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What's Up Wickliffe!

April
2022



Hello newsletter supporters! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the arrival of the new Spring season. Spring brings a whole new pallet of joys, blessings and thankful moments for us to enjoy. For example, I hope you are now enjoying your

favorite chair on your patio, your porch or breezeway. While in that favorite chair I hope you're comfortably sipping on your favorite refreshment. Maybe by now you've already placed your flowerpots outside so they can absorb the Spring Sun. If not, I am sure you are counting down the few days left till you can.

Hopefully you've seen the sprouting Spring flowers breaking through the ground. Or maybe you've been thinking about that first meal outside on the picnic table. Whatever you're doing, I'm certain the wheels of your mind are turning with hopes and plans for the new Spring season. Spring is here! It's arrived! And we are joyfully expressing our attitudes of gratitude to Mother Nature.

What a moment this is! How joyful to have welling up from within us these joys and blessings. The new season is here. The days of Spring we've longed for, hoped for and waited upon are finally here! Thank God!

But now I must admit something! I must admit I've been leading you somewhere. My motive has been to deliver a message to you. Of course, my motive is well-intended. And the burden of honesty compels me to disclose not just my motive. But to share the message I am so motivated to deliver. The message is pure and true. By no means complex. In fact, the message is not even new. The message I've been so motivated to deliver has been stated. Previously written. Always celebrated! Even creation itself celebrates the message!

So, here it is. Please enjoy David's message. Psalm 19:1-4. "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

Paul expanded upon David's message. Colossians

1:15-16 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him."

So, this is the place. This is where I hoped to bring you. A place where we can enjoy and appreciate the beauty and the witness of God's creation. A place where we not only witness God's hand in creation. But a place where we can be reminded of our time and our co-laboring with Jesus Christ to bring about the Kingdom of God. Let's just love the moment. Appreciate the time and the place.

As well, while mindful of the peace and beauty we enjoy. Let us be in the labor of prayer and support for the people of Ukraine. May we remember the body of Jesus Christ living within the Russian borders. And may we also be reminded our democracy is not to be taken for granted! When we vacate the time, the places and the people of God's creation, evil immediately steps in to reside and destroy God's creation. Love our moment. Appreciate our time and place. Amen.

~ Pastor Mark

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APRIL SCHEDULE

- April 3** Fifth Sunday in Lent
- April 10** Palm Sunday
 - ◆ Communion
 - ◆ Support Meeting
 - ◆ Renewal Trio Concert
- April 14** Maundy Thursday
- April 17** Easter Sunday
- April 24** Second Sunday of Easter
 - ◆ Benevolence Offering



Happy Birthday!

- April 12 James Davies
- April 21 Kerry Schneider

Happy Anniversary

- April 17 Albert & Beverly Bagoly
- April 18 Paul & Georgia Velly

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: C-D-F





IN STEP WITH SESSION...

The March 20 meeting was postponed due to Pastor Mark's illness; rescheduled for March 27. Therefore there is nothing to report in the April Newsletter.

Blessings to all.... Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session

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



I thought it was time to reach out to all of our members and friends that read our Newsletter to explain again the ins and outs of the Benevolence Fund. It's been quite a long time since I've written an article on this topic. We have since received new members into our fold that most likely don't have a clue what

we had used this fund for in the past. So in simple terms, many of our members and TLCC staff have often been hurting financially and, even though we don't have a large balance, we have been able to help in some small way, e.g., we can issue a check for a utility, food, or any other bills to help make a difference. If you are having issues, please reach out to any Elder or the Pastor and we will see that your request is addressed. As of February 2022 our balance is \$1,445.09.

This fund is nurtured by you our members. During the last Sunday of each month, any loose offering will be applied to the Benevolence Fund and we thank each and every member who has been faithfully donating. As you see your way clear, please remember that there are always families that need a helping hand. It is not necessary to use a specific envelope to donate to the fund. As I mentioned above, all loose offerings are applied automatically during the last Sunday of each month, but If you feel that you would like to keep this donation private, there should be envelopes marked in the pews for your convenience. If you can't find any, see me and I will make sure you have one to use.

