

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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August 11, 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



"You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Luke 12:40

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Cathy Bero
Acolyte - Jason Douglas
Liturgist - Debbie Smetts
Greeters/Ushers - Storts Family





August 11, 2019 * = *stand if you are able*

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

*** Hymn of Praise**

This Is My Father's World

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Call to worship

Leader: Come, listen to the One

People: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Leader: Come, see the One

People: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

People: who shows the salvation of God.

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message

Old Testament Text

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (NRSV)

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. ³Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. ⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: ⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" ⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Selah* ⁷"Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

²²"Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver. ²³Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God."

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.

Old Testament Text

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 (NRSV)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; ¹³ bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. ¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; ²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Homily on Isaiah

Rev. Scott Schieber

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: In celebration of Danny Steele, Dominic Webb and Adam Shipley's Birthdays.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Radnor Congregation UCC, Radnor

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 12:32-40 (NRSV)

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Homily on Luke

Pastor Joyce Oyler

Sending Prayer

* Closing Hymn

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

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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.

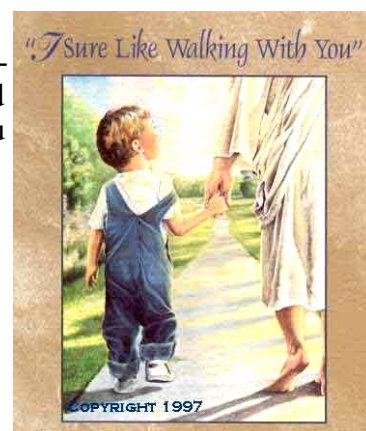
Postlude

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

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 Conference Room 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 Laurie Garno

Prayers for our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Radnor Congregation UCC, Radnor



John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Sharon Scott
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Bill & Carol King
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	Chrissy King
Marsha King	Steven Beale and Family	Harvey Reese
Judy Schmoll	Norma Londot	Graydon Libertini
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

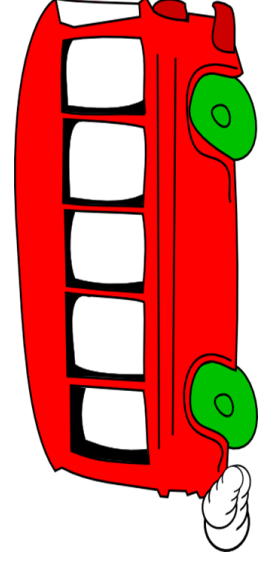
In memoriam for the Family of: **Stephen Beale**

This Week at Highwater, August 12th - August 18th

Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	Saturday 17	Sunday 18
Pastor Scott Available	Pastor Scott Available	Pastor Scott Available Debbie In Church Office	Pastor Scott Available Debbie In Church Office	 <p>Happy Birthday Danny Steele Adam Shipley</p>		<p>9:30a Worship Service</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Dominic Webb</p>

**Save
the
Date**

WISH Mystery Trip
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20th
Sign up outside the
CONFERENCE ROOM



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