

THE TOWERS

201 S. Main St., West Milton, Ohio 45383

April 2018

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A Meal Reveal

Luke 24:30-35 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Hello Friends,

This is yet another favorite account for me. Those who were on their way to Emmaus ended adding to the testimony of Christ's Resurrection.

Around Easter we nearly always read about the supporting cast of the Gospels, as the 11 remaining disciples process the news of the empty tomb. Here we have "other" followers of Jesus, those who aren't named, not identified, just ones who had put their trust in Jesus, and then things seemed to go all wrong. As they are walking home, probably wondering what they were going to do next, a stranger starts walking with them. He talks with them about the Christ (Messiah), and all the Scriptures referring to this promised one, and these disciples encounter a traveling Bible Study, one arguably more inspiring than any study we have ever experienced in a classroom or sanctuary.

I have had a couple people in my entire life who, when they are talking about the Holy Scriptures, my heart burns within me, and joins their passion for it. I hope you have had someone, or some people, who have had that impact on you in your spiritual journey.

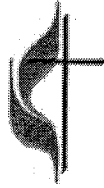
That being said, as inspiring as that was, and as wondrous as it was for these disciples whose hope had been shattered....that was NOT when they recognized Jesus. Think about that for a moment (or, "SELAH," for those who were present for the "Wrath" sermon :-). While discussing Scripture, and while talking about prophecies concerning HIMSELF, Jesus wasn't recognized. When was he identified? When they sat down to eat, and he gave thanks and broke the bread, THEN they recognized Jesus. Now, let's be honest, we "churchy" folks might assume this was a moment of them celebrating Holy Communion, but all the Scripture tells us is they were at the table (after a journey) and Jesus broke the bread... This wasn't a Passover meal, and the bread may or may not have been unleavened. It was merely 3 persons sharing a meal together, and Christ was revealed. Isn't that amazing?

On April 29, we are going to do something fun, enlivening, and likely somewhat uncomfortable. We are going to have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE that morning, at 10am, and both music styles will be represented. This is planned to

be in the sanctuary, hence the "somewhat uncomfortable." Now, to be clear, this is not a part of a plan to change worship styles or our current services, it is merely an opportunity for us to Worship together as One Body. After the service, I am hopeful the weather will allow us to take a group picture together in front of our building, and then we will share in a meal together in the Activity Center. The meal will be simple, and served by our Good Works Mission Trip Team, but more important, we will get to share together in food and fellowship, and my prayer is that Jesus will be recognized as we bless and break bread together.

While looking forward to the heartburn before the meal, I am, In His Service and yours,

UNITY SUNDAY
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
April 29, 2018 10:00am



Hoffman United Methodist Church

March 2018

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Tina Mathews led devotions, which is from 2 Timothy. As the song goes, "There is Power in the Name of Jesus, Break Every Chain!" We are the fan that fuels the flame of the faith. Remember where you've been and where you need to go.

Mission/Ministry Update

Joe Knostman spoke about the youth group. There are 11 kids going thru confirmation. This curriculum used the power of others, meaning those youth were matched with another disciple of faith. This allows the kids to see the mentor's faith based lifestyle and model theirs after. They are looking into June or July for the confirmation classes to conclude, with services to reflect this. There is an average of 20 kids on Sunday evenings. 8-9 of those attend church at Hoffman. The need for adult volunteers has been met. If numbers keep rising there may be another call for help. There have been plenty of events in 2018, with a Dayton Dragons party deck coming in April. There are 5 youth going on the mission trip this year, the goal is to get 4 more.

Staff/Parish Relations

Carol Storer and Cindy Johnston sat with Pastor Robbie to go over the employee handbook as well as Safe Sanctuary Policies. These final documents will go to district for review.

Guiding Principles

Tina Mathews is discussing a Ministry Teams Report. This will allow the church to know if there are any areas within the ministry teams that need looked at. Leah Blackburn has been working on a Church Satisfaction Survey. Look for that in the April Towers.

