

THE TOWERS

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

January 2018

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

2018: A Time of Opportunity

Psalm 78:1-4 O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old-- ³ what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

Hello Friends,

As I write this, I am still coming to grips with the reality that 2017 is coming to an end, and 2018 is beginning. It seems recently each year end brings moments of reflection for what has transpired. One of the things we notice as we look back is how it can impact the way we look forward. The growth in our children and youth ministries are impacting plans for 2018.

Psalms 78 encourages us to continue telling our faith stories to the next generation.

Since 2014, possibly earlier, Hoffman has desired to have confirmation classes for our youth. This has proven to be a difficult task, slowed even more by the transition in Youth Ministry Leadership. What I am asking from you is for prayers and support for this work, as well as some information. We have a number of youth who were baptized as infants, and we have youth who have not been baptized but have been growing in faith. We will need to know how many total we will be scheduling. We ALSO are going to need members willing to be a mentors for the several weeks of the classes. but want to make certain how many to plan for. Please know the primary requirements for a mentor are faith, a desire to help our youth, and a common time we can all come together. The youth and mentor will go over various faith topics together, and will likely learn and grow together through this process.



Another aiming point for 2018 comes from Becky Garrett and I having two ideas that are feeding each other. We have been blessed in recent years with very young children, and have tried to respond to the added needs that joy brings. With our limited volunteer resources, it has caused our worship ministry to be reshaped, from having "Children's Church" to having "Preschool Children's Church," simply from the sheer volume of young children. With more infants on the horizon, we are looking ahead to the challenges of young parents,

challenges in providing not only ministry space, but also private space for personal care during worship.

People around the church can tell you I can get too technical when describing some projects, but long story short, we hope to make a live video feed (in HD) of worship available in multiple rooms, expanding from the Nursery and adding other rooms for needs such as infant feedings, a crying room, etc. We may even have an opportunity to have that

live feed available online. With sports and other competitions involving our youth and children, Sundays are becoming more and more scheduled for our families who are committed to the church, but are also committed to supporting their children. Having an online presence to experience worship wherever one is on Sunday may give families spiritual encouragement they need when they can't be present in the sanctuary. It may also encourage those whose health doesn't permit their attendance. Like all ministries, I invite your prayers, but hands and feet may also be needed to make these ideas come to life. Thank you for all the ways you serve and encourage. 2018 already looks to be a very exciting year for ministry at Hoffman, and I'm excited to share it with you. May God bless our efforts to faith stories with all generations in West Milton and beyond.

In His Service and Yours,

People to remember in prayer:

Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Loyd Shaeffer, as he passed away on December 1, 2017

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

At Centers: Jean Brown, Brookdale Place, 95 Wenger Rd., Rm 1107, Englewood, OH 45322
Alma Butt, Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Ave., Dayton OH 45420
Reba Hellard, 3151 Orders Road, Grove City OH 43132
John Jackson, 46 Lavender Pl, Tipp City OH 45371
Wilma Johnston, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 39, Troy OH 45373
Christine and Jim 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
Katie Weeks, 1746 E Silver Star Road #525, Ocoee, FL 34761

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

THANKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special thanks to Anne Kinsey and Wilma Fryman for folding and labeling the *Towers*. This issue will be the last one you will prepare for mailing. We appreciate your willingness to help with this task and will miss you coming in each month in 2018.

Special "thanks" to David Hayes for changing the message on the church sign. We appreciate you!

I want to thank everyone who contributed to my Christmas bonus. You were indeed generous. It is such a pleasure and honor to serve Hoffman and I treasure the memories that have been created here. May God continue to bless this congregation. Norman Hiester

***Volunteers needed** to fold and label the "Towers" newsletter on the last Thursday of each month. With 2 or 3 volunteers it only takes about 1 hour. Contact JoAnn 698-4401 or humchurch@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

I am blessed in so many ways being a part of the staff here at Hoffman UMC! I enjoy working with our awesome staff, and after almost 17 years I continue to be amazed at the generosity of all of you. You continually give and give and give! Thank you for the very generous Christmas bonus and for being generous with your time and your gifts as we serve God together.
Yours in Christ, Pam Hitchcock

To all my church family and friends, old and new, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Happy New Year. Sherynne King

I give thanks for my job at Hoffman UMC quite often, but I especially like taking the time at the holiday season to remind you how truly wonderful you are and how blessed I am because you are a part of my life? I continue to thank God for blessing me with the honor of serving you for so many years. Your Christmas gifts, cards, and generous Christmas bonus are very much appreciated. Have a wonderful Christmas and a glorious New Year! JoAnn



JANUARY "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



Visitation Team Ministry

Hoffman Church has a Visitation Team ministry that was formed nearly twelve years ago. We visit homebound persons or those who are in retirement or assisted living communities, rehab centers or those who need nursing assistance.

