

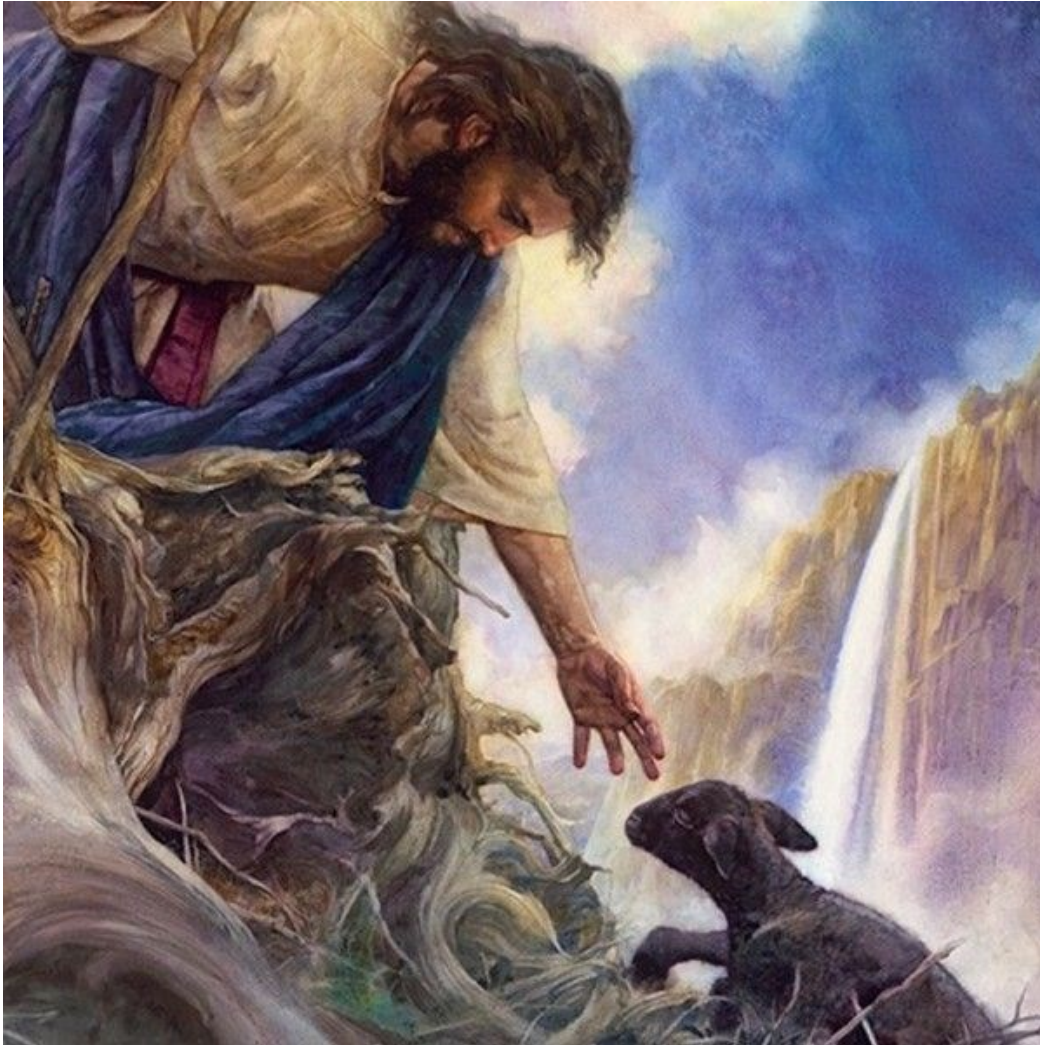
Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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September 15, 2019 - 10:30a

Rally Day Sunday

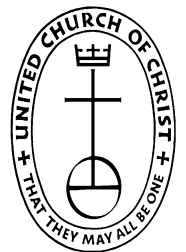
"Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship." - Mission Statement



"In the Bible, we do not see (humanity) groping for God; we see God reaching after (humanity)."

-John Stott, Basic Christianity

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Laura Laughlin
Acolyte - Kaylee Patton
Greeters - Dave & Pat Hoar





September 15, 2019 * = *stand if you are able*

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

*** Hymn of Praise**

Immortal, Invisible

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Call to worship

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:

People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

People: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message

Old Testament Text

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

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

I Timothy 1:12-17 (NRSV)

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever Amen.

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: *In celebration of Bev Keener, Kaylee Patton, Brad Atherton, Evelyn Barnes, Phyllis Buxton, Marcie Williams, Kianna Hays, Dave Nash and Nancy Schmidt's Birthdays.*

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: St Paul UCC, Columbus

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

We Would Be Building

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Gospel Text

Luke 15:1-10 (NRSV)

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon

Rev. Scott Schieber

* Closing Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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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.

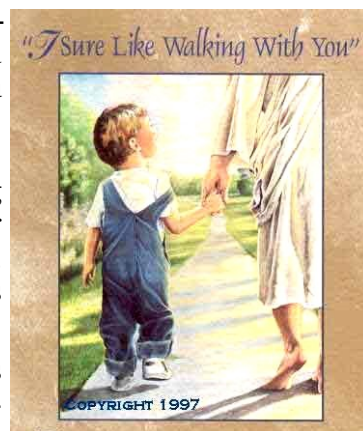
Postlude

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 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 .

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 ! We depart at 7:30a.

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

Adam Hamilton "Living Unafraid" Video Series - No reading required, runs on the following dates from 7-8 pm:
Understanding and Countering Your Fears—September 23
Crime, Race, Terrorism, and Politics—October 7
Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance, and Loneliness—October 28
Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances—November 18
Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord—December 2

TIGERs Activity Nite - TODAY, 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.

Council Meeting - 7p Thursday, September 19th

Crew Gathering - 6p Thursday, September 26th

**Lifeline Food Packing
Mission Outreach Opportunity
No Experience Necessary!
Packing Begins at 10a
See the binder to sign up
Saturday,
September 28th**



**Pastor Scott's Office Door
is
Now Open
Wednesdays
5-7p**

For counsel, to talk or to pray. Please contact the church if you have questions or would like to call before you go.

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
Marcia Hoskinson Laurie Garno

Prayers for our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: St Paul UCC, Columbus






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

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Sharon Scott	Maddie Reese
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Bill & Carol King	Mary Beth
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	Chrissy King	Eddie Wilkins
Marsha King	Steven Beale and Family	Harvey Reese	Family of Marlene Bevier
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 16th - September 22nd

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21	Sunday 22
Pastor Scott Available Noon Bible Study  Happy Birthday Bev Keener Kaylee Patton Brad Atherton	Pastor Scott Available Debbie In Church Office  Happy Birthday Evelyn Barnes 5-7p Pastor Scott's Office Is Open 7p Bible Study	Pastor Scott Available Debbie In Church Office  Happy Anniversary Gene & Mary Jo Branstool  Happy Birthday Phyllis Buxton Marcie Williams Kianna Hays 7p Council Meeting	 Happy Birthday Dave Nash Nancy Schmidt			8:30a Worship Service 10:30a Worship Service 10:30a Sunday School

Our new email address is:
highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com

Scripture for Sunday, September 22nd
I Timothy 2:1-7 Psalm 113:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314



SAVE THE DATE!

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.