

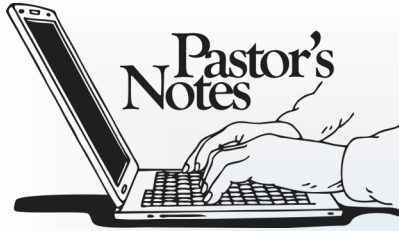


The Heartbeat of Highwater

- 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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Good and Faithful Stewards

I was told a long time ago that our members do not want me to talk about money from my position. I've largely abided by that request, in spite of two facts; first, Jesus talked about money all the time. Our Lord had plenty to say about how we earn, how we spend, how we save, and how we prioritize it. Second, I do 99% of the communicating on behalf of the church.

I'm not going to talk about your money either, I'm going to talk about our money—the finances of the church. I offer my opinion alone. I have a broad understanding of the finances of neighboring churches in our denomination. Here is how we compare:

We do a really good job of balancing our budget. A review of our annual report shows that we rarely meet our giving target but we rarely spend our budget, meaning most years, we come out a little ahead. Many churches, similar to our own, have to regularly tap into their endowment in order to make ends meet.

We do not have millions in our endowment fund as other churches our size. Our endowment fund is an investment savings account needed for rainy days and long-term security. We can be proud of the fact that in the past ten years or so, our memorial endowment has grown considerably. The money given to us from Bruce and Carolyn Claggett, which we get a portion of each year, has been combined with other memorial gifts, and along with the strength of the market, has raised our balance. We have started to use a small portion of those funds to pay for improvements to our ministries that are beyond our budget; council calls this our Heritage Fund. The Heritage Fund has helped to fund the improvements in technology that COVID-19 has imposed on us, including the improvement of our streaming capabilities. In the future, it will go into intentional, planned improvements to ministry. In addition, you have faithfully funded a number of mission-related requests to help feed people which was outside of our budget but arose quickly during our pandemic.

Through my eyes from a financial perspective, we have wonderful stewards caring for money as it comes in and as it goes out. Our congregation is stronger in its day-to-day giving and support than most churches, and our long-term stability is improving yearly.

As always, I and the church council are grateful to God for your generosity and for the opportunities to minister alongside of you to our community.

Peace,
Pastor Scott

Congregational Meeting



Sunday, June 27th

Following the 9:30a Worship Service

Items on the Agenda for approval:

Proposed budget for 2021
Approval of elected officers :
Jack Schmidt as Treasurer and
Jackie Parrill as Moderator



Live! at Highwater

For Four years old—5th Grade
Monday, June 28th—Wednesday June 30th
9a-11a

Snack Provided
Follow us on Facebook and watch your bulletins for details!

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday to:

6/01 Daniel Bero
 6/05 Marsha Barna
 6/05 Mae Pound
 6/06 Keegan Andrews-Gartner
 6/06 Amy Gartner
 6/07 Janine Shipley
 6/08 Mitchell Marston
 6/09 Jamie Williams
 6/12 Allyson Patton
 6/12 Luke Simon
 6/18 Bill Hoskinson
 6/19 Dick Hoar
 6/21 Donna Shipley
 6/21 Annette Buchanan
 6/22 Melody Hover
 6/24 Ed Lopeman
 6/27 Jaron Kerr
 6/29 Sam Preston
 6/30 Laura Tucker

Prayers for those in need of healing:



Betty Nash Gayle Gibson Bob Tucker
 Dave Nash
 Tom Siegel Becky Wright Donna Shipley
 Laurie Garno Lane Gibson Jim Farmer
 Sharon Mummey
 Mark Frick Marsha King Judy Schmoll
 Stewart Krulikowski & Family
 Theresa Gonda Kay Wightman
 Christine Schmidt Dick Gibson

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.

Happy Anniversary

6/02 Brad & Allyson Patton
 6/03 Mike & Laura Laughlin
 6/06 David & Beverly Keener
 6/08 Fred & Judy Grace
 6/08 Don & Marcie Williams
 6/11 Jeff & Kathy Preston
 6/14 Randy & Sandi Shipley
 6/16 Virgil & Susan Hatch
 6/17 Brad & Stacey Atherton
 6/18 Dave & Pat Hoar
 6/20 Bob & Laura Tucker
 6/20 Andy & Elli Kalas
 6/25 Dave & Betty Nash
 6/26 Chris & Tracy Storts
 6/28 Bill & Lindsey Hoskinson



Due to the love and generosity that is this Church, the day to day functions of the church continue, as well as our ministry outreach. At the time of the writing of this newsletter, our general fund giving is currently at \$56,943. This puts us at **-\$2,057.00** for our 2021 budget

\$2,950 is needed per week to maintain yearly budget



Picnic/Brunch

Save the date to gather together for food, fellowship and family fun!

Sunday, June 27th

Following the Congregational Meeting

Food will be served in being considerate of avoiding multiple hands having access.

Details coming soon on possible donated menu items.

Pastor Scott has some scheduling information to share.

He will be out of town on the days noted but can be called in case of an emergency.

