

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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November 3rd, 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



“Thank God, our friends are not buried; they are sown.”

Dwight L. Moody, American evangelist, in a sermon

“Jesus Arose: So Shall We Rise”

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Judy Grace
Acolyte: Keegan Andrews-Gartner
Liturgist - Amy Gartner
Greeters - Mike & Abby Shipley





November 3rd, 2019 All Saints Sunday

** = stand if you are able*

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

* **Hymn of Praise**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

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Call to worship

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

Leader: We remember, O God...

P: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection.

Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

People: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us worship God with joy!

Prayer of Invocation (Responsive)....We come to be your people, oh God.

New Testament Text

Excerpts from Hebrews 12

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. ¹⁴Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

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

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Beloved God, known to our mothers and fathers, and to our spiritual mentors, show us your mercy. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. We turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you show us, continually forgiving our sins, even the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts...

Passing the peace of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit

Reading of the Names

Invitation to the Table / Prayer of Consecration / Words of Remembrance / Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message *(Children Dismissed)*

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: *In celebration of Sheri Webb, Bella Webb, Drew Bero, Carrie Hall, Lisa McKimmins, Loren Goodman and Ryder Simon's Birthdays.*

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Trinity 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**

When the saints Go Marching In

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New Testament Text

Ephesians 1:11-23 (NRSV)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Homily on Ephesians

Rev. Scott Schieber

* **Closing Hymn**

For All the Saints

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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

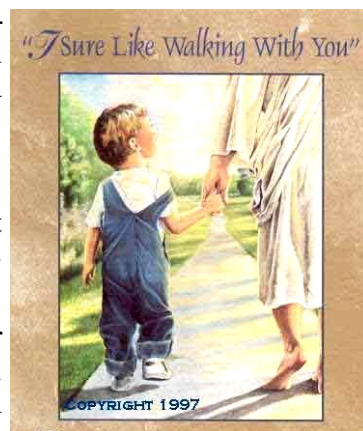
If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service

-**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



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 **blue 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:
Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances—November 18
Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord—December 2

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

TIGERS - **After the 10:30 service on November 17th**, we will leave for Get Air trampoline park in Hilliard. We will spend an hour jumping and then go to Chipotle for lunch. All church members in grades 3-7 are welcome to attend, as well as our regulars for Tigers Youth Group. All costs will be covered. Please sign up in binder. A few drivers will be needed.

HS Youth—At 5:00 on November 24th we will meet for bowling and dinner at Chipotle. Details to follow.

Membership & Outreach Meeting - Monday, November 11th at 6:15p.

Advent Decorating - Sunday, November 24th, 6p. Bring a snack to share and join us.

The Salvation Army could use some extra hands at 4p today to help with the Rolling Thunder (Motorcycle Toy Drive) event. If interested just be there.

Pastor Scott is On Vacation From
November 4th - November 10th
**For Pastoral emergencies please call
Pastor Joyce Oyler, 614-595-4771**

Next Sunday Rev. Amanda Conley will return to the Pulpit. We look forward to seeing her again and hearing the message she has to share.

**Due to Pastor Scott
being on Vacation
Bible Studies and Open
Door Wednesday will be
cancelled this week.**

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: Trinity UCC, Baltimore






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

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| John Stout | Stewart Krulikowski & Family | Rhett Morningstar |
| Sharon Mummey | Theresa Gonda | Sharon Burson |
| Mark Frick | Sherry Gibson | Art Salazar |
| Marsha King | Jesse Buchanan | Pastor Joyce Oyler |
| 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

This Week at Highwater, November 4th - November 10th

| Monday 4 | Tuesday 5 | Wednesday 6 | Thursday 7 | Friday 8 | Saturday 9 | Sunday 10 |
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| Pastor Scott On Vacation | Pastor Scott On Vacation  Happy Birthday Sheri Webb | Pastor Scott On Vacation  Happy Birthday Bella Webb | Pastor Scott On Vacation Debbie in Church Office | Pastor Scott On Vacation  Happy Birthday Drew Bero Carrie Hall Lisa McKimmins | Pastor Scott On Vacation  Happy Birthday Loren Goodman | Pastor Scott On Vacation 8:30a Worship Service 10:30a Worship Service 10:30a Sunday School  Happy Birthday Ryder Simon |

Scripture for Sunday, November 10th
Job 19:23-27a Luke 20:27-38 Psalm 98

Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314



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

Congregational Meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY

Following the 10:30a Service We will elect Ministry Chairs

We will vote on approval of the 2020 budget proposed by council.

