



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."

June 2020



Philippians 1:9 quoted above is a tough verse as love is such an emotional thing in most of us.

Emotions can make the discerning process difficult.

Church Council met in early May and made a very tough decision. Even though many doors will be opening for the public, the consensus was to keep the doors at Highwater closed for the time being.

Many ideas were shared as possible practices, but because of our love of one another the probability of social distancing just did not seem realistic.

So we will continue to pray for the right time to gather together inside our church walls, but we will continue to share the love of Christ with one another through Facebook, YouTube, zooming and the act of just picking up the phone and giving someone who is on your mind a call.

Please view Pastor Scott on Sunday mornings at 10:30a on Facebook live. Continue to be uplifted in Spirit through the music that is such a gift from our Highwater musicians.

Continue to praise God and seek out ways you can bring Light into the lives of those around you. The next pages contain photos and information that show though the doors might be closed the light from within the hearts of Highwater is shining brightly without.

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.



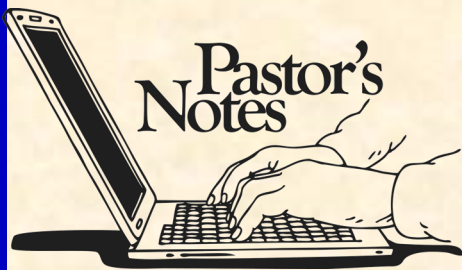
Sorry to announce Highwater VBS 2020 is Cancelled.

**As an alternative,
Please check out the UCC
Summer Camp 2.0**

**It's Templd Hills Virtual Camp
It's Free!**

Register now and you'll receive campers kits and be able to join in online through emails and zoom.

Just Click [HERE](#) for more information.



I walk around the building,

and in some ways, it's like time has frozen. Signs and pamphlets are all around the building, publicizing Lenten programs. A big bulletin board has a beautiful snowman and letters spelling, "Snow Many Reasons to Love Jesus" (I have noticed that snowman on a few 30 degree mornings in May, and with the building empty, no one can verify the words I had for that snowman!).

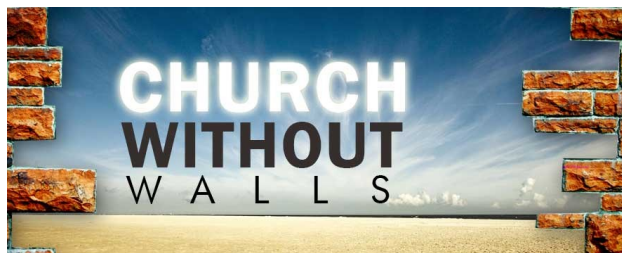
Some things have changed, and won't be changing back anytime soon. Mary Miller's backdrop stays set up in the narthex. Tripods, our most regular attenders, stay in the first pews. Through it all, each of us is learning to adapt. New technologies are a way of life for almost all of us, whether we like it or not. Certainly each of us is suffering from screen fatigue.

And I think back on this time. Each week during our Facebook Live broadcast, I try to mark how many weeks it has been since March 8, our last Sunday together. And we are trying to adapt, because we've been forced to adapt. The priorities of the church must change, just as the way we reach people has been changed. What hasn't changed is the need we have for human interaction. I've realized in the past few weeks how big of an extrovert I am, and the emotional toll that I and so many of us are paying now. If you are like me, you are starving for meaningful interaction, like we are used to getting every Sunday morning.

I remember on March 15, the first week we had to cancel in-person worship, that we were supposed to miss three weeks. Anyone else even remember that? I went headlong into Facebook chats at noon every day, then dropped a few days. Will and I started doing kids chats. We did zoom happy hours. Then something happened—simultaneously, people stopped watching (our views of everything from chats to worship have plummeted) and I ran out of ideas. It's hard to say which happened first. I am three hours from a week of vacation, even though I'm working less hours than I normally do. Still, I need the week, badly, in order to regroup emotionally and recharge creatively. I need to adjust to this new reality. So do you! When I return after Memorial Day, I'm going to promise more quality and less quantity. And I hope you'll keep watching, and when asked, you'll engage and respond. We need this interaction. We need each other, more than we ever have. And I just can't even wait to be together again, safely.

Peace,

Scott



Mission Movement

The doors are closed but we continue our community outreach :

The first Sunday of the month we continue to serve dinner at the Salvation Army. Before the Covid-19 Virus, our average meals served were around 100. Since the Covid-19 Virus we have been serving around 200 meals. Thank you to those who have organized, prepared and served these meals and thank you for the generosity of those that donated money to make all these meals happen. Through your current donations, we will be able to serve these meals through the summer and possibly the rest of the year.

Back to School Backpacks and Supplies

Going forward your monetary donations will be going to the special backpack outreach that is being sponsored by the Licking County Salvation Army. The goal is to raise \$10,000 throughout Licking County to purchase the backpacks and fill them with the necessary school supplies. Please make a note to direct your donation to the backpack fund.



