

What's Up Wickliffe!

March
2022



Hello folks! How about those recent snow and ice storms? By the time this newsletter reaches you it will be March 2022. Spring and Summer are just around the corner. I know we're

ready to exchange the snow and ice for grass and flowers. We're all anxiously awaiting the nice warm sunny days.

But besides anxiously awaiting Spring and Summer, there are other anxieties we're preoccupied with. Despite our successes in dealing with the Virus. The Virus is still with us. Despite our efforts of returning to normal. Many economic factors are still struggling to recover. Grocery lists are being written. But the grocer's shelves may not have the items in stock. Will work continue or is unemployment just ahead? The products or parts we've ordered and paid for have not yet arrived. Then there is the volatile situation with Ukraine and Russia.

We can be honest! There are many reasons for the anxieties of our times. Unquestionably, fear, concern and worry are looking our way. But which way are we looking?

As we make our journey toward Easter, we are mindful of the victory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We can recall the pain and the agonies Jesus experienced on his way to the Cross. Likewise, we know following Jesus Christ does not remove pain, tragedy or sorrow from life. And even though we can recall Christ's words: John 16:33 (NIV) "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." We are aware life can present difficulties.

But candidly, even if there was not a virus. Even if the grocery store shelves were full. Even if Russia posed no threat to Ukraine. Humanly speaking, we could still find ourselves rattled by life's anxieties. I have not mentioned the anxiety of a troubled health. I have not mentioned the anxiety of a broken relationship. I have not mentioned the anxiety of our willingness or our unwillingness to forgive someone who has hurt us. Anxiety would appear! Despite the circumstances!

It is in the Easter account that we find the anxious words of Jesus who cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Yes! Even Jesus experienced the anxiety of his relationship with God the Father. We can see anxiety is real. Anxiety is part of being human. Anxiety can restrict our hope. Anxiety can challenge our faith. And anxiety can rob us of the joy and power of believing.

In looking to the Cross of Jesus Christ we can see Jesus did not experience the anxiety of the Cross alone. Jesus brought his anxiety to the Father. In doing so, Jesus brought all our anxieties to the Father. Once and for all, Jesus laid the anxieties of our humanity before the Father. In doing so Jesus provided the ultimate remedy for fear and anxiety. Jesus countered fear and anxiety with the positive force of love. Jesus restored the brokenness, alienation, fear and worry of anxiety. Anxiety is a broken bond and love is the bond restored. In the love of Jesus Christ, we have the bond of a new relationship with today and our future. Certainly, we don't know "what" will come. But in Christ we know "who" will come. There are many ways and directions we can look and focus our attention. And we will look away for a moment. But remember, Jesus Christ is the goal of history. Before God our Father we should lay our anxieties before him. Our bond with God is no longer broken. The love of Jesus Christ has restored us to God the Father. Amen.

~ Pastor Mark

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MARCH SCHEDULE



- Mar 6** **First Sunday in Lent**
- Mar 13** **Second Sunday in Lent**
- Mar 20** **Third Sunday in Lent**
Session Meeting
- Mar 27** **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
♦ Benevolence Offering

Happy Birthday!

- March 1—Dow Davis
- March 3—Dorothy Vaupel
- March 4—Michele Grazier
- Patricia Morningstar
- March 5—Carolyn Lewis
- March 10—Paul Velly
—Ricky Witt
- March 19—Michele Manenti
- March 28—Sherrie Wolfe
- March 29—Steven Garstka
- March 30—Aymie Hittle

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 is of great help to supplement food supplies of elderly people at the end of each month!

Please be generous!
Thank you! Donna Cooper

This month's initials are: W-Y-B



IN STEP WITH SESSION...

The meeting was held on February 20th after Worship. It was a very productive meeting with only two of our Elders excused.

Jamie reported that we were in the black for the month of January which made us all elated. As long as our members are willing to support the Church with their tithes, we should be able to move into 2022 with a brighter future. We have cut as much as we can to try and balance the budget and are praying that the pledges we receive should pull us through.

Thank you to all those who have sent in their pledges. Remember that all members should be giving their initial \$32.00 for Per Capita each year. It's never too late to submit your Per Capita. You will find the pink envelope in your box of envelopes you should have already received. Please call the office in the morning on Monday or Thursday if you have not received your box. We will accept your per capita at any time. Better late than never.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Palm Sunday Concert being held on April 10th at 6:00 P.M. The Abrahams will be performing. This will be a quartet this time. Invite your family and friends for a very inspirational concert. Hope to see you there.

We also discussed continuing to require wearing masks during Worship and additional events being held in our Church. As long as you social distance, you may remove the masks after being seated.

For your information, here is a list of all the Elders and the Teams they chair or Co chair: Christian Education (Janelle T.), Growth (Donna C.),

Worship (Ruth C.), Service (Jeff B. with Co-chair Bill W.), Support/ Personnel/Memorial (Jamie B. with Co-chair Bill C.), Nominating (Janelle T.)

Nancy O. is still your Clerk of Session. If you have any questions for a Session member or Team, please direct questions to the above Chairs.

Bill Cooper will be the Commissioner to Presbytery with Janelle as back up.

Our Presbytery meetings are via zoom and are held 4 times a year.

Growth is planning on a few activities and we will make all aware as discussions are finalized.

Thank you for all those who are willing to lead or serve in any way as we move forward and try to make 2022 as successful as possible.

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



The GOODTIMERS senior citizen group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 AM at the Thirsty Frog, 5423 Mahoning Avenue, Suite F, Austintown. Lunch is on your own and then card games are played. Some play 500 and others play Golf, which is also a card game. A good time is had by all and is really a very nice group. Everyone 55 years of age and over is welcome to attend!



The Esther Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 Noon in the WPC library. Sandy Weyland is the Circle leader. The group meets eight times a year. In June the circle goes out to lunch; no meeting in July or August; an "Anything Goes" luncheon is held in September and in December, a Christmas luncheon is held—with the location to be determined. Further details are forthcoming. If any other women from the church want to join please feel welcome to share time with us.

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



ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 2, 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  11:30 AM Goodtimers	3 5:45 PM TOPS	4	5
6 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service	7	8	9	10 5:45 PM TOPS	11	12
13 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service	14	15	16 12:00 PM Esther Circle	17 5:45 PM TOPS	18	19
20 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service Session Meeting After Worship	21	22 <i>April Newsletter Deadline</i> 12:30 PM Discovery Group	23	24 5:45 PM TOPS	25	26
27 10:00 AM WORSHIP Service 	28	29	30	31 5:45 PM TOPS		