

The Heartheat of Highwater

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

"I'm Listening"

One show I remember liking several years ago was Frasier. You remember—the Cheers spin-off, sending Dr Frasier Crane from his barstool at Cheers in Boston to a radio psychiatrist gig in Seattle, where he lives with his aging father and his attractive caretaker. I remember an episode where, in an effort to boost his ratings, his father helps record a new jingle for the show—"What's new, I'm listening; feeling blue? I'm listening; feeling bad, feeling sad, feeling mad, feeling glad; I'm listening."

Listening, it seems to me, is a lost skill in our social-media, self-important world. Most people, including me, at times, are guilty of not only not listening but waiting for another turn to speak. This is not only damaging to our society's ability to communicate, but our ability to empathize and care for one another.

If you happen to agree with these statements, I'd like you to be a part of a group I'm starting during Lent. We will gather at appointed times to do intentional listening exercises. You will need to come ready to engage in one-on-one conversations and to take turns speaking and listening and digging deeper into one another's truths. It will take time and intention to 'get good' at doing this, but I think that it's a skill that will make you a better friend, parent, or care-giver—and a better Chris-

tian, too! Watch for details for dates about "I'm Listening," and let me know if you have any questions.

Peace.

Pastor Scott





February 2020



Who to call with ideas and questions

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Council Meeting Thursday, February 20th 7:00p.m.

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Wednesday February

12th

6:30p





LENT STUDY 2020

Lent in Plain Sight

Using a devotional book (*Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield, available in paperback on Amazon for \$13.99), we will walk together through the Lenten season, studying 10 ordinary objects. Meeting dates and times to be announced.

"God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice.

Intentional Listening

Inspired by the movie A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, we will engage in a series of exercises in intentional listening, including screening the 2019 motion picture which led to an Oscar nomination for Tom Hanks. For more information, please read my February column.

The Utica Ministerial Association invites you to experience the Grace of God this Lenten season over simple lunches followed by brief inspirational messages from our area pastors.

The Seven Essential Questions

February 26 @ 11:30 am

"Who is Jesus?"

Church of Christ 115 N. Central Ave., Utica, OH

March 11 @ 11:30 am

"Am | Accepted?"

Grace Pointe Community Church 892 Columbus Rd. E, Utica, OH March 4 @ 11:30 am "What Matters Most?"

Church of Christ 115 N. Central Ave., Utica, OH

March 18 @ 11:30 am

"Where is God?"

Grace Pointe Community Church 892 Columbus Rd. E, Utica, OH

March 25 @ 11:30 am

"What Brings Fulfillment?"

United Methodist Church 626 North St., Utica, OH April 1 @ 11:30 am

"What About Suffering?"

United Methodist Church 626 North St., Utica, OH

Pastor Scott Shares the Message on February 26th

Good Friday Service "Is There Hope?"

April 10 @ 11:30 am
Utica United Methodist Church ● 626 North St. ● Utica



February 25th

Share a meal before lent begins.

Join us at Tee Jaye's in Newark

6p





Reader/Liturgist Training Sunday, February 9th 9:30a



CREW Meeting
Thursday, February 27th
6:30-8:30p
Childcare available

Prayer Concerns For:

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 Josh Saxton Lane Gibson
Angie Alexander Jim Farmer John Stout
Sharon Mummey Mark Frick Marsha King Judy Schmoll
Stewart Krulikoski & Family Theresa Gonda
Sherry Gibson Jesse Buchanan Glenna Biggins
Christine Schmidt Lila, Judy Rudrick, David Orfin
David & Dianna Deorid, Carol & Bill King
Matthew Workman Harvey Reese, Maddi Reese

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.

Congratulations to our 2020 Chili/Soup Cook-Off Winners





Bible Studies

Monday Noon in the church library See Bulletin or web site for updates on our current study.

- 2/02 Lareese Marston
- 2/02 Tralie Storts
- 2/07 Jacey Snyder
- 2/07 Terri Neal
- 2/12 Angie Alexander
 - 2/15 Jim Farmer
 - 2/18 Tara Harris
 - 2/23 David Keener
 - 2/24 Austin Campbell
 - 2/25 Mike Shipley
 - 2/26 Larry Baughman
 - 2/26 Shelby Kerr

Happy Anniversary!

2/05 David & Jennifer Snyder



Quilt Retreat

At Highwater Church Friday, February 21st Saturday, February 22nd

Come to sew, come to see, come to share Fellowship, Fun and Fabulous Food.



Friday the doors open at 12p and we will be gone by 9p You will need \$5 for pizza

Saturday the doors open again about 8:30a
Bring Food to share throughout the day
Bring finished items or works in progress to share.

Experienced and Beginner Sewers and/or Quilters,

All are WELCOME! Hope to see you there. If you have questions, please call Adrienne, at 740-404-4891.

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Sunday Schedule

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 1st See you at Grace Pointe on Rte 62 across from Branstool's Orchard at 8:00a.m.



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

Did You Know?

Hog Roast Date for 2020 Saturday, April 25th Let the preparations Begin!



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.

Thank You Highwater!

Our Little Red Wagon will be collecting again on Sunday, February 23rd. Please have your non-perishables ready. Monetary donations are always welcome.

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



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

YTD we are under budget by -\$385.00