

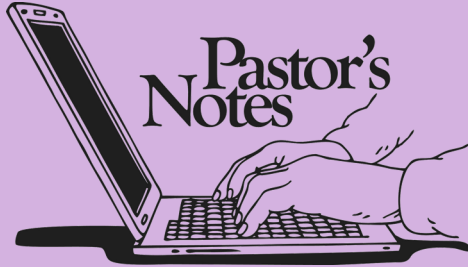


The Heartbeat of Highwater

- 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.”

“By your words I can see where I am going;” Psalm 119:105 (MSG)



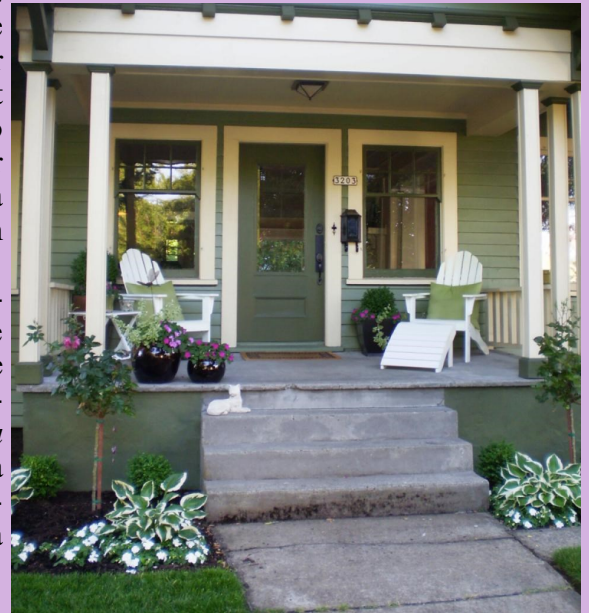
Late one afternoon in January, I was sitting at my desk and the office phone rang. It was Licking Memorial Hospital. I typically would expect to hear bad news from a member of our church, someone letting me know they’ve been hospitalized. Not this time.

My heart raced in a good way when I learned the reason for the call—the pastoral care office had secured some doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and were offering it to some pastors in Licking County.

The next morning, I got my first ‘Fauci Ouchie’. I had reservations, not about the vaccine itself but the fact that pastors were a priority before a lot of other groups that should have come first. I was told that it would help me do my job as a pastor. I was relieved to hear that. No one had to tell me that with a daughter playing high school basketball our entire family was at a high risk of exposure. I was not willing to take a risk in passing that along.

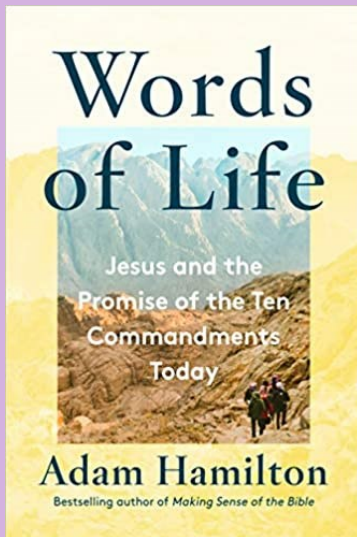
Weeks have passed, and I got my second vaccination over two weeks ago. Many, many of you have gotten yours or will soon. I feel like I’m relatively safe to be around now. I intend to take advantage of my fortune in getting vaccinated to begin visits again, if *you* feel it’s safe. If you’re having surgery and would like a prayer, let me know. If you would like a visit, for spiritual reasons or just to catch up on your porch on a warm spring day, please call the church office.

Peace,
Pastor Scott



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Lent Book Study

This year, our Lent book study will be on the book
Words of Life:

Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today
by Adam Hamilton.

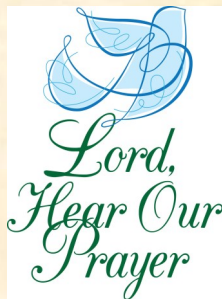
Hamilton’s work is informative, and his theological themes always strike a cord with members of our congregation. Each class will be offered via Zoom on a weekly basis, once at noon on Mondays and then on a week night. You will need to purchase the book in order to participate; it’s widely available for purchase in hardcopy or download.

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday to:

3/01 Maxx Goodman
3/02 Bronson Wright
3/03 Paula Olson
3/03 Elli Kalas
3/04 Mark Marston
3/11 David Snyder
3/13 Jason Hite
3/18 Jack Green
3/20 Laurie Garno
3/22 Matthew Hite
3/25 Karston Harris
3/27 Tanner MacLachlan
3/28 Susan Hatch

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 Schmol
Stewart Krulikowski & Family
Theresa Gonda Jesse Buchanan Glenna Biggins
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

3/14 Jim and Melody Hover
3/17 Greg and Jackie Parrill
3/17 Kevin and Molly Keller

Virtual Bingo Thursday, March 11th 7p
Follow on Facebook for details and links to join in!



Braver Angels

Zoom Event March 20th 2-4p
(This is a two part event)

If you feel dismayed and perplexed with the intense division in our country and our families, and you want to understand and be understood by those "on the other side," this workshop can give you skills to bridge that divide, and make an impact.

This Braver Angels Zoom Event, "Skills

to Bridge the Divide" will be on March 20th. This is a **two part** virtual program combining a pre-workshop eLearning course and an interactive online workshop.

We invite everyone from Highwater to join us. We will send additional information for signing up to you via email. Please contact Janine Shipley (janine.shipley@gmail.com) or Reverend Ron Hall (ron.hall@elljenltd.com) if you are interested.

