



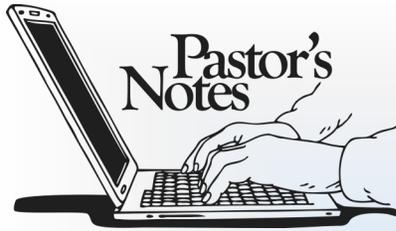
The Heartbeat of Highwater

- 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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Seeing the Light Through the Fog

I remember the day so well...it was February 11. The day I got my second Moderna COVID-19 vaccination. The next day, I had the same physical reaction that so many others have had. That didn't matter to me at all. In my mind, at the time, I would be free two weeks later, on February 25. No more wearing a mask into a store and having my glasses so fogged up that I purchase the wrong item (that has happened to me more than once). No more having to wear a mask to my daughter's ball games. No more having to wear a mask, period. My little vaccination passport would get me out of all of these things and more! Well, not so much, it turns out.

Subsequently, many of you have gotten the vaccination, too. When we gather on Sundays, *most* of us are in the clear. By now, anyone over 16 who wants to be vaccinated can easily get vaccinated that very day. And still, we wear masks.

Why? I know many of you are frustrated. From a pastoral perspective, I can give you many of theological reasons why it's the right thing to do, but no one is interested in those arguments. From a church perspective, I can tell you that the council has spent hours and hours debating all things COVID over the past year. When I had my first discussion with Jackie Parrill, our new moderator, about how we will know when it's okay to lose the masks, she smartly said that is one decision we don't have to make. The governor has a lot more information than any of us or any of the talking heads, and we will continue to follow his mandate and other CDC guidelines.

I guess that means that I'll continue to run the risk of having to make second trips to the store after buying the wrong thing because I'm basically flying blind with my mask on, whether I wear my glasses or not. At least I'm doing my part to end our COVID existence.

Peace,
Pastor Scott

WISH is gathering for...

Tea and Scones at
Elaine Smith's Home
10871 Licking Valley Rd
Frazeyburg 43822
All Women of Highwater
Welcome

Thursday, May 27th at 1:30p
Please reply to
Elaine if you
plan to attend
(740-504-2696)
Join Us!



W.S.H.
Women In Service at Highwater
"What if what you do" says it



At Highwater Church
May 16th 8a-12p.
Please sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>



Mondays
Noon Bible Study
through
May 24th
We will meet in-person
Join Us!

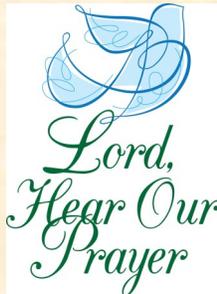


Live at Highwater
For Four years old—5th Grade
Monday, June 28th—Wednesday June 30th
9a-11a
Snack Provided
Follow us on Facebook and watch your
bulletins for details!

Celebrations & Concerns

- Happy Birthday to:**
- 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

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 Kay Wightman
Christine Schmidt Dick Gibson