Meeting Attendees

John Ankerman, Pastor Robbie Scott, Dick Martens, Les Trittschuh, Leah Blackburn, Tina Matthews, Cindy Johnston, Richard Smith, David Jay, Val McKay

Trustees

There was an emergency need for a furnace replacement in the parsonage.

The trustees are looking at putting some type of divider wall at the bottom of the steps so the classrooms aren't disturbed by the sounds in the sanctuary.

It was called to the attention of the trustees that the chair lift requires yearly maintenance as well as a yearly state inspection.

There is a work day scheduled for April 7th for those spring duties of mulching, trimming, and other various activities. Spring is coming!

The West Milton Fire Department recently walked thru the church. Allowing them to familiarize their selves in case of emergency.

Keep up the good work trustees!

Pastors Report

February attendance average was 147.

Pam is working on the Mission Trip scheduled this summer. She is lead on the trip preparations.

Lydia May Garrett is doing well. Becky intends to resume sharing Children's Messages on Palm Sunday.

Communion will be served on Palm Sunday this year. At Sunrise Service on Easter, Communion will also be served.

The announcement screen is functioning properly. Live feed is on its way.

The next series will begin on Easter Sunday and is called "Laughing with God".

**Hoffman United Methodist Church (HUMC)
Church Satisfaction Survey**

Please circle the number that corresponds with your level of agreement.
Strongly Disagree = 1 Strongly Agree = 10

Please fill out only 1 per person. Return to 201 S Main St. West Milton, OH 45383 or put in baskets at either sanctuary entrance.
Please return by April 22, 2018.

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| 1. Overall, I am satisfied as a member/ regular attender of HUMC. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 2. HUMC worship services are an excellent way to connect with God each week. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 3. HUMC cares about its members/attenders. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 4. I am provided opportunities for spiritual growth and leadership. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 5. I know how to connect with classes and small groups for spiritual growth. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 6. I believe HUMC cares about the spiritual development of my family. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 7. HUMC is welcoming to visitors and new church members. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 8. I understand the process of becoming a member of Hoffman. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 9. There is good communication of events, mission, and ministries. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 10. I understand how to connect with a ministry as a volunteer. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| 11. I believe our outreach into the community is good. | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

12. Please tell us how Hoffman United Methodist could better serve you and the community.

Comments: _____

(Optional) Name _____

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN April 2018 MENU

HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

201 S. MAIN STREET, WEST MILTON 698-4401 Website: HoffmanUMC.org

SERVING MOST WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING AT 5:00 to 6:15 P.M.

PUBLIC INVITED CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE \$7 DONATION PER MEAL Kids Meal \$3

April 4th Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Jello Cake

April 11th Pork Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Hot Apples
Cookie

April 18th
Chicken Casserole
Green Beans
Slaw
Peach shortcake

April 25th
Polish Sausage
Cheesy potatoes
California salad
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change



