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What's Up Wickliffe!



Hello readers of our newsletter! I hope you are adjusting to the present fall season. Fall reminds us of the approaching season. However, there are other signs reminding us of the time of year. Road signs, billboards and television

commercials remind us we are in a political season. A season when political decisions must be made. It's the season when we ask ourselves what am I for? What am I against?

Candidly, many of us are uncomfortable with the pressure and division present in a political season. As followers of Jesus Christ, we ask ourselves, what am I for and what am I against? Relax! I am not going to discuss political issues. But I am going to remind us that as a church, a fellowship of believers, we are for Jesus Christ. We are for the Church. And we are for the people of God.

First, we are for love. The love of God expressed in his one and only Son, Jesus. The love we read about in scripture. The love we share when we worship. The love we sing about and pray about. God is the author of love. Our love for God. The many levels of love we share with others.

Second, we are for reconciliation and redemption. Reconciliation means to make right. To bring into agreement or harmony. To make a relationship compatible. This is what Jesus has done for us. Jesus has made us right with God. Brought us into agreement and harmony with God. Through Jesus our relationship with God is now compatible.

Redemption means to make amends. To obtain restoration. We have been rescued and delivered to God through God's Son. The mission of Jesus was to make amends for the relationship we lost with God. Jesus fulfilled this mission. Without the reconciliation and redemption, we received from Jesus we could not know God.

We are for mercy. God's mercy gives us the second chance. In the same manner we are to give the second chance to others. Receiving God's mercy and demonstrating God's mercy to others. However, our

own honesty may prod us to confess, we need more than a second chance. We need God's continual ongoing mercy. Good news! God's mercy demonstrated in Jesus' death upon the Cross demonstrated God's continual ongoing mercy. Jesus died for all the sins of the world. This was and always will be God's mercy for all people and all creation for all time.

Lastly, we are for justice, compassion, gentleness, peace and joy. We are for abundant living. We are for the celebration of life. Smiles, embraces, goodwill, brotherly and sisterly love. We are for healing and hearing unheard voices. We desire the best for everyone. We know that desiring abundant living means being fair and equitable with our resources and the resources of creation. We know the political season puts difficult decisions before us.

What am I for? What am I against? The culture outside the church thinks church people are the "God says, no!" people. That we are the "against this" people. I hope and pray we find the opportunity, the voice, the wisdom and the strength to tell others –we are for life. We are for love. We are for abundant living. We are the "Yes, people." We are "for the whole world people." We are for all the love God expressed in Jesus Christ. We are the "God is for people." We are the "God is for creation people." We are the "for" people. God is with us! Amen. ~ **Pastor Mark**

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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- October 2 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
◆ Communion
- October 9 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
◆ Support Meeting
- October 16 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
◆ Session Meeting
- October 23 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
◆ Stewardship Sunday
◆ Soup & Sloppy Jo Luncheon
- October 30 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**
◆ Benevolence Offering



Happy Birthday!

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| October 6 | Marcy Clark |
| | Sondra Perkins |
| October 8 | Jeff Bryant |
| October 12 | Vivian Manenti |
| October 13 | Ruth Capper |

Happy Anniversary

October 4 Glenn & Norma Johnson

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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IN STEP WITH SESSION



As we return from our Summer retreat, it is time to move forward and discuss all the ins and outs of decisions we need to contemplate during this upcoming fall, keeping in mind the holidays upon us and how busy we are in our personal lives. I want to thank all those that give of themselves organizing, making decisions and generally getting the job done. You're the best!!!

Our Session met on Sunday, the 25th, with the majority present. We discussed the past picnic and felt all went extremely well. We will try and tone down the music some for those that felt it was a little loud. Donna Cooper has scheduled the picnic for next year. Details to follow. We will be having a Spring tour of the Butler. On Nov 5th, Women United will be holding a function at our church. Per Jeff, we are having some problems with our outside sign. Not sure the direction we will go as we try to solve its issues. Ruth is asking for a list of hymns we would like her to play. We've decided to hold our Christmas Eve service at 4:00 PM. There will not be any Christmas or New Years Day Service.

CE (Janelle) is looking for help to teach Children's Sunday School. The dates needed are Sept 25th, Oct 16th, Oct 23rd, Nov 13th, Nov 27th and Dec 11th. Please contact her if you are able to fill in on any of these days.

Jeff will review the Security policy and report back to Session. We, as Elders, are going to review the Hall Rental Form. We need to be aware of its content. We are now allowing rentals of the hall with our Tops group being the first to use the facility since Covid.

All is well as we move into our busy time of year. A reminder that we will be hosting the Abrahams (Renewal Trio) on Dec 18th. Mark it on your Calendar. God's Blessing to all as we try to stay healthy. Please let us know if we can help you in anyway as you are all important to us as a Church Family.

Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session



DEACON NEWS!

The Deacons will be hosting their annual Soup and Sloppy Jo Luncheon on October 23, 2022 after church. Please come hungry!!!

We are asking for cookie donations for the lunch from the congregation. This lunch helps our mission work.

We are collecting food and paper products for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for any needy family. Please submit names to Debby or any Deacon.

This is our busy season. Soon the Operation Christmas Child Christmas Boxes for the children will be available so start gathering your goodies. More information soon.

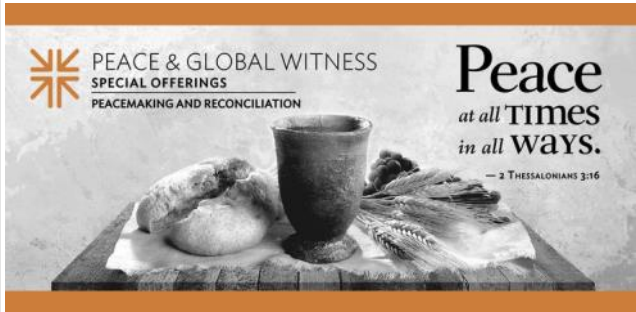
In December the Deacons also are in charge of the two trees at Christmas to help others. The Giving Tree is for Protestant Family Service who will be asking for a donated gift card of any type. The other tree will ask for new mittens, gloves, socks or scarves that will be donated to Fish Samaritan.

Giving is good for our hearts and helps others. Thanks for helping make others feel the gift of love in any way you can help out.

Gratefully, Debby Fabian and the Deacons



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



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

As the Presbyterian Church enters into the Season of Peace, we pray;

GOD OF PEACE, we embrace Your joy and go forth to connect with others in building a world where all can find compassion, peace and justice. Amen

Our Offering will be taken up on Sunday, October 2, 2022 - World Communion Sunday.

25% of this offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this offering goes to our Presbytery and joins with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Please consider what you might give to this Offering on Sunday, October 2nd.

“A LITTLE ADDS UP TO A LOT!”

Grateful Thanks, 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.**



STEWARDSHIP 2023 CAMPAIGN

The past years have seen a dramatic change in our world, community and especially our church. We have lost members, incurred unexpected expenses and endured ever-increasing costs. Yet, here we are. Still a strong church family meeting the needs of our day to day operations while at the same time generously giving to those in need in our community and world around us.

On October 23, Stewardship Sunday, we are asking for monetary commitments for the upcoming 2023 year. You will receive a letter and a pledge card to be turned in so that we may start working on the 2023 budget.

In addition, please consider where your time and talents can be put to use in the life of our church. There are many opportunities and openings available.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to Bill Schoenfeld and his family and friends on the passing of his wife,

Dorothy L. Schoenfeld. Dot passed away September 7 and her funeral service was held September 13 at Lane Funeral Home in Austintown. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.

"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



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!



Westminster Presbyterian Church 119 Stadium Dr. Boardman, OH



Contemporary Christian Issues

Using "The Wired Word" curriculum series and material from PC(USA), *Christianity Today* and more, they will explore various topics of interest within a Christian setting. The discussions will be held Wednesdays at 1:00 PM beginning October 5th in the church parlor. Contact Susan Sheridan by e-mail at ssher77@sbcglobal.net or by text/phone at 330-507-9232 to be registered.



The elderly pastor made it a practice to visit the parish school one day a week. He walked into the fourth-grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name. They came up with about 40 names. He jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

One lad raised his hand and said, "Yes, but in those days there were only 13."

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: B-C-D





CHURCH WOMEN UNITED NEWS!
COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

“THE TIME IS NOW TO RESOLVE TO LOVE”

WICKLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

45 Idlewood Rd., Austintown. 44515

REGISTRATION - 10:00 a.m.

PROGRAM - 10:30 a.m.

Program followed by “FEAST OF SALADS”

\$10 donation for program, materials and lunch

Make check payable to Donna Cooper, 1003 Collins Ave. Austintown, 44515

REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Number of attendees _____

Faith Journey Sunday
School Class-9:00 AM

Adult II Sunday School
Class—11:15 AM

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:00 AM Worship WORLD COMMISSION SUNDAY 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	3	4	5 11:30 AM Goodtimers	6 5:45 PM Tops	7	8
9 10:00 AM Worship Support Meeting 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	10	11	12	13 5:45 PM Tops	14	15
16 10:00 AM Worship Session Meeting 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	17	18	19 12:00 PM Esther Circle	20 5:45 PM Tops	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship Sloppy Jo Luncheon Stewardship Sunday 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	24 November Newsletter Deadline	25 12:00 PM Discovery Group	26	27 5:45 PM Tops	28	29
30 10:00 AM Worship <i>Benevolence</i> 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	31 					