

THE TOWERS

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

May 2018

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Roads and Country Lanes to travel....

Luke 14:23 ²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.'

Hello Friends,

This passage is from the context of Jesus sharing a story about a man throwing a banquet, who wanted his house full for the celebration. Over the years in Vietnam, the motorcycle rider I have traveled with have shared this Scripture with one another, that there are people our Master wants at the banquet, but we'll need to go on the back roads, ones out in the country, to make sure all know they are invited.

At the end of 2008, I first heard of the Vietnam United Methodist Church. In 2009 the Shawnee Valley District first sent a mission team over to Vietnam, a "scouting" mission of sorts, one that involved the team traveling by bus to a few locations in the country, including a couple congregations, and a prospective location for a future ministry training center in Ho Chi Minh City.

The next year, in 2010, I went on my first mission trip to Vietnam, and the rest is history.

Most of us, myself included, did not realize the significance of what we had done until well after we returned home. We started hearing reports of the evangelism taking place after our team left a village, as neighbors were asking church members why Americans had visited their village. The answers to those questions, that we were fellow Christians, led to follow-up questions about Jesus, which then was a catalyst for rapid growth. When talking about this on Sunday mornings, I have sometimes described it as us being "the circus coming to town." The growth of individual congregations then necessitated additional house churches,

and the movement grew from 65 to over 100 congregations within months, necessitating a growth of pastors for more new congregations, and then teams from United Seminary started traveling to Vietnam, as well as teaching via live stream to the Ministry Center as pastors gathered there for instruction.

Now there are over 300 congregations for a denomination that thankfully is no longer being hunted, but still isn't "legal." The work and need for leaders is as great as ever.

Just as we did not know the impact, whether positive or negative, we would have then, we do not know what impact Ut and Karen's retirement will have on ministry there. If there is truly a change in leadership, we don't know what that will look like, or whether it will be "better" or "worse," as it is so difficult to quantify those things when leadership changes. All I know is I have travelled with them, laughed with them, have hosted



them in my home as they shared their story with congregations, even roasted marshmallows in our back yard with them, and I know they have poured out all they are for the sake of sharing Jesus with the Vietnamese. I have a respect for them that goes beyond admiration.

It has been my privilege to support these faithful servants, and I appreciate and desire your prayers as I take yet another journey to share joy and love to the pastors and faith siblings in Vietnam. I recall before my arrival to Hoffman you were praying for me, and that trip I had a tumble when I was knocked off the road and hit a concrete pole. I am annually thankful when I remember the protection I had that day. Please keep the prayers coming!

While preparing for jet lag, I am,
In His Service and Yours,



Hoffman United Methodist Church

April 2018

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Dick Martens led devotion, which was from Luke 2:41 With focus on the word wisdom, just as Jesus grew physically, mentally, socially and spiritually. We must also do the same as followers of Christ.

Mission/Ministry Update

Becky Garrett spoke about the Children's Ministry. The ministry has grown since she's taken over. Nursery ages range from newborn to 3. If all infants/toddlers are in attendance there is the possibility of 11. All nursery volunteers are safe sanctuary trained, there are always 2 people on duty. In the future a few more volunteers will be needed, so people are not working more than once a month.

Preschool is 3 yr. olds thru kindergarten. During Sunday school there are 7-9 kids and 2nd service has up to 11. There is only 1 adult at this point, possibly need to have a 2nd adult.

Sunday school is 1st thru 5th, with 7 kids and during 2nd service there are 8. During the summer Becky is going to start a new program for Children's Church during 2nd service. It will be for Pre K – 5th grade. It will have a super hero theme.

Kids Hope has 7 mentors, 7 students now. The school has asked for more mentors for the 18-19 school year. There will be one student graduating out of the program this year. An end of year party is scheduled for May 24th. Kids Club will welcome back Courtney Wion as teacher for the summer. God's Backyard Bible Camp will involve studies, weekly field trips as well as weekly service projects.

Family Fun Night is scheduled for May 26th.

August 16th will be graduation Sunday for Sunday School as well as Blessing of the Backpacks.

