 years-old with Parkinson's disease. In January, 2000 leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor.

Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, 'We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you.' So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, "I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time Magazine as the Man of the Century.

Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his trouser pockets. It wasn't there. He looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat beside him. He still couldn't find it. "The conductor said, 'Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it.'

"Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

"The conductor rushed back and said, 'Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are; no problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one.'

Einstein looked at him and said, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is

where I'm going."

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. You know what that occasion is? This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am. I also know where I'm going." May your troubles be less, your blessings more, and may nothing but happiness, come through your door. Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point."

Amen and peace, my friends. And may each of us live our lives so that when our ticket is punched we don't have to worry about where we are going. *Submitted by Nancy Truslow*

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE



- Nov 5 Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost**
 ♦ All Saints Sunday

- Nov 12 Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**
 ♦ Deacons Soup & Sloppy Joe Luncheon (following worship)

- Nov 19 Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

- Nov 26 Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday**
 ♦ Benevolence Offering

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Greeters

- Nov 5 Jamie & Jeff Bryant
- Nov 12 Sherry & Kevin Yacucci
- Nov 19 ***Volunteer Needed***
- Nov 26 ***Volunteer Needed***

Worship

- Nov 5 Shirley McMahan
- Nov 12 Janelle Truslow
- Nov 19 Bill Wayland
- Nov 26 Dennis McMahan

Acolytes

Volunteers are needed for weekly acolytes.

Ushers

- 1st Week - Dennis McMahon, Nancy O'Hara, Bill Schoenfeld, Neil Truslow

- 2nd Week - Kevin Yacucci, Sherry Yacucci, Bill O'Hara, Ricky Witt

- 3rd Week - Bev Bagoly, Barb McKinney, Bill Wayland, *Volunteer Needed*

- 4th Week - Jamie Bryant, Debbie Marshall, *Volunteer Needed*, Bob Fabian

- 5th Week & Evenings - Bill O'Hara, Ron Salo, Dr. David Ritchie, Gary Booher

- Alternates - Bill O'Hara, Bev Bagoly, Nancy Truslow

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2017 Per Capita is \$32.00. Per Capita informational flyers available at the church.

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm

Church Website: www.wickliffepc.com

Secretary's Email: wickliffepc@gmail.com

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45 Idlewood Rd.
Austintown, OH 44515

P: 330-792-6441 F: 330-792-1006 (call first)

TLCC Daycare and Preschool
Director, Norma Johnson
330-792-9048

Happy Birthday!

November 4 - Roger Burnett

November 5 - Dr. David Ritchie

November 8 - Bill Cooper

November 13 - Sherry Yacucci

November 20 - Carmella Scheafnocker

November 22 - Bonnie Salo

November 28 - Margaret Davies

November 28 - Sara Hipkins (Neff)

Happy Anniversary

November 10 - Bill & Nancy O'Hara

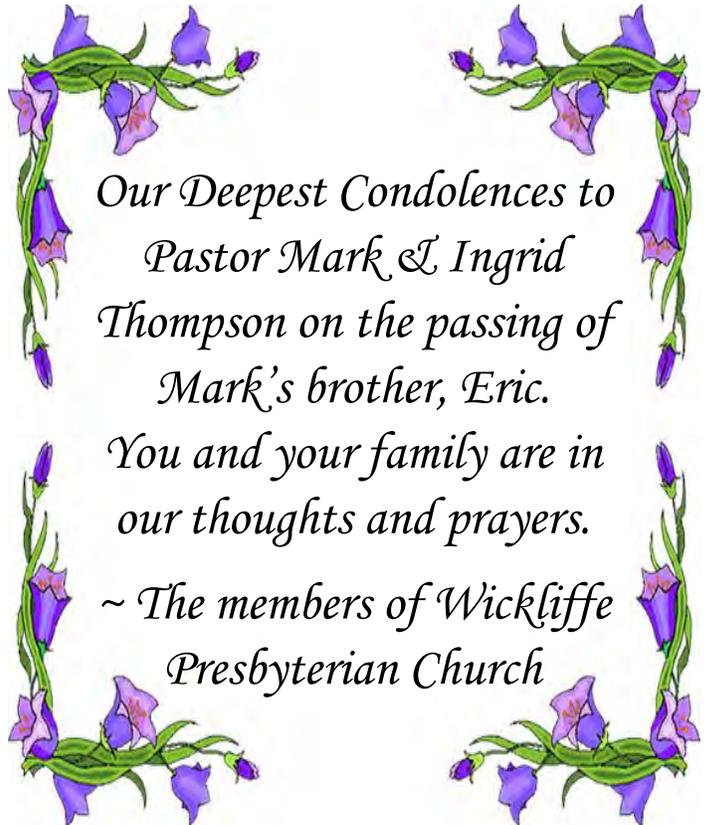
Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Beginning in May, large cans of beans and large jars of peanut butter are needed for Needle's Eye End of the Month care for the Elderly.

