

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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May 19, 2019 10:30a, Graduation Sunday

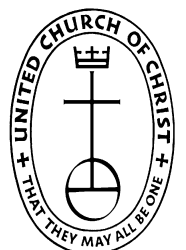
“Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship.” - Mission Statement



“If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... Aim at heaven and you will get earth “thrown in”; aim at the earth, and you will get neither.”

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Janine Shipley
Liturgist - Cindy Campbell





Proclamation of Praise

Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

* Hymn of Praise

I'll Fly Away

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Call to Worship:

Leader: You are making all things new.

People: A new heaven A new earth A new way of thinking A new way of being.

Leader: You are making all things new.

People: No more Death No more mourning No more crying No more pain.

Leader: You are making all things new.

People: Renew our minds to renew the world by living out your commandment of love.

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message

New Testament Text

Revelation 21:1-7 (NRSV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

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.

Gospel Text

John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: In celebration of Jenifer Bruce and Mary Perry's Birthdays.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: First Congregational UCC, Marysville

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

* Hymn:

New Testament Text:

Acts 11:1-18 (NRSV)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Homily on Acts

Pastor Joyce Oyler

* Closing Hymn:

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Sending Prayer

* Sung Benediction -

Majesty

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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 children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service

-**Newborn – pre-school** A Cry Room is available for your use during the worship service. It is located above the Sanctuary. You can use the stairs located through the door directly to the left as you exit the main doors of the Sanctuary. You can hear and see the service from this room.

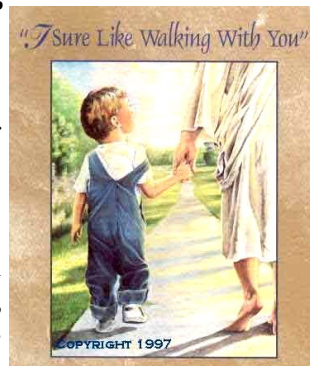
-**Pre-K – K** (pre-K means that your child will start kindergarten in the upcoming school year)...your child is invited to Sunday School with our BUGs (Born Under God's Sun), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

-**1st Grade – 6th Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School with our TIGERs (Trusting In God for Every Reason), which meets in the Lower Level Learning Center. To get to the LLLC, exit the sanctuary, go down the steps, and turn left and find the doorway which leads to the steps leading into the LLLC.

The Sunday School Curriculum is based on Stories in the Bible and involves activities that present the story in a variety of ways.

If you are visiting...

Welcome! We pray that you'll find our worship service meaningful and uplifting, and our congregation welcoming and friendly. We know that coming to a new church can be a little uncomfortable. If we can assist you in any way, please let us know! During the worship service, please be sure to provide contact information on our pew pads so Pastor Scott can reach out and thank you for attending.



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 - May 20th we will meet at the River's Edge in Utica at 11:30a for our end of year lunch and then be on recess until September.

Grill Day Rural Sunday- 10:30a Worship Service at the Goodman's Barn on May 26th, picnic immediately following the Worship Service. Please sign-up to bring a side dish to share on the 26th. 1632 Riley Rd, Just East of 661.

8:30a Worship Service Meeting - 9:30a Today. We are going to discuss possibilities, ideas for changes that we might want to see in the fall, please join us.

VBS Meeting - 9:50a Today anyone interested in being a part of planning VBS please join us. VBS is June 17th - 20th.

Mark Your Calendars - Highwater will serve lunches in the park July 1-3, July 8th - 12th and August 5th - 9th. Details coming soon!

Our new email address is: highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com



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 Marcie Williams Austin Campbell Steve Barna Jack Green
Ed Hoskinson Jane Lake Donna Shipley David Keener Jim Hover

Prayers for our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: First Congregational UCC, Marysville

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




John Stout	Stewart Krulikoski & Family	Pat Cline
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, Tanner MacLachlan

In memoriam for the Family of Jean Matheny

This Week at Highwater, May 20th- May 26th

Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25	Sunday 26
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study 11:30a at the River's Edge In Utica</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Jennifer Bruce</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p>Happy Anniversary Scott & Beth Schieber</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 Mary Perry</p>		<p>10:30a Worship Service And Picnic At the Goodman's Barn 1632 Riley Rd</p>

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