Braver Angels is a nation-wide organization formed to unite Americans and depolarize our society. They may record the Zoom workshop for quality assurance purposes.

For more information on this group, please go to braverangels.org/events

Who to call with ideas and questions

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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 giving is currently at \$17,800.

This puts us at **-\$2850.00 for our 2021 budget**

\$1400.00 has been donated to the serving of our Salvation Army Meals



History, Legend and Lore...

The man who would eventually become St. Patrick was born in Britain as Maewyn Succat in the late 4th century. His family was Christian, but it's said that Maewyn himself was an atheist throughout his childhood.

That would change at age 16, when Maewyn was kidnapped from his home on the west coast of Britain by Irish pirates, who proceeded to carry him off to Ireland and force him to work as a shepherd herding sheep. After six years, he escaped his captors, walking nearly 200 miles through the Irish landscape and convincing a ship to carry him with them back to Britain. This harrowing experience certainly had an effect on Maewyn, who was convinced it was the Lord who protected him and delivered him safely home.

Upon returning home, Maewyn received his call (in a dream) to preach the Gospel—in Ireland, of all places! He spent the next 15 or so years in a monastery in Britain, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and he returned to the land of his captors to begin his teachings.

Although some Christians already lived in Ireland at the time, the country was largely pagan, so spreading a foreign religion was not an easy task. Patricius traveled from village to village to share the teachings of the Lord, and was successful enough to eventually found many churches there.

We wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity in his teachings. (The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being [God].) The truth of the St. Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there is no direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.

Children's Zoom SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School ZOOM

Please be following Facebook to get your links to join in.

Looking forward to our season of Lent!

Volunteers are needed for the Treasurer and Stewardship positions on council at the end of 2021.

Jack Schmidt, Treasurer and Kathy Preston, Stewardship Chair have both served this church family with dedication and care for a number of years and would like to pass their knowledge on to someone new.

Is that someone you?

You will not be left alone. Jack and Kathy will be there to teach and support you until you are comfortable in your knowledge.

If this is something you are being called to do, please let Pastor Scott, Jack or Kathy know.

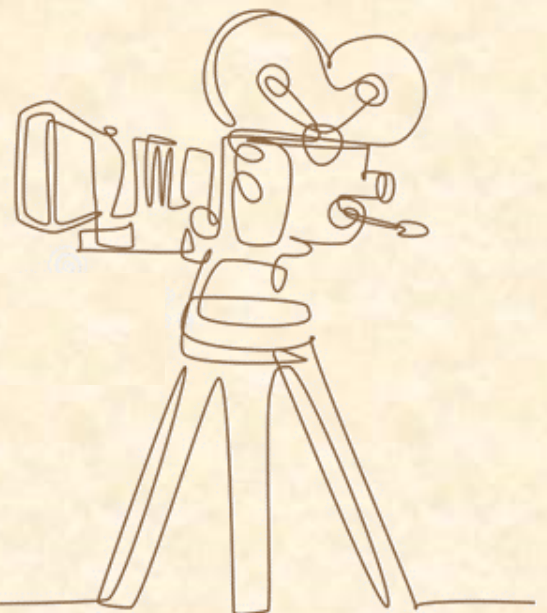
It is possible to begin learning/shadowing before the end of the year.



VOLUNTEER



The Worship and Music Ministry is looking for people who are interested in helping us record our worship services. You will be trained on the video recorder, computer and the updated sound systems at the church. There is a silver lining from the pandemic.... and that is all the people we have reached via Facebook Live and Youtube. Our goal is to continue offering online services even after the pandemic is over. Please contact Rev. Scott or Janine Shipley (740-404-8837) if you are interested in this exciting adventure.





If you have any music you would like to share over our season of Lent/ Easter, be it live or recorded, please let Janine Shipley or Pastor Scott know!



Will be Live Easter Morning at 10:30a
Practices will be at 9:45a on March 21st, 28th and April 4th.

Cathy Bero will be our director
Please let Cathy know if you plan to join us.
cathybero@gmail.com



Holy Week Schedule
Maundy Thursday, April 1st
7p Live and Streaming
Good Friday, April 2nd
Noon Streaming

Current Worship Schedule
LENT

- March 7**—Worship streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube AND in-person worship with Patsy Farmer playing piano at 10:30 am.
Communion Sunday
- March 14**—In-person in the Legg Center, with Sue Steele on piano at 8:30 am. Worship streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube with Janine Shipley playing piano at 10:30a
- March 21**—Worship streaming on Facebook Live and YouTube with Laura Laughlin playing at 8:30a AND in-person in the Legg Center, at 10:30 am.

*He is not here;
he has Risen!*

Luke 24:6

Easter Sunday, April 4th
Sonrise Service Streaming at 7 am
10:30 live and streaming from Legg Center...capped at 75.
People must reserve their spot to be admitted!
(There will be a sign-up sheet at our live Worship Services)
We will add a 9 am in-person service if necessary.



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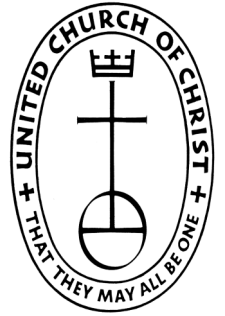
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Our doors will be open for worship throughout the following months. Please follow your emails and check out facebook and the website for times and any changes. Being mindful of the safety of all those in our church family, at all times during our in-person worship masks will be required and social distancing will be respected.



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



**Spring Ahead
Sunday March 14th
Remember to set your clocks ahead
1 hour
Saturday Night!**