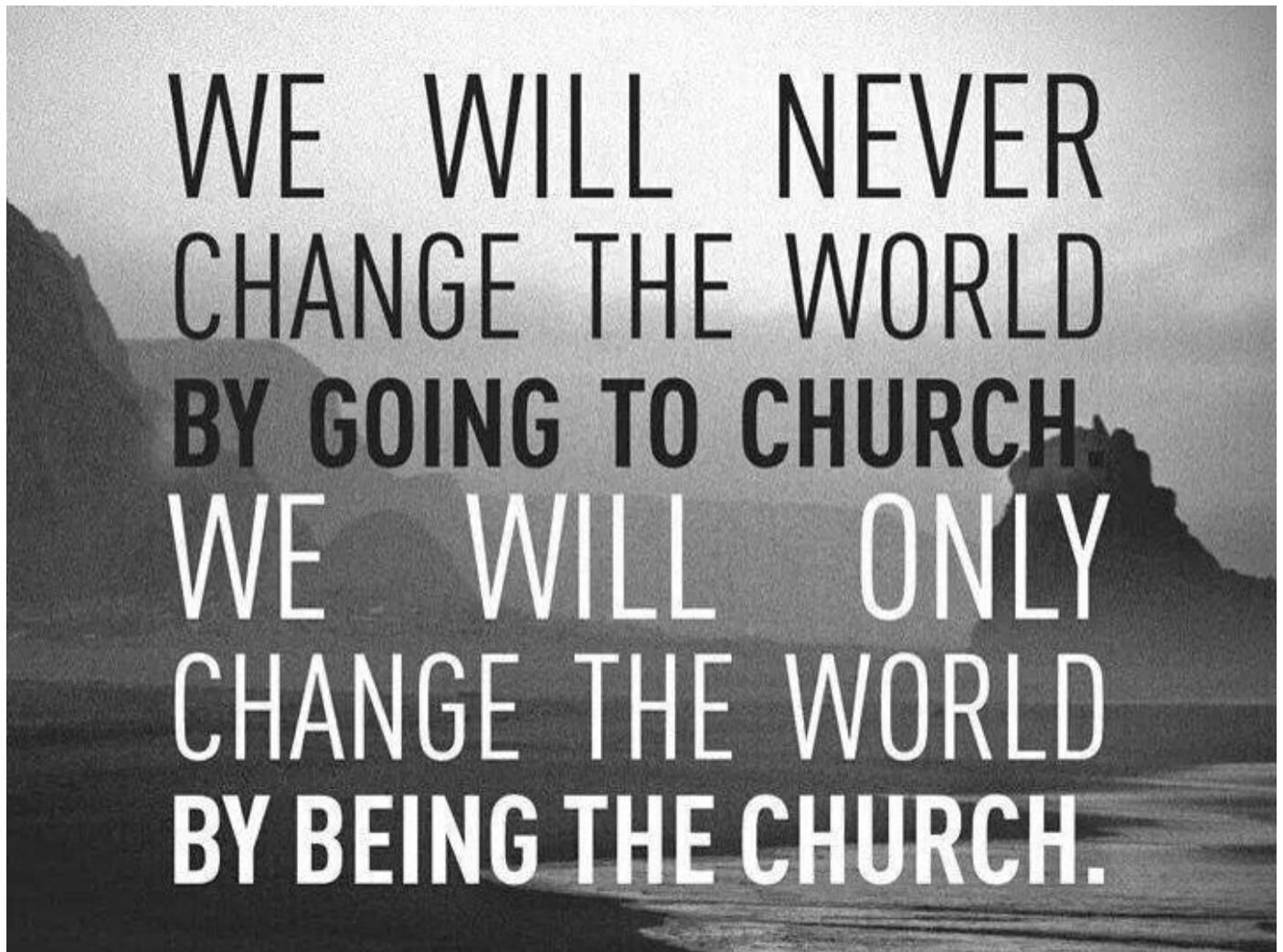


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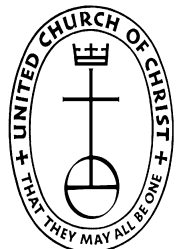
"Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship." - Mission Statement



"Because our gifts carry us out into the world and make us participants in life, the uncovering of them is one of the most important tasks confronting any one of us."

