



What's Up Wickliffe!

AUGUST 2023

ON WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK WERE YOU BORN?

There is an old Mother Goose nursery rhyme called "Monday's Child." The author of this poem assigns characteristics to children born on specific days of the week, beginning with Monday's child being fair of face. So what does it mean if your child is born on Monday with a ruddy complexion? Or, could the author be referring to a face that reflects honesty, objectiveness or a bright disposition rather than color?

The poem continues with Tuesday's child being full of grace. What if your child turns out to be a klutz? Does that rule out your child truly being born a Tuesday's child? Perhaps the child was born at the stroke of midnight and the doctor simply chose Tuesday instead of the day on either side of Tuesday. But wait – isn't grace the gift by which all Christians through faith are saved? It doesn't matter what day of the week you are born, if you have faith and believe, you are full of grace.

Wednesday's child is full of woe. We have all seen children who cannot escape the miseries of life. From early on they seem to attract misfortune and unhappiness. What a depressing burden for parents to carry if their child was born on Wednesday. We question then, did it come about simply because they were born on Wednesday? What else determined their fate?

Thursday's child has far to go. It cannot be discerned from the poem whether the author refers to distance or success or either. Is the child destined to travel the world, or climb the corporate ladder of success? The other consideration might be that neither distance nor success was in the author's mind, but simply it was the easiest word found to rhyme with "woe."

Friday's child, according to the poem, is loving and giving. How many children born on Friday actually turn out to be mean and selfish? If parents truly follow the poem and trust its predictions they lose faith in not only the poem, but ultimately the child himself. So then does the day of the week matter as much as the environment in which the child is raised?

Saturday's child works hard for a living. Are all hard workers born on Saturday? Should we automatically conclude that there are no lazy people born on Saturday? Will the question of the day of the week on which you were born soon become common on a job application?

Does it mean that anyone born on any other day of the week does not work hard for a living?

And finally, the child that is born on the Sabbath day is bonny and blithe, and good and gay. This child is given several attributes from which to choose. If not handsome and appealing, they could be carefree and happy, or respectable and virtuous, or homosexual and effervescent. What a variance of personality characteristics are offered to the Sunday child. Does it mean the Sunday child must possess all of these traits, or is it a multiple choice of blessing options?

Perhaps moving through a week, as in this poem, is pure fantasy and meant to entertain as a bedtime story from Old Mother Goose. Perhaps it answers our search for resolution of the questions we have of the personalities of those around us, not necessarily our children. Maybe the new pick-up line will be "What day of the week were you born?" instead of "What's your sign?"

Once we are born – no matter what day of the week – other life experiences begin to influence who we become. While the day of the week is notable, it certainly cannot determine the path down which life will take us. Instead, it is a lighthearted view of yet another element of our birth. The bottom line is that no matter what day of the week we are born, God reaches out to claim us and takes our hand to lead us through a life He would have us live. He is there to help us pursue the impossible and fulfill that which He would have us become. Do we accept His extended hand of guidance, or do we reject it and attempt to do it on our own? The choice is ours.

Taken from Faithwriters.com by Anna Moody

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AUGUST SCHEDULE

- August 6** Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
- August 13** Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
 - ◆ Worship in the Park
 - ◆ Annual Church Picnic
- August 20** Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
- August 27** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 - ◆ Communion



Happy Birthday!

August 6	Donna Cole
August 8	Norma Johnson
August 10	Janet Merryman
August 16	Miranda Truslow

Happy Anniversary

No August Anniversaries

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 SERVICE

JULY 16, 2023



Our Second Annual Service and Lunch at Needle's Eye on July 16th was so meaningful, fun, and welcoming!

Emmeline, Dennis and the Bishop greeted us warmly once again. Mike Shepherd gave a thoughtful sermon about the poor and how we, as Christians, look at the downtrodden and how we need to respond.

Lunch was just great and delicious! Two kinds of chicken, green beans, macaroni and cheese, and corn pudding. And decorated cupcakes to top it all off! We took a free will donation and presented it to Emmeline. Hopefully, Emmeline will have a date soon for speaking during one of our church services.

Thanks to all who attended!

Donna Cooper, Growth Committee

Needle's Eye Soup Ministry

I have been trying to think of a way to increase Wickliffe's monthly donation to Needle's Eye. Since we are a small congregation, although mighty!, perhaps if we forego the initials and just ask all members to donate whenever they can. Jars of peanut butter (creamy), beans, and/or soup are the staples that really help folks out with groceries especially at the end of the month.

Thank you all for your generosity!
Donna Cooper



**PLEASE submit articles, stories, news, etc.,
to print in the Newsletter.**

The newsletters are only as good as the information
submitted to me by YOU, the congregation.
I welcome any and all submissions.

Thanks so much!...Audrey Covault



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



Sunday, August 13, 2023

10:00 AM Worship, Picnic to Follow

Austintown Township Park—Stacey Pavilion

Rain or Shine (Pavilion is Indoors)

Time is a-flying right on by!!! August is upon us whether we like it or not!!!


So start thinking of which delicious food you are going to bring, gather up your picnic baskets, and choose the craziest, zaniest hat, or socks, or shorts that you have and make us all laugh and maybe you will win a prize!

Hot dogs, buns and condiments, along with a beverage, plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided by the Church.

The Renewal Trio will lead us in a musical service for the third year!

See you at Stacey Pavilion about 9:30 AM to help set up and get ready for the 10:00 AM swinging, singing service!

Donna Cooper, Growth Committee




MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of **James T. (Jim) Davies**, who passed away on Monday, June 12, 2023. His celebration of life was held Saturday, July 15 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Youngstown. Jim and his wife of 70 years, Margaret, were long time members of Wickliffe Church, joining in April of 1958. Jim was a dedicated member who had previously donated the doors in the front of the sanctuary. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.



REMINDER FROM JEFF


Jeff Bryant is still collecting **aluminum cans** this year 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!




“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



BAKED ASPARAGUS



- 1 Bunch Asparagus, woody ends trimmed
- 3 Tbsp. Butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp. Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 3/4 Cup Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- 1/2 tsp. House Seasoning (equal parts of garlic powder, onion powder and pepper... combine and store in an airtight container)

Line a baking sheet with tin foil. Place the asparagus on the baking sheet and drizzle with melted butter. Sprinkle the house seasoning and Parmesan cheese over the top. Place in a 400 degree oven for 6 minutes. Remove and top with the mozzarella cheese. Return to the oven for an additional minute or two to melt the cheese. Serve hot!


Submitted by Audrey Covault

**Want to submit a recipe for a future newsletter? We welcome your great ideas!
Just send an e-mail to wickliffepc@gmail.com**

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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 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	7	8 10:00 AM Presbytery Meeting FPC- Columbiana	9	10 5:45 PM Tops	11	12
13 10:00 AM Worship in the Park  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	14	15	16	17 5:45 PM Tops	18	19
20 10:00 AM Worship Service 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	21	22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline 5:45 PM Tops	25	26
27 10:00 AM Worship Service Communion Installation of Officers Congregational Mtg. 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	28	29	30	31 5:45 PM Tops		