June Schedule is to the right:

June 4 and 5 (Fri and Sat)
 June 10 (Thursday, so I'll work Friday)
 June 15 (Tuesday, so I'll work Friday)
 June 24 (Thursday, so I'll work Friday)
 June 26 (Saturday)

Who to call with ideas and questions

Moderator

Jackie Parrill 740-817-0295

Care Ministry

Mary Jo Layman 740-404-4249

Christian Education

Abby Shipley 740-975-1209

Fellowship Ministry

Tracy Storts

Membership & Outreach Ministry

Amy Gartner 740-624-0232

Missions Ministry

Mike Laughlin 740-501-8227

Mark McKimmins 614-565-3509

Music and Worship Ministry

Janine Shipley 740-404-8837

Stewardship Ministry

Kathy Preston 740-745-1043

Treasurer

Jack Schmidt 740-587-2890

Trustees

Phyllis Buxton 740-745-2152

Peggy Green 740-892-3235

Jeff Preston 740-644-1614

Bob Tucker 740-405-3291
or 3292

Andy Kalas 740-973-1143

WISH

Becky Campbell 740-501-2421

WISH II Quilt

Adrienne Anderson 740-404-4891



Church Council met virtually in a Zoom meeting on May 20th, 2021.

The following business took place:

Council met May 20th at 7pm with 12 people in attendance. We successfully held a hybrid meeting utilizing our new technology in the Church Library. This allowed members to attend in person or participate via Zoom.

Kathy Preston, Stewardship Ministry, stated that we have received offerings of \$56,943, for the General Fund through May 16, 2021 (year to date). Our offering goal is \$59,000. In addition to the General Fund, we have received \$7836.10 for specific funds such as the Salvation Army, Building Fund, Pastoral Discretionary Fund and Endowments. Kathy is researching online giving possibilities that can be utilized for our Live Streaming.

Jack Schmidt, Treasurer, reported \$48,497 in expenses for the year through May 16, 2021. He noted that as of mid-May, all ministries, utilities, and maintenance are below budget; salaries are right on budget. The church still has some large quarterly/annual expenses due in the next few months.

Susan Hatch and Patsy Farmer reported for Worship and Music Ministry. The ministry has received a proposal from Doug Posey, Ministry Sound Company, for \$3,574 to upgrade our streaming technology in the Sanctuary. The proposal includes a mounted wall video camera, equipment, and installation costs. He will also train our Technology Team who will control the Streaming in the room above the Sanctuary. Copywrite licenses will cost about \$250/year. Additional streaming costs for Facebook and You-tube will be about \$575 per year. The advantages for this proposal are:

Additional communication tool to spread the good news of Jesus to others.

Removes demographic barrier for our members.

Increase potential for new membership for our church.

Potential for online giving

Volunteer opportunities to serve on the new Technology Team.

Council approved the Sanctuary Technology upgrade and allocated \$4000; 50% from the Heritage Fund and 50% from the Council Discretionary Fund.

Mary Jo Layman, Care Ministry, reported that 7 cards were sent, and 10 meals delivered. Casseroles are still needed. Please label with date/contents and place in the church freezer.

Abby Shipley, Christian Education, reported that after May 23, Sunday School classes will be on summer recess. Vacation Bible School will be June 28-30; 9-11am. The Olympics will be our theme this year with the last day being Water Events!

Membership and Outreach Chair, Amy Gartner, reported they served about 200 people at the Salvation Army on May 2nd. Our local Cub Scouts helped pack and serve the meals.

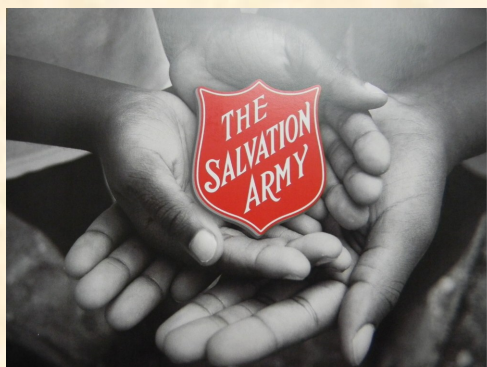
Pastor Scott reported for the Missions Ministry. Our church will be the depot for Church World Services Hygiene and Disaster Relief Kits. The Salvation Army will begin serving summer lunches at the Miller Park in Utica on June 8th. Highwater Church will help pack lunches on Tuesdays at the Salvation Army. Our church will serve the lunches one week in July. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Mark McKimmins, Mike Laughlin, or Pastor Scott if you would like to help.

Trustee Chair, Bob Tucker reported that mulch was spread by church members with the help of our Boy Scouts.

Elaine (Tulloss) Smith is hosting Wish on May 27th at her home. She will be serving tea and scones. All women of our church are welcome to attend.

Council also approved the Sabbatical guidelines as presented by the Pastoral Relations Committee. The Constitution update was discussed and approved pending legal attorney's advice. Bylaws were updated and will be finalized soon. The budget for the remainder of the year and vote on Officers, Jackie Parrill as Moderator and Jack Schmidt as Treasurer will be presented to the church at the Congregational Meeting on June 27th at church following the 9:30a Worship Service. A brunch will be served to members following the meeting. Summer services will be at 9:30am beginning May 30th. The Next Council meeting will be June 17th at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Janine Shipley.



Thank you Mary Jo Layman for
Organizing the meal served to
those in need at the Salvation
Army
June 6th



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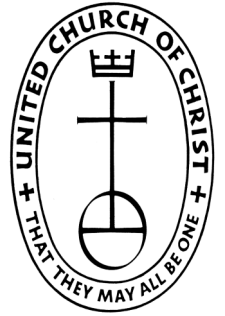
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Feed The Kids

Salvation Army summer Lunch Program

Volunteers are needed to pack lunches in the morning at the Newark Salvation Army location beginning June 8th.

See Pastor Scott for details if interested in participating.

Save the Date

Highwater to serve at Miller Park in Utica
July 5th-9th



Are you ready for....
WISH II Quilt ?

Join us

Wednesday, June 9th
6:30p

In the Church Narthex
No masks required.

Looking forward to lots of
Sew to Tell!