

The Heartbeat of Highwater

October 2019

“Observe the Feast-of-Booths for seven days when you gather the harvest from your threshing-floor and your wine-vat. Rejoice at your festival: you, your son, your daughter, your servant, your maid, the Levite, the foreigner, and the orphans and widows who live in your neighborhood. Celebrate the Feast to God, your God, for seven days at the place God designates. God, your God, has been blessing you in your harvest and in all your work, so make a day of it—really celebrate!”
Deuteronomy 16:13-15

Living Unafraid

I'm in a loop right now—my Sundays are dominated by giving messages in my Autumn Sermon Series—Walk the Walk, Real, Living Faith—and my weeks are dominated by Living Unafraid, the Bible and video studies we are undertaking. Every week is the same (well, the details are really different) Walk the Walk, and Living Unafraid.

I suppose back in August that I hoped that we'd all be living faithfully and fearlessly by Christmas. While my hope about everyone living faithfully is intact, I've quickly learned that a healthy amount of fear is normal and useful for we humans. A moderated amount of fear helps us when we get into dangerous situations. Our groups are using scripture, video, and conversations to quell our fears, keeping them moderated and helpful. The alternative is what we see all around us, and experience ourselves sometimes—rampant anxiety, which leads to unhealthiness and brokenness.

Both fall emphases on faithfulness and being unafraid will give way to the Christmas story, eventually. In just a few months, we'll hear the stories of angels visiting members of our human family, telling them that Jesus is coming into the world to save them. Angels will always start the story with the same phrase—“Be Not Afraid.” Mary and Joseph will have a great role to play in history, raising up Jesus to show us the way to faithfulness. But first, their clinging to fear must get out of the way, so that they can prepare room for him, not just in their hearts, but in their lives. May it be just that way for us as well.

Peace

- Pastor Scott



Bible Studies

Noon on Mondays
7p on Wednesdays

Living Unafraid by Adam Hamilton is the guide for our study. 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:
 - 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

Join Us!



**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 Fall Festival

Saturday, October 26th

6p

Get in costume and join in the fun and fellowship.

This year we are asking each family to set up a table (station) with an activity for everyone to participate.

You could offer a game, a craft, a contest, pass out treats and by all means feel free to decorate your space.

Please sign-up in the binder and share a hint of what your space will be doing.

We'll watch the **Ohio State** Buckeyes Together!
This event will replace Trunk or Treat



Thank You Patsy and Cindy for the Beautiful Day as the Mystery Trip brought us into Union County and a tour of the Covered Bridges. Ending in....you guessed it... dining right on a covered bridge.

Pictures of the bridge and a fine young gentleman serenading the group can be seen above. Can't wait for next year!!!

Quilt Retreat October 18th and 19th At Highwater Church

Invite your friends

It starts on Friday-come after work or come earlier at noon.

We will set up tables and the fun starts—

Bring \$5.00 for Friday night pizza ---bring your own drink and \$5.00 as a donation to the church.

We go home to sleep and come back around 8:30 on Saturday morning.

Bring a dish for Saturday -- Breakfast or Lunch
Lunch and Show & Tell around 2:00 or whenever we decide that day.



Where To Be and When
Who to call with ideas and questions

Moderator

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Jeff Preston 740-644-1614

Bob Tucker 740-892-4829

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WISH

Becky Campbell 740-501-2421

WISH II Quilt

Adrienne Anderson 740- 404-4891



**WISH II
Quilt
Wednesday
October
9th
6:30p.m.**



**Pastor Scott will lead a
Grief Support Group**

Sunday, October 20th at 4p

We will gather together our healing hearts and support one another in life after loss.



**Council
Meeting
Thursday,
October 17th
7:00p.m.**

Men's Prayer Breakfast

See you at Grace Point on Rte 62 across from
Branstool's Orchard at 8:00a.m. on
Saturday, October 5th



**Blood Drive at
Highwater
Sunday, October 20th
8a-12p
Please sign up to save
lives!
Walk-Ins Welcome!**



**Outreach Ministry Opportunity
The 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.



Thank You for supporting Neighbors in Need - Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries, justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. We will receive this offering on October 6th.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30a

Ages Pre-K - 7th Grade

Scripture will be enhanced with crafts, games and other activities.

And remember to... Invite a friend!



