

The Heartbeat of Highwater



- 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.”

Turning the Page into 2020

The changing over of the calendar brings with it a changing over of our church council members. We are glad to welcome our incoming members! I am really looking forward to how this new group will come together and continue to move the church forward. I think we have good momentum as a congregation moving into 2020, but acknowledge that we all have to be committed in order to hold on to that momentum. A number of council members and trustees have agreed to remain in their positions and to continue serving the church—continuity and commitment are vitally important for our function as a governing body.

I want to thank three people in particular who have served the church faithfully since 2016 (truthfully, much longer than that, but they have served in their current positions for the past four years), serving in the most demanding council positions in the church—with a lot of assistance. Allyson Patton has been an excellent chair of our Christian Education program. This program has evolved a lot during Allyson’s tenure—most notably, we have moved away from using published curriculum for Sunday School and VBS. Not only has this saved the church a lot of money, but it has made our lessons more authentic for our kids, and I feel like that is vitally important. Cathy Bero and Debbie Smetts have led music and worship in that same time span, concentrating their efforts on providing meaningful music for worship. This is a challenging undertaking in our congregation. Similar to our Christian Education program, our worship has evolved greatly in the past four years, and we can thank Deb and Cathy for their dedication. I know that all three of these women would tell you that they have every intention of remaining involved in their respective ministries, supporting new chairs Abby Shipley (Christian Ed) and Janine Shipley and Christine Ramsey (Music and Worship).

I look forward to another Spirit-led year at Highwater!

Peace,
Pastor Scott



Who to call with ideas and questions

Moderator

Mae Pound 740-892-4183

Care Ministry

Mary Jo Layman 740-892-2217

Christian Education

Abby Shipley 740-975-1209

Fellowship Ministry

NEED CHAIR

Membership & Outreach Ministry

Amy Gartner 740-624-0232

Missions Ministry

Mike Laughlin 740-501-8227

Mark McKimmins 614-565-3509

Music and Worship Ministry

Janine Shipley 740-404-8837

Christine Ramsey 614-203-2527

Stewardship Ministry

Kathy Preston 740-745-1043

Treasurer

Jack Schmidt 740-587-2890

Trustees

Phyllis Buxton 740-745-2152

Peggy Green 740-892-3235

Jeff Preston 740-644-1614

Bob Tucker 740-892-4829

Andy Kalas 740-973-1143

WISH

Becky Campbell 740-501-2421

WISH II Quilt

Adrienne Anderson 740-404-4891

January

2020



Bible Study

Mondays at noon in the Library

Resumes January 6th

**Ugly Sweater Sunday
2019
Fun! Fun! Fun!**



**Advent 2020
A Musical Extravaganza:
Pianos,
Organ, Harp, Vocals and
Bells, Bells...Bells!**

Thank you everyone for the time you gave to filling
Highwater Church with the Sounds of Christmas

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday to:

1/04 Janet Goodman
 1/04 Ernie Ross
 1/06 Marcia Hoskinson
 1/07 Steve Matheny
 1/08 Peggy Green
 1/09 Goldie Campbell
 1/10 Edsel Blackburn
 1/10 Abbey Shipley
 1/15 Ethan Barnes
 1/16 Tom Lake
 1/20 Ron Hall
 1/22 Carol Hoar
 1/27 Melanie Shipley
 1/29 Stacey Atherton

Happy Anniversary

1/04 Rev. Ed & Cheryl Lopeman
 1/12 Jack & Peggy Green
 1/15 Allen & Joy Smith
 1/22 Ed & Marcia Hoskinson



12/24/2019 Congratulations!
 Mr. & Mrs Richard and Elaine Smith
 10871 Licking Valley Rd
 Frazeyburg, OH 43822



Prayers for those in need of healing:

Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker Dave Nash
 Larry Smetts Ned Campbell Tom Siegel Becky
 Wright Marcie Williams Ed Hoskinson Jane Lake
 Donna Shipley Laurie Garno Owen Storts
 Angie Alexander Jim Farmer John Stout
 Sharon Mummy
 Mark Frick Marsha King Judy Schmoll Pat Toops
 Stewart Krulikowski & Family Theresa Gonda
 Sherry Gibson Jesse Buchanan Christine Schmidt
 Lila, David & Dianna Deorid

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.

Sunday, January 26th @ 11:45a.m.
Highwater Annual Chili / Soup Cook-Off

Fellowship Ministry will provide beverages, chili condiments (shredded cheese, onions, sour cream, crackers etc).