Respectfully

UNITY SUNDAY

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

April 29, 2018 10:00am

Serving Schedule

- Apr 1st** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Sharon Trittschuh's birthday
7:00 Sunrise Service **7:45 Easter Breakfast**
9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay **Greeters:** Nadine Thompson & Nancy Lightcap
Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spittler **Hospitality:** Tim & Janet B..
Nursery: 10:15 Kim D. & Teesha B. / 11:15 Jill C. & Becky G.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy Koeller **Scripture Reader:** Norman H. **Sound:** Eric M.
Ushers: Les & Sharon T. and John A. **Media:** Norman H.
- Apr 8th** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Jim & Audrey Scammahorn's 62nd anniversary
9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey **Greeters:** Bill & Judy Brown
Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Nancy S. & Kathy K.
Nursery: 10:15 Marcia C. & Lesli R. / 11:15 Kathy Koeller and Cliff & Katie P.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Lisa W. and Dick & Mary Ann M, **Scripture Reader:** Julia C. **Sound:** Jill C.
Ushers: Julia C., Ben G., Sally & Paul Miller **Media:** Norman H.
- Apr 15th** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Nate & Brittany Ankerman's birthdays, from John & Anita
9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Nancy Studebaker & Richard Smith
Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** John & Carol C.
Nursery: 10:15 Jill C. & Patti W. / 11:15 Emily K. & Jennifer K.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Kathy W. and Amanda B. **Scripture Reader:** Valerie M. **Sound:** Norman H.
Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B. **Media:**
- Apr 22nd** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Les & Sharon Trittschuh's 49th anniversary
9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle **Greeters:** Carol Bailey & Carol Storer
Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn **Hospitality:** Tom & Janet W.
Nursery: 10:15 Eric & Johanna M. / 11:15 Megan B. & Ben G.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Sally & Paul M. **Scripture Reader:** Dean B. **Sound:** Norman H.
Ushers: Mike & Denise S. and Lisa W. **Media:** Valerie M.
- Apr 29th Unity Sunday** — Altar flowers are open
10:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Patti & Courtney W. and Carol B.
Ushers: Steve Kraus & Kay Wagner **Hospitality:** Phil & Karen M.
Nursery: 10:00 Julia C. & Ben G. **Sound:** Norman H.
Media:

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary
April 2018

4th - Sharon Trittschuh
 Jerry & Libby Richards (37 yrs)
 5th - Ian Bryson
 6th - Mackenzie Hayes
 Sherynne King
 Lesli Raines
 8th - Sophia Blackburn
 9th - Becky Baker
 Sergei Brubaker
 12th - Valaria Harshbarger
 13th - Shane Todd
 14th - Jim & Audrey Scammahorn (62 yrs)
 15th - Tom Kinsey
 Cindy Johnston



16th - Libby Richards
 17th - Terry & Charlene Beetley (53 yrs)
 Darin & Patti Wion (25 yrs)
 19th - Dixie Porter
 21st - Marilyn Yount
 22nd - Nate Ankerman
 Barb Frazier
 Jennifer Knostman
 Tom Weeks
 24th - Cooper Dohrman
 25th - Vicky Hause
 26th - Jessica Sanderson
 Lester & Sharon Trittschuh (49 yrs)
 28th - Michael Barnes

Hoffman United Methodist Church

Apr 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <div>Easter</div> <div>7 am - Sunrise</div> <div>7:45am - Breakfast</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div>	<div>2</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts - B</div> <div>7pm - Visitation</div> <div>7pm - Y. Spirits Mtg.</div>	<div>3</div> <div>11am - Women's</div> <div>6:30pm - Bell Choir</div> <div>6:30pm - Men's</div> <div>7pm - Trustee Mtg. -</div>	<div>4</div> <div>9 am - Women's</div> <div>5pm - Grandma's</div> <div>6:30pm - Ladies</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>5</div> <div>12:30pm - W Design</div> <div>7pm - Cub Scouts -</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9 am - Work Day</div>
<div>8</div> <div>9am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div> <div>2pm - Private Party</div> <div>6:30pm - Ignite</div>	<div>9</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts - B</div>	<div>10</div> <div>6:30pm - Bell Choir</div> <div>6:30pm - Men's</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9 am - Women's</div> <div>5pm - Grandma's</div> <div>6:30pm - Ladies</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>12</div> <div>7pm - Cub Scouts -</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
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People to remember in prayer:



Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Wilma Johnston as she passed away on February 25, 2018

At Home: Phil Blue, Nan Guthrie, Valaria Harshbarger, Eldon Hoke, Dick & Eugenie Markley,
Joetta Perry, Shirley Richhart and Katie Weeks

At Centers:

Reba Hellard, 3151 Orders Road, Grove City OH 43132

John Jackson, 46 Lavender Pl, Tipp City OH 45371

Christine Moreland Pruitt, Brookdale Place, 95 Wenger Rd., Apt 310 Englewood, OH 45322,

Jean Truitt, Wedgewood Estates of Mansfield, 6005 Trimble Rd, Rm 101, Mansfield OH 44906

Please remember all of our shut-ins with cards and prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANK YOU

Congratulations a Baby Girl!

