

# The Heartbeat of Highwater

- Mission Statement

*"Highwater Congregational Church, 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."*

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## Come Away

As I write, our 2018 VBS has just ended and my thoughts have turned to our Sunday night worship service in which we celebrate our children and what we have done this week. The scripture from Mark will tell of two of Jesus' miracles that we learned about this week: Jesus feeding 5,000 men, plus women and children, and Jesus walking on water to meet up with his disciples.

What we won't discuss is that prior to both miracles, Jesus tries to spend some time alone to rest and pray. Prior to feeding the multitude, we are told that he invited his disciples to "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while," for many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. The King James Version says, "Come ye yourselves apart to a desert place..." with a clear understanding that we can come apart with Jesus or come apart on our own. I'd rather come apart with Jesus, wouldn't you?

With the end of VBS, we will see the end of a very busy season for the church. Beginning in October, we celebrated our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, then headed into Advent and Christmas, then Lent and Easter, then the busy seasons celebrating Easter, Pentecost, and VBS. It's time to rest. But, we rest in the Lord. Time away for Jesus meant time to pray, reflect, and recharge. Time to worship and praise our God doesn't ever end, not even momentarily. Soon, we will be enjoying some quieter times around the church, except for Sunday mornings. Your attendance and giving will still be hoped for and appreciated. But together, collectively, it's time to come away, come to a quieter place, and reflect, pray, and rejuvenate. Amen.

- Pastor Scott



*Don't worry about anything; Instead, Pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.*

Philippians 4:6

*Pray Without Ceasing!* 1 Thessalonians 5:17

## Worship Schedule Decision is Made...

First, I thank everyone for your input; we had great responses to the survey which was conducted in the spring. We also had a very productive and respectful meeting on June 3. In that meeting, a few things were shared regarding the genesis of the move to investigate changing our worship schedule. Most significantly, there's a feeling among some that we are meant to worship as a unified congregation.

My personal concern is for our six musicians, who tirelessly give their time and talent for our services.

We also learned through the process that your choice of worship service is much more than a matter of mere convenience; there's an appreciable difference in the atmosphere of the two services that is important to you.

Bearing all these things in mind, church council voted unanimously to use the upcoming academic year to test a few options, and have the congregation vote in late May, 2019, about how to move forward permanently.

### Here's the plan between now and then:

-for the remainder of 2018, we will stick with a 9:30 service.

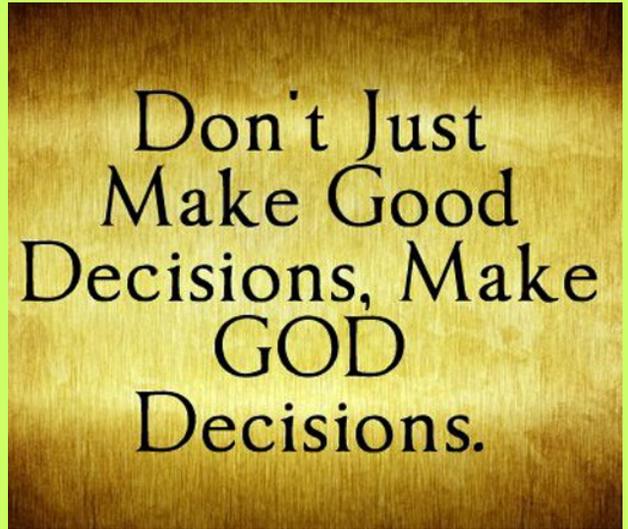
We will also have a reflective communion service at 8:00 am on the first Sunday of the month, beginning in September.

-from January - May 19, 2019, we will worship at 8:30 and 10:30. The 8:30 service will sometimes feature piano music, sometimes recorded music, and sometimes no music. We will share in communion more frequently. All agree, though, that there are changes coming to this service.

Your continued feedback is welcomed and appreciated as we move forward, especially as we try to experiment with our 8:30a worship service next year, which is both authentic to our congregation and sustainable.

As always, your presence and participation in the life of our church is appreciated and essential to what the Spirit is doing in our midst.

Peace,  
Pastor Scott



Happy Birthday to:

- 7/05 Joy Smith
- 7/06 Vicki Anderson
- 7/06 Nick Patton
- 7/08 Cindy Campbell
- 7/08 Larry Smetts
- 7/09 Fred Grace
- 7/09 Kelsey Keener
- 7/11 Mary Jane Burgess
- 7/16 Roger Webb
- 7/19 Mike Piper
- 7/20 Jake Preston
- 7/20 Allie Burgess
- 7/22 Kasen Walker
- 7/26 Dick Gibson
- 7/31 Katherine Shipley

Happy Birthday

## Celebrations & Concerns

Prayers for those in need of healing:

Betty Nash, Gayle Gibson, Bob Tucker, Becky Wright  
 Dave Nash, JoAnn Gault, Bruce & Carolyn Claggett,  
 Larry Steele, Larry Smetts, Rosie Shipley,  
 Tom Siegel, Ned Campbell, Laurie Garno  
 Susan Hatch, John Stout, Sharon Mummey,  
 Mark Frick, Carl Richards, Marsha King,  
 Stewart Krulikowski & Family,  
 Theresa Gonda, Marge Davis, Norman Burgel,  
 Joy Robertson, Sherry Gibson,  
 Taya Bigler, Roger Smith, Harvet Reese, Larry Weber,  
 Carl Varner, Dan Hoar, Jim Graham  
 Bill Boothe, Rachel Hobson, Samantha Edwards  
 John, Elaine and Leah Gard

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.



