

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ

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October 8th, 2017

"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 Christian community is a healing community not because wounds are cured and pains are alleviated, but because wounds and pains become openings or occasions for a new vision." -Henri Nouwen, *The Wounded Healer**

Rev. Scott Schieber, Pastor
Joyce Oyler, Licensed Associate Pastor
Mark McKimmins, Moderator
Debbie Smetts, Office Administrator / Newsletter Editor
Congregation, Ministers All
Pianist: 8:30a Laura Laughlin **Organist: 10:30a** Patsy Farmer
Liturgist: 8:30a Larry Wright **10:30a** Steve Barna
Acolyte: Keegan Andrews-Carter

(Please note: If able, Lay Reader takes up offering weekly, and will help with communion if signed up for 1st Sunday. Greeters and Ushers will help with Communion the 1st Sunday. Thank you)





October 8, 2017

8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m. Service

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

Proclamation of Praise

Prelude / Acolytes / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome / Announcements

*** Hymn of Praise**

May Jesus Christ be Praised

87 Gray

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all you who are struggling.

People: Come, all you who are crippled by pain and suffering.

Leader: Come to worship a God who heals your pain.

People: Come to worship a God who gives forgiveness.

All: *Let us worship God, who sets us free and gives us new life!*

Prayer of Invocation

Children's Message, Children Dismissed for Sunday school †

Old Testament Text

Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSV)

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father,^[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you^[b] will worship God on this mountain." ¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."^[c] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD,^[d] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' 'This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

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.

Homily on Exodus 3:1-15

Pastor Joyce Oyler

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer

*Candle Dedication: In celebration of Bob Tucker, Stella Preston and Dave Hoar's Birthdays.
Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: St Paul's UCC, Glenford*

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

Galatians 5:13-17, 22-25 (NRSV)

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh^[a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."^[b] ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. ¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever^[c] you want.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Homily on Galatians 5:13-17, 22-25

Pastor Scott Schieber

*** Closing Hymn**

We Would be Building

607 NCH

Benediction / Response -

Spirit of the Living God

247 Gray

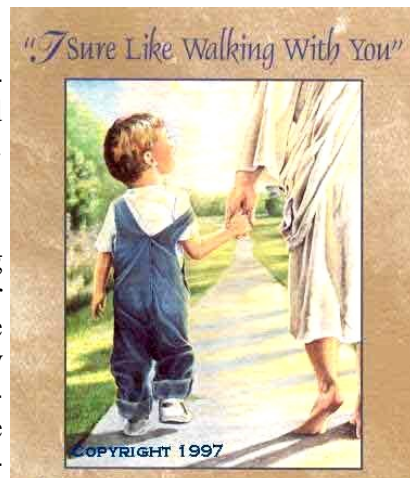
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Postlude

If you have children...

-Newborn – pre-school 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..

-Pre-K – K (pre-K means that your child will start kindergarten in the upcoming school year)...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. The BUGs receive a Biblical lesson, usually the same scriptures we discover in our worship service and do some activities around the scripture lesson. Sunday School ends shortly after our worship service ends.



-1st Grade – 6th 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. The TIGERs receive a Biblical lesson, usually the same scriptures we discover in our worship service and do some activities around the scripture lesson. Sunday School ends shortly after our worship service ends.

Sunday School

Teaching the BUGs in October, (Pre-K and K)

Kathy Preston and Janine Shipley

Teaching the TIGERs in October, 1st-6th Grade

Beth Schieber

**October will be filled with scripture, stories, crafts, music and other activities
Revolving around Moses.**

Youth Gathering - (7-12th Graders) With Pastor Joyce
Sunday, October 29th 6-7:30p. Pizza Included.

TIGERs Gathering - (2nd - 6th Graders) With Pastor Scott
Sunday, October 1st 6-7:30p. Pizza Included.

Middle & High School Sunday School - Sunday October 8th with Pastor Joyce Oyler

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.

Thank You for Serving

Greeters and Ushers for October 8th- Open

† (Please note: If able, Greeters take up offering weekly, and help with communion on 1st Sunday. Thank you.)

Announcements and Information

Monday Noon Bible Study - October 9th. I I Thessalonians

Adult Sunday School - 9:30a.

Blood Drive - Give the gift of life. Sunday, October 15th 8a-12p. See the binder and reserve your time now.

ABC Hunger Project - Saturday, October 21st. Packing begins at 10:00a.

Trunk or Treat / Family Potluck- Sunday October 29th following the 10:30a service. Children will parade in costume collecting treats. Please See the Binder to let us know what you will bring.

Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday November 5th. We will vote to Approve the Council proposed budget for 2018 and Elect our Ministry Chairs. Proposed budget will be available to view by Sunday, October 22nd.

Council Meeting - Thursday, October 12th 6:30p. Please bring \$5 for Pizza.



**Please Plan to Join us in our Special Music
for Sunday, October 22nd**

Chimes Practice will be
Sunday, October 15th at 9:30a and
Sunday October 22nd at 9:30a

Choir Practice will be
Wednesday, October 18th at 7p and
Sunday October 22nd at 9a

Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ Prayer List

Prayer Concerns within our Family of Faith:

Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker Jim Farmer Dave Nash Larry Steele Larry Smetts
Susan Hatch Ned Campbell Finn Snyder Joy Smith Rev. Ed Lopeman Laurie Garno

Prayers for our Shut-ins:

JoAnn Gault, Bruce & Carolyn Claggett, Goldie Campbell, Rosie Shipley

Prayers for Our UCC Congregations: *St Paul's UCC, Glenford*

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

John Stout
Sharon Mummey
Mark Frick
Carl Richards
Marsha King
Genene Gerhart
Evajean Greenlun

Stewart Krulikowski & Family
Theresa Gonda
Marge Davis
Norman Burgel





Carla Bell
Niki Trowbridge
Shooting Victims and Families
Ellen Alheim



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. Jon Walker and Tanner MacLachlan.

In memoriam for the Family of **Heather Martin**

This Week at Highwater, October 9th —October 15th

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Sunday 15
Pastor Scott Available NOON Bible Study In Library	Pastor Scott Available  Happy Birthday Phil Shipley	Pastor Scott Available 7:30a-12:30p Deb in Church Office  Happy Birthday Stella Preston Stone VanWey	Pastor Scott Available 7:30a-12:30p Deb in Church Office 6:30p Council Meeting  Happy Anniversary Doug & Debbie Hoar Nick & Laurie Garno	 Happy Birthday Dave Hoar		8a-12p Blood Drive 8:30a Worship Service 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 10:30a Sunday School

Pastor Scott (c) 614 - 226 - 1314
Pastor Joyce (c) 614 - 595- 4771

Internet Access In Sanctuary:

Network: Highwater_almond
 Password: Highwater1

Scripture for Sunday October 15th
Matthew 22:1-14 Philipians 4:1-9

Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry
Highwater Congregational
United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 22nd
Service at 10:30a Catered Lunch at 12p

Sunday, October 22nd will be
one Worship Service at 10:30a