Lydia May Garrett was born on February 26th
weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz. and 20" long.

Parents: Ben & Becky Garrett Big brother: Matthew
Grandparents: Mike & Jill Circle and Scott & Cindy Johnston

To our Hoffman Church family, thank you for your prayers
and cards during Bill's hospitalization and my bout with the
flu in February. We feel blessed to be part of such a caring
church family. Bill & Judy Brown

Thank you everyone who purchased and who helped by selling the Methodist Men's sausage this year. This was our 30th Year of
our sausage fundraiser and we once again had a very successful project. And of course we must congratulate Les Trittschuh
who was our top salesman, I should also mention that Les sold less than last year but his less was way more than the ALL of the
rest of the sales people added together. Thanks again Les, another good job.

Thank you so much to our church family for your cards and condolences in the loss of Scott's mother, Wilma Johnson. She loved
our church tremendously and will be greatly missed by all of us. In God's Love, Scott and City Johnson
Ben, Becky, Matthew & Lydia Garrett

Emmaus Woman's Share Group

starting at Hoffman UMC on Tuesday, April 3rd at 11
a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. All women are
welcome to attend.

Contact Elaine Pickering at 698-5192.

Hoffman Church Photo

April 29th

after the 10:00 a.m. Unity Service

be sure to attend if you want to be included in the
Hoffman Church group picture.

Mark Your Calendars! Church Garage Sale

June 14th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

When doing your Spring cleaning, remember to save your unwanted sellable items for the sale.

APRIL "BODY" HEALTH

2018 ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

"to prepare God's people for works of service so
that the body of Christ may be built up..." Eph. 4:12

Contact: Pam Hitchcock
937-698-6511
pamhitchcock@hoffmanumc.org



Time to Think LUNCH BUNCH!

Lunch Bunch is only two months away, and it is not too early for everyone to be praying about how God might use you for six weeks this summer. We will have a BIG need for the following:

- **A Super-Shopper** who will, every two weeks, take an inventory of supplies and then go shopping. If you love to shop with other people's money—this job is for you!
- **Kitchen Coordinator**—menus provided!
- **Kitchen Workers**—preparers and servers
- **Crafty people**—to do Bible -related crafts
- **Coordinator** for 2019, to learn the "ropes" in 2018

Pray and then give me a call or drop me an email (at the contact information above)! We will meet in May to organize, so stay tuned...

Future 2018 Emmaus Walks

See me or others who have been on Emmaus walks for more information.

Women's #104 - Jul 19-22 at Sulphur Grove UMC

Men's #66 - Aug 23-26 at Sulphur Grove UMC,

Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church
7505 Taylorsville Road,
Huber Heights, OH 45424



God's Special Time

Kairos Prison Ministry says:

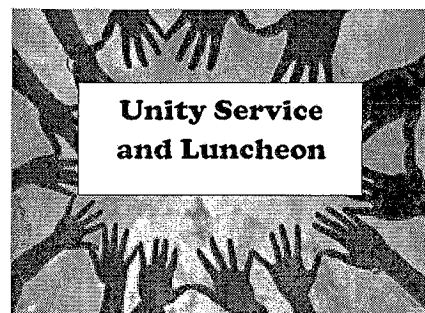
"Thanks for the cookies and the prayers!"

Thanks for all of the beautiful birthday wishes and cards!
It was nice to be remembered and blessed by so many.
Pam



Summer Family Mission Trip **UPDATES**

NEXT Meeting Sunday, April 15th @12:30
In Rooms 2-3 (Multi-purpose)



Unity Service and Meal April 29th
Bringing Together
First and Second Services
AND
Supporting the Mission Team

There will be one service at 10AM in the Sanctuary, followed by a meal at approximately 11:30AM in the Activity Center, sponsored by the Mission Team.

