

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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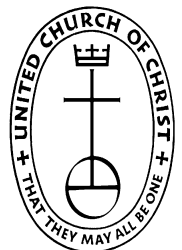
“Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, will be an active family of faith in North Central Licking County, dedicated to building awareness of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through meaningful worship, diverse service, and genuine fellowship.” - Mission Statement



“The Bible doesn’t mind prosperity; it just insists it be shared.”

-Jim Wallis, *Faith Works*

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Mae Pound, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Organist: Patsy Farmer
Acolytes: Stella & Quinn Preston
Liturgist: Cindy Campbell
Greeters/Ushers: Ned & Cindy Campbell





Highwater Church

March 15, 2020 Third Sunday in Lent

*10:30 a.m. service * stand if you are able*

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Acolytes

Welcome / Announcements

Special Music

Train Up a Child

Highwater Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: A drop of water. Insignificant in isolation.

People: When dropped in a pool, the ripples move out into infinity.

Leader: All is changed by one drop of water.

People: A drop is falling now, into the pool of our spirit. The water begins to ripple and change us

Prayer of Invocation

Children's message

Old Testament Text

Psalm 27 -Excerpts

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path.

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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

Baptism of Jaxtyn and Lola Hoar

Congregational Response: **We promise our love, support and care.**

Children Dismissed for Sunday school

New Testament Text

Matthew 6:1-15 (NRSV)

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹“Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Homily on Matthew 6:1-15

Rev. Scott Schieber

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

Candle Dedication: Jack Green, Laurie Garno and Matthew Hite's Birthdays.

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: First Community Church, Columbus

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 6:16-24 (NRSV)

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²²“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; ²³but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Homily on Matthew 6:16-24

Rev. Scott Schieber

* Hymn

Just As I Am

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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

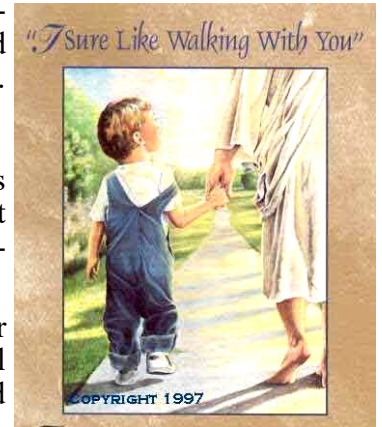
If you have children... Sunday School is Offered during our 10:30a Service

-**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 Janine Shipley or Christine Ramsey 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.

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.

Special Music During Lent - 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!

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

Fellowship Meeting - Sunday, March 22nd at 9:30a

Crew Gathering - Thursday, March 26th 6:30p

Easter Brunch - Sunday, April 12th. 9:30a - 10:15a. Please see the binder for details on what is needed.

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; 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.

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 Tom Siegel Becky Wright Marcie Williams Jane Lake
Donna Shipley Laurie Garno Angie Alexander Jim Farmer Holly Berry Dave Carr

Prayers for our Shut-in:

Goldie Campbell

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: First Community Church, Columbus





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

John Stout	Stewart Krulikowski & Family	Lauren Blair	Leland Hubbell
Sharon Mummey	Theresa Gonda	Mary Beth	Mike Bernard
Mark Frick	Jesse Buchanan	Phyllis Miller	Raye Hufford
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

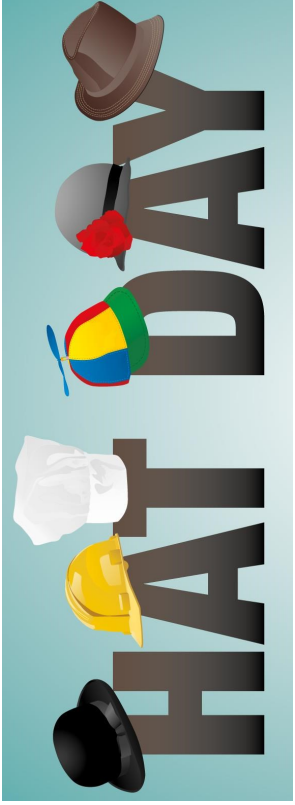


This Week at Highwater, March 16th - March 22nd

Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21	Sunday 22
<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Noon Bible Study</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p>  <p>Happy Anniversary Greg & Jackie Parrill Kevin & Molly Keller</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Jack Green</p> <p>6:30p Lent Study</p>	<p>Pastor Scott Available</p> <p>Debbie in Church Office</p> <p>7p Council Meeting</p>	 <p>Happy Birthday Laurie Garno</p>		<p>8:30a Worship Service</p> <p>9:30a Chime's Practice</p> <p>10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>10:30a Sunday School</p> <p>7p Listening Session</p>  <p>Happy Birthday Matthew Hite</p>


Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 -1314

Scripture for Next Sunday, March 22nd
4th Sunday in Lent
Matthew 6:25-34 Matthew 7:1-11 Psalm 23



Fun Day Sunday
March 22nd
Wear Your Favorite, Funniest or Craziest hat to church!

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



Invest in futures
Give to One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

We plan to receive this special offering on Sunday, March 22nd.

Thank you for your partnership and your generosity.