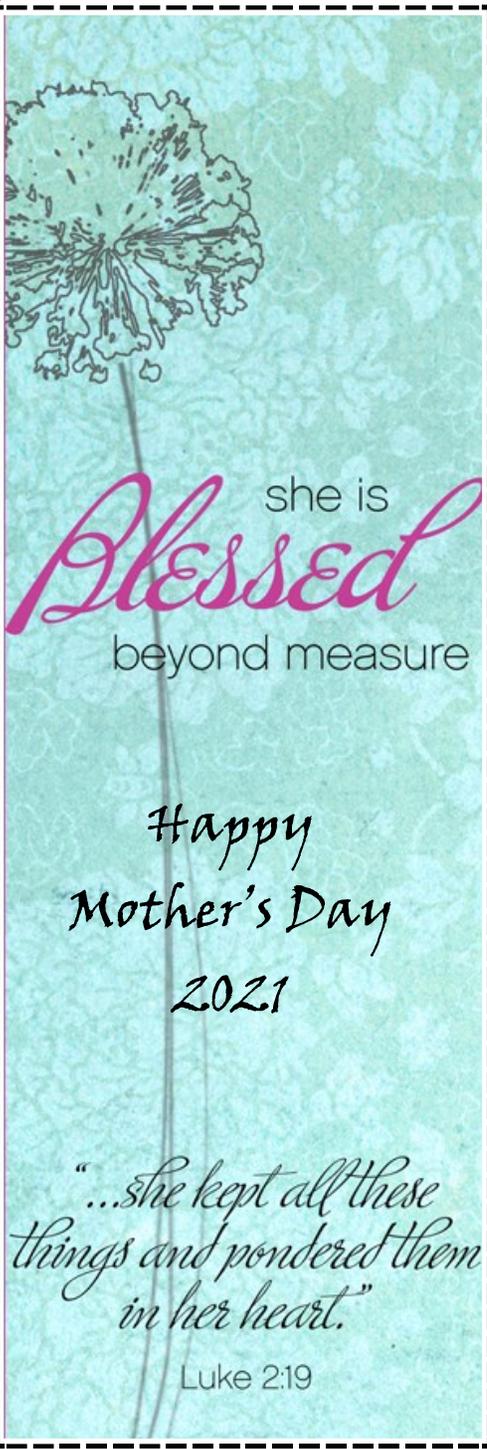
Continued prayers:

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.



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 \$41,381. This puts us at **-\$2,869.00** for our 2021 budget

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



← A book mark for you

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



Back in Sunday School
 April was Scavenger Hunt Sunday
 We will meet again on May 9th at 10:30
Weather permitting, we will meet outside.



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

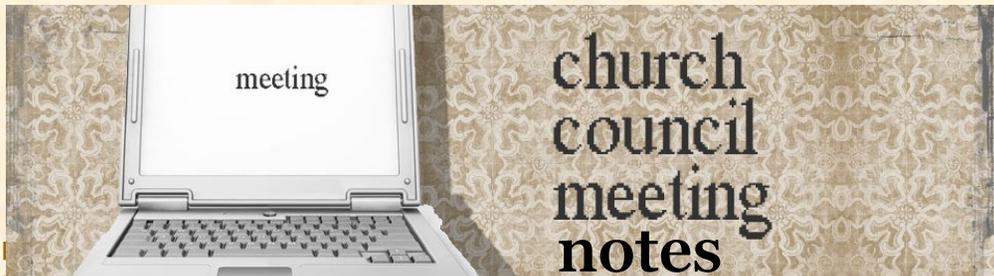
Andy Kalas 740-973-1143

WISH

Becky Campbell 740-501-2421

WISH II Quilt

Adrienne Anderson 740-404-4891



Church Council met virtually in a Zoom meeting on April 15th, 2021.

The following business took place:

To be flexible with all Council member's needs, it was approved to allocate \$1000 to upgrade to hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meeting accommodations. Items to be purchased include a Smart TV, microphone, and camera equipment.

Kathy Preston, Stewardship Ministry, stated that we have received \$41,381 in offering through April 11, 2021. Our offering goal is \$44,250. We have also received donations of \$1,140 for specific funds such as the Salvation Army, Building Fund, and Endowments. Jack Schmidt, Treasurer, reported we had \$31,204 in expenses for this year through March 31.

Amy Gartner, Membership and Outreach Ministry, will organize the Salvation Army Meal on May 2. She will ask the congregation for donations. The ministry provided a Zoom Jeopardy in March.

Bob Tucker, Trustees, and Reverend Scott Schieber will research and obtain a quote for bringing hybrid streaming into the Sanctuary. The goal is to obtain equipment that can be mounted to the wall and be controlled by our Technology Team in the room above the Sanctuary. We want the recording equipment to be placed strategically so as not to distract from the Worship Service. Copywrite licenses will be explored by Debbie Smetts. It was mentioned that we should continue streaming services even after the Pandemic is over. It makes our church more accessible to everyone, not just to those who can be there in person. It also allows for those who are serving the church, such as Sunday School teachers, to still hear the message and not miss out on church while working with our youth.