An all-church photo will also be done that day, so be sure to come and be included!

Sunday school will be at 9AM that day, for those classes who have chosen to meet.

The mission team will serve a Pasta Luncheon after the Unity Service *for donation only*. They will provide everything! All you have to do is come and enjoy the fellowship; get to know those from the other worship services and *support the Mission Team* in their efforts to raise money for their Summer Mission Trip!

SPARK!

children's ministry

"Jesus said, "Let the little **children** come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

WOW!! I can't believe that it is already April. I wanted to express my appreciation and say thank you to everyone who helped with the nursery, elementary and preschool classes while I was on "maternity leave." We have amazing volunteers at Hoffman.

I am excited for the next few months. Events coming soon for our children's ministry:

Family Fun Day

Kid's Hope End of the Year Party

Kid's Club 2018

Dates and times will be coming soon. I am sure that clipboards will be seen soon also.

Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:10

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Preschool Children's
Church Hour

11:15-12:15

Children's Director: Becky Garrett
ragarrett15@gmail.com
937-524-7220

NO Ignite

April 1
(Easter)

Dayton Dragon's Game

Friday, April 27
@ 7pm, \$10

Ignite

Grades 6-12
Sundays
6:30-8:30 pm

Youth Director: Joseph Knostman
JosephKnostman@hoffmanumc.org
937-573-7212

Spring has arrived!...I think?

"Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

Songs of Sol. 2:12



In honor of Easter, there will be no Ignite on Sunday, April 1. Enjoy celebrating the holiday with your families. He is Risen! We will still be holding Ignite on April 8, even though it is the tail end of spring break, hopefully we will see most of you!

Even though the deadline has passed, we can still make room for you for the summer mission trip, June 17-23. It's not too late to join! There will be plenty of fundraising opportunities, so don't let the cost deter you. Sunday, April 15 @ 12:30 will be our next meeting.

Friday, April 27 we will be going to the Dayton Dragon's game! Tickets are only \$10, invite your family and friends!

Also please join us for Unity Sunday, April 29. We will have a combined church service at 10:00 am, with a donation lunch to follow at 11:30. All proceeds benefit the mission trip.

And, please keep our confirmation youth and mentors in your prayers as they dig deeper into the faith over the next few months.

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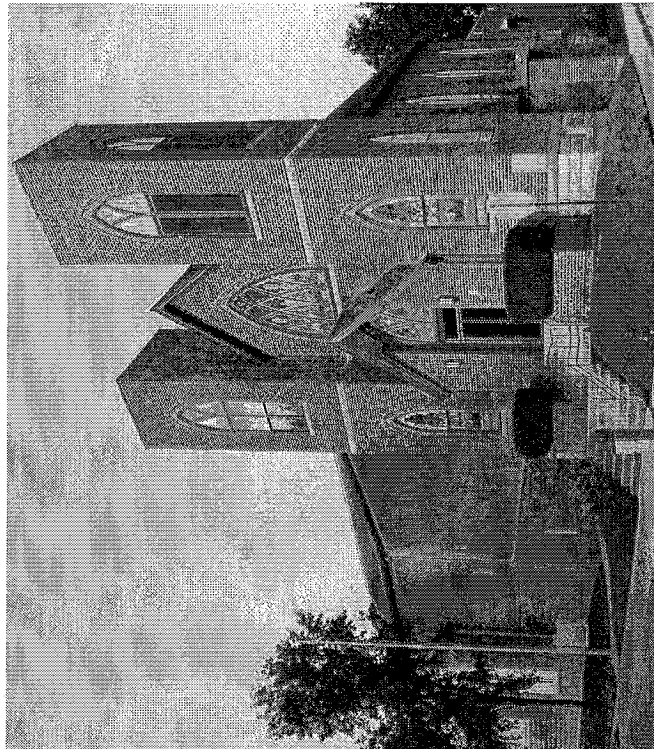
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HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Time: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor Robbie Scott