

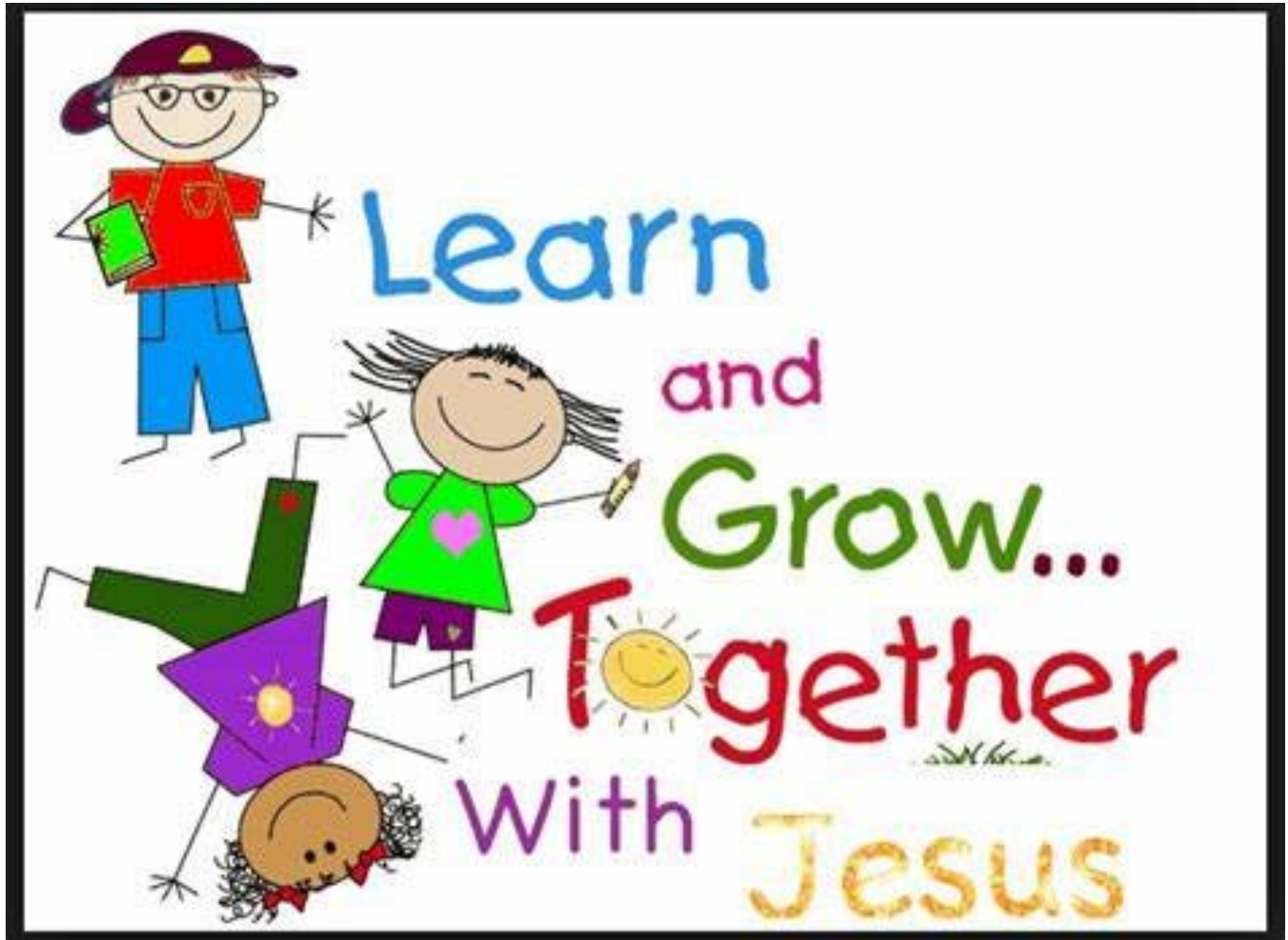
Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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September 8, 2019 - 10:30a

Rally Day 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



"When the path ignites a soul, there is no remaining in place. The foot touches the ground, but not for long."

-Hakim Sanai, 12th century Persian poet

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Judy Grace
Acolyte - Stella Preston
Liturgist - Debbie Smetts





September 8, 2019 * = *stand if you are able*

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Call to worship

Leader: Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

People: **Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.**

Leader: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

People: **Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.**

Leader: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

People: **Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.**

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message / Hymn of Praise *This Little Light of Mine* **Mary Miller**

Old Testament Text

Psalm 1 (NRSV)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NRSV)

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: *In celebration of Drew Harris and Randy Shipley's Birthdays*

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: St Michael UCC, Baltimore

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**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Gospel Text

Luke 14:25-33 (NRSV)

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Sermon

We Take Faith Seriously

Rev. Scott Schieber

Sending Prayer

*** Closing Hymn**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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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

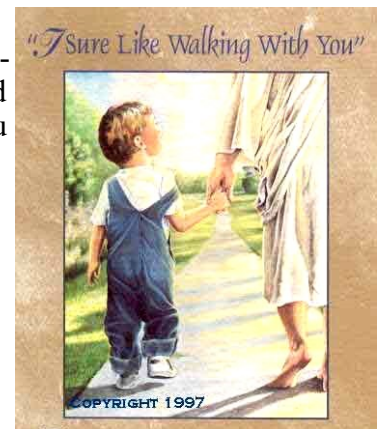
During our Summer Worship Schedule Sunday School is on Recess....

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 TODAY
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 and Wednesday 7p Bible Studies - Beginning 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. Please bring the book and your Bible

Video Discussion on Living Unafraid - 7p Mondays 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 11/11 and 12/9.

Rally Day Sunday - Picnic after 10:30a Service. Join Us!

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 Michael UCC, Baltimore

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| 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 9th - September 15th

| Monday 9 | Tuesday 10 | Wednesday 11 | Thursday 12 | Friday 13 | Saturday 14 | Sunday 15 |
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| Pastor Scott Available Noon Bible Study 6:15p Membership & Outreach Ministry Meeting 6:30p WISH Gathering at Three Oaks Winery With Mary Miller | Pastor Scott Available | Pastor Scott Available Debbie In Church Office  Happy Birthday Drew Harris 7p Bible Study | Pastor Scott Available Debbie In Church Office  Happy Anniversary Ron & Carrie Hall  Happy Birthday Randy Sipley | | | 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Greeter Training 10:30a Worship Service 10:30a Sunday School |

Our new email address is:
highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com

Lifeline Food Packing Mission Outreach Opportunity

No Experience Necessary!

In four simple steps, you give hope, as you package nutritious meals for hungry kids and families around the world! This fun, hands-on project is meaningful for all ages...from kids to grandparents. Once packaged, these shelf-stable meals are shipped around the world where hunger and malnutrition are a daily struggle.

Packing Begins at 10a
See the binder to sign up




Saturday, September 28th

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Scripture for Sunday, September 15th
Luke 15:1-10 I Timothy 1:12-17 Psalm 14

Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314