Check for your initials this month!

This month's initials are: W - Z

Thank you for your generosity!
Donna Cooper



*Our Deepest Condolences to
Pastor Mark & Ingrid
Thompson on the passing of
Mark's brother, Eric.*

*You and your family are in
our thoughts and prayers.*

*~ The members of Wickliffe
Presbyterian Church*

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In Step with Session

As the Holiday Seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, stress is an issue that we all must face. Not only as individuals, but also as Church Leaders having to stay on top of important issues within our walls and beyond.

We ask that you keep all of our members in your thoughts always, listening to their concerns. So many have loved ones dealing with health issues along with those who have lost someone close to them. It is with deepest regrets that we keep Pastor Mark and Ingrid in our prayers with the loss of Pastor Mark's brother on Sunday. It's so devastating to lose someone at any time, but close to the holidays is so difficult.

Our Session is still in need of an Elder moving into 2018. If you feel your faith leading you in this direction, please see Ricky Witt.

All Teams are working diligently toward plans for the Fall/Winter Season. Support has completed their Stewardship Minute for Missions and have collected quite a few pledges totaling \$40,255.00. We still have a ways to go! The campaign encouraged members to increase their giving by the "Power of One" (\$1, 1%) We are the Power of One. Let's make a difference for our Church. CE has planned to involve the youth in our Veteran's celebration on Nov 12th. They will also be bringing down the boxes for the Hanging of the Greens for Nov 26th. Please plan on attending Service for these two events.

As a reminder from Worship, we will not have a morning Christmas Eve Service at Wickliffe, but will have our evening 7:00pm Service at Christ Church. More info to follow as we move closer into the Season. The Service Team may be looking into replacing some windows along with possibly the blinds in the Conference Room. Growth is still honoring Birthdays during the upcoming year.

I read a letter from a Missionary in Belize who would like our prayers for a few children that are really in need. If you have a spare moment and would like to send cards, the children's names are Jamie, Susie, Whitney, Denzel and Stephanie. You can send the cards to Rev Dr Stephen Post @ Mission of the Good Shepherd-Mango Creek, Independence Village-Stann Creek District-Belize, Central America.

Our blessings to all who take a moment to read through our Newsletter. So much information is at your finger tips. Be inspired.

Happy Holidays to come... Nancy O'Hara-Clerk of Session

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund

Our Support team, along with approval from our Session, have designed an "Endowment brochure" to guide those interested in including Wickliffe Presbyterian Church in your will while planning your estate. This is not in anyway mandatory but, as the brochure states, is definitely an expression of faith that will provide support for our congregation.

Also mentioned in the brochure, A bequest can be made directly to the Church. We refer to this as an outright gift. Any gift or bequest will be applied in your name to the Church Memorial Fund. Unless specified by you, your gift /bequest will be used for the benefit of Wickliffe Presbyterian as needed.

The brochures have been placed in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please ask any of our Support Team: Nancy O'Hara, Kerry Schneider, Jamie Bryant, Debbie Marshall or Barb McKinney.

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Deacon Soup and Sloppy Joe Lunch - November 12th after worship

We are asking for cookie donations from the congregation for the lunch! Come hungry!!!!



