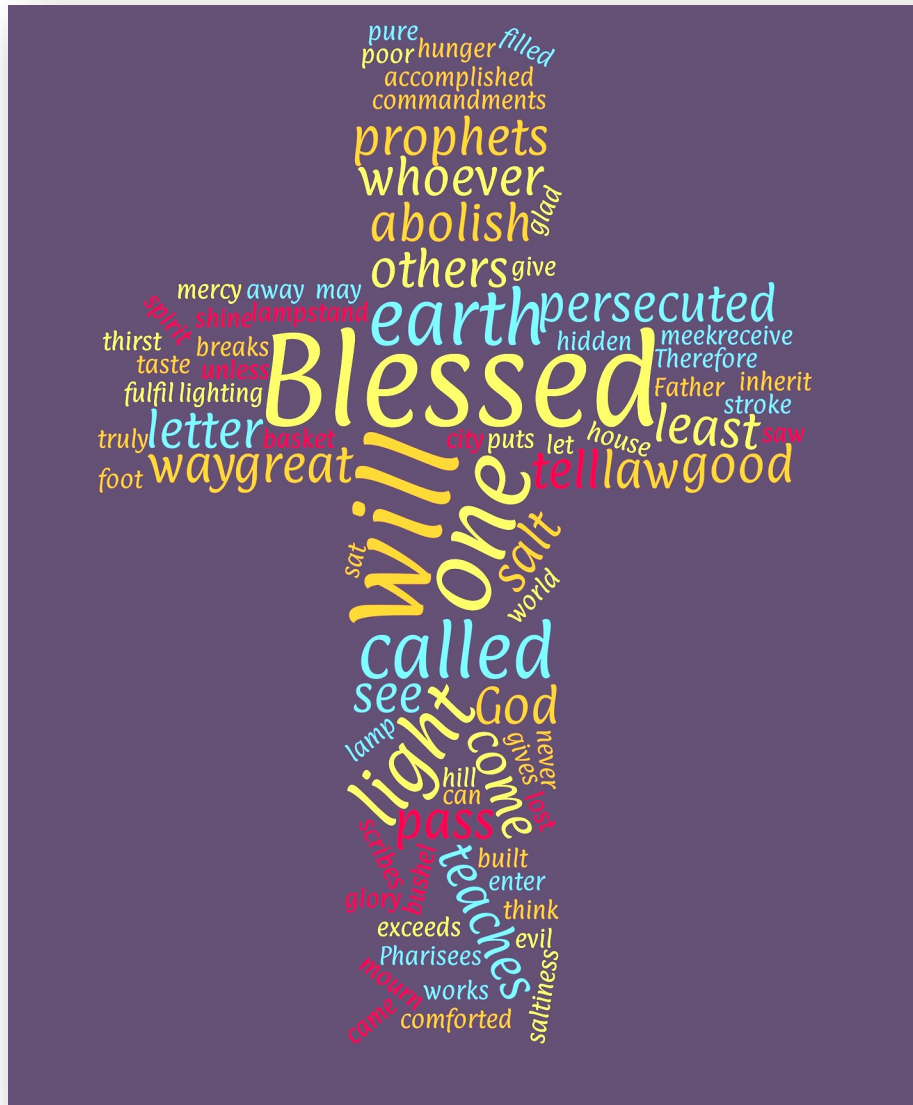


Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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March 1, 2020 10:30a

"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 fairly accurate depiction of the human race might be furnished...by taking the Beatitudes, turning them wrong side out, and saying,
“Here is your human life and conduct.”
-A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: Janine Shipley
Acolyte: Keegan Andrews-Gartner
Liturgist: Amy Gartner
Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Abby Shipley





March 1, 2020 First Sunday in Lent
*10:30 a.m. service * stand if you are able*

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude / Acolytes

Welcome / Announcements

*** Hymn**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Call to Worship

Leader: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

People: **We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**

Leader: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

People: **We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.**

Leader: In this time of reflection and repentance,

People: **We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.**

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Text

Psalm 32 (NRSV)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. ³While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. ⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. ¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. ¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

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

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Homily on Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Scott Schieber

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

Candle Dedication: Elli Kalas, Bronson Wright, Mark Marston and Paula Olson’s Birthdays.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: Federated Church of Lock

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 5:13-20 (NRSV)

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Homily on Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Scott Schieber

* Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

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Communion Confession

Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess, though, that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight. Help us to flavor the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

Passing the peace of Christ and the comfort of the Holy Spirit

Invitation to the Table / Prayer of Consecration / Words of Remembrance / Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your comfort. You call us to be all of the things that the world laughs at, with the promise of your blessing—in this life and in the next. We thank you that around this table, we get the reminder of the blessings of your kingdom, for today and for tomorrow. Amen.

* **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

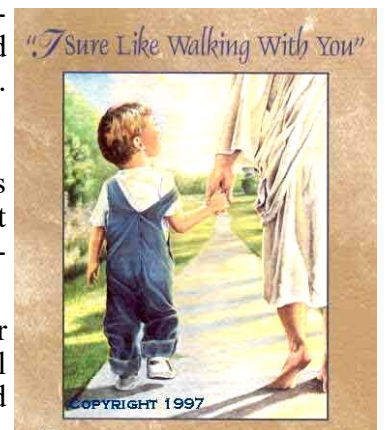
If you are visiting...

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.



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.

Last week of the month lose offering - 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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, March 7th at 8:00a.m. At Grace Pointe across from Branstool's Orchard on Rte 62.

Special Music During Lent - The choir will sing on March 15th, practice will be at 9:30a on March 1, 8, and 15. Chimes will play on April 5th and 12th, practice will be at 9:30a on March 22, 29, April 5 and 12. Please join us!

Restorative Yoga - Friday, March 13th 6-7:30p. Sign up in the Binder. Cost is \$10.00

TIGERs Activity Nite - Sunday, March 15th at 6p

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

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	Larry Webber
Carol & Bill King	Sherry Selfe	Sharon Biere
		Glenna Biggins

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, March 2nd - March 8th

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7	Sunday 8
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Bronson Wright</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Paula Olson Elli Kalas</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Mark Marston</p> <p>6:30p Lent Study</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>		<p>8a Men's Prayer Breakfast at Grace Pointe</p>	<p>8:30a Worship Service</p> <p>9:30a Choir Practice</p> <p>10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Sunday School</p> <p>6:00p Movie Screening <i>A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood</i></p>

Scripture for Next Sunday, March 8th
2nd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 121 Matthew 5:20-48

Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314

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