Right now there are 207 kids, K-5 receiving Bulldog Bags each Friday.

Guiding Principles

Leah Blackburn reported that she is beginning to tally the Church Satisfaction Surveys. Tina Mathews is working

on the Ministry/Mission Report Form. The forms will be distributed in the next couple of months to the various ministry teams for completion.

Meeting Attendees

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

Trustees

The trustees hope to begin work on the divider at the bottom of the stairs. They are speaking with a company about product, sound concerns, as well as installation. Work has begun on those areas in the church where air conditioning needs some updating. Carpet is going to be installed in several classrooms and hallways.

Pastors Report

March attendance average was 160.

Norman and Pastor Robbie have been trying to work out the music for the combined service on the 29th. Norman is working with Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI), they have requested a report of the songs we use during worship. This happens occasionally and he is doing that behind the scenes.

Pam is doing prep work for the summer mission trip. She has also been helping with the work on a grant request from our local Community Chest to help with Lunch Bunch, as well as Bulldog Bags.

Joseph is leading the confirmation for our youth. He is down 1 student, from 11 to 10. He also went on the D.C. trip with the 8th grade. The first time in years. There were 15 Ignite members who attended the trip. Pastor Robbie took a minute to thank those who helped on the Stations of the Cross video. Given the poor weather and illnesses during the taping, there have been 111 views.

Serving Schedule

- May 6th** — Altar flowers are in honor of our grandchildren from Jim & Kathy Watkins
9:00 Liturgist: ??? **Greeters:** Nadine Thompson & Nancy Lightcap
Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spittler **Hospitality:** Jim & Marilyn M.
Nursery: 10:15 Kim D. & Teesha B. /11:15 Jill C. & Becky G.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy Koeller **Scripture Reader:** Andrew C. **Sound:** Eric M.
Ushers: Les & Sharon T., Ruthann Evans, and Ruth Leazer **Media:** Norman H.
- May 13th** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Becky Garrett's birthday
9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle **Greeters:** Bill & Judy Brown
Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Kay Wagner & Steve Kraus
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:** Dean B. **Sound:** Jill C.
Ushers: Julia C., Ben G., Sally & Paul Miller **Media:** Norman H.
- Mar 20th** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Chris & Linda Long's 19th anniversary
9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey **Greeters:** Nancy Studebaker & Richard Smith
Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** Chris & Linda Long
Nursery: 10:15 Jill C. & Patti W. /11:15 Emily K. & Jennifer K.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Kathy W. and Amanda B. **Scripture Reader:** Norman H. **Sound:** Norman H.
Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B. **Media:**
- Mar 27th** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Julia Circle's birthday
9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Carol Bailey & Carol Storer
Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn **Hospitality:** Joe & Leah Blackburn
Nursery: 10:15 Eric & Johanna M. /11:15 Megan B. & Ben G.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Sally & Paul M. **Scripture Reader:** Matt B. **Sound:** Norman H.
Ushers: Mike & Denise S. and Lisa W. **Media:** Valerie M.



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary May 2018

1st — Teesha Beard
 4th — Kim Adams
 5th — James & Adrienne Beaty (17 yrs)
 7th — Jim Kinnison
 9th — Corinne McKay
 Mike Sanderson
 11th — Terry Beetley
 Eugenie Markley
 13th — Becky Garrett
 15th — David & Linda Thompson (18 yrs)
 16th — JR & Kathy Hagemeyer (37 yrs)
 Joyce Herron
 17th — Brad Hayes
 Johanna Morrow



18th — Eldon Hoke
 23rd — Chris & Linda Long (19 yrs)
 25th — Helen Keller
 Kathy Kinsey
 Dick Markley
 29th — Bonnie Brown
 Jill Circle
 Julia Circle
 Levi Scott
 Linda Thompson
 30th — Carol Bailey
 31st — Anna Knostman
 Cliff Poling
 Bradley & Bonnie Brown (49 yrs)

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN May 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

May 2nd Barbecue Chicken
Baked Potato Bar
Broccoli
Watergate Salad

May 9th Beef Hot Shots
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Chocolate Delight

