

# The Heartbeat of Highwater

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing."

Romans 15:13

## December 2019



Happy Holidays!

One of many things good Christian people grouse and complain about is being greeted with "Happy Holidays" in stores. We think there's a big conspiracy, especially among retailers, against Christmas. We think that in spite of looking around and seeing Christmas décor and signs for Christmas sales as far as the eye can see. All that complaining leads me to believe that we just love to have things to complain about, and more to the point, we love to feel like we're somehow being persecuted for our Christian beliefs.

What I know is that we are entering the holiday season; Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's all fall within a few weeks of one another, and it's perfectly reasonable that if someone wants you to have a Merry Christmas, they'd also like you to have a Happy Thanksgiving and New Year. So, I'll greet you with a Merry Christmas, and if someone on the street or in a store sends me a holiday greeting, I'll be glad they gave me their wishes, and return the favor. Good Christians respond to kindnesses with kindness, not complaining.

Happy Holidays!

Pastor Scott

*"Quiet Christmas"*  
*December 22nd at 5p*

*Worship,  
Candlelight,  
Contemplation and  
Communion*

*Come, join us*



**Women of Highwater  
are Invited to the  
WISH Christmas  
Gathering  
Monday, December 9th  
6:30p at the Church**

Sign up in the binder if you plan to attend!

**Advent Study / It's a Wonderful Life  
Movie and Discussion**

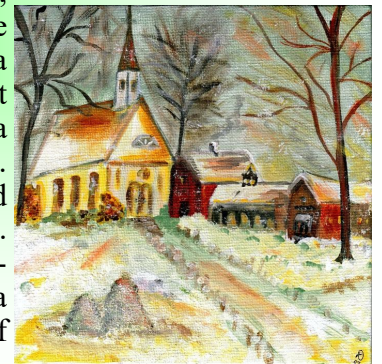
**We will take 3 weeks to complete movie and discussion**

**Week 1 Sunday, December 1st 5-6:15p or  
Monday, December 2nd 12-1:15p  
Week 2 Sunday, December 8th 5-6:15p or  
Monday, December 9th 12-1:15p  
Week 3 Sunday, December 15th 5-6:15p or  
Monday, December 16th 12-1:15p**

*Highwater  
Christmas Eve Services*

**Tuesday, December 24th  
5:00p.m. & 11:00p.m.**

Pastor Scott will offer reflections on Christmas, we'll have special music, carols, and scripture. The services will end with a candlelit singing of "Silent Night." 5:00p will be a family traditional service. 11:00p promises to be filled with a quiet peaceful glow. Join us as our Advent anticipation gives way to a celebration of the birth of the Christ child!



# Who to call with ideas and questions

## Moderator

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## Care Ministry

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## Christian Education

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Lisa McKimmins 614-565-8509

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Janet Goodman 740-258-2846

## Membership & Outreach Ministry

Amy Gartner 740-624-0232

## Missions Ministry

Melanie Shipley 740-892-2698

## Music and Worship Ministry

Debbie Smetts 330-714-7216

Cathy Bero 740-745-5787

## Stewardship Ministry

Kathy Preston 740-644-2217

## Treasurer

Jack Schmidt 740-587-2890

## Trustees

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Jeff Preston 740-644-1614

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## WISH

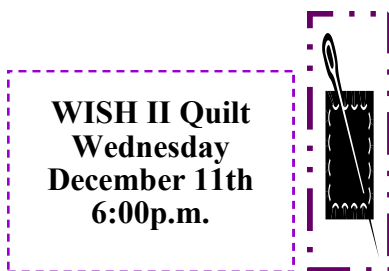
Becky Campbell 740-501-2421

## WISH II Quilt

Adrienne Anderson 740-404-4891



**MINISTRY MEETING**  
**Monday, December 9th**  
**6:15p**



**WISH II Quilt**  
**Wednesday**  
**December 11th**  
**6:00p.m.**



And the elves have come out early to complete some tasks before the snow flies.  
Thank you Jack and Larry

# Highwater Advent / Christmas Calendar

## Christmas Program Practice

10:30a - December 7<sup>th</sup> (Children)  
10:30a - December 8<sup>th</sup> (Children)  
9:30a - December 15<sup>th</sup> (children & Choir)

## Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30a and 10:30a Services

### Special Music:

Harpist, Christine Ramsey

\* 9:30a - Chimes Practice  
\* 9:50a - Choir Practice  
5-6:15p -

Session 1 - It's a Wonderful Life Movie and Discussion

\* Please Note, Choir Practice times and dates could change

## Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

12-1:15p -

Session 1 - It's a Wonderful Life Movie and Discussion

## Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

\* 9:30a - Chimes Practice  
\* 9:50a - Choir Practice

10:30a Service:

Chimes and Children's Bells

5-6:15p -

Session 2 - It's a Wonderful Life Movie and Discussion

\* Please Note, Choir Practice times and dates could change

## Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

12-1:15p -

Session 2 - It's a Wonderful Life Movie and Discussion

6:30p - WISH Christmas Gathering

## Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

\* 9:00a - Choir Practice

9:30a - Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal (Children & Choir)

10:30a - Christmas Music Sunday

5-6:15p -

Session 3 - It's a Wonderful Life Movie and Discussion

\* Please Note, Choir Practice times and dates could change

## Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

12-1:15p -

Session 3 - It's a Wonderful Life Movie and Discussion

## Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00p - Christmas Family Lasagna Potluck

7:00p - Christmas Program

## Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

4:30p - All Church Christmas Caroling

## Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

UGLY Christmas Sweater Sunday For Everyone

5:00p "Quiet Christmas"  
worship, candlelight, contemplation  
and communion

## Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Youth Lock-In 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Up  
Details to follow



## Advent Sunday Worship

December 1<sup>st</sup> - Hope

Communion Sunday

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Peace

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Joy

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Love

## Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Eve

5:00p - Family Christmas Eve  
Service

11:00p - Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Worship



Be watching, they're coming soon!