Elizabeth O'Connor, The Eighth Day of Creation

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Laura Laughlin
Acolyte - Keegan Andrews-Gartner
Liturgist - Amy Gartner





September 1, 2019 * = *stand if you are able*

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

*** Hymn of Praise**

Jesus Calls Us

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Call to worship

Leader: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

People: **and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.**

Leader: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

People: **we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.**

Leader: God has called us together. God has called us to be part of a community.

People: **God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.**

Leader: In this time together, may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,

People: **allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.**

Prayer of Invocation

Gospel Text

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSV)

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, hospitality does not always come easily. There are so many other things to do, important things. We have responsibilities that get in the way of our best intentions. Give us eyes to see the possibilities you give us, and hearts big enough to make room for someone else. Amen.

Assurance / Passing the Peace

* Hymn

Break Thou the Bread of Life

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

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: *In celebration of Sawyer Simon, Jack Schmidt, Nancy Siegel and Andy McKimmins's Birthdays*

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: St John's UCC, Newark

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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (NRSV)

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Homily on Hebrews

Rev. Scott Schieber

Sending Prayer

* Closing Hymn

God Be with You

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* Benediction / Benediction Response

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back. The sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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.

Rally Day is Next Sunday

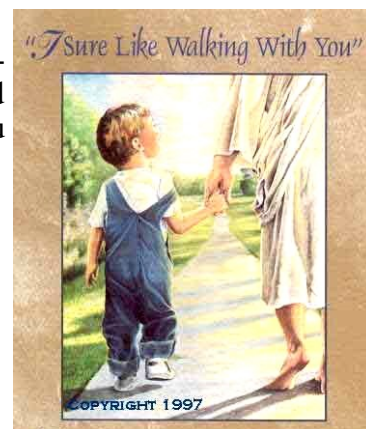
September 8th

Join Us for our

Sunday School Kick-Off

10:30a

Sunday School is available for children Pre-K - 6th Grade



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

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 .

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 !

Monday Noon Bible Study - Resumes on September 9th. This year we will be using *Living Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton as a guide for our study. This is Hamilton's latest book. We will look at a devotion each week and the scripture he addresses. This book is available on Amazon and in electronic formats.

Rally Day Sunday - Church Picnic - Sunday, September 8th. We resume Sunday School and two Services Today. WE will celebrate with a picnic immediately following the 10:30a Service. See the binder to sign-up to bring desserts or a side dish to share.

WISH Dinner/Meeting - Monday, September 9th. We will meet at Three Oaks Winery at 6:30p. 1591 Crosley Rd, Granville. Spouses are welcome. Please see details and sign-up in the binder if you plan to attend. **Mary Miller will entertain us.**

Membership & Outreach Ministry Meeting - Monday, September 9th at 6:15p.

TIGERs Activity Nite - Sunday, September 15th 6-7:30p. This is for children in 3rd - 8th Grade

Grief Support Group - Sunday, September 15th at 4p. We will gather together our healing hearts and support one another in life after loss.

Greeter Training - Interested in being a Greeter or are you currently a greeter and looking for helpful guidance in enhancing your skills? Join us on Sunday, September 15th at 9:30a

Goldie Campbell - Would love visitors and communications. You can reach Goldie at 920 Sharon Valley Rd Room 313 Newark, OH 43055 740.364.9870

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: St John's UCC, Newark

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	Raye Hufford
Pat Toops	Alanna Miller	Nancy
Pam Bevier	Stephanie Gay	Sherry Selfe



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, September 2nd - September 8th

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7	Sunday 8
Pastor Scott Available  <i>Have a safe Labor Day</i>	Pastor Scott Available  Happy Birthday Sawyer Simon	Pastor Scott Available Debbie In Church Office  Happy Birthday Jack Schmidt	Pastor Scott Available	Debbie In Church Office  Happy Anniversary Dick & Carol Hoar	8a Men's Prayer Breakfast at Grace Pointe  Happy Birthday Nancy Siegel	8:30a Worship Service 10:30a Worship Service 10:30a Sunday School 11:30a Rally Day Picnic  Happy Birthday Andy McKimmins

Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314

Our new email address is:
 highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com

End of Life Discussion on Advance Care Planning October 8th at 7p at Highwater church

Pastor Jeff Smith, the Head Chaplain of LMH will be here to answer questions about Advance Care planning and explain documentation needed to ensure an individual's rights to accept or refuse medical care if they become mentally or physically unable to communicate those wishes.



Scripture for Sunday, September 8th

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 Philimon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33