Enter your Chili or Soup Recipe
 Sign up to bring desserts and or rolls and cornbread!

Your contribution to your favorite chili is your vote for the winner. Monies collected will go towards a mission / youth event or project.

Blood Drive
Sunday, January 5th
8:00a - 12:30p
 See sign up sheet or call
Melanie Shipley
(740) 892-2698





The
Light
Did
SHINE
AND
there
Was
an
abundance
OF
Sparkle
and
WARMth



Oh What a Glorious Night it was at Highwater.
Food, Fun and so much talent was shared.
Thank you to everyone for Supporting, Performing and
attending our first Christmas Talent Show Program!



Be the Church Get Involved

Highwater Church has many opportunities for involvement.

Prayerfully consider sharing your talents and time:

Below is a list of our Ministry Chairs

The Ministry Chairs can not do it ALONE

Contact them personally with questions or sign up on the sheets that are inside the church binder.

Care Ministry - Mary Jo Layman, 740-892-2217

Fellowship Ministry - NEED CHAIR

Membership & Outreach - Amy Gartner, 740-624-0232

Missions - Mike Laughlin 740-501-8227

Mark McKimmins 614-565-3509

Music & Worship - Janine Shipley 740-404-8837

Christine Ramsey 614-203-2527

Christian Education -

Abby Shipley 740-975-1209

And the answer is YES, you can be involved in more than one.

- Can you play the piano/organ? If you are interested in joining the rotation in lifting up praises to God, call Cathy Bero.

Don't forget we are looking for:

- Ushers/Greeters and Readers for Sunday mornings.

- Special Music ideas or a desire to participate vocally or instrumentally?, please see

Christine Ramsey or Janine Shipley

- Also WISH (Women In Service at Highwater)

All women of the church are automatically members.

WISH will meet January 13th at 6:30p at the Church. This is a great way to meet and get to know other women in the church. Hope to see you there.

There is something for everyone!!!!

WISH II Quilt, the Highwater Quilt Club meets at the church

The 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Please join us in the Church Library on January 8th at 6:30p



Kroger **community rewards**

Please Keep "Krogering" in 2020! Remember to Renew with the program on April 1st

Thank you to everyone who has used the Kroger Rewards plan to benefit Highwater Church!

Our Total Benefits from the program for 2019 was \$ 926.80

If you would like to know how to become a

Thank You Highwater!

Our Little Red Wagon collection supplied much needed food to the Utica Food Pantry and \$3,031.25 in monetary donations was collected through December 22, 2019.

The wagon will come your way again on Sunday, January 26th



WISH Luncheon Meeting

Monday, January 13th

Location and Time To Be Decided.

Please Watch your bulletin for details

WISH To Host

Licking County Trustee Dinner

Saturday, January 4th at 12p.m.

Please sign up to help.

Calendar Planning/Council Meeting

Thursday, January 9th 6p

Calendar Planning Meeting at Pastor Scott's home

Dinner will be provided.

Chair persons from Ministries that plan events and want to get dates on the calendar please attend. Other Council members are excused.

Thursday, January 16th 6:30p

Council Meeting to go over the upcoming year, get to know one another and discuss any Ministry concerns or questions.



What a variety of talent!....
Singing, Dancing, Comedy and
Ukuleles!
Can't wait to see more next year!





More Sights and Sounds from
around Highwater Church and
Our Christmas Variety Show!
2019



Gabby Reports



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Men's Prayer Breakfast

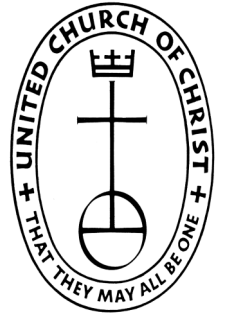
Saturday, January 4th

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

Sunday Schedule

Worship - 8:30 & 10:30a.m.

Sunday School - 10:30a.m.



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

Did You Know?

Debbie is in the office :
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.



Restorative Yoga
Friday, January 31, 2020
Highwater Church
6 PM – 7:30 PM
\$10.00

Watch for more details in the
bulletin and binder.

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



11/24	2,504.00	94
12/01	3,251.00	122
12/08	2,633.00	102
12/15	2,407.00	79
12/22	1,952.00	88

We Need \$2,950.00 Weekly to achieve our
yearly budget.

For 2018 we are under budget by

-\$15,266.00