



What's Up Wickliffe!

NOVEMBER 2023

THANKFUL TO WHOM (OR WHAT)?

This is the time of year everyone is supposed to sit back and reflect on their life to see what they are thankful for. The pilgrims, who celebrated this holiday for the first time, were thankful they had not starved to death. That was truly something to thank God for. But I ask myself this question: if they had died of starvation, would we even celebrate such a holiday? And looking at it from a present day perspective, who do those, who do not believe in God, thank?

Don't share this with everyone, but those immigrants who celebrated the first Thanksgiving feast were devout Christians. If some anti-Christian groups out there knew that little tidbit of information, they would probably lobby Congress to drop the holiday altogether. Maybe they would go for a name change, like "A Big Feast with Turkey or Ham Day." That wouldn't be offensive would it? A nice and generic name so everyone would be happy, right? Wrong. The fact is that those immigrants had so much to thank God for. Their ships didn't sink crossing the ocean. They had a new home where they could worship without a king telling them how to do it. The Indians didn't kill them when they set foot on land. They survived hard times, and celebrated those times with a meal tradition that has lasted for generations.

What about today? There are literally millions of people here in the United States celebrating Thanksgiving tomorrow who do not believe in God. Are they thankful to themselves? Do members of an unbelieving family gather around a table and thank each other for being part of their life? Do they thank their dog? Do they thank the federal government for making Thanksgiving a national holiday so they can have the day off? Why do people do such things? They do it because being thankful is something they do only once a year. They have no idea who to thank, so they just thank everybody they know who is close to them.

Christians are not supposed to act this way, but let's face the facts: many times we do. Christians are supposed to be thankful to God in everything we do. It's an every minute of the day, every day of the year thing. God keeps us protected and safe. He meets our every need. He forgives our every sin. He heals every physical and emotional pain we have. And best of all, He loves us even though we sometimes fail Him.

Sure, this is a time of year when Christians in our country, like those who do not believe in God, reflect on what we are thankful for. It's good for you to publicly confess what you are thankful for to your friends and loved ones. It makes those around you feel special when they hear us say that we love them. It builds them up, and is truly a godly quality. An atheist

probably wouldn't admit that he had a godly quality when he expresses his thankfulness to others.

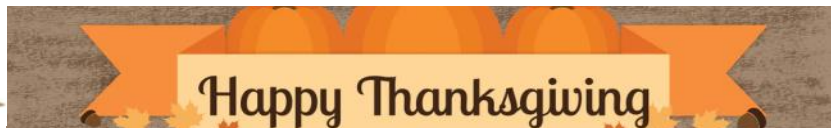
What am I thankful for? I am thankful that God loves me. I am thankful for salvation. I am thankful that I live in a nation where I have the religious freedom to worship. I am thankful that the Word of God, the Bible, is not an illegal, banned book where I live. I am thankful as I sit down to eat the meal with my family, I do not have to worry about an armed brigade crashing through my door because of Who I am thankful to.

I am thankful that He has blessed me with a beautiful, radiant, and loving wife named Marlo, who I have felt that I did not deserve on countless occasions. I am thankful to Him for four wonderful and vibrant children named Rudy, Ryley, Reagan, and Mathea. I am thankful to Him that Reagan's birthday is tomorrow so he will stop asking everyone about his presents. I am thankful to Him for turkey, green bean casserole, and pumpkin pie. I am thankful to Him for a Thanksgiving Day afternoon nap. I am thankful to Him for leftovers that last for days. Yum! I am thankful to Him for everything.

What about you? It's cliché for Christians this time of year to thank God, but do you thank Him every day? Do you thank Him no matter what your circumstance? Even when things look bleak in the world's eyes, you should still thank Him. Times like that are when your faith can be shaken. A thanks giving to God is praise. He will see you through your trials. Don't be like the atheist, who goes through Thanksgiving once a year, and has no idea Who to thank.

