

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**September 22, 2019 - 10:30a**

*"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*



*"Money is a terrible master, but an excellent servant."  
-PT Barnum, *Art of Money Getting**

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist:** Cathy Bero  
**Greeter** - Becky Wright





**September 22, 2019** \* = stand if you are able

**Proclamation of Praise**

**Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

\* **Hymn of Praise**

*May Jesus Christ Be Praised*

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**Call to worship (Call and Response)....**

**People Respond:** From the rising of the sun to its setting, we will praise the name of the Lord!

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Children's Message**

**Old Testament Text**

**Psalm 113:1-8 (NRSV)**

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore. <sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. <sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. <sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, <sup>6</sup>who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? <sup>7</sup>He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, <sup>8</sup>to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

**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 2:1-7 (NRSV)**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

*Candle Dedication: In celebration of Sue Steele, Cheryl Lopeman, Allen Smith and Will Schieber's Birthdays.*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: and our Hospice Ministries*

## 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 16:1-13 (NRSV)**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

## Sermon

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

### \* Closing Hymn

*God's Eye is on the Sparrow*

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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.**

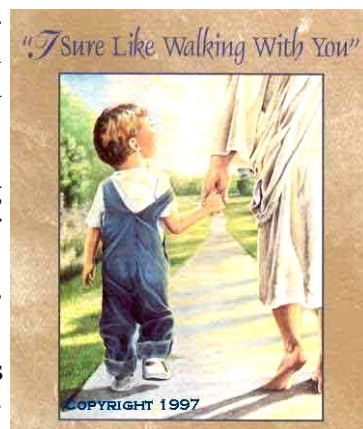
## Postlude

## ***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 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### ***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 .

**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

**Crew Gathering** - 6p Thursday, September 26th

**Blood Drive** - Sunday, October 20th 8a-12p.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** – Saturday, October 5th at 8:00a.m. At Grace Pointe across from Branstool's Orchard on Rte 62.

**HS Youth Gathering** - 6-7:30p Sunday, September 29th. Site TBD

**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:** and our Hospice Ministries

**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

**In memoriam for the Family of : Bev Yoakam**


# This Week at Highwater, September 23rd - September 29th

Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27	Saturday 28	Sunday 29
Pastor Scott Available  <b>Noon Bible Study</b>  7-8p <b>Video Series</b> <i>Living Unafraid</i>	Pastor Scott Available  Debbie In Church Office  5-7p <b>Pastor Scott's Office Is Open</b>  7p <b>Bible Study</b>	Pastor Scott Available  Debbie In Church Office   <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sue Steele  6p CREW Gathering	Pastor Scott Available  Debbie In Church Office   <b>Happy Birthday</b> Sue Steele		10a <b>Lifeline</b> Food Packing   <b>Happy Birthday</b> Cheryl Lopeman	8:30a <b>Worship Service</b>  10:30a <b>Worship Service</b>  10:30a <b>Sunday School</b>  6-7:30p HS Youth Gathering Site TBD  <b>Buddy Walk</b> 7a-2p   <b>Happy Birthday</b> Allen Smith Will Schieber

**Our new email address is:**  
[highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com](mailto:highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com)

**Scripture for Sunday, September 29th**  
**Psalm 146 Luke 16:19-31 I Timothy 6:6-19**

**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.