We serve mostly in teams of two visitors and each team usually visits two to three persons per month. We also send cards to people who prefer a card over a visit, or who have moved a distance away. Visits are from half an hour to an hour and are arranged at the convenience of the person visited and the visitor.

The most important mission of the team is to keep our people connected to the church, the members, the activities and their faith. We also offer them communion and pray with them.

Anyone who would be interested in becoming a visitor should contact Kay Wagner (332-0345). Anyone who would like to be visited, or who knows of a person who would benefit from a visit, please contact the church office (698-4401).

Bible Studies Resume

6:30P Tuesday, Young Women's Group begins again, January 9th. Lesli Raines leads this session.

9A Wednesday Women's Group starts back up on January 10th, doing a study called "The Good Book", a Kyle Idleman overview of the themes of God in the Bible. Nancy Kinnison is the contact.

6:30P Wednesday Evening Women's Group begins again on January 10th. They will be studying the Max Lucado "Life Book" series on Acts. Contact Pam 698-6511.

6:30P Tuesday Men's Group: *Is on break and will start again March 13th.*



Summer Family Mission Trip UPDATES

NEXT Meeting Sunday, Jan. 7th @12:30

There is still time to join the team—attend the meeting Jan. 7th to hear all of the details. Remember children of all ages are welcome, however under the age of 12 they must be accompanied by a parent—thus "Family" Mission Trip.

Order Subs and Pizzas for your Super Bowl Party!

- Starting January 7th, you can order delicious subs and pizzas, made for us by Tom's Pizza. Mission team members will be taking your orders or you can order at the Information table outside of the church office. Subs will be available on Saturday, Feb. 3rd for pick up at the church.
- Stay tuned for a Mission Team Bake Sale coming in February or March!

Thank You! Thank you to those who bought Christmas wreaths, sprays and blankets to support the mission team. Also thanks to Ole Tyme Wreath Factory for working with us through Jennifer Keller and her sister.

Donation Center And Lost and Found

DID YOU KNOW? There is a table with two roll out carts outside of Pastor Robbie's office? One cart is a LOST and FOUND, so if you have lost something, be sure to check it out! The other cart is for FISH.

For FISH: All year- long you can donate to the FISH of Union Township food pantry with non-perishable food items. Put them in the roll out cart marked "FISH".

For Ronald McDonald House: Save your pop tabs and leave them in the marked basket on this table.

For The Lion's Club: Donate your used glasses. Put them in the marked basket.

For M-U Schools: Clip the "Box-tops for Education" coupons on various foods. Put in the marked basket.

SPARK!

children's ministry

2017 was an AWESOME year for our children!

What an amazing year we have had! We started 2017 with having a Family Fun Night. We had a clothing drive over Palm Sunday weekend for the Family Abuse Shelter. Kids Club had an awesome summer of traveling and learning about how much God loves each one of them. Kids Hope started up again in the fall and we currently have 8 mentors working each week with students in the elementary school. We had another Family Fun Day in September with lots of food and laughter! We ended the year with Trunk or Treat, a Kids Hope Christmas Party and a wonderful Christmas Play.

I am looking forward to what 2018 has in store for the children of our church. Thank you so much to all our congregation for showing love and guidance to our children through volunteering and praying for them.

Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:10

...

K- Preschool
Children's Church
Hour

11:15-12:15

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

**2018 Snack Hosts
needed**

**Sign up on Ignite
bulletin board**

...

**Sunday night
volunteers needed to
help lead small
groups with youth
and run
game/activity
See Joseph**

Youth Director: Joseph Knostman
knostmanj@gmail.com
937-573-7212

2017 State of the Ignite!

*Time may fly, but the memories
made by Ignite will not! Thanks to
all who helped make these
memories possible for the youth!*



2017 was a fantastically, fun-filled year! We kicked the year off in January with a **Bowling** trip sponsored by the Methodist Men. In February we took a mini-bus load of kiddos to **Winter Jam**; Christian concert in Cincinnati. We slid are way through March, **roller-skating** at Piqua 36 on Church Night! In April, we went to **TWO Dragons games**, one being in the Dragon's Liar, where we partied, ate from the unlimited food bar, and watched the game! In June, twelve of us traveled to Tennessee and Georgia for a week's long worth of **mission work**. Summer consisted of **bonfires** and a **Pool Party/cookout** at the Benkert's. Fall was filled with **corn maze** and adventure at VanDemark Farms and **pumpkin carving** at the Knostmans'. We wrapped up the year with a trip to the **theatres** and **feast** at the Wions' household.

