

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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“Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship.” - Mission Statement



“There is no love without hope, no hope without love,
and neither hope nor love without faith.”

-St. Augustine, *Handbook of Faith, Hope, and Love*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Organist: Patsy Farmer
Acolytes: Bella & Dominic Webb
Liturgist: Debbie Smetts





**Highwater
Congregational**
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
May 5, 2019 * = *stand if you are able*

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

* **Hymn of Praise**

Come Christians Join to Sing

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Call to Worship:

Leader: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

People: The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

Leader: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

People: Jesus, stand among us in your risen power. Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message

Old Testament Text

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (NRSV)

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. ²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. ³The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. ⁴Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!" ¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? ¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. ¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

* **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

New Testament Text

Luke 24:13-21a (NRSV)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: In celebration of Jake Shipley and Pat Hoar’s Birthdays.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: and the Ohio Conference Staff

Sharing of our Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

*** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*** Offertory Prayer**

New Testament Text

Luke 24:21b-35 (NRSV)

²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Homily on Luke

Pastor Joyce Oyler

Liturgy of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession/Forgiveness

O God, understood through your Son, Jesus Christ, sometimes we are so busy talking with each other that we fail to find you beside us. We walk on, so focused on our questions that we do not create the silent spaces which would allow you to speak with us and enlighten our journeying. Reach out to us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray. As we look at our lives and that of the world around us, we are sometimes too anxious to share our real questions or our doubts and fears. We keep them within us in troubled silence. Stay with us, O God. Be patient with us, O Christ. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray. We call your name, O Christ, and hope to discover you here in our community of vulnerable faith. Amen.

Passing the Peace

* **Communion Hymn** *This is a Day of New Beginnings*, alt 4th verse **Page # 417 NCH**
Invitation to the Table *Prayer of Consecration* *Words of Remembrance* *Distribution*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* **Closing Hymn:** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* **Page # 495 NCH**

Benediction

* **Sung Benediction -** *Majesty* **Page # 74 Gray**

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own; His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King. Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Postlude

If you have been attending

and would like to be more involved in the worship service or other events, we have a number of support roles you could participate in.

When you hear Rev. Scott or Pastor Joyce talk about signing up in the **Binder** or see "*sign up in the binder*" written anywhere, it is the **black notebook** that is being passed around the sanctuary during the service. This notebook has all the available Positions, Mission Outreach Projects and Events that are currently open for volunteers or are happening at our church.

The Acolytes are children 8 years old - about 12 years old. They carry the Light of Christ up to the altar at the beginning of our 10:30a service. If you are interested in having your child be an Acolyte, please let Rev. Scott know. It takes about 10 minutes to go through the process and we have your child with another experienced child for the first time.

Lay Readers - Are the people who read scripture, offer up the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Invocation. All the materials are up on the pulpit, or could be sent to you ahead of time if you would like to preview before hand. Please let Rev. Scott know your preference. No experience is necessary to participate in this support roll. (8:30a Service Lay Readers take up the offering and assist with Communion if necessary).

Greeters - Greet people as they arrive during our 10:30a service. The request is that you arrive about 20 minutes before the service. You hand out the bulletins and share a smile and some welcoming words and if the person is a visitor, you might make them aware of where the restrooms are located as well as the cry room, nursery and other children's activities depending on our current worship schedule.

Ushers - (The people who take up the offering) 10:30a service. Most times the Ushers and Greeters are the same people. When attendance is light and it is not a Communion Sunday 1 person can do both. On a Communion Sunday it is a 2-person position. If you are interested in ushering, please let Rev. Scott know and we will take a few minutes to go over this simple task so that you are comfortable in what you are doing.

You can sign up to greet and not usher if that is your comfort level or sign up to usher separately from greeting.

Special Music - We are open to any music that lifts God in Praise. If you would like to share...Just Share! Please see Cathy Bero or Debbie Smetts to talk about an idea or schedule a date to share your gift of music.

Thank you for your interest in being a part of our Worship Service

Announcements and Information

Monday Noon Bible Study - Noon Bible Study on May 6th . 2 Corinthians 10, 11 .

Blood Drive - TODAY, Walk-Ins Welcome!

Congregational Meeting - Today. We vote on 1 or 2 Services going forward. This will be a vote by ballot. There will be a limited amount of time for questions and comments prior to vote.

New Members Welcomed- We will welcome new members on May 12th during the 8:30 service.

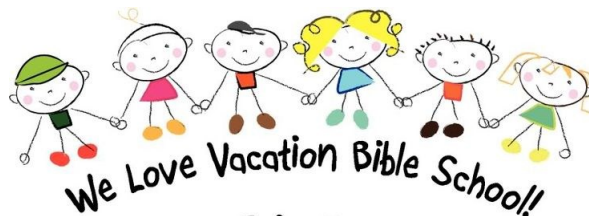
WISH to Host Licking County Republican Women's Dinner - Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30p. Please sign-up in the binder if you can help.

WISH to Host Homer Alumni Dinner - Saturday, May 18th at 7p. Please sign-up in the binder if you can help.

Chimes Practice for Mother's Day - Sunday May 5th and May 12th 9:40a

Grill Day - Youth Sunday / Graduation Sunday....Lets's celebrate! May 19th will be our first Grill Day of the year. Please see the binder if you can bring something to share. Meat and Beverage will be provided.

Graduation Information - Please fill out the form in the pocket of the binder if you would like to share information about you or someone special you would like recognized on Sunday, May 19th during our 10:30a service.



VBS is right around the corner..

June 17th - 20th 9:30a - 12p

To help with materials and food for the week we are offering the opportunity to Sponsor a Child. If you would like to participate, pick up a butterfly in the narthex and place your donation in the basket provided. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker Dave Nash Larry Smetts Ned Campbell
Tom Siegel Becky Wright Judy Grace Austin Campbell Steve Barna Jack Green
Ed Hoskinson Tom Lake Jane Lake Donna Shipley David Keener Fred Grace Jim Hover

Prayers for our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: and the Ohio Conference Staff





Prayers for Our Greater Church Family: *(This list to start over every month)*

John Stout	Stewart Krulikoski & Family
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson
Carl Richards	Bill & Carol King
Marsha King	Jim Graham
Judy Schmoll	Shelia Lutz
Pat Toops	Chrissy King
Pam Bevier	



Continued prayers for all the troops that protect and serve this country and prayers of comfort for their families as they wait for their safe return. Chase Lasko.

This Week at Highwater, May 6th- May 12th

Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	Sunday 12
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study In Library</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>  <p>Happy Anniversary Wade & Stacy Blackburn</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Jake Shipley</p> <p>6:15p Book Discussion <i>Being Jesus in Nashville</i></p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>7:30a-12:30p Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Pat Hoar</p>			<p>8:30a Worship Service</p> <p>9:40a Chimes Practice</p> <p>10:30a Worship Service Sunday School</p>  <p>Happy Anniversary Karston & Tara Harris</p>

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Pastor Joyce (c) 614 - 595-4771

WISH Meeting
 Monday, May 13th at the Big Apple Café
 Located at 1283 Log Pond Dr in Newark (next to Walmart on 21st Street)
 We will meet at 9:30a
 Your Hostess is Elaine Tulloss

Membership & Outreach Ministry Meeting
 Monday, May 13th at 6:15p

Our new email address is: highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com