Please submit any needy family name to a Deacon to receive a food basket for Thanksgiving and or Christmas.



The Deacons will once again have two Christmas trees during December in the church for gathering donations for our charities. One tree will hold the collection of hats, mittens, scarves and gloves which will be donated to the Fish Samaritan House for distribution. The Head to Toe Tree will have suggested items to be donated. These gifts will be given to Protestant Family Services. Please wrap the gift and identify for a boy, girl, man or woman, plus the size and name of gift. For example, "girl, size 5 ,sweater, or boy, teen, football." You may leave the wrapped gifts under the tree. Thanks once again for your amazing generosity. Together, Wickliffe church makes many people happy at Christmas.

Thanks for supporting the Deacons of Wickliffe. ~ Debby Fabian



Community Dialogue on Race

GREATER YOUNGSTOWN COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON RACE - GYCDOR

Our Kickstarter took place at New Bethel Baptist Church in September with sixty people from all over Youngstown. Thirty more people than our August meeting. You could feel the energy in the room as the purpose of the dialogue was explained. We divided up into small groups with a facilitator and got to know one another through talking about our ethnic backgrounds. So interesting to hear these stories.

Afterwards, each signed up for a meeting place. Bill and I signed up to meet six Wednesday evenings at St. John's Episcopal Church on Wick Ave. Our first meeting took place October 11 with Dr. Ben McGee and Pastor Gayle Catinella as facilitators. There are ten members in our group. Each small group dialogue starts with personal stories, then the second meeting group looks at a problem from many points of view.

Third week, the group will explore possible solutions. Finally, we will make plans for action and change. Action being the important word. Just like many other problems, talking them out sincerely very much prompts possible solutions.

Bill and I ask for prayers for this very important project and we will keep you in touch with our experiences.

Donna and Bill Cooper

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Wickliffe Presbyterian Church Financial Report - September 2017

08/31/17	Total Available Funds (checking/savings)	\$123,187.87
	Total Cash Received	6,307.00
	Total Expenditures	6,766.99
	Total Interest	3.11
08/31/17	Total Available Funds (checking/savings)	\$122,730.99

Account Balances:	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Memorial</u>
Balance as of 08/31/17	\$45,784.09	\$77,403.78	\$1,238.43	\$5,099.48
Deposits	0.00	6,307.00	12.00	600.00
Interest Received	3.11			
Withdrawals	0.00	6,766.99	0.00	0.00
Balance as of 08/31/17	\$45,787.20	\$76,943.79	\$1,250.43	\$5,699.48

Per Capita ~ Received - \$971.00 Paid - \$911.00



Good Samaritan Christmas Shoe Boxes

Yes it is "already" time to pack our Christmas shoe boxes to send onward to all the needy children all over the world. I know for most of us, it is one of the most fulfilling activities of the season. If you have not already, you can pick up your box on the table in the narthex along with the pamphlet of directions. Please read it carefully since there are several items prohibited. Please return your box to the table by November 12th and I will transport them to the distribution center.

Thank you all so much! Shirley McMahan

Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ron Neff who passed away late in September.

Thank you to all of the church members who helped with the funeral luncheon. The family appreciates everyone's help in their time of need.

Several of the funeral luncheon attendees asked about the wonderful cake made by Vivian Manenti.

You can find the recipe below:

Vivian's Apple Cake

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| 3 cups chopped apples | 1 tea. salt |
| 1 ½ cups oil | 1 tea. baking soda |
| 2 cups sugar | 2 tea. baking powder |
| 2 eggs | 2 t. cinnamon |
| 1 tea. vanilla | 1 cup chopped nuts |
| 2 ½ cups flour | |

Prepare apples and set aside. Beat oil, sugar, vanilla and eggs until creamy. Measure and sift dry ingredients. Slowly add to sugar mixture. Fold in apples and nuts. Pour into greased Angel Food pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hr. & 20 minutes. Serves 12.



MISSION NOTES FROM RWANDA!

THE REV. KAY DAY,

One of the international Mission Co-Workers we are getting to know!

