

# **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ**

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**October 20, 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*

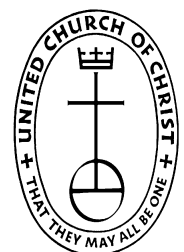


*"Have you ever wrestled with God? I have, during seasons when I wondered if I'd failed God, or when I felt that God was failing me."*

*-Adam Hamilton, *Living Unafraid*:*

*Lessons on Hope from 51 of the Bible's Most Loved Stories*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist:** Janine Shipley  
**Acolyte:** Charlie Atherton  
**Liturgist** - Steve Barna  
**Greeters** - Abby and Ashley Shipley





**October 20, 2019** \* = *stand if you are able*

## **Proclamation of Praise**

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

### **Welcome**

\* **Hymn of Praise** *Glorify Thy Name / How Majestic Is Your Name* **Page # 29 & 30 Gray**

### **Call to worship**

Leader: Holy One, dwell within us

**People: Whisper in our ears;**

Leader: Glimmer in our vision;

**People: Write upon our hearts.**

Leader: We wait

**People: with open ears, open eyes, open hearts.**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

**Children's Message** (*Children Dismissed*)

### **Old Testament Text**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,<sup>[a]</sup> says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**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. Amen**

### **Gospel Text**

**Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

## **Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer**

*Candle Dedication: In celebration of Chris Storts Birthday.*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: The United Church, Mt Sterling*

## **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**

*Take Time to Be Holy*

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### **Old Testament Text**

**Genesis 32:22-31 (NRSV)**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

### **Sermon**

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

### **\* Closing Hymn**

*He Leadeth Me*

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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**

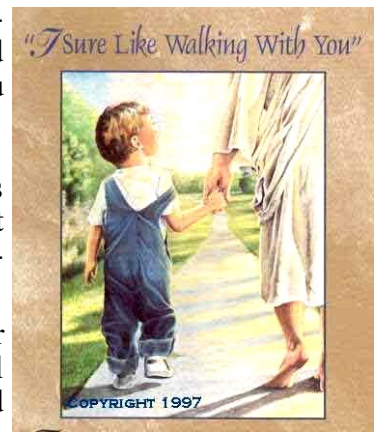
## ***If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service***

-**Newborn – 2 yrs old**, 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.

- **3 yrs old - K**; 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 – 3rd 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.

- **4th Grade – 7th Grade**...your child is invited to Sunday School 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



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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** - This year we are 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:

**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

**Blood Drive** - TODAY, Walk-ins welcome!

**CREW** - Gathering, Thursday, October 24h 6-8p. This month's word is TRANSFORM. Child care will be available and Mary Miller will be our guest.

**Grief Support Group** - 4p, TODAY

**FUN Days Begin** - Sunday, October 27th. Christian Ed is hoping to have the adults participate as well. For October 27th we will celebrate School Spirit Day. (Wear your school's colors/attire with pride)! Stay tuned for next month's FUN Day Event.

**Fall Festival** - Next Saturday, October 26th starting at 6p. See the binder for details.

**WISH Meeting** - Monday, November 11th at 6:30p. At the church. We will have a Baked Potato Bar. See the binder for details.

**TIGERS Activity Nite** - Sunday, November 3rd, 6p



**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 Marsha Barna Mary Jo Layman

### Prayers for our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** The United Church, Mt Sterling

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



John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Rhett Morningstar
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	
Mark Frick	Sherry Gibson	
Marsha King	Jesse Buchanan	
Judy Schmoll	Tim Olson	
Pat Toops	Terri Mellor	
Pam Bevier		

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: Barb Keys**



# This Week at Highwater, October 21st - October 27th

Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26	Sunday 27
Pastor Scott Available  Noon Bible Study   Happy Birthday Chris Stortis	Pastor Scott Available   Happy Anniversary Bill & Janet Goodman Fred & Mae Pound	Pastor Scott Available  Debbie in Church Office  5-7P Pastor Scott's Office Is Open  7p Bible Study	Pastor Scott Available  Debbie in Church Office  6p CREW Gathering		6p Fall Festival	8:30a Worship Service  10:30a Worship Service  10:30a Sunday School

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

**Scripture for Sunday, October 27th**  
**Luke 18:9-14 Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65**

**Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314**



**It's time to be thinking about this year's  
 Christmas Program  
 How about a Talent Show!!!  
 Please see the binder to sign-up your act!**

## Congregational Meeting



**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
 Sunday November 3rd  
 Following the 10:30a Service  
 We will elect Ministry Chairs  
 We will vote on approval of the 2020 budget proposed by council.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, November 2nd at 8:00a.m. At Grace Pointe across from Branftool's Orchard on Rte 62.**