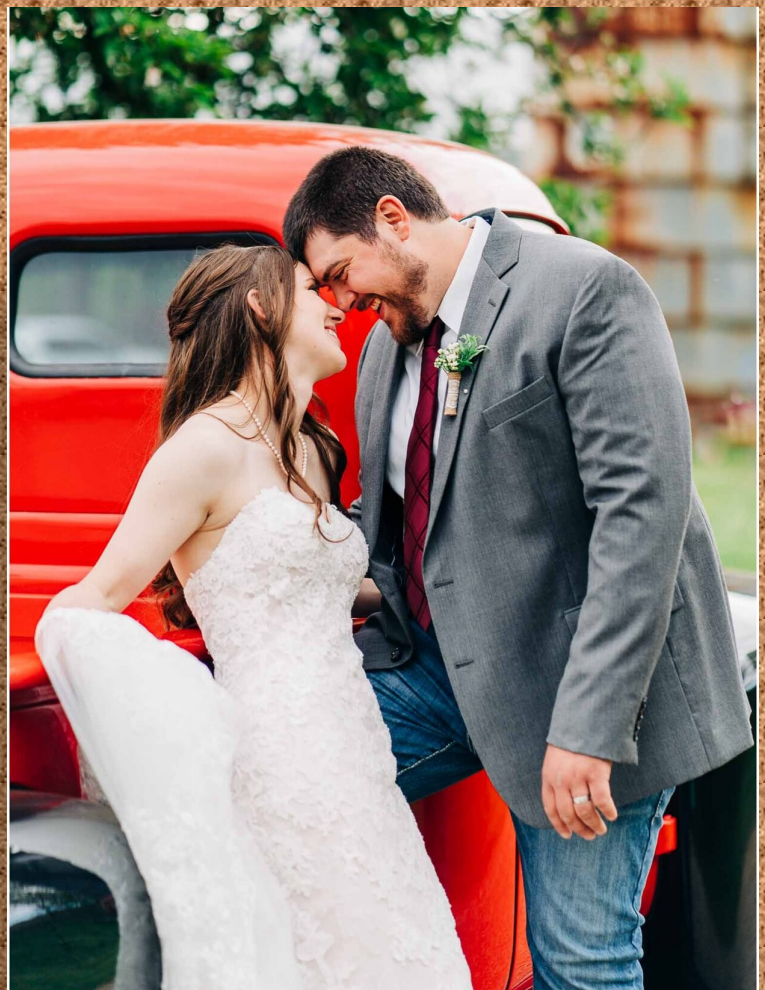
Happy Anniversary

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

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



Praises and Thanks to our loving God for the joyful celebration in marriage of Mr and Mrs Sam and Sarah Preston
 A small private gathering shared in the beginning of this young couple's journey together on Saturday, May 16th.
CONGRATULATIONS!



Video Communications

[Download the app HERE](#)

[Sign up](#)

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!



THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS And Helpers ! You are truly amazing!

Check out our
NEW WEBSITE!



Highwater Church

Debbie has been working with James Quinif of EMF Web Solutions over the past few months. If you haven't already seen the new site, it is up and running. Click [HERE](#) to view immediately. Please send in photos and articles to help keep the website fresh and exciting.



Sunday, June 21st

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2020 Graduates

Will Schieber

Graduate of Granville High School

Will attend Michigan State University

With the offer of a Professorial Assistanceship

Majoring in Neuroscience

Minoring in Biology

Then off to Med School

Some of Will's achievements include a 4.2 GPA, National Honor Society, Senior Class President, 12 athletic letters, Cum Laude Society and Captain of the Cross Country team

What a wonder to have watched them grow into such amazing young people.

For more information on these amazing young people, go to our [Facebook](#) page and watch their personal interviews with Pastor Scott.



Bekah Kalas

Graduate of Northridge High School

Will attend

the University of Mount Union

Majoring in Mathematics

Minoring in Coaching

Bekah will play Basketball for Mount Union

Some of Bekah's achievements include being a part of the Youth Leadership Council, Student Council Communications Director, National Honor Society and a lifelong involvement with the UCC Outdoor Ministries.



Both young people have been involved at High-water in leadership roles including VBS and Youth Group and Will has been our volunteer and chief puppeteer sharing laughter and joy with all ages.

WISH is proud to present both young people with a \$500 Scholarship and prayers of hope and success as they begin the next chapter in their life's journey.

Keep positive and continue to let your Light shine!



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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



Highwater Church served as a location for a Blood Drive on Sunday, May 17th.

20 units were collected and will be distributed to those in need.

Thank you for giving of yourselves in such a much needed way.

We will have another Drive on Sunday, July 12th . Click [HERE](#) to schedule now.

The Prayer Path is available for your use daily!



Blessings Received Through Giving

5/03	3,744.00
5/10	1,430.00
5/17	2,030.00



We are currently meeting our budget for giving. Thank you for supporting this church family with such open hearts!