



The Heartbeat of Highwater

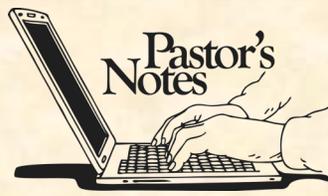
- Mission Statement

“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

“Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, and lovely; think on these things.”
Philippians 4:8

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Normally, I do a little column of my own commentary for our monthly newsletter. Now, I'm doing three or more of those per week on Facebook Live. Instead, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the many of you who have checked in on how I am doing. As the Pastor, I am trying to “keep it real,” but generally remain positive. Like most of the rest of you, I have some great days and some days when I'm really low. I count our blessings that we haven't been personally affected by COVID-19. We are grieving the fact that so many experiences that can't be relived are falling by the wayside for our church, for our son, Will, a graduating high school senior, and even for our daughter, who is a high school sophomore. So, if you ask me how I'm doing, I'd say this: in the short-term, I am sometimes in the dumps, but then I think long-term, and remain very hopeful in God's direction for our church and world. I remain very blessed to be the Pastor here—your Pastor.

Peace,
Scott

FINANCES



Our Treasurer Jack Schmidt has assured council we are very secure financially and there has been one good thing to be said about very little activity at the church.

Our electric bill is extremely low.

The Highwater family continues in good Stewardship with their giving and that is what continues to keep us financially secure.

Thank you to everyone for their faithful giving during this physical separation.



Happy Anniversary

- 5/07 Wade & Stacy Blackburn
- 5/12 Karston & Tara Harris
- 5/13 Luke & Jenna Simon
- 5/22 Scott & Beth Schieber



Just another day at school!
How does you day look?
Always happy to receive photos.

Happy Birthday to:

- 5/02 Wade Blackburn
- 5/08 Jake Shipley
- 5/09 Pat Hoar
- 5/14 Russell Snyder
- 5/14 Holly McKimmins
- 5/19 Ed Hoskinson
- 5/24 Mary Perry
- 5/28 Morgan Shipley
- 5/29 Jim Hover

Happy Birthday

I would like to thank Kathy Preston for sharing some photos and am happy to add new ones. Just send them to

highwaterchurch1213@gmail.com.



*He lives and we all shout!....
Hosanna!*

Parking Lot Service Easter morning at 9:30a



Good Friday 2020



9:30a Parking Lot Service



Easter 2020

I want to take a moment to say thank you to Pastor Scott for continuing to reach out and care for us spiritually and emotionally. Thank you for sharing your light with us and growing in new ways to keep us close even as we are physically distanced!
Thank you Mary, Cathy, Patsy, Laura and Janine for sharing that wonderful gift of music that helps keep us in the attitude of praise and thanksgiving!
I hope to be gathered together again soon!

Debra a Smetts,
Newsletter Editor and Loving Member of this Highwater Family.



May 10th

A good day to go to Honey Run Park. Remember to have your face mask in case of a crowd.
Info about park is in the newsletter.

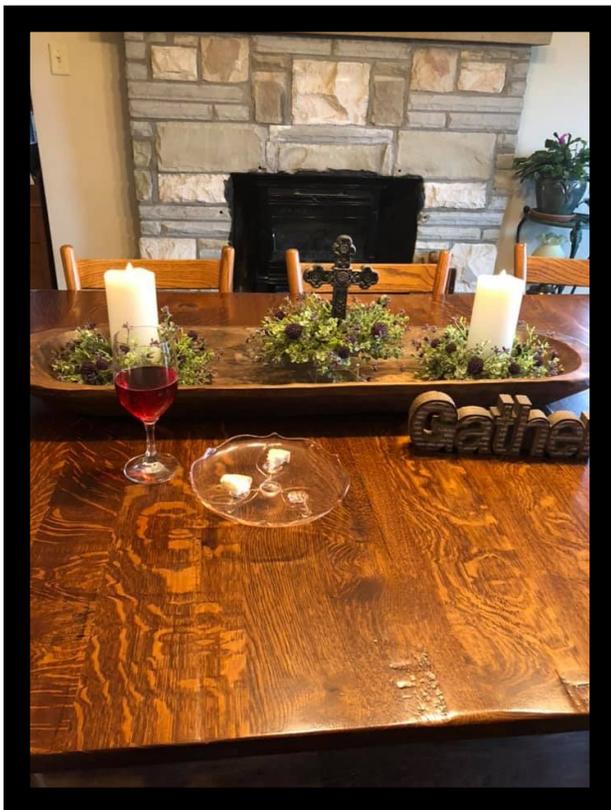


Prayers for those in need of healing:

Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker Dave Nash
 Larry Smetts Ned Campbell Tom Siegel
 Becky Wright Marcie Williams Jane Lake
 Donna Shipley
 Laurie Garno Lane Gibson
 Angie Alexander Jim Farmer
 Sharon Mummey Mark Frick Marsha King
 Judy Schmoll Stewart Krulikowski & Family
 Theresa Gonda Jesse Buchanan Glenna Biggins
 Christine Schmidt
 Sherry Selfe Harvey Reese, Maddi Reese
 Phyllis Miller Goldie Campbell Sharon Biere

Continued prayers:

For all those who have been there on the front lines during this uncertain time and who will continue to be there through the next year.
 And 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.



As you can see, Communion is a very large table extended to all at Highwater. Feel free to share what your extension of this table looks like on May 3rd. At 10:30a on Facebook Live with Reverend Scott Schieber.



Recognize anyone?
Yes, Sunday School was zoomed!

It was fun for the kids and the teachers to see each other and although it is not the same as being together, it is a wonderful way to reach out and remind one another of God's love for us and our love for each other.

zoom

Video Communications



I encourage some of you to download the app and sign up for an account.

It is free if you stick to 40 minutes or less.

After you sign up, reach out to a few people you haven't seen in a while. Most everyone's phone numbers are in the directory. Arrange a meeting and chat.

It really is fun!

Pastor Scott is currently using zoom for bible study as well. He sends the link out on facebook. Just click on the link to join the group and follow instructions.

Pastor Scott has also done some happy hour zooms. Once again just follow the link and you will be Happy you did!



[Download the app HERE](#)

Each year, the President signs a new proclamation for National Day of Prayer, and each year has a slightly different theme or focus.

This year's proclamation begins...

“In our times of greatest need, Americans have always turned to prayer to help guide us through trials and periods of uncertainty. As we continue to face the unique challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, millions of Americans are unable to gather in their churches, temples, synagogues, mosques, and other houses of worship. But in this time we must not cease asking God for added wisdom, comfort, and strength, and we must especially pray for those who have suffered harm or who have lost loved ones. I ask you to join me in a day of prayer for all people who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic and to pray for God's healing hand to be placed on the people of our Nation.”

**You can read the official proclamation President Trump signed this year in its entirety here: [Proclamation on the National Day of Prayer for all Americans Affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic and for our National Response Efforts](#)

This proclamation was made for March 15th, but a review of it on May 7th, which will be our traditional observance of the National Day of Prayer will not only remind us of what we are struggling with, but of what good is all around us as God has been with us in all of this.

National Day of Prayer is a wonderful opportunity to praise the Lord for what He has done and what He continues to do in our nation and in our communities. It's also an opportunity to praise and thank him for *who He is*, which has never changed. What unexpected blessings has God given you in this time? In what ways has He provided for your family or helped keep you safe?



Been wanting to take a nice drive and then maybe a walk down by the river....
Grab you "honey" and head east on Rte 62 to Honey Run Falls.
There are a number of easy walking trails and I have heard it is a great place for bird watching.
Click [HERE](#) for bird list
See Map of Trails [HERE](#)
[DIRECTIONS HERE](#)



Let's all pray together at 9:00a on Thursday, May 7th.



Hoping the salons and barber shops are open soon!



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**Sunday Schedule
Facebook Live
10:30a**



**If you miss us live ,
see all the Messages
on YouTube.**



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

Please know council is meeting on ZOOM and we are already talking of ways to gather together safely as soon as that would be a possibility.

Our church is being used in ways that are safe but useful to many.

We are continuing to serve dinner at the Salvation Army the first Sunday of the month.

If you've been thinking about someone you haven't seen in a while just give them a call. I know they would be happy to hear from you!

The Prayer
Path is
available
for your
use daily!



**Blessings Received
Through Giving**

3/23	\$2,253.00
3/30	1,970.00
4/05	3,745.00
4/12	3,890.00
4/19	1,225.00



We are currently meeting our budget for giving, exceeding our giving over 2018 and 2019 for this time. Thank you for supporting this church family with such open hearts!