Serving Schedule

Jan 7th – Altar flowers are open

9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay

Greeters: Nadine Thompson & Nancy Lightcap

Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spittler

Hospitality: Kay Wagner & Steve Kraus

Nursery: 10:15 Kim D. & Teesha B. / 11:15 Jill C. & Wendy H.

11:15 Greeters: Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy Koeller

Scripture Reader: Norman H.

Sound: Eric M.

Ushers: Les & Sharon T. and John A.

Welcome Center: ???

Media: Norman H.

Jan 14th – Altar flowers are in celebration of Ben Garrett's birthday

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey

Greeters: Bill & Judy Brown

Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Chris & Linda Long

Nursery: 10:15 Marcia C. & Lesli R. / 11:15 Kathy Koeller and Cliff & Katie P.

11:15 Greeters: Lisa W., Dick & Mary Ann Martens **Scripture Reader:** Patti W.

Sound: Jill C.

Ushers: Julia C., Ben G., Sally & Paul Miller **Welcome Center:** Patti & Courtney W.

Media: Norman H.

Jan 21st – Altar flowers are in celebration of & Melisa Ankerman's birthday, from John & Anita

9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh

Greeters: Nancy Studebaker & Richard Smith

Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** Joe & Leah Blackburn

Nursery: 10:15 Jill C. & Patti W. / 11:15 Emily K. & Jennifer Knostman

11:15 Greeters: Kathy Watkins

Scripture Reader: Matt B.

Sound: Norman H.

Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B.

Welcome Center: Mike & Denise S.

Media: Michael B.

Jan 28th – Altar flowers are in open

9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle

Greeters: Carol Bailey & Carol Storer

Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn

Hospitality: Nancy Studebaker & Kathy Koeller

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.

Welcome Center: Kathy Koeller

Media: Valerie M.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary January 2018

2nd Andrew Circle
Lily Hayes
4th Kate Guittar
5th Bob & Nancy Mills (50 yrs)
6th Jim Watkins
8th Jean Truitt
12th Elaine Iddings
13th David Mitchell
Kay Wagner
14th Nancy Curry
Patti Wion
15th Tom & Nancy Wolf (53 yrs)
16th Cheryl Swartz
18th Ben Garrett
19th Greg Raines



21st Paul Miller, Sr.
Bob Mills
Shawn & Shari Williams (4 yrs)
22nd Jim Pruitt
Courtney Wion
23rd John Carter
Audrey Scammahorn
Bridget Scott
24th Cheyenne Barnes
25th Matt Ankerman
Lindsay (Hagemeyer) Roock
27th Emma Knostman
28th Tom & Kathy Kinsey (34 yrs)
29th Denise Sanderson
31st Lauren Everage

Hoffman United Methodist Church

Jan 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>31</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div>	<div>1</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts - B</div>	<div>2</div> <div>6:30pm - Bell Choir</div> <div>7pm - Trustee Mtg. -</div>	<div>3</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>4</div> <div>12:30pm - W Design</div> <div>7pm - Cub Scouts -</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>12pm - Y. Spirits - A.</div>
<div>7</div> <div>Communion</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div> <div>12:30pm - Mission</div> <div>1pm - Private Party</div> <div>6:30pm - Ignite</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts - B</div> <div>7pm - Visitation</div> <div>7pm - Y. Spirits Mtg.</div>	<div>9</div> <div>6:30pm - Bell Choir</div> <div>6:30pm - Women's</div>	<div>10</div> <div>9am - Women's</div> <div>6:30pm - Ladies</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>11</div> <div>7pm - Cub Scouts -</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <div>12pm - Y. Spirits - A.</div>
<div>14</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div> <div>6:30pm - Ignite</div>	<div>15</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts - B</div>	<div>16</div> <div>6:30pm - Bell Choir</div> <div>6:30pm - Women's</div>	<div>17</div> <div>9am - Women's</div> <div>6:30pm - Ladies</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Towers' Deadline</div> <div>6:30pm - Board Mtg</div> <div>7pm - Cub Scouts -</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div> <div>12pm - Y. Spirits - A.</div>
<div>21</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div> <div>6:30pm - Ignite</div>	<div>22</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts - B</div>	<div>23</div> <div>6:30pm - Bell Choir</div> <div>6:30pm - Women's</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9am - Women's</div> <div>6:30pm - Ladies</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Mail Towers</div> <div>6:30pm - 4-H - B</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>12pm - Y. Spirits - A.</div>
<div>28</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div> <div>6:30pm - Ignite</div>	<div>29</div> <div>6pm - Girl Scouts - B</div>	<div>30</div> <div>6:30pm - Bell Choir</div> <div>6:30pm - Women's</div>	<div>31</div> <div>9am - Women's</div> <div>6:30pm - Ladies</div> <div>7pm - Chancel Choir</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>1</div> <div>12:30pm - W Design</div> <div>7pm - Cub Scouts -</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>12pm - Y. Spirits - A.</div>