Below you will find Kay's latest letter from Rwanda.

Please continue to hold her in prayer!

You may follow Kay's work at Kaydaysdiary.blogspot.com

You may also email her at mKayday@gmail.com

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Rwanda. As you are settling into autumn, we are in the midst "wedding season." This is the time of year, while classes are in recess, when our theology students arrange for their weddings. One of the cultural expectations is that pastors in the Protestant churches are married. So students want to get married before they are assigned to churches. Along with the academic preparations for ministry, they are praying for and looking for a life partner for ministry. It is serious business. This August and September I have been invited to participate in 6 weddings.

While there is a prescribed liturgy for a wedding, just as in the States, each wedding is unique and special for the couple and for those who attend. I have enjoyed each of the wedding I have attended, but I must confess that this past Saturday's was the liveliest wedding service I have ever attended. The bride grew up in a Pentecostal church but joined the Presbyterian Church out of love and solidarity with her groom, a candidate for ministry in the Presbyterian Church. Both the bride and the groom were members of choirs in their respective congregations. Both the choirs came together for the wedding, preparing individual numbers and joint numbers to sing. But they went far beyond that. The traditional wedding practice is that the couple solemnly processes in and takes special seats in the front of the congregation, with their attendants seated behind them. During the course of the service, choirs sing for the couple, even using the couple's names in the songs. The couple sits and listens with eager enjoyment. Not so on Saturday. The choirs, joyfully singing, formed an honor guard for the couple to enter through, some choir members dancing in front of them to lead them in. During the service, each choir sang, and when they joined together, they danced before the couple. The singing and dancing was contagious. The couple stood and joined the choirs.



The bride and groom in a blur of dancing with the joint choir

That was an invitation for the congregation to join. The dancing and clapping went on for five minutes. It was a spontaneous outpouring of joy. The vows and the exchange of rings were punctuated by songs and cheers. The reception, also held in the church, continued the tone as the honor guard again formed, this time with sparklers blazing as the couple dance between the lines of friends. It was the most joy filled wedding service I have ever attended.

As I reflected on it, I believe it is biblical. The ultimate marriage will be our reunion with Christ in heaven, with his church – us - as his bride. The descriptions of Revelation provide us with joy and music of a magnitude we can't imagine. Why not "practice" here on earth as two of his children are joined in marriage? I rejoiced in this celebration and hope that you may find opportunities for such deep rejoicing in your own lives, if not in weddings, then in God's creation, in his love, in his presence in your lives. May this be a season of rejoicing in God's provision and his love.

Yours in Christ, Kay (Cathie to the family)

November 2017 Wickliffe Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sundays</p> <p>9:30 a.m. - Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Sunday School (all ages)</p> <p>8:00 p.m. - AA</p>			<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Goodtimers @ Denny's (Austintown) - 11:30am</p> 	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>1:30 pm - BIBLE Study</p> <p>5:45 pm - T.O.PS.</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10:00 am - CHOIR Practice</p>
<p><i>5</i></p> 	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> 	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>12:00 Noon - Esther CIRCLE</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>1:30 pm - BIBLE Study</p> <p>5:45 pm - T.O.PS.</p> <p>6:30 pm - Girl SCOUTS</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>10:00 am - CHOIR Practice</p> 
<p><i>12</i></p> <p>DEACONS Soup & Sloppy Joe LUNCHEON</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>6:30 pm - TLCC Board Meeting</p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p>	<p><i>14</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>1:30 pm - BIBLE Study</p> <p>5:45 pm - T.O.PS.</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>10:00 am - CHOIR Practice</p>
<p><i>19</i></p> <p>8:30 am - SUPPORT Meeting</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>1:30 pm - Deacons FOOD Baskets</p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p> 	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>6:00 pm - SESSION Meeting</p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> 	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>10:00 am - CHOIR Practice</p>
<p><i>26</i></p> 	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>12:30 pm - DISCOVERY Group</p> <p>7:00 pm -ALANON</p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>5:45 pm - T.O.PS.</p>		