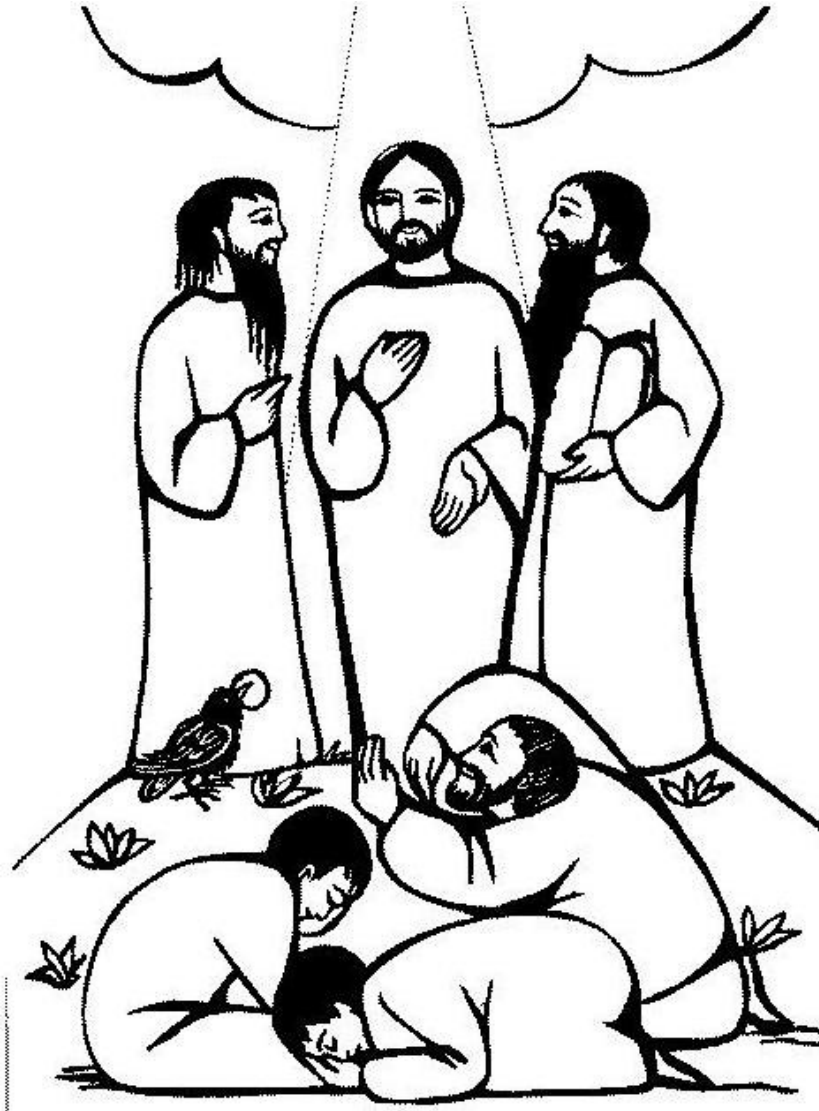


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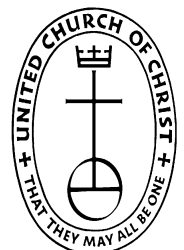
"Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship." - Mission Statement



“The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays ahold of me.”

-Martin Luther, German theologian, 1483-1546

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Cathy Bero
Acolytes: Russell & Finn Snyder
Liturgist: Christine Ramsey
Greeters/Ushers: Amy and Keegan Gartner





February 23rd, 2020 Transfiguration Sunday
*10:30 a.m. service * stand if you are able*

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude / Acolytes

Welcome / Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

People: a light that shines through the clouds an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world

Leader: that transforms darkness into hope that brings life from a cross where old life ends and new life is born

People: In glory Jesus meets us here raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.

Leader: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again:

People: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Prayer of Invocation

Special Music

Hymn of Praise

Sunday School Class

Children's Message

Old Testament Text

Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSV)

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

New Testament Text

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NRSV)

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Candle Dedication: Austin Campbell, Mike Shipley, Shelby Kerr, Larry Baughman and Maxx Goodman's Birthdays.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: and the Ohio Conference Outdoor Ministries Staff
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

Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Sermon

Rev. Ron Hall

Silent Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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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

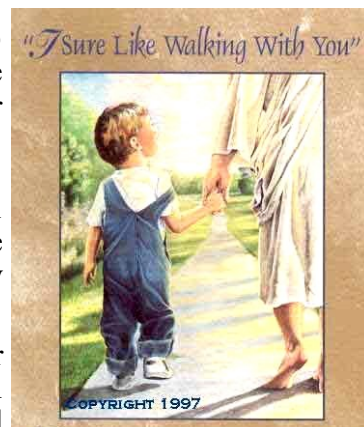
If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service

-**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



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 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.

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.

Crew Gathering - Thursday, February 27th 6:30-8:30p

Last week of the month lose offering - this Sunday we will give to Food Pantry Network of Licking Co. Going forward we are rotating monthly between UFP, our Sunday Salvation Army meals and FPN. The Missions Ministry made this decision to broaden our community outreach. Thank you for your continued generosity in serving our community.

WISH Meeting - Monday, March 9th at the church at 6:30p. Bring an appetizer to share. Please see details in the binder and sign up if you plan to attend.

Salvation Army Meal March 1st
Please see the binder to sign-up to help serve or supply food.
9x13 pans are available in the narthex for your use.

***A Warm Welcome and a BIG Thank you to Reverend Ron Hall
for sharing the Message with us today!***

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 Jane Lake Donna Shipley
Laurie Garno Angie Alexander Jim Farmer Austin Campbell Holly Berry

Prayers for our Shut-in:

Goldie Campbell

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: and the Ohio Conference Outdoor Ministries Staff





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

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Lauren Blair
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Mary Beth
Mark Frick	Jesse Buchanan	Phyllis Miller
Marsha King	Christine Schmidt	Maddie Reese
Judy Schmoll	Lane Gibson	Harvey Reese
Chrissy King	Josh Saxton	
Carol & Bill King	Sherry Selfe	



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 24th - March 1st

Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29	Sunday 1
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Austin Campbell</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Mike Shipley</p> <p>6p Fat Tuesday Meet at Tee Jaye's</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Larry Baughman Shelby Kerr</p> <p>Ash Wednesday 6p Lite Meal 7p Worship Service</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p> <p>6:30p Crew Gathering</p>			<p>8:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Sunday School</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Maxx Goodman</p>

Scripture for Next Sunday, March 1st
1st Sunday in Lent
Psalm 32 Matthew 5:1-20

Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314

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. We will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30p; March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8.

Intentional Listening

Having someone who will listen to you can make a tremendous difference in their lives! If you'd like to sharpen your listening skills, please consider participating in these sessions. I'd love to have people who are willing to make every effort to commit to being to all three sessions. The idea for this series is inspired by the movie *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, the biopic of Mr Rogers which came out last year. Everyone is invited to come to the screening of the movie whether you'd like to participate in the sessions or not.

Movie Screening—6 pm on March 8

Listening Sessions— 7-8 pm on 3/22, 3/29, 4/5