



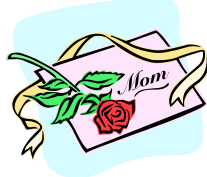
# The Heartbeat of Highwater

“Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

John 20:21-23

## May 2010

Happy Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 9th



### Toast to the Daughters

When you daughters were born and were first placed in my arms, it was Mother's day. As you lay in your cradles gooning and kicking, you were a delight. You held tight to my finger or grasped for things like dust in a sunbeam. You reached for tangible things, things I cherished that broke at your touch, and I have wept a mother's tears.

I have looked at many school pictures and have seen only the faces of you. I have sat in auditoriums where among a hundred performing children only you stood out.

I have scolded and paddled, laughed, applauded, and advised. I have cleansed scraped knees, removed numerous splinters, laced ice skates, and have tried to smooth hurt feelings. I have baked cookies and cakes, made hot chocolate, packed picnics, performed the many small joys for you that complicate and enrich a mother's life.

I have screamed at you in my impatience over unimportant things and have asked you to forgive me. I have been dismayed at words or deeds “good” children do not use or do, and it was mother's day when you said, “I'm sorry.”

Your father and I have shared you and delighted in the sharing. You're not only *my* helpers, but *daddy's*, too. We remember family days—days of love, of fun, of togetherness.

I have felt your kiss, heard your goodbye and saw you wave as you left the house to walk to school. You wondered what I would do during the day when you were all in school. You thought I'd be lonely and I was. The quiet of the house was so evident—

—until afternoon when you would come in the back door and call, “Hi Mom ! I'm home!”

I have felt pride as you baked your first cake or prepared your first meal, dressed for a party, or did something special in church school. I've watched you at work and at play and have seen you grow into young ladies—developing strength, independence and understanding under the guidance of our Lord and I have felt the tug of the “Silver Cord.”

I have given you over to others—to teachers, ministers, advisors, Camp Fire or Girl Scout leaders and have been grateful to them. The world claims you more and more.

You bring me a plant for Mother's Day—or a bottle of cologne or a box of stationary—and always a handmade card. By God's grace, I gave you life, and every fulfilling day since, you have given me back something wonderful of yourself on a succession of endless mother's days.

*This letter was written by Carolyn Claggett to her daughters on May 12, 1970. Thank you for sharing, Carolyn.*

**2010 Spring Hog Roast**

Meals	\$ 3000.00
Baskets	\$493.00
Market Table	\$201.55
Kids Carnival	\$59.00
Auction	\$6722.50
Net Total - \$10,476.05	

**Thank You Everyone !!**



Thank you Fred  
Grace and Dave  
Nash for this impor-  
tant addition to our  
Legg Center. May it  
serve to always re-  
mind us that we are  
...  
...*One Nation  
Under God...*”

*Memorial Day*

**Always Remember**

We bow our heads in silent  
grace;  
Proud to stand upon this  
place.  
To honor those who we love  
and lost;  
Whose lives were taken at  
such a cost.  
Through the pain and sorrow,  
for all the brave and true;  
To always be remembered by  
me and by you.  
To heal the minds and hearts,  
of those who still live;  
Always remembering what  
they had to give.  
Live your lives with pride in  
hearing what I say;  
May God bless and keep you  
on this and every day.

## **Congratulations Graduates**

**Graduation Sunday is May 23rd**

*Please fill out this form with information on yourself or a special someone you know and place it in the offering plate by Sunday, May 9th so we can be sure to offer our special prayers and recognition on May 23rd !*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate from / of: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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Happy Birthday to:

- 5/03 Randy Anderson
- 5/05 Bob Yoakam
- 5/06 John Tulloss
- 5/12 Quinn Kegler
- 5/13 Tom Baughman
- 5/14 Holly McKimmins
- 5/19 Ed Hoskinson
- 5/21 Jenifer Bruce
- 5/24 Pamela Bevier
- 5/24 Mary Perry
- 5/27 Bryan Payne
- 5/29 Kyle Anderson
- 5/31 Joann Torren



## Celebrations & Concerns

Prayers for those in need of healing:

