



What's Up Wickliffe!



Good day newsletter readers! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and grateful for our gifts of life and spirit. Summer has passed. And we now find ourselves in the month of September, early Fall. September holds

extraordinary meaning for us. It was the month of the 9/11. Can you believe it's been twenty-one years since then? But we've been through a lot of troubling days since then. I'm not going to list the events. I just want to remind us of the hope we have in God.

Simply whistling a happy tune each day does not address our spiritual needs. Our spiritual needs are addressed by our Creator: our maker and our hearts delight! I want to call your attention to the verse of a spiritual song. God's people call our spiritual songs - hymns. Musical expressions that move and express the depths of our being.

The hymn I'm suggesting is "Breathe on me, Breath of God." The first verse reads "Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew. That I may love what thou dost love. And do what thou wouldst do." The breath of God? Life anew? What is the breath of God? Where can we find life anew?

Let us think about the breath of God for a moment? Recall Genesis 2:7 'the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.' Yes! The breath of God is the oxygen that exists in all creation. But the breath of God is much more than oxygen. The breath of God is also the life of our spiritual nature. Our whole being is both physical and spiritual. This is the seen and unseen nature of our being. The life of our spiritual nature is the life of relating and knowing God. It is the life of living and communing with the Holy Spirit of God.

We know our physical lives can be exhausting. When our bodies require a greater need for oxygen our bodies breathe deeper. Our bodies breathe more intensely to meet our body's oxygen demand.

Likewise, our spiritual lives can become exhausted. The work of maintaining our spiritual nature is also

labor intensive. When processing disturbing troublesome events, our spiritual nature yearns and longs for greater amounts of spiritual oxygen. Our spiritual pulse raises. And our spiritual heart beats more rapidly. Hence, we find ourselves on the spiritual path of exhaustion.

When finding ourselves spiritually exhausted, we ask ourselves the deeper spiritual questions! We need the breath of God. We need spiritual oxygen to fill our spiritual nature. We need spiritual love to refresh our spiritual heart. We need spiritual clarity to renew our vision and rebuild our understanding of God. We must process this new perspective which renews our spiritual lives. This new perspective must address our spiritual nature.

In short, we need to draw closer to the heart of God. Closer to the mind of God. Closer to understanding God's love. We need the breath of God! We need God's Holy Spirit to move and stir us toward God's vision for the world. But just seeing is not doing! We must move beyond sight! We must do as God does. Fill ourselves and others with the breath of God. Lead them to seek life anew. We've been through many troubling events since the September of 9/11. But more than reflecting and remembering. I pray we will all seek the breath of God. Seek the filling of life anew. Seek to love what God loves. And seek to do what God would have us do. Amen.

~ Pastor Mark

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SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

September 4 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
◆ Support Meeting

September 18 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
◆ Benevolence Offering
◆ Session Meeting



Happy Birthday!

- September 1 Bill Schoenfeld
- September 8 Tracy Martin
- September 13 Kimberly Clark
- September 14 Debbie Fabian
- September 15 Donna Cooper
- September 16 Bob Fabian
- September 17 Rev. Mark Thompson
- September 22 Carole Leslie
- September 29 Dot Schoenfeld

Happy Anniversary

- Sept. 3 Rich & Janelle Truslow
- Sept. 24 Jeff & Jamie Bryant
- Sept. 25 Ricky & Nancy Witt

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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WICKLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, August 21, 2022



Wow what a turnout! Forty or more members attended our annual picnic on Sunday, August 21, 2022! This was a great way to wind up our summer season. Great food, music, and fellowship! Once again The Renewal Trio gave us a musical service that had us clapping and singing along to some favorite old hymns and some new ones.

If you couldn't attend this time, we hope this event will be on your calendar for August 2023!



Many, many thanks to so many who worked to set up tables, cover tables, prepare the drinks, set out the food, tote the grills, grill the hamburgers and hot dogs, and then clean up afterwards! If I start naming those wonderful folks, I will leave someone important out! So grateful thanks to one and all! You all made this event successful!



Growth Committee is sorely missing Janet Walston, staying home to keep well, and Debby Fabian attending her brother's funeral. Hoping to see them soon!

Looking forward to seeing all of you next year singing, clapping, eating, and having a good time! ~ Donna Cooper





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



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

We Presbyterians enter the Season of Peace from September 4 to October 2. This season draws us together as active peacemakers and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation and to stand in support of our global

sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community, and across boundaries.

Our offerings go to:

Responding to conflict in community - 25% - our congregation retains this portion to support programs in our local area.

Linking our Presbytery with other programs - 25% - especially through our Synod

Advocating for Christ's Peace & Justice - 50% - supporting for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own

Our offering will be taken up on **Sunday, October 2, 2022**. Please consider giving what you are able. "A LITTLE ADDS UP TO A LOT!"

Thank you! Donna Cooper



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.**



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to **Debbie Fabian** and her family, on the passing of her brother, **David Renn** of Ashtabula, OH. David's funeral was held Saturday, August 20. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

NEW ADDRESS!



Sondra Perkins has a new address! Her daughter **Michelle**, sent us the update and then both mother and daughter came back to church! Wonderful to see you again!

Victoria House
5295 Ashley Circle, Room 321
Austintown, OH 44515
Phone: 330-793-5970

SPIRITUAL DIET

It's up to you, as a part of the body of Christ, to discipline yourself to stay on your spiritual diet, in order to stay healthy and full of life. Here is what I like to call...

THE WHOLESOME CHRISTIAN DIET



Bread of Life—Jesus (Main Course)

Jn 6:35

Milk—Simple truths of the Word—

1 Peter 2:2

Meat—Hearing & obeying God's Word—

Jn 4:34

Living Water—Indwelling Spirit—Jn 7:38, 39

New Wine—Holy Spirit Baptism—Acts 2:4 & 13

Fruit—Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Self-Control—Gal 5:22,23

Salt—Fellowship with believers makes Christianity flavorful

On the other hand, here are the things you must abstain from on this diet or you will lose your spiritual energy and become sick & sluggish...

Don't partake of gossip

Do not feed on pornography

Do not absorb distasteful television

Don't drink from the cup of iniquity

Don't eat the bread of idleness

Don't indulge in worldly pleasures

Don't thrive on bitterness & hate

Abstain from fleshly lusts

Don't nibble on temptations

Don't swallow Satan's lies



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If you are faithful and stick to this diet, you will have a healthy, lively, fruitful spirit and will live forever!
Happy Dieting!

"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



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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!



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: W—Y



Faith Journey Sunday
School Class - 9:00 AM

September 2022

Adult II Sunday School
Class - 11:15 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	5  1:00 PM Presbytery Stated Meeting Poland Pres. Church	6 11:30 AM Goodtimers	7 8 5:45 PM Tops	8 9 5:45 PM Tops	9 10 5:45 PM Tops	10 11 5:45 PM Tops
11 10:00 AM Worship Service Support Meeting 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	12 6:00 PM TLCC Board Mtg.	13 12:00 PM Esther Circle	14 15 5:45 PM Tops	16 17 5:45 PM Tops	18 19 5:45 PM Tops	20 21 5:45 PM Tops
18 10:00 A Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	19 20 12:00 PM Esther Circle	21 22 5:45 PM Tops	23 24 5:45 PM Tops	25 26 5:45 PM Tops	27 28 5:45 PM Tops	29 30 5:45 PM Tops
25 10:00 AM Worship Session Meeting  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	26 October Newsletter Deadline	27 12:00 PM Discovery Group	28 29 5:45 PM Tops	30 31 5:45 PM Tops		