May 16th Spiral-sliced Ham
Loaded Mashed Potatoes
California Blend
Lemon Bars

May 23rd Swiss Chicken Bake
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Ice Cream Sundae

*** Closed May 30th for Memorial Day ***

Menu items are subject to change



fun food fellowship

INTERNATIONAL FOOD TASTING JUNE 16TH 2018

WHERE: HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Activity Center

When: June 16th, Saturday, from 3 to 5 pm

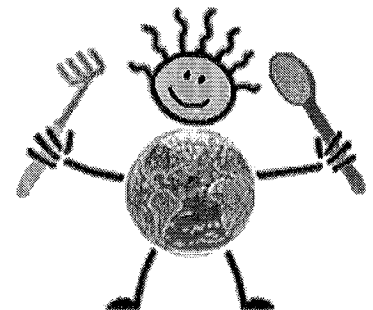
Come and join the fun, 8 countries will be represented

Bring in the community, all are invited

For more information contact Kati Poling 266-3519

Donations accepted

Sponsored by United Methodist Women, Proceeds will go to Missions



People to remember in prayer:

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

To my Hoffman Church family, thanks for all the prayers through Jennifer's illness and her passing. Also thanks for all the cards and monetary donations given in her name. Special thanks to Pastors Robbie & Pam for their services. Also many thanks to everyone that served or donated food for the funeral dinner, it was very much appreciated. God bless each one of you.

Your sister in Christ, Helen Keller

Emmaus Woman's Share Group

Tuesday, May 1st at 11 a.m.
in the Multi-Purpose Room

All women who have been on a walk or would like
to go on a walk are welcome to attend.
Contact Elaine Pickering at 698-5192.

Happy Mother's Day

to all our Moms on May 13th.

May God bless you with an extra special day!

Hoffman at the Dayton Dragons

July 14th @ 7 p.m.

(see Les Trittschuh for tickets.)

Calling all Graduates!

Please let the church office know if you have
someone graduating from High School or
College.

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.

MAY "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



Get Ready for LUNCH BUNCH!

The 5/2 Lunch Bunch will soon be upon us, and it is not too early for everyone to be praying about how God might use you for six weeks this summer. We still have the following needs:

- **One Kitchen Coordinator**—menus provided!
- **Many Kitchen Workers**—preparers and servers
- **One or Two Crafty people**—Bible -related crafts
- **Adult Asst. Coordinator** to become coordinator in 2019.
- **Two Child Check-in Monitors** (45 mins)
- Call Pam 698-6511--if interested or for info

5/2 Lunch Bunch Organizational Meeting Thursday, May 10th at 2PM!

All who are interested in cooking, serving, clean up (about 2.5 hours), crafts, being child check-in monitors (45 mins) one day per week, M, T, or W are welcome to attend this informational meeting. Call Pam for more details. Lunch Bunch starts Monday, June 25th and ends Weds. Aug. 1st



Vietnam Prayer Partners: Remember to keep Pastor Robbie and their mission team (and the Vietnam UMC) in your prayers. He will be there from May 14-24. Sign up at the Welcome Center or the Information table outside of the office to pray daily and/or whenever the Spirit leads! You can keep up with him on Facebook, whenever he has WiFi.

Women's Prayer and Share Group Started

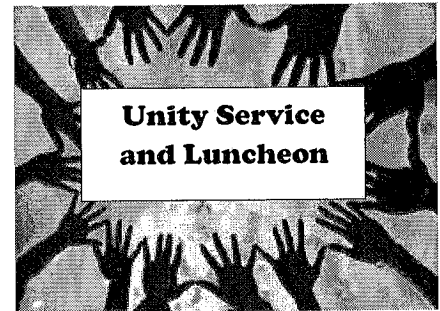
The newly formed women's Emmaus Prayer and Share Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11AM in Rooms 2 & 3. All women welcome!



Summer Family Mission Trip UPDATES

NEXT Meeting Sunday, May 6th @12:30

In Rooms 2-3 (Multi-purpose)



Don't Forget!