Mary Dodsworth, Kay Davis, Betty Nash, Jim Farmer,  
Tom Siegel, Mary Field, Ned Campbell,  
Verna Ramondelli  
Andy Grace, Jason and Amanda Hover,  
Gerald Ashton Hazzard IV, Brody Brill  
Baby Boy Nicole, Alice Clary, Doug & Kelly Lopeman  
All current disaster victims and their families, and all who  
have worked and given to support their relief efforts  
Continued prayers:

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. We remember:

Mark Hoar Sid Shipley John Hale Dean Ashbrook

Happy Anniversary

- 5/06 Tom & Connie Baughman
- 5/11 Larry & Susan Steele
- 5/20 Hugh & Mary Field
- 5/20 Doug & Mary Martha Radabaugh
- 5/20 Nathan & Rita Kerr



Thank You Peggy Green....

35 years ago Peggy was asked to become our caretaker here at Highwater.

She, and her husband Jack, can be seen throughout the week inside and outside the church.

Peggy has a special fondness of lighthouses, and that is very fitting as she is one of many parts of

this wonderful family of faith that continues to keep the "Light" burning bright here at Highwater.

Thank you again Peggy...we hope to have you serve another 35 years!

Please join us on Sunday, May 2nd between services for some refreshments as we recognize Peggy's service to Highwater.

**Pentecost**  
**Sunday, May 23rd**

*Sam Hamilton-Poore*

*His personal inspiration on The Holy Spirit*

In John's Gospel, Chapter 20. The Risen Jesus appears to his disciples and, after blessing them with his peace, breathes upon them. The Greek word for "breath" is *pneuma*, also translated as "spirit". Jesus in-spirits/inspires them with his own breath/spirit/Spirit-then he authorizes them for the mission of forgiving sins.

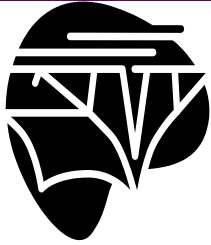
Closer to us than our own breath and breathing, the Risen Christ fills us with his own Spirit-quietly, intimately. With this breath, this power, we then go about the everyday, unspectacular, grubby work (and it is work) of forgiveness. Breathe, forgive; breathe, forgive; breathe, forgive.

.....Although we often long for the dazzling or spectacular, we live in a time, a world, in need of people who breathe in, regularly, the quiet power and grace of Christ's Spirit-and people who, likewise, breathe out, regularly, the power and grace of forgiveness. Our world-so spectacularly broken and burning -needs people for whom reconciliation is as normal and natural as breathing.



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 Mark Your Calendar  
 VBS July 12 - 16!  
 More details inside

WISH to Host  
 Homer Alumni  
 Banquet  
 Saturday, May 22nd  
 7:00p.m.



The UCC has two camps in Ohio, and offers over fifty different camp opportunities. See information on bulletin board or call Elli Kalas at 740-973-3580. Highwater Church has some camp scholarships available. Camps begin June 21st!

**Sunday Schedule**  
 Worship - 8:30 & 10:30a.m.  
 Faith Formation - 9:30a.m.  
 Children's Church - 10:30a.m.  
 Youth Group

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**Did You Know?**

- ♦ Flowers for the month of **May** are donated by **Dick and Carol Hoar** in honor of their families.
- ♦ Greeting us with the love of Christ in the month of **May** are **Tom and Jane Lake**
- ♦ Acolytes for **May**: **Evan Rowe and Rachel Vaughan, Megan Payne, Grant and Avery Ellis, Max Crain, and Rebekah Kalas**

**Office Hours :** Tuesday 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.  
 Thursday 2:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.

**Planning an Event? Use the LEGG Center**  
 Call Peggy Green at 740-892-3235 for rates, information and to reserve your date. And, if you want to use Highwater's tables, chairs, or other assets, please be sure to check first, and sign them out with both a departure date and a due-back date.

**WISH Dinner / Meeting**  
 Monday, May 10th  
 Damon's in Newark @ 6:30p.m.

The "Little Red Wagon"  
 Pick-up for Utica Food Pantry  
 Sunday, May 30, 10:30 service  
 Please have your non-perishables ready!!

**Giving & Attendance**

3/28	\$ 2,514.00	95
4/04	3,876.08	189
4/11	1,931.00	95
4/18	3,101.00	106
Need Weekly for Budget		\$2,255.00
YTD		\$ 846.00