

What's Up Wickliffe!

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Hello readers of our Newsletter! Can you believe what we've all been through over the recent years? And we are still going through it! Still experiencing

the effects of the pandemic! But! We do have something vitally important to hold on to! Something the pandemic cannot change. Something the pandemic cannot affect.

The apostle Paul wrote reminding the Hebrews and Paul reminds us. Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." In short, Paul is saying, "Hold on!" Hold on to hope! Hold on to faith! Hold on to love! Paul's words remind everyone we are not made secure by the grip of our own human hands. Rather, we are securely held by the divine grip of Christ's faithfulness to us!

We often marvel at the power and the work of magnets. Those pieces of metal affected by the power of invisible magnetic forces. Magnetic forces working beyond the detection of our own human eyes. We see the effects of the magnetic forces. How they "attract," "hold on" and "cling to" one another. But only the pieces of metal are visible to us. Those magnetic forces operate beyond our human perception.

So it is, with our faith and our hope in Jesus Christ. The foundation of our faith and hope

to us" and "clings to us" by the invisible force of his love! We are held secure by the force of his love. We are held secure by the unending, unswerving, never-changing powerful force of his love. And Christ's love is a matter the pandemic cannot change or affect.

The recent journey we've all been on has caused all of us to stop, to pause, to change direction and to restart once again. Yes, we've been down this road before. This road is familiar to us. But the love of Jesus Christ never swerves, never changes, never suffers from the affects of earthly matters. Hold on folks! Just hold on! Jesus Christ is holding on to us! Hold on to the invisible magnetic forces of God's love for us as expressed in Hebrews 10:39 "We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."

Amen. ~ **Pastor Mark**

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FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

- Feb 6** Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Annual Congregational Meeting
- Feb 13** Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Installation of Officers
- Feb 20** Seventh Sunday After Epiphany
Session Meeting
- Feb 27** Transfiguration of the Lord
◆ Benevolence Offering



Happy Birthday!

February 1—Nancy Truslow
 February 19—Janelle Truslow
 February 21—Cathy Gartska
 February 23—Ron Salo
 February 24—Debbie Marshall
 February 26—Gracie May Magan

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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TLCC Daycare and Preschool
 Director, Norma Johnson

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: P—Q—R—S



IN STEP WITH SESSION...

Greetings to all from Your Session for 2022.

We moved our Session meetings to Sunday after Worship. This would make it easier on those who felt it was difficult to travel in the evenings.

We would already be in Church for Worship and the convenience of staying for a short meeting was very practical. It's a new year...2022...and we are trying to be very diligent toward safety due to Covid. It's still a concern with some of our members coming down with the virus. Nevertheless, we have a job to do and need your help as we move forward. Please follow protocol as we are asking you to wear masks while in Worship and try to social distance. We hear it over and over again. I know it's getting old, but "Safety First". Thank you....

Moving on, If you are reading this article, then we have decided to reinstate the Newsletter. Thank you Audrey. Our Annual Congregational meeting will be on Feb 6th in the Sanctuary. We will also be ordaining/installing Elders and Deacons on Feb 13th. Thank you to those who stepped up to volunteer for positions needing filled.

Jamie spoke on the Financials including the 2022 Budget. We are asking any members to think of supporting your church as our bottom line needs quite a bit of help. It's never been easy to tweak areas to help balance our budget and we can only count on our members to step up on occasion when needed. We are so proud of the donations you made to the Capital fund campaign and are able to say "We have heat". Again, thank you. This is a good way to start our year by showing appreciation for all you do.

We will definitely keep you informed with any additional concerns, changes, and implementations we deem necessary. We are slowly getting into the groove as our Teams work to begin a new year. Let us know what we can do to make your Worship experience a Blessing. We look forward to seeing you in the pews.

As I write this article, we are finally experiencing WINTER.... Ugh. Keep safe and remember, if you need our help, we are only a phone call away.



The Deacons are hoping to get reorganized soon this year. We have 3 new Deacons coming on our Board.

The first thing planned right now is to go through our food pantry and get out outdated stuff and give to Second Harvest. We haven't had much need for our food lately because so many other places have been so generous in gifting food to everyone. We will start fresh at Easter if Covid has calmed down and there is a need.



While I was sitting here, snowed in and recuperating from Covid and hospital stay to treat heart problems, I decided to call our sick and shut-in to check on them. Some don't answer the phone or call back but I talked to Donna Cole who has been in the hospital with asthma but is feeling better. Next I talked to Michelle Grazier who also has had some health problems with chest and coughing. She, also is feeling a little better. Ada Neff's son answered her phone and said she has been in the hospital with Covid but is home now. Sondra Perkins sounds great and had no health problems, I don't think, and had been to Alaska to visit her daughter Julie. Barb Williams says Gomer and Betty are doing o.k. Everyone is always so appreciative of the calls they receive.

PLEASE, PLEASE, keep these people in your prayers and send a card or give them a call. It's no fun being shut in and no calls or cards.

Let's pray really hard for our church to withstand all these problems and get back to normal very soon. Praise God we haven't lost anyone to Covid in our church.

Stay healthy and take care of everyone around you so they can stay healthy.

Your Deacon Board,

Nancy Truslow, Bev Bagoly, Sherry Yacucci, Sherry Wolfe, Barb McKinney and Marcy Clark