We want to let you know that your request for help is confidential. Blessings again to all those who are willing to help those in need. If you have any additional questions concerning anything I've mentioned or overlooked, please ask me for clarification.

Blessings,
Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session



Happy Spring! We are planning our year of service. Please submit any needy family's name to a Deacon for an Easter Basket. You may donate to the food cupboard by bringing it with you on Sunday. There is a basket by the door for your donation. Monetary donations are always appreciated if that would be easier. Deacons will prepare communion for Palm Sunday service.

Mark May 22, 2022 on your calendar for the Deacons "Ice Cream Social!" We will be preparing a nice lunch for all, plus fellowship! Come hungry for hot dogs, beans, potato salad and ice cream. We are excited to be socializing together. Please come!

Debbie Fabian and Your Deacon Board

Debbie Fabian	Nancy Truslow	Sherry Yacucci
Patti Cramer	Sherrie Wolfe	Bobbi Jo Smith



"WE are the Church, TOGETHER. Each time we gather, we connect to find God's story in our story and in the story of our neighbors. Each of us, all of us, are connected with God. In the story of Jesus, we say the WORD was made flesh in order that God might CONNECT with humanity with whom God is "well-pleased". And in His earthly ministry, Jesus did connect with the lonely, and with the rejected. He healed the sick and rebuked demons, multiplied meals, chastised religious hypocrisy and brought new life out of what was dead." (Special Offerings, Presbyterian Mission)

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing CONNECTS us with the great story of Jesus! As the largest way Presbyterians come together for a better world. One Great Hour Of Sharing connects us with neighbors in need. We share our hopes, our prayers, and offerings, extending to as many as 100 countries, and to Youngstown, Ohio. At this time The Ukrainian People are in our foremost prayers and concerns, as well as tornado and flood victims in our country.

Received during Palm Sunday service, each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. The OGHS offering provides us a way to share God's love with neighbors in need. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING makes a difference in the world in these ways:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. Receives 32% of funds raised.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) takes action to alleviate hunger, care for the creation and systemic causes of poverty. Receives 32% of funds raised.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. Receives 32% of funds raised

Please consider your offering this Palm Sunday. If not able to be with us in church on that special Sunday, your offering can be mailed to Wickliffe Presbyterian Church at any time.

With Gratefulness, Donna Cooper




RENEWAL TRIO
BACK IN CONCERT 2022
SUNDAY APRIL 10TH AT 6:00 PM
 Wickliffe Presbyterian Church
 45 Idlewood Rd. Austintown, OH 44515




Renewal will be singing some of the great Gospel Songs you all remember and love. We are proud to introduce our newest member, Becky Vignon.

For more information call: 330-792-6441 or 330-519-7720

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the families and friends of **Ada Neff**, who died February 1st, **Bettie Lewis**, who died March 1st, and **Edwin Marshall Jr**, brother-in-law of Debbie Marshall, who died March 1st. Please keep them in your prayers.



Esther Circle would like to thank the women of Wickliffe Presbyterian Church for donating linens to the ladies of Mayville, Kentucky, who lost everything in the December 10, 2021 tornado. Six bags of linens were shipped to Mayville. in February Thank you so much for your Christian generosity!

THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER

Red is for the blood He gave.
 Green is for the grass He made.
 Yellow is for the sun so bright.
 Orange is for the edge of night.
 Black is for the sins we made.
 White is for the grace He gave.
 Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
 Pink is for our new tomorrow.
 A bag full of jelly beans
 colorful and sweet,
 Is a prayer, is a promise,
 Is a special treat.

HAPPY EASTER!

- Adapted from Charlene Dickensen, 1997



**A NOTE
FROM NANCY O'HARA**






I would like to thank everyone for the calls and cards after my surgery. You all have been a blessing and are very special to me.

LUNCH WITH THE DEACONS
Ice Cream Social
May 22, 2022
 Free Will Offering Only
 Hot dogs, Potato Salad,
 Baked Beans, Chips,
 Ice Cream with Lots of
 Toppings, Strawberries



Please Support Us and Come Hungry!

April 2022

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