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

- November 5 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
- November 12 24th Sunday After Pentecost
- November 19 25th Sunday After Pentecost
♦ Support Meeting
- November 26 Christ the King Sunday



November 8	Bill Cooper
November 13	Sherry Yacucci
November 22	Bonnie Salo
November 28	Margaret Davies



November 10	Bill & Nancy O'Hara
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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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VETERANS DAY
November 11, 2023



2023 Per Capita is \$32.50. Per Capita information flyers are available at the church.



Thanks to all Wickliffe members for supporting the Deacons by attending our **Soup and Sloppy Joe Lunch**. It is so much fun to be together in fellowship and love. Thanks to all the donations of cookies and foods made by the Deacons. The free will offering helps support the mission work of the Deacons. We really are small but so mighty and generous!

Dates and Events to remember:

Submit any name of needy families for food baskets to the Deacons soon. Thanksgiving baskets will be packed November 20. Christmas food baskets will be packed December 18.

Pack your **Christmas Child Shoebox** with appropriate items to make a little one happy this Christmas. Mark the box with the age and sex of child. Include \$10.00 for shipping for each box. Deadline for the boxes is November 12th this year.

Gather items for the **Head to toe Tree** for Protestant Family service. This newly purchased gift should be Christmas wrapped and marked for age and sex for the person receiving the gift. All ages are welcome from babies to adults. Place the gifts under the Christmas Trees to be put up November 19th but you can bring gifts into December.

Gather Hats, mittens ,socks, scarves and or gloves for the **Hat and Mitten Tree for Fish Samaritan House**. You simply will bring them in and hang them on the tree in November and December.

Lastly ,There will be communion served on Christmas Eve service.

Thanks ahead of time for helping the Deacons with the many service projects. If we all do a little ,it will help a lot of people and bring happiness and smiles to many of God's children. What a lovely way to share God's love.

Gratefully, Debby Fabian and the Deacons of Wickliffe



On November 17th @ 11:00am T.L.C.C. will be performing "The First Thanksgiving."

This tradition brings joy to all that attend. The children enjoy being pilgrims and Indians! Lots of gobbles, wobbles and music that surrounds the church. The perfect day to be grateful for our wonderful children and families.

Many Blessings to all for a wonderful Thanksgiving!!

Miss Norma



IN STEP WITH SESSION

Our Session met on Tuesday the 17th and all the Elders were in attendance. I want to thank all for taking time to be at the meeting. It was a short meeting and the following topics were discussed:

Our Financial report was presented and was slightly in the red. Utilities are still under budget. Teams gave Jamie their budget for 2024.

Growth mentioned that they are going to have another Church Women United gathering on Dec 2nd hosted by our Church. More to be announced soon. Donna would like to have another tour of the Butler Art Institute.

Service was busy with Jeff laying outside wire, He also mentioned that anyone who comes up to Church during off hours should always have someone with them. Have noticed loitering on occasion.

Janelle spoke on the nominating committee having a meeting soon. We are in need of four Elders. Please give thought on stepping up to be an Elder. We will only have 3 Elders for 2024 so far.

Jamie and Janelle spoke on the meeting they had pertaining to looking for a Pastor or decisions that need to be made in deciding on a direction we need to take. They did mention that we will be having a combined Church Service on December 3rd at 11 AM at the Hubbard Presbyterian Church. A Potluck will follow. More information to come.

Hanging of the Greens in preparation for the Christmas Holiday will be held on Nov 19th after Worship. Please plan on attending to help beautify the Church for the Holiday.

I want to thank Janelle for going out of her way to find Pastors, etc. to fill the pulpit as we move forward in our Worship but we do need members to sign up for lay leaders. The signup sheets are in the Narthex on the large bulletin board. We also have signup sheets for coffee hour laying on the table in the Narthex as well.

This is a busy time for all our Teams and we look forward to enjoying the holidays to come with your help.

Thank You to all those who have showed a willingness to step up and give of their time and tithes. We need to support our Church to help in any way we can.