The Unity Service and Meal

Sunday April 29th @ 10AM

Sunday School at 9AM

Bringing Together

First and Second Services

AND

Supporting the Mission Team

Last chance reminder! There will be one service at 10AM in the Sanctuary, followed by a full meal at approximately 11:30AM in the Activity Center. Baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and make your own sundaes are on the menu! Your donation for the meal will support the Mission Team's summer trip.

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

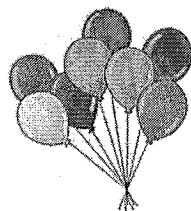
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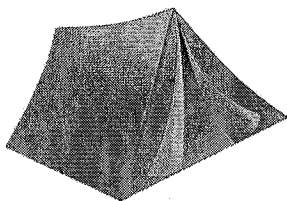
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children's ministry

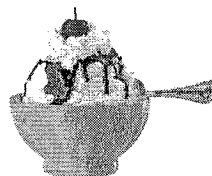
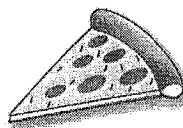
"Jesus said, "Let the little **children** come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14



Family Fun Day
Saturday, May 26th
5:00-8:00pm
Be ready for some fun!!



Kids Hope Party
End of the Year Celebration
Thursday, May 24th
4pm-5pm at Hoffman



Kids Club 2018
June 25th - July 25th
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
12:30-3:00pm
God's Backyard Bible Camp

Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:10

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Preschool Children's Church Hour

11:15-12:20

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Nursery open

10:15-12:20

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

NO Ignite

May 13

(Mother's Day)

Rudy's Ice Cream

May 20

West Milton

Ignite

Grades 6-12

Sundays

6:30-8:30 pm

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

End of the School Year!

"...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:6



Well, it's the last month of the school year. Summer is quickly approaching (although I don't think the weather knows that)!

If you know any youth 6-12 grade, we would love for them to join us Sunday nights at the church from 6:30-8:30 for fun, food, faith, and fellowship!

There will be NO Ignite Sunday, May 13 in honor of Mother's Day. Youth, do something special for your wonderful Moms!

Sunday, May 20th Ignite will take a little field trip to get ice cream in celebration of the end of the school year.

If any youth are still debating the summer mission trip (June 17-23, Athens, OH), please let Joseph know! We still have room for you to join the team but need to know ASAP. Don't let money stop you, we still have a fundraiser or two left and several sponsors who are willing to help with the cost. We would love for you to come experience the joy of serving with us!

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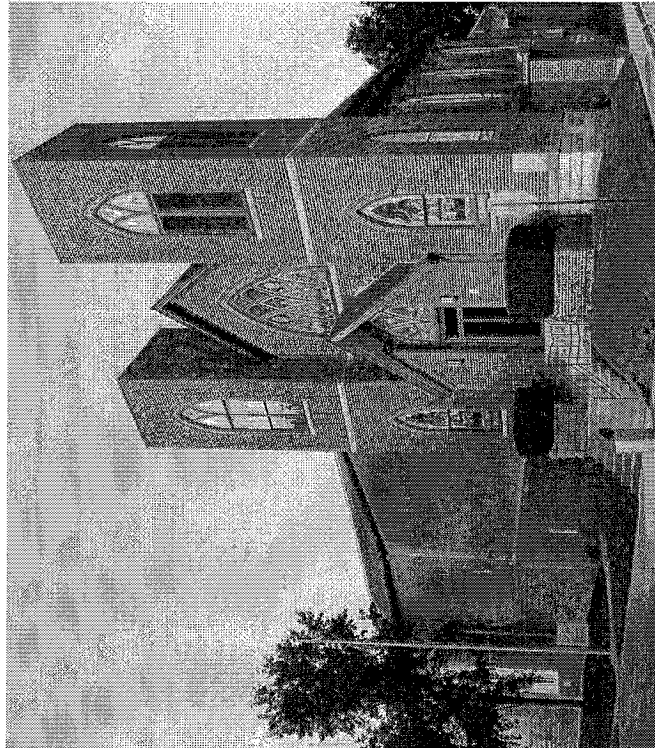
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May
2018



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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