30th Annual
Hoffman's United Methodist Men's
Whole Hog Sausage Sale

The Methodist Men's 30th Annual Whole Hog Sausage Sale for 2018 is about to begin. The sausage is \$3.50 per tube (approximately one pound packages). We are offering Mild Spice or Plain sausage. We are also offering the Mild Spice in two pound packages of breakfast links at \$7.00 per package. Remember! This is delicious whole hog sausage make room in your freezer and get ready to enjoy this good sausage while helping the United Methodist Men with this major fund raising project. The proceeds will benefit local mission projects to glorify God. Don't forget we will deliver to you. Please contact any Methodist Men or the Church Office to place your order. The LAST DAY to order will be Monday January 22nd, so order yours TODAY. Delivery will begin on Wednesday January 31st. If you have any questions or want to order please call John Ankerman at 478-2078 or Les Trittschuh at 698-5161.

United Methodist Men's Glazed Ham Loaf

4 Eggs, slightly beaten
1 T Grated Onion
1 can Tomato Soup
2 lbs Ground Lean Pork Sausage
(Methodist Men's Sausage)
2 C Cracker Crumbs
1 lb Ground Cured Ham

GLAZE

½ C Brown Sugar
1 T Prepared Mustard

Combine eggs, onion, and soup, mix well. Add meats and cracker crumbs, mold into 2 loaves. The last half hour glaze with brown sugar and mustard mixture. Bake at 275 - 300 degrees for 2 hours. Makes 8 servings

Here is the recipe that we use for Easter Sunrise Breakfast.

Egg Sausage Casserole (from Kathy Hayes):

2 lbs (makes 5 cups cooked browned)
sausage (could do 1 lb each of sage or
unseasoned) cooked and crumbled.
9 eggs, beaten
9 white bread slices, torn into small pieces.
3 cups milk
3 cups shredded cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons yellow mustard
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper

Mix well with spoon. Pour batter in the pan (9x13 inch pan). Refrigerate 8 hours (or overnight) for baking. Uncover for the baking. Bake 45-60 min. Oven 350 degrees

X

hoffman
united methodist church
201 S Main Street
West Milton OH 45383

X

the **open door**
come as you are

Non-Profit
Organization
U. S. Postage Paid
Tipp City, OH
Permit No. 26

X

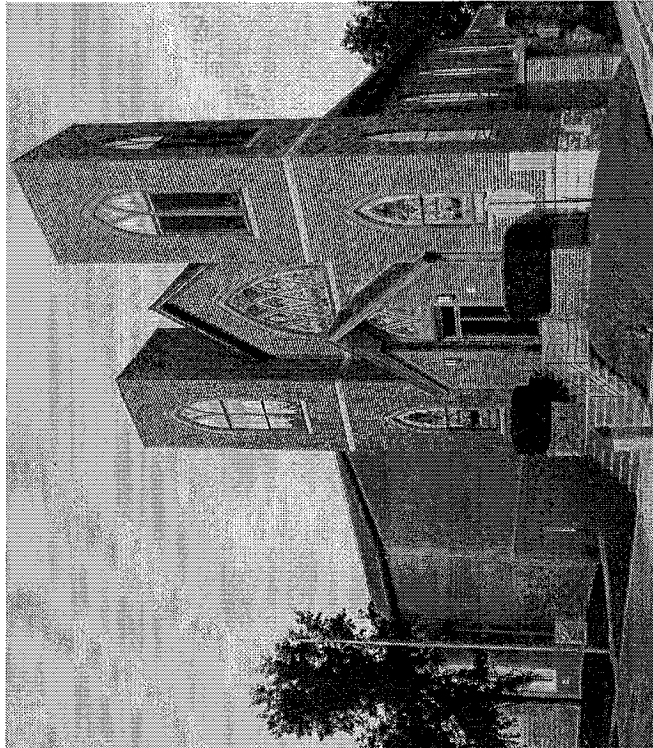
Return Service Requested

Place Label Here

L

TOWERS
THERS

January
2018



HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

(937) 698-4401 Website: HoffmanUMC.org

Pastor Robbie Scott