

What's Up Wickliffe!

JUNE 2024

THE HISTORY OF FATHER'S DAY

The history of Mother's Day goes back to the 1860s, and Mother's Day was declared a national holiday in 1914. Then the celebration of moms paved the way for Father's Day. [The history of Father's Day goes back to 1908](#), when a church in West Virginia held a sermon to honor 362 men who had been killed the previous year in a coal mining explosion. This was the country's first-ever event to strictly honor fathers, but it was just a one-and-done thing, at least in that community.

The following year, however, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd started her quest to establish Father's Day as a national holiday. Dodd was one of six children raised by their single father, and she thought fathers should be honored in the same way as mothers. After she'd petitioned her local community and government for a year, Dodd's home state of Washington celebrated its first official Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Over the years, the celebration of Father's Day spread from state to state, and after a long fight, it was finally declared a national holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed it into law. Now, we celebrate with funny Father's Day quotes, dad quotes, father-son quotes and even stepdad quotes for the bonus dad in our lives.

It took more than 60 years from the birth of the idea to Father's Day actually being recognized as a federal holiday, and a lot happened to threaten the parent-celebrating holidays during that time. In the 1920s and 1930s, there was a national movement to get rid of both Mother's *and* Father's Day and replace them with one "Parent's Day." Beyond that, some men didn't even want a Father's Day to begin with. They saw it as a "Hallmark holiday," invented for the sole purpose of a commercial gimmick, and as many fathers

were the sole breadwinners at the time, they didn't particularly want their hard-earned cash spent on flowers and chocolates.

The Great Depression and World War II, however, helped boost the idea of Father's Day. Struggling retailers pushed the gift-giving holiday during the Depression, and during the war, Father's Day became a way to honor the many fathers serving overseas. By the time President Nixon signed the proclamation making Father's Day a holiday, it was already a national institution.

WHEN IS FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD?

Father's Day is celebrated on different days in different countries. For example, in Europe, the United States and the majority of other countries, the holiday is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. In many Catholic countries, especially in Latin America, fathers are celebrated on St. Joseph's Day, which falls on March 19. In many Pacific countries, including Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, Father's Day occurs on the first Sunday in September.

~Faithwriters.com

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JUNE SCHEDULE

- June 2 2nd Sunday After Pentecost
- June 9 3rd Sunday After Pentecost
♦ Rescue Mission Tour
- June 16 4th Sunday After Pentecost
♦ Father's Day
- June 23 5th Sunday After Pentecost
- June 30 6th Sunday After Pentecost



Happy Birthday!

- June 15 Bill Wayland
- June 21 Robert Kirchner
- June 30 Elaine Ritchie

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 8 Ray & Deborah Marshall
- June 8 Richard & Bobbi Joe Smith
- June 23 Robert & Debby Fabian
- June 29 Ron and Bonnie Salo

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

-It's been a blessing to be the Session's Secretary for many, many years. We have a great group of Elders who are very dedicated to serve Wickliffe and I want to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of them for a job well done. Also we need to remember the Elders that have stepped down as well. They also took time out of their busy schedules to serve.

-We met on May 21st for the last meeting until September. Remember if you have any concerns that need to be addressed, please reach out to me. We can always call a special meeting. Thank you also to Rev. Annie Parker who not only moderated our Session for the last two meetings in Rev. Meta Cramer's absence, but is also willing to lead a Leadership Training Session on June 1st at Wickliffe. It's been a long time since our Leadership has had any training session. Our Deacons and Elders will meet together as the Leadership Team of Wickliffe.

-We were small but mighty as we met to discuss the business at hand.

-The Deacons did a fantastic job with the Ice Cream Social which included 45 plus people from Hubbard and our church. Not only was the food delicious but we were able to join with Hubbard in fellowship.

-Donna was unable to attend the meeting but passed on the following info for us: We will worship at Needles Eye again this year on July 7th along with a tour of the Rescue Mission on June 9th. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

-Rev Annie mentioned that the Leadership of Wickliffe is invited again to Heritage Presbyterian for a dinner while we listen to our next steps in the process of filling the pulpit. This will be Monday, June 19th @ 6 P.M. Please let me know if you will be attending so I can submit a count.

-Jeff talked about his Service committee saying he's chosen a new Insurance company for the Church (Mark Cole Insurance), working to cut costs on Trash pick-up and Utilities and unfortunately had our air conditioning in Sanctuary go down. He also wants to remind anyone entering the Church to not arrive after dark. This is for your safety. If this is necessary, call Jeff to meet you there.

-Other issues were discussed: Having Greeters, revamping the bulletin, and starting home communion again. Ruth is going to meet with her committee to start the ball rolling. This all falls under Worship. I'm sure there are other concerns we need to address that are close to our hearts. Please see the Team chair to discuss "what is on your mind".