Mary Jo Layman, Care Ministry, reported that 16 cards were sent and five meals delivered. She is asking for the congregation to donate casseroles which can be put in the church freezer. Please label with date and contents.

Abby Shipley, Christian Education, reported that the Sunday School teachers "EGGED" the children for Easter. Bags stuffed with eggs and a church craft were dropped off at each child's home. Sunday school will return on April 18 (Scavenger Hunt), May 9 (Mother's Day), and May 23 (God Bless America). Bible School will be June 28-30 from 9-11 am. Snacks will be provided.

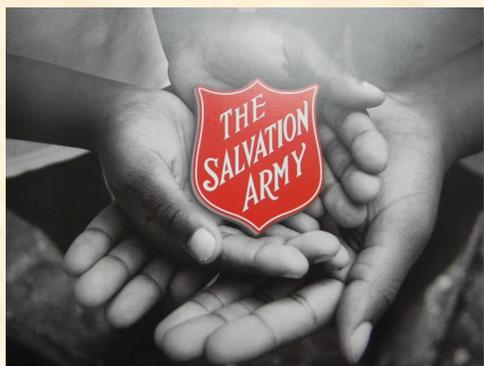
Janine Shipley, Worship & Music Ministry, amended the March minutes to clarify the following: In the absence of the Vocal Music/Praise Leader, an attempt to obtain an appropriate substitute will be made and will receive the same compensation. A 1099 form will be sent to anyone who is paid more than \$600 per year.

Bob Tucker, Trustees, reported that two raccoons have been caught. Dathan Case has been retained to mow our lawn this year. It was suggested to let more of the property be rented to farmers to decrease the lawn needed mowed.

Jackie Parrill, Moderator, reported that Sabbaticals are to be offered to our ministers and she will bring options to the next meeting after Pastoral Relations meets in May. Pastoral Relations are requesting input from the congregation prior to their May 6th meeting. The By-Laws should be updated by the May council meeting and if approved will be submitted to the congregation for final approval on June 27th at the Congregational Meeting.

Reverend Schieber stated he had concerns about pandemic guidelines being followed during Worship Services. A policy was approved to follow state mandates concerning the wearing of masks, social distancing and other covid protocol. Services will be offered at 8:30am in the Sanctuary beginning April 18th through Memorial Day. Summer services offered will begin June 6th at 9:30am.

Submitted by Janine Shipley.



Thank you Amy Gartner for
Organizing the meal served to
those in need at the Salvation
Army
May2nd



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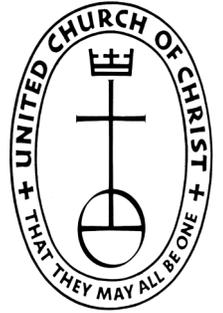
Phone : 740.745.1281

Jackie Parrill, Moderator 740-817-0295



Our doors will be open for 8:30a and 10:30a Sunday worship services through May. 8:30a in the Sanctuary and 10:30a in the Legg Center Please follow your emails and check out Facebook and the website for 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.



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Memorial Day– We Remember and Honor, for.....



The Pastoral Relations Committee is meeting on May 6th and welcomes your input and feedback prior to that date. The purpose of the committee is to let the pastor know what people in the church are thinking. To share your joys and concerns, please contact a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee no later than May 5th. Membership of the committee includes the Moderator (Jackie Parrill), the Chair of Care Ministry (MaryJo Layman), the Chair of Music and Worship Ministry (Janine Shipley); the Chair of the Trustees Ministry (Bob Tucker), and the Chair of the Stewardship and Finance (Kathy Preston).