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

See you at Grace Point on Rte 62 across from  
 Branstool's Orchard at 8:00a.m. on  
 Saturday, July 7th.



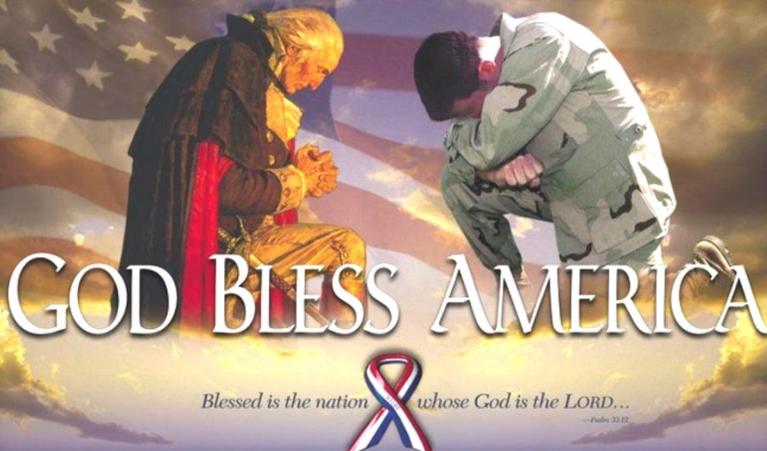
Tuesday, July 24th

Anyone involved with Tiger Youth Group or  
 the Middle/High School group is invited to  
 go. Friends can come if they have been in-  
 volved in either youth group. We will cover  
 ticket and meals, kids should bring spending  
 money for drinks and other things they want  
 in the park. Please sign-up in the binder if you  
 plan to attend.

### WISH Meeting/Dinner

Monday, July 9th at 6:30p  
 At Janet Goodman's  
 Please see the sign up sheet outside the  
 library if you plan to attend and  
 please bring a side dish to share.

*The face of prayer has changed. The need for prayer has not.*



# VBS 2018 Just Jesus.3!

# Miraculous



## Who to call with ideas and questions

### Moderator

Mark McKimmins 740-892-3582

### Care Ministry

Mary Jo Layman 740-892-2217

### Christian Education

Allyson Patton 740-348-6894

Lisa McKimmins 614-565-8509

### Fellowship Ministry

Janet Goodman 740-258-2846

### Membership & Outreach Ministry

### Missions Ministry

Melanie Shipley 740-892-2698

Terri Andrews 740-973-0946

### Music and Worship Ministry

Debbie Smetts 330-714-7216

Cathy Bero 740-745-5787

### Stewardship Ministry

Kathy Preston 740-745-1043

### Treasurer

Jack Schmidt 740-587-2890

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Peggy Green 740-892-3235

Jeff Preston 740-644-1614

Bob Tucker 740-892-4829

Andy Kalas 740-973-1143

### WISH

Becky Campbell 740-501-2421

### WISH II Quilt

Janine Shipley 740-892-2722



## Bible Studies

On Recess until September



The Prayer Path is available for your use daily!

Blood Drive at Highwater  
Sunday, July 8th  
8a-12p

*Please sign up to give!*



No  
Council  
Meeting  
In  
July

## Summer Missions Opportunities

### Christmas in July -

Missions will take a collection through July for the Utica Food Pantry. The monies collected will be given to The Utica Food Pantry over the Holidays as that time of year is so busy with other outreach such as the Angel Tree.



**Personal Hygiene Kits** will be collected to donate to Church World Service this summer. We will distribute gallon bags with a checklist inside. Here's what you'll need to fill the bag:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

We also request \$2 to cover processing fee. These bags will be distributed in areas that suffer a natural disaster and are really appreciated! This is a great project for children and can be filled in a single stop to Kroger or Wal-Mart.



## Summer Missions Opportunity

“Salvation Army Summer Lunch Program. We are looking for 4 volunteers every Tuesday through August 7th.

Please see the binder for sign-up and details.

## Serve Lunch at Miller Park

We will Serve lunch the Week of August 6-10th  
Please sign-up in the binder if you can help.



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**Newsletter Editor**

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**Mark McKimmins, Moderator 740-892-3582**



Good Luck to everyone at the Fairs  
Please fill out Fair info sheets with all your winnings or share the results of those you love. Photos are always welcome as well.  
See the results and photos in our big Aug/Sept Newsletter!

### Sunday Schedule

**Worship - 9:30a**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB! Check us out! [www.highwaterchurch.org](http://www.highwaterchurch.org)**

## Did You Know?

### Office Hours :

**Wednesdays & Thursdays: 7:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.**

### 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.



### **Thank You Highwater!**

Our Little Red Wagon will be collecting again on Sunday, July 29th. Please have your non-perishables ready. Monetary donations are always welcome.

### **Blessings Received Through Giving & Attendance**



5/27	\$ 1,480.00	57
6/03	3,710.00	107
6/10	2,425.00	80
6/17	2,160.00	70
6/24	1,935.00	82

We need \$2950.00 Weekly  
To achieve our yearly budget.  
YTD we are under budget by:  
**\$5,940.00**