-Blessings to all...Have a wonderful Summer Nancy O'Hara, Clerk of Session

DEACON NEWS



The Deacons had another successful Ice Cream Social May 19 with 52 people attending. It was so much fun having Hubbard Presbyterian join us for fellowship and food! Everyone helped us raise \$220 toward the Deacons missions. Thank you to Jeff Bryant, Audrey, our wonderful secretary, and the congregation who donated cookies. Thanks to the present deacons who cooked and shopped and all the past Deacons who helped with dishes and clean up. It was a great time for everyone! Thanks for supporting the Deacons.

Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

Don't forget to leave a can or two of beans, soup and/or peanut butter in the basket by the Fellowship Hall! Thank you!

Donna Cooper



**GOODTIMERS will meet
Wednesday, June 5th at 11:30 AM
at Denny's on Mahoning Ave.**

~Grace Brown

**PLEASE NOTE: Sunday school is suspended for June, July and August.
We will start up again in September. ~ Grace Brown**

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.

BEATITUDES FOR DADS

Blessed be the man who God chooses to be a parent, a teacher, a protector, a provider, a role model, and a motivator, he shall be called Dad.

Blessed be Dad as he holds each of his children for the first time and realizes the gift that God has entrusted to him.

Blessed be Dad for the faith he handed on to us, the prayers he taught us, and the many ways he taught us the Gospel through his actions without words.

Blessed be Step-Dads who as St. Joseph accepted and loved what was entrusted to him, may they be blessed for their abundance of love they share.

Blessed be Dad who loves his children unconditionally, whether they are athletic or computer geeks, musical or physically challenged, straight or gay, may his children always see him as the Good Shepherd who is always there.

Blessed be Dad as he has gone home to God and this year, we'll celebrate Father's Day here and he'll celebrate it in heaven. So wherever you are Dad, here beside us, across town, across the country, at work or in heaven,

blessed may you be for the ways you have blessed our lives, which goes to show anyone can Father a child, but it takes someone special and committed to be a Dad who creates such memories.

"They Shall See God."

A REQUEST FROM JEFF BRYANT, CHAIRMAN OF THE SERVICE COMMITTEE

**If you need to enter the church, please don't do so after dark. This is for your safety!
If you need to do so, contact Jeff at 330-402-4498 and he will meet you there.**

Thank you!

RESCUE MISSION TOUR



Save **Sunday, June 9, 2024** for a guided tour through the new Rescue Mission!

Our Growth Committee will have a brunch after service. A 14-passenger van will pick us up at 12:30 PM at the Church for those who would like to ride and not drive!





GROWTH COMMITTEE

Add Sunday, June 9 on your summer calendar for our tour of the new Rescue Mission!

Our committee will serve a small but tasty brunch after service. At 12:30 PM, the Rescue Mission 14 passenger van will arrive to escort us to The Mission. I will be driving if more people wish to come. It is an easy drive.

I look forward to seeing this new, wonderful, and deserving facility! There will be a sign-up chart in the Narthex. Please plan to come along with us!

Another important date is Sunday, July 7 for our Third Annual Needle's Eye Service and delicious luncheon following. A pastor will be provided by The Needle's Eye Staff. We are welcomed so warmly. Director Emmeline Smith is thrilled to have us again! Aren't we all blessed?

And the next wonderful event will be our Wickliffe Annual Picnic on Sunday, August 11 at Stacy Pavilion at Austintown Park. The Renewal Trio will once again lead us in a musical service. Add this date to your summer calendar, please! And bring guests. Hubbard members are invited, also!

~ Donna Cooper

A NOTE FROM YOUR SESSION...

At the end of April, I had the privilege of joining the Session at Heritage Presbyterian Church for a presentation led by our General Presbyter Barry Chance. There were multiple other churches from the Eastminster Presbytery. Heritage graciously hosted all of the churches in attendance with dinner and refreshments. While we were having dinner, Pastor Chance began his presentation. His presentation was on the different kinds of congregations and the different types of ministers. He showed us the advantages and disadvantages of the different kinds of congregations. This meeting was definitely very informative.

If you have any questions, please always feel free to ask myself or one of your Session Members.

God Bless,

Jamie Bryant (Wickliffe Treasurer)

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Leadership Training at 10:00 AM w/ Reverend Annie Parker
2 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	3	4	5 11:30 AM Goodtimers Denny's 4927 Mahoning Ave.	6 5:45 PM Tops	7	8
9 10:00 AM Worship Service Rescue Mission Tour 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	10 Leadership Dinner/ Discussion at Heritage PC 6:00 PM	11	12	13 5:45 PM Tops	14	15
16 10:00 AM Worship Service  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	17	18	19	20  5:45 PM Tops	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	24	25	26	27 5:45 PM Tops	28	29
30 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.						