**CHRISTMAS Program**  
**AND**  
**Family Lasagna Potluck.**  
**Wednesday, December 18th**  
**Dinner at 6p Program at 7p**

**Program Practice**  
**10:30a**  
 December 1st  
 December 8th

**Program**  
**Dress Rehearsal**  
**Sunday, December 15th**  
**9:30a**  
**(Just children and choir)**




It's time to get out  
 the  
 Ugly Christmas  
 Sweater  
 And show it off  
 Sunday, December  
 22nd

I know you have one, just wear it!



**All Church Caroling**  
 Saturday, December 21st every-  
 one is invited to join us at the  
 church at 4:30 to share carols  
 with some of our homebound  
 members.

**You've Got Mail!!!!**



The Highwater Christmas Card exchange begins December 1st. There are bins out in the narthex; just place your card in the appropriate space and remember to check for yours in return. It's fun and it saves a stamp! We will have the bins in place through Sunday, December 29th.



**Chimes Will Ring on December 8th and**  
**Hear More**  
**Special Christmas Music**  
**Sunday**  
**December 15th**  
**10:30a Worship Service**  
**You won't want to miss any of it!!**

## Celebrations & Concerns

### Happy Birthday to:

- 12/01 Laura Laughlin
- 12/03 Quinn Preston
- 12/05 Ginger Williams-Carr
- 12/08 Bill Goodman
- 12/08 Kathy Preston
- 12/09 Maddie Parrill
- 12/09 Kody Atherton
- 12/11 Molly Keller
- 12/12 Nick Garno
- 12/13 Gene Branstool
- 12/14 Scott Schieber
- 12/16 Storm VanWey
- 12/21 Steve Barna
- 12/24 Judy Grace
- 12/25 Andy Kalas
- 12/29 Evan Blackburn
- 12/30 Jenna Simon

### 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, Mary Jo Layman  
 Marcie Williams, Goldie Campbell, Donna Shipley,  
 Judy Schmoll, Ed & Marcia Hoskinson, Sharon Mummey,  
 Mark Frick, Pat Toops, Carol King, Art Salazar  
 Marsha King, Stewart Krulikowski & Family,  
 Theresa Gonda, Sherry Gibson, Pam Bevier, Mike  
 Chris King, Jesse Buchanan, Tim Olson, Terri Mellor,  
 Rhett Morningstar, Sharon Burson, Steve Hughes,  
 Herb Mankins, Chrissy King, Jill Dorman, Nellie Wright,  
 Maci Whisner, Michelle McCarthy, Jill McLaughlin,  
 Norma Londst, Greg Anderson, Maddie Reese, Mary Beth

### 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

- 12/11 Ned & Cindy Campbell
- 12/14 Tom & Jane Lake
- 12/15 Jim & Patsy Farmer
- 12/17 Andrew & Cathy Bero
- 12/21 Dave & Mary Jo Layman
- 12/27 Mark & Lisa McKimmins

### We welcome our Council Representatives through terms noted

Mae Pound	Moderator	12/2020
Jack Schmidt	Treasurer	12/2020
Debbie Smetts	Secretary	Indefinite

### Ministry Chairs:

Mary Jo Layman	Fellowship (2021)
Kathy Preston	Care (2021)
Mike Laughlin	Stewardship (2021)
Mark McKimmins	Missions (2021)
Abby Shipley	Christian Education (2021)
Janine Shipley	Music and Worship (2021)
Christine Ramsey	
Becky Campbell	WISH

Trustees:	
Phyllis Buxton	12/2020
Andy Kalas	12/2020
Bob Tucker	12/2020
Peggy Green	12/2021
Jeff Preston	12/2021



## YOUTH LOCK-IN



**Sunday, December 29th**  
**For all youth 3rd grade and Up**  
**Details will be coming soon!**

### Council December Meeting Christmas Gathering

Thursday, December 19th at 6:00p  
 Kathy & Jeff Preston will Host  
 3787 Dry Creek Rd  
 (Spouses Welcome)  
 Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 7th  
 See you at Grace Pointe on Rte 62 across from  
 Branstool's Orchard at 8:00a.m.



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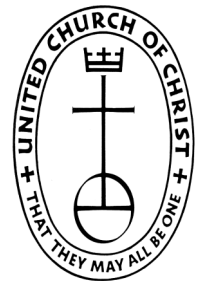
**Mae Pound, Moderator 740-892-4183**



Hope Peace  
Love Joy

**Sunday Schedule**

**Worship - 9:30a**



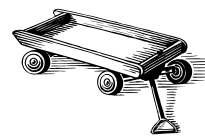
**WE'RE ON THE WEB! Check us out! [www.highwaterchurch.org](http://www.highwaterchurch.org)**



The Hats, Scarves and Mittens tree is waiting to be decorated in the narthex.

All items will be donated to a local elementary school.

Thank you



The "Little Red Wagon"

Pick-up for

Utica Food Pantry

Sunday, December 29th.

Please have your

non-perishables ready!!

## Did You Know?

**Deb's Office Hours :**

**Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7:30a- 12:30p**

**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.

## Peace, Hope, Faith, Love, Joy Through Giving & Attendance



10/27	4,974.00	89
11/03	2,897.00	79
11/10	1,650.00	90
11/17	2,544.00	81

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

YTD we are under budget by

**-\$13,018.00**