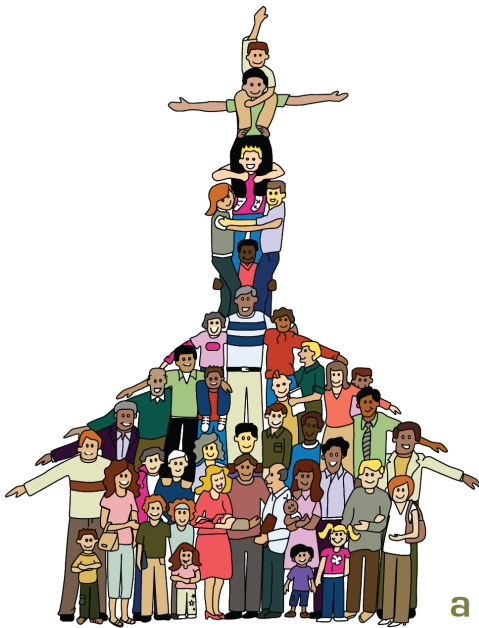


# Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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## February 9th, 2020

*“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*



a worshipping praying learning caring outreaching community

“True faith goes into operation when there are no answers.”

-Elisabeth Elliot, American author, 1926-2015

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor  
Mae Pound, Moderator  
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor  
Congregation, Ministers All  
**Pianist: 8:30a** Sue Steele **10:30a** Judy Grace  
**Acolytes: 10:30a** Drew & Cole Harris  
**Liturgists: 8:30a** Danny Steele **10:30a**





**February 9th, 2020**

*8:30a & 10:30 a.m. service*

*\* stand if you are able   † = 10:30 a.m. service only   †† = 8:30 a.m. service only*

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude**

**Acolytes †**

**Welcome**

**\* Hymn of Praise**

*Joyful, Joyful*

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**Call to worship**

Leader: Though we could be resentful,

**People: we come to give thanks.**

Leader: Though we could be complaining,

**People: we come to offer appreciation.**

Leader: Though we could be upset about what we lack,

**People: we come in gratitude for what we have.**

Leader: We enter now into this time of worship

**People: carrying seed to sow, singing songs of joy, rejoicing together.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Children's Message †**

**New Testament Text**

**James 5:7-11 (NRSV)**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**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**

## Old Testament Text

## Psalm 126 (NRSV)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.  
<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
<sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

## Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

*Candle Dedication: Angie Alexander and Jim Farmer's Birthdays.*

*Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: United Church of Granville*

## 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

## New Testament Text

## I Corinthians 3:1-9 (NRSV)

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.  
<sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready,  
<sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?  
<sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?  
<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each.  
<sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.  
<sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.  
<sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.  
<sup>9</sup> For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## Sermon

**Rev. Scott Schieber**

\* Hymn                    *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

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\* **Benediction / Response -**                    *Let There be Peace on Earth*

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

## Postlude

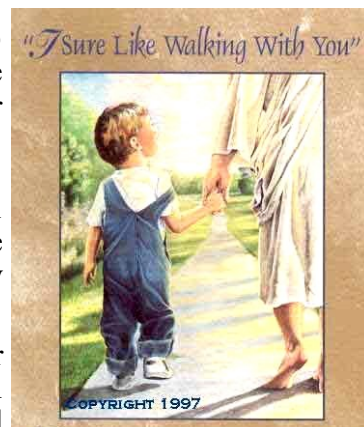
## ***If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service***

-**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 **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 altar 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 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. We will pick up in January.

**Pastor Scott's Door is Open on Tuesdays by appointment.**

**Liturgist / Greeter Training** - TODAY at 9:35-10:20a. If you like to read, you can do this. Any aged reader is welcome.

**Fellowship Ministry Meeting** - TODAY at 9:30a

**Quilt Club** - Wednesday, February 12th 6:30p

**TIGERs Activity Nite** - Sunday, February 16th at 6p

**Slipper Day** - Fun Day Sunday February 23rd. Everyone wear your favorite slippers to church.

**Cocoa and Cookies** - Sunday, February 23rd from 9:30-10:30a. The Fellowship Ministry will serve a hot cocoa bar and there is a sign-up sheet in the binder if you would be able to provide cookies.

**Fat Tuesday** - February 25th please plan to gather at Tee Jaye's Restaurant in Newark at 6p.

**Ash Wednesday** - February 26th. A lite meal at 6p and our worship service at 7p.

**Quilt Retreat - Friday February 21st the doors open at 12p and we will be gone by 9p**  
**You will need \$5 for pizza**

**Saturday February 22nd 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.**



### Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

#### Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash 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 Austin Campbell Holly Berry

#### Prayers for our Shut-in:

Goldie Campbell

**Prayers for Our UCC Congregations:** United Church of Granville



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

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda
Mark Frick	Jesse Buchanan
Marsha King	Christine Schmidt
Judy Schmoll	Lane Gibson
Chrissy King	



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, Nate Comer

# This Week at Highwater, February 10th - February 16th

<b>Monday 10</b>	<b>Tuesday 11</b>	<b>Wednesday 12</b>	<b>Thursday 13</b>	<b>Friday 14</b>	<b>Saturday 15</b>	<b>Sunday 16</b>
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Angie Alexander</p> </div> <p><b>6:30</b> WISH II Quilt Club</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Jim Farmer</p> </div>	<p>8:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Sunday School</p>	

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

**Scripture for Next Sunday, February 16th**  
**Psalm 119:33-40 I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 John 9:1-14**

### 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. Meetings 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 in your Newsletter.