Youth

**NEWS
AND
EVENTS**

**TIGERs Activity Nite
Sunday October 6th**

6-7:30p

This is an evening for 3rd - 8th Graders

**HS Youth Gathering -
Sunday, October 13th**

6p

We will gather at Rooster's on 21st St



**Membership & Outreach
Ministry Meeting**

Monday, October 14th

6:15p



**Thursday
October 24th
6p**

**Watch Facebook
for Details**



**Back by Popular Demand!
Dominoes, Euchre,
Board Games...**

**Saturday, October 19th
6p at Highwater Church**

Bring your favorite game and a snack to share!

Invite a Friend!

All Welcome!

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday to:

- 10/01 Gayle Gibson
- 10/01 Linda Wright
- 10/04 Tom Siegel
- 10/06 Bob Tucker
- 10/06 Owen Storts
- 10/07 Lenae Marston
- 10/10 Phil Shipley
- 10/10 Jason Douglas
- 10/10 Don Williams
- 10/11 Stella Preston
- 10/11 Stone VanWey
- 10/13 Dave Hoar
- 10/18 Eileen Preston
- 10/18 Beth Schieber
- 10/21 Chris Storts
- 10/28 Patsy Farmer
- 10/30 Elaine Tulloss
- 10/30 Nathan Hite
- 10/30 Rock VanWey
- 10/31 Finn Snyder



Fall



Prayers for those in need of healing:

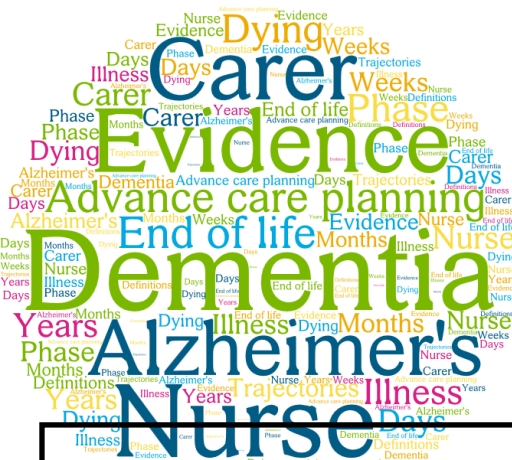
Betty Nash, Gayle Gibson, Bob Tucker, Becky Wright
 Dave Nash, Carolyn Claggett, Larry Smetts, Jane Lake,
 Tom Siegel, Laurie Garno,
 Marcie Williams, Goldie Campbell, Donna Shipley,
 Judy Schmoll, Ed & Marcia Hoskinson, Sharon Mummey,
 Mark Frick, Pat Toops,
 Marsha King, Stewart Krulikowski & Family,
 Theresa Gonda, Sherry Gibson, Pam Bevier,
 Chris King, Bill & Carol King, Norma Londot
 Alanna Miller, Stephanie Gay, Sharon Scott, Harvey Reese,
 Raye Hufford, Nancy

Continued prayers:

For those who serve in our armed forces and all of their families, as well as those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

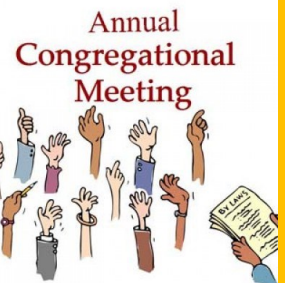
Happy Anniversary

- 10/06 Jack & Nancy Schmidt
- 10/08 Phil & Donna Shipley
- 10/12 Nick & Laurie Garno
- 10/22 Bill & Janet Goodman
- 10/22 Fred & Mae Pound



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 3rd following the 10:30a Service
 We Elect Ministry Chairs And Vote to Approve Proposed 2020 Budget Recommended by Council
 Open Ministry Chair Positions will be announced in the weekly bulletin.
 Proposed budget will be made available by Sunday, October 27th.



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.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship - 8:30a and 10:30a

Sunday School - 10:30a.m.

WE'RE ON THE WEB! Check us out! www.highwaterchurch.org

Did You Know?

Office Hours :

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Planning an Event? Use the LEGG Center

Call Peggy Green at 740-892-3235 for rates, information and to reserve your date. And, if you want to use Highwater's tables, chairs, or other assets, please be sure to check first, and sign them out with both a departure date and a due-back date.

Rental Forms for use of Facility can be found below:

[Guest Form](#)

[Member Form](#)



The "Little Red Wagon"
Pick-up for Utica Food Pantry
Sunday, October 27th.
Blessings to all for your continued support!



Giving & Attendance

8/25	\$1,962.00	64
9/01	3,747.00	54
9/08	2,305.00	76
9/15	2,508.00	76
9/22	1,433.00	73

We Need \$3,000.00 Weekly to achieve our yearly budget.

YTD we are under budget by
- \$11,827.00

- Mission Statement

"Highwater Congregational Church, 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."