



The Heartbeat of Highwater

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.”

Romans 15:13

December 2016

Christmas is Coming

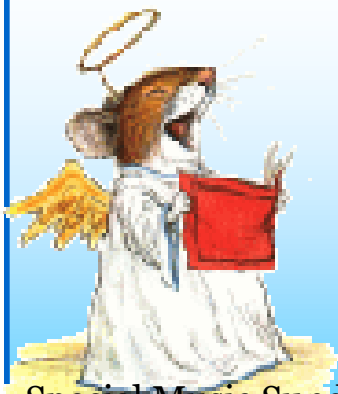
Every year, Advent comes, and it’s likely that you wonder, “What the heck is Advent?” If you pay careful attention, you’ll note that much of our sanctuary is adorned with purple. We also feature purple during Lent. Purple signifies to Christians that it is a time of preparation, a time of getting ready for something.

Advent derives from the Latin word, “Adventus,” which means ‘coming.’ During Advent, we pay special attention to Biblical figures like Isaiah, who called out to God to send the promised Messiah, like John the Baptist, who prepared the way of the Lord, and like Mary and Joseph, who accepted the awesome responsibility of carrying and caring for the Christ child.

In addition to this first coming, we also keep an eye on the sky for the return of Christ and the fulfillment of the kingdom of God. This is hard work to do amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Yet, it is a vital part of discipleship. Someday, Christ will return. Much of the Gospels are spent reminding us to be prepared. And so it is during Advent that we prepare. I find that Christians like to say things like “Remember Jesus is the reason for this season” but I also find that Christians get just as overly busy as everyone else as Christmas approaches. I remind you that a part of preparing is finding quiet time for reflection and prayer. It’s not easy. It is important! Peace be with you in your preparation.

Peace,

Pastor Scott



Special Music Sunday
December 11th,
10:30a Service

The Highwater Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 18th
10:30a.m. in the Legg Center
Featuring
'Christmas Symbols'

Highwater Family Potluck will follow.
Lasagna, Garlic Bread & Rolls and Beverage will be provided.

Please sign up to bring a salad and/or dessert to share.



Who to call with ideas and questions

Moderator

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Joy & Allen Smith
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Debbie Smetts 330-714-7216

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Stewardship Ministry

Jennifer Piper 740-745-2393

Treasurer

Jack Schmidt 740-587-2890

Trustees


Peggy Green 740-892-3235

WISH

Becky Campbell 740-501-2421

WISH II Quilt

Janine Shipley 740-892-2722



**WISH II
Quilt
Wednesday
December
14th
6:00p.m.**



Highwater has adopted a LOGO!

The above LOGO will be available to you
in assorted formats soon!

Council December Gathering

Thursday, December 15th at 6p

Jeff & Kathy Preston will Host

3787 Dry Creek Rd, Newark, OH 43055

(Spouses Welcome)

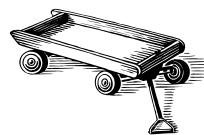
This is a BYOB event

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, December 3rd

See you at the Lighthouse on the Hill on Rte 62
across from Branstool's Orchard at 8:00a.m.



The "Little Red Wagon"

Pick-up for

Utica Food Pantry

Sunday, December 25th.

Please have your non-perishables ready!!



Bible Studies

**Adult Sunday School 9:45-10:15a on Recess until
January 2016.**

Mondays at Noon in the Church Library

No Monday Bible Study on December 26th.



You've Got Mail!!!!

The Highwater Christmas Card exchange begins November 27th. There are bins out in the narthex; just place your card in the appropriate space and remember to check for yours in return. It's fun and it saves a stamp! We will have the bins in place through Sunday, January 1st.

Nursery Schedule (0-pre-k) 10:30a.m.

12/04 Dave & Jen Snyder

12/11 Alicia Preston

12/18 Pageant Sunday

12/25 Unattended

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early, and if possible, grab a friend or another family member to help you - it's easier with 2 people!



Highwater Advent/Christmas Calendar

Sunday, November 27

9:30a.m. Special Music Practice
9:30a.m. Pageant Practice
Christmas Card Exchange Begins

Sunday, December 4

9:30a.m. Pageant Practice
Special Music
Angel Tree Gifts need to be under the tree in the Narthex

Sunday, December 11

9:30a.m. Pageant Practice
Sounds of Christmas, Featuring:
Highwater Vocals
Bob Tucker

Monday, December 12

6:30p.m. - Women's WISH Christmas Gathering at Jenifer Bruce's

Sunday, December 18

8:30a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary
9:00a.m. - Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
10:30a.m. - Christmas Pageant in Legg Center
11:30a.m. - Christmas Family Pot Luck

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00p.m. - Candlelight Worship w/ Children's Message
Special Music, Featuring:
Jenifer Bruce
Bob Tucker
11:00p.m. - Candlelight Worship

Sunday, December 25

10:30a.m. Worship Service Only

Please Pick Up Your Christmas Cards

Mission Moments

Thank you Highwater for your continued generosity!

Salvation Army - Angel Tree -- gifts are due December 4th

Support for the Missions Ministry continues to be strong at Highwater. We collected many hats, gloves, and scarves during the month of November. These will go to local school children, and given our present weather, they are being donated just in time. We have elected to help 30 children through the Angel Tree Program. The gifts for the Angel Tree combined with the extra Christmas in July Cash will help through the Holiday season. Look for detailed information in our bulletin and binder on Sunday mornings in December.

Merry Christmas to all!