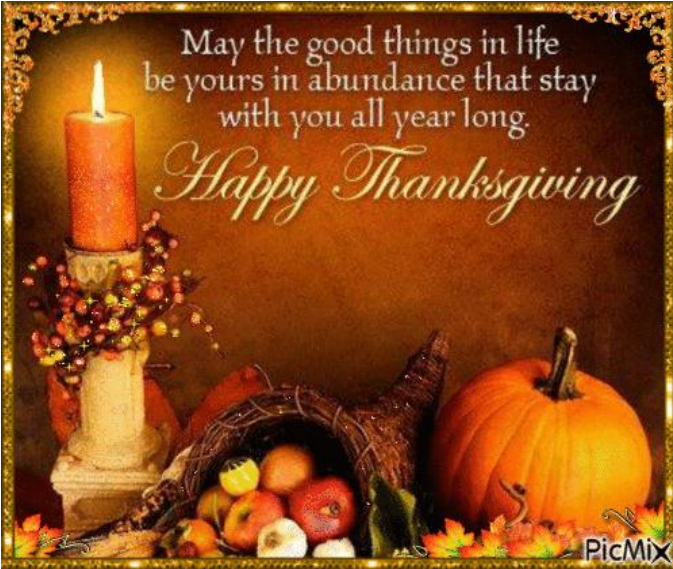
Blessings to all, Nancy O'Hara Clerk of Session



Happy Thanksgiving






**DISCOVERY GROUP will meet
Tuesday, November 14 at 12:30 PM.
~ Grace Brown**




Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Happy Thanksgiving Wonderful Wickliffe Members! Please remember to donate cans of soup, or jars of peanut butter for our Good Neighbors at Needle's Eye. We can add joy to OTHERS and OURSELVES when we do simple acts of kindness by donating. If everyone brings one can or one jar, just think how much we will give to Needle's Eye!


Thank you in His Name! Donna Cooper

A PRAYER FOR PEACE



Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict, especially in the Mideast and Ukraine. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel and saint: please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.




“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). Jeff will be collecting the cans for the remainder of the year. Thank you in advance for your Christian generosity!





HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 19, 2023

After Worship Service

Hello, Wonderful Members of Wickliffe!
Cast a retrieval line into your memory bank and pull up what we used to do at Hanging Of The Greens several years ago.

Our kids are young and happy to make

Christmas ornaments for the Fellowship Hall Tree.

Meanwhile Grace Brown, Barb McKinney, Sandy Wayland are putting pot luck casseroles in the oven.

Bill O'Hara, Bob Fabian, Bill Wayland are putting banners up.

Mike and Delores Caspary are putting Christmons, made by Imogene Thompson and Debby Fabian, on the Sanctuary Tree.

Debby Marshall and her Mom, Fran Cerny with Janet Walston are making bows to hang on the windows and pews.

Peg Wessel and Peg Mook are mending old, but pretty, ornaments.

Bruce and Danny Mook, with the Milne boys, are hanging the large wreath outside.

And lots of our young kids, Amy Cooper, Katie Johnson, Jen, Steve, Andy Fabian, are helping little kids hang their handmade ornaments on the Narthex trees.

Nancy O'Hara is helping Bill put on his famous Santa Claus costume!

Bill Cooper is happily delegating work to be done.

Bev Bagoly and Donna Cooper are setting up tables for lunch and, probably, snitching cookies as they work!

Memories are our second chance to make us happy in our older life! So since we are still somewhat able to move around and, even more importantly, still active in and love our church, let us make more happy memories on November 19 and stay after service to prepare our church for the Advent Season and the celebration of Christ's Birthday!

Rather than a pot luck lunch, the next best lunch will be pizza and drinks!! Of course, Christmas music will be heard to bind us together with laughter and chatting while decorating! See you there on Sunday, November 19 after service!

Donna Cooper

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:30 AM Goodtimers Ruby Tuesday 	2 5:45 PM Tops	3	4 REMINDER: Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed!
5 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	6	7	8	9 5:45 PM Tops	10	11 
12 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	13 6:00 PM TLCC Board Meeting	14 12:30 PM Discovery Group 6:00 PM Presbytery Mtg. via Zoom	15	16 5:45 PM Tops	17  11:00 AM TLCC Thanksgiving Program	18
19 10:00 AM Worship Service Support Mtg.  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	20	21 6:00 PM Session Mtg.	22	23 	24	25
26 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	27	28	29 TLCC Decorating a Christmas Tree for Riverside Gardens to be Displayed in December	30 5:45 PM Tops		