

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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August 4, 2019

“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



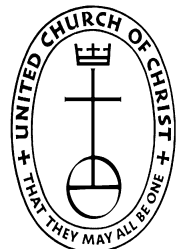
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“At the end of our life, what really matters is not what we bought but what we built; not what we got but what we shared; not our competence but our character; and not our success, but our significance. Live a life that matters.

Live a life of love....”

-Author Unknown

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Laura Laughlin
Acolyte - Keegan Andrews-Gartner
Liturgist - Amy Gartner
Greeter/Usher - Becky Wright





August 4, 2019 * = *stand if you are able*

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

*** Hymn of Praise**

Once to Every Man and Nation

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Call to worship

Leader: O give thanks to our GOD who is good, Whose steadfast love endures forever!

People: **The people God loves have been gathered in from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some have wandered, finding no safety, Hungry and thirsty.

People: **In their trouble they cried out to God who delivered them from distress.**

Leader: Let us thank our GOD for steadfast love for all humankind.

People: **For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.**

All: **O give thanks to our GOD who is good, Whose steadfast love endures forever!**

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message

Old Testament Text

Psalm 107: 1-9,43 (NRSV)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble ³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ⁴Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; ⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; ⁷he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. ⁸Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. ⁹For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

⁴³Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of 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

Colossians 3: 1-11 (NRSV)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: In celebration of Debbie Smetts, Khloe Keller, David Shipley, and Jackie Parrill's Birthdays.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Orchard Hill UCC, Chillicothe

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**

Gospel Text

Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Homily on Luke

Pastor Joyce Oyler

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

**This week we remember the events of August 6 and 9, 1945:
the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.**

In the decades since, the world has lived with the threat of nuclear annihilation and many have worked and struggled for the abolition of nuclear weapons. O God, like a father who teaches his child to walk, like a mother who feeds and heals her children, You desire to nourish all people and rescue them from injustice. You call us into this work of justice-making and care. Yet we follow other paths; we make choices that lead to violence and destruction. Meet us here and teach us how to put aside all temptations that lead to violence, from the smallest to the most global.

Assurance / Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Table / Prayer of Consecration / Words of Remembrance / Distribution

Sending Prayer

*** Closing Hymn**

Lead On, O King Eternal

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*** Benediction / Response -**

Let There be Peace on Earth

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

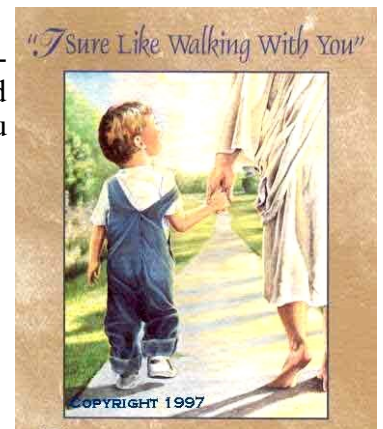
Postlude

During our Summer Worship Schedule Sunday School is on Recess....

If you have children...

-**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.

June 2nd through Rally Day in September, we will have small activity bags for the younger children to use at their seats during Summer Worship Services



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 alter 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

Lunch at Miller's Park - Highwater will serve lunches in the park August 5th - 9th. Sign-up in the binder.

Salvation Army Lunch Packing Mission Opportunity - Tuesdays June 4th - August 6th. Sign-up in the binder.

Utica Food Pantry Needs Volunteers - Thursdays 2:30-5:30p. If you would like to help, even occasionally, please contact Pat Burress directly at 740-507-9862 to get on the schedule .

Ministry Fair / Finn Fest - August 25th immediately following the service. If you were curious about what the Ministries are all about, this is a day where you will find out just how easy it is to be involved in or even be a chair of a Ministry. Stations will be set up throughout the church where information can be found and questions can be answered.

Finn Fest will include a silent auction for baked goods that members of the church can contribute.

This will be a fundraiser to support the Downs Syndrome Association of Central Ohio.

Finn will also be auctioning off some of his artwork and cookies and donuts will be available to purchase.

Please come and plan to support Finn. This will be a silent auction only.

WISH Mystery Trip - Friday, September 20th. Sign up outside the Library if you plan to attend. This trip is open to all women of Highwater and female family and friends are welcome to join in the fun !



It is Fair time and we are always interested in what you and your families have achieved. Please feel free to take a form from the binder and list accomplishments you would like shared in our next Newsletter. Photos are always a big addition, so please feel free to include a few of those. Send them to the church at highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com

Thank you, Deb

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 Ed Hoskinson Jane Lake Donna Shipley
Bev & Bob Yoakam Marcia Hoskinson

Prayers for our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell





Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Orchard Hill UCC, Chillicothe

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Sharon Scott
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	
Marsha King	Steven Beale and Family	
Judy Schmoll	Norma Londot	
Pat Toops	Alanna Miller	
Pam Bevier	Stephanie Gay	



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, Jared Grace

This Week at Highwater, August 5th - August 11th

Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	Saturday 10	Sunday 11
Pastor Scott Available  Happy Birthday Debbie Smetts  Happy Anniversary Larry & Linda Wright	Pastor Scott Available 8a Meal Packing at Salvation Army	Pastor Scott Available Debbie In Church Office  Happy Birthday Khloe Keller David Shipley	Pastor Scott Available	Debbie In Church office  Happy Birthday Jackie Parrill		9:30a Worship Service
<h2>Serving Meals at Miller Park in Utica</h2>						

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Our new email address is:
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Save the Date
 WISH Mystery Trip
 FRIDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 20th
 Sign up outside the
 CONFERENCE ROOM