Joy Smith - Mission Ministry



BUGS and TIGERs December Schedule

10:30a Sunday, December 4th

Jennifer Piper shares the Christmas Story with BUGS and TIGERs

Sunday, December 11th

9:30a Music and Vocals Practice & 10:30a Pageant Practice with Nursery Parents and children

Sunday, December 18th 9:00a

Dress Rehearsal and Pageant

December 25th No Sunday School—PJ Sunday

Pageant Practice

9:30a

November 27th

December 4th

December 11th

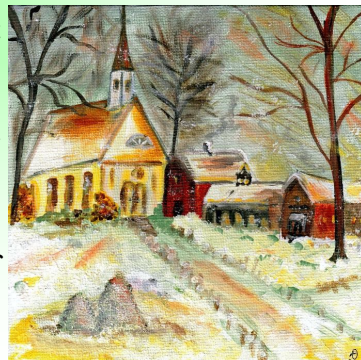
More Details to follow!

Highwater Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24th

5:00p.m. & 11:00p.m.

Pastor Scott will offer reflections on Christmas, we'll have special music, carols, and scripture. The services will end with a candlelit singing of "Silent Night." 5:00p will be a family traditional service. 11:00p promises to be filled with a quiet peaceful glow. Join us as our Advent anticipation gives way to a celebration of the birth of the Christ child!



WISH Christmas Party

Monday, December 12th

6:30p.m.

@ Jenifer Bruce's Cozy Christmas Cottage

5319 Loudon St NW

740-587-1224

Jenifer invites the women of Highwater to share a meal and the JOY of the season.

Please bring a side dish to share.

We will have a wrapped white elephant gift exchange.

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday to:

12/01 Laura Laughlin
 12/03 Becky Lloyd
 12/03 Quinn Preston
 12/04 Rachel Vaughan
 12/05 Ginger Williams-Carr
 12/08 Bill Goodman
 12/08 Kathy Preston
 12/09 Maddie Parrill
 12/09 Kody Atherton
 12/10 Dennis Cox
 12/11 Molly Keller
 12/11 Stephen Green
 12/12 Nick Garno
 12/13 Gene Branstool
 12/14 Nancy Karam
 12/14 Scott Schieber
 12/16 Storm VanWey
 12/18 Chad Kegler
 12/21 Steve Barna
 12/23 Steve Smoke
 12/24 Judy Grace
 12/25 Andy Kalas
 12/26 Emelia Burgess
 12/27 Nate Bowman
 12/28 Dustin Walker
 12/29 Evan Blackburn
 12/30 Jenna Simon

Prayers for those in need of healing:

Betty Nash, Gayle Gibson, Bob Tucker, Jim Farmer, Dave Nash, JoAnn Gault, Bruce & Carolyn Claggett, Phyllis Buxton, Rosie Shipley, Goldie Campbell, Sue Baughman John Stout, Sharon Mummey, Mark Frick, Carl Richards, Marsha King, Karen O'Hare, Genene Gergart, Evajeane Greenlun, Marge Davis, Maci Whisner, Stewart Krulikowski & Family, Larry Humphrey, Theresa Gonda, John Gonda, Norman Burgel, Dee Summers, Bill Thoman, Heather Sherman, Samantha Karam, Brad Bevier, Ernie Marrell, Tom Wolford, Crystal Argo, Harvey Reese, Shawn Bell, Judy Schmoll, Linda Richards, Abby Combs, James & Bobbi Sarver, Bob Kennedy, Jim Hellyer, Kathy Seiver Schmaltz,

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.

We welcome our Council Representatives through terms noted

Mark McKimmins	Moderator	12/2018
Jack Schmidt	Treasurer	12/2018
Debbie Smetts	Secretary	Indefinite

Ministry Chairs:

Council	Fellowship (2017)
Mary Jo Layman	Care (2017)
Jennifer Piper	Stewardship (2017)
Joy Smith	Missions (2017)
Allen Smith	
Allyson Patton	Christian Education (2017)
Kathy Preston	Membership and Outreach (2017)
Debbie Smetts	Music and Worship (2017)
Cathy Bero	

Becky Campbell WISH

Trustees:
 Cindy Campbell 12/2018
 Andy Kalas 12/2018
 Bob Tucker 12/2018
 Peggy Green 12/2017
 Jeff Preston 12/2017

Here I am Lord....



Happy Anniversary

12/03 Bob & Bev Yoakam
 12/07 John & Nancy Karam
 12/11 Ned & Cindy Campbell
 12/12 Troy & Kristi Burgess
 12/14 Tom & Jane Lake
 12/15 Jim & Patsy Farmer
 12/17 Andrew & Cathy Bero
 12/21 Dave & Mary Jo Layman
 12/27 Mark & Lisa McKimmins
 12/27 Bryan & Shelley Payne

Thank you to Tom Siegel, Jackie Parrill and Beth Schieber for the past two years of service on council.

Your time was valuable to our Highwater Family and has been visible in many ways.

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Sunday Schedule

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



**WISH COOKBOOKS
 ONLY ~~\$5.00~~**

~~2/\$5.00 or \$3.00 Each~~

Now **ONLY** \$1 Each

Buy some now for the Holidays!

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

Did You Know?

- ◆ Greeting us with the love of Christ in the month of **December** are **Kevin and Becky Campbell**.

Deb's Office Hours :

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7a- 12p

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.

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



10/23	3,332.00	70
10/30	3,726.00	124
11/06	1,783.00	84
11/13	2,571.00	111
11/20	2,100.00	109

We Need \$2,800.00 Weekly to achieve our yearly budget.

YTD we are under budget by
~~-\$9,295.00~~