

# THE TOWERS

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

June 2018

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### *Unity Remembered*

**Romans 15:5-7** <sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Hello Friends

I wanted to start out this newsletter thanking everyone for their incredible flexibility and enthusiasm for the Unity Service on April 29, just over a month ago. I was impressed by the energy and support leading up to and during the worship service, it was truly remarkable. I want to stress yet again how there are no plans to change our worship formats, as each of our worship services have their own strengths, and there is no pressing reason to make any changes in that regard. That being said, I would like for us to be able to worship together again occasionally, so I will try to make a combined service an annual event for us to look forward to.

Part of the message of Unity Sunday is the reminder that we never are going to agree on everything, and yet we can choose to be together as One Body. We have differences ranging from music preferences to Bible translations, with a whole host of topics in between. In fact, it is one of the strengths of the United Methodist Church, that our "umbrella" of faith is very broad, and "accepting" of views that seem on the surface to be incompatible. However, in recent years the divisions highlighted in our national culture have started to be reflected in the culture of the United Methodist Church. I suppose we should expect that, given that our history and governance is modeled so closely after our U.S. Government's. That being said, the church isn't to "conform" to the world. (Ro 12:2). I'm hesitant to use that Scripture, to be honest. It has been used to defend particular points of view, while ignoring the "spirit" of the text. Reading

from there through the Romans 15 passage leans more towards an overarching way of life, a way of loving one's enemies, of accepting one another whether viewed as weak or strong, and thus this passage isn't about one particular sin or set of sins, but about our mindset towards one another. Romans also reminds us we have all sinned, and yet we continue to allow our disagreements about sin to have enough power to divide our country, and our denomination.

I would like to argue that Unity can only be truly celebrated if there is diversity of opinion and beliefs. If everyone thinks and believes the same, then Unity is almost too easy (and thus can't be celebrated). The concept of free Will in our particular strain of Protestantism celebrates that we are NOT mere

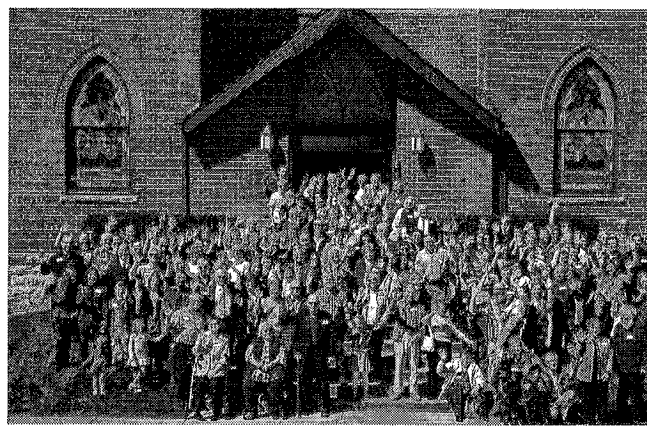
robots unable to think for ourselves, and our freedom to choose the beliefs behind our words and actions is at the same time a great weakness AND a great strength. Fear, hatred, and acts of malice come from Free Will, but so do Love, compassion, and acts of sacrifice. What did Jesus say? **John 15:13** "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

That kind of love is one that is

freely chosen. It matters, because though Jesus had a mission taking Him straight to the cross, He was still free to choose. Judas also was free to choose, as are we. Sometimes our desire to "win" this argument or that argument is simply a choice we make to put others "beneath" us when we simply have to "win."

May the Unity we exhibited in April be made even more concrete in the months and years to come, not because we think alike, but because we ARE different, and yet, we are also all ONE in Christ Jesus, and choose to live in that reality instead, and thus bring praise to God.

In His Service and Yours,



## **GRANDMA'S KITCHEN JUNE 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**

**June 6<sup>th</sup> Beef and Noodles  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Ambrosia**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> Ham Loaf  
Parsley Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Cheesecake**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> Lasagna  
Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Jello with Fruit**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> Chicken and Noodles  
Mashed Potatoes  
Carrots  
Ice Cream Sundae**

Menu items are subject to change

**\*\* Grandma's Kitchen will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> \*\***



## **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

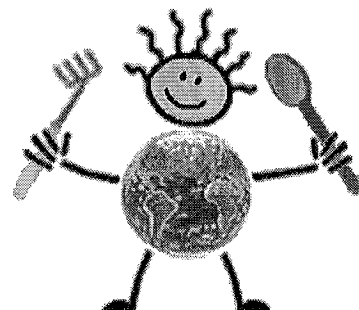
Countries represented: New Zealand, Philippines, Mexico, Italy, Germany, Portugal, China, and Japan.

Bring in the community, all are invited

For more information contact Katie Poling 266-3519

Donations accepted

Sponsored by United Methodist Women, Proceeds will go to Missions



## Serving Schedule

- Jun 03<sup>rd</sup>** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Tiana McKay's birthday  
**9:00 Liturgist:** Mike Circle **Greeters:** Nadine Thompson & Nancy Lightcap  
**Ushers:** Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spittler **Hospitality:** Tim & Janet Benkert  
**Nursery:** 10:15 Kim D. & Teesha B. / 11:15 Jill C. & Becky G.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy Koeller **Scripture Reader:** Valerie M. **Sound:** Eric M.  
**Ushers:** Les & Sharon T., Ruthann Evans, and Ruth Leazer **Media:** Norman H.
- Jun 10<sup>th</sup>** — Altar flowers are open  
**9:00 Liturgist:** Valerie McKay **Greeters:** Bill & Judy Brown  
**Ushers:** Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Nancy S. & Kathy Koeller  
**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.
- Jun 17<sup>th</sup>** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Mike Circle's birthday  
**9:00 Liturgist:** Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Nancy Studebaker & Richard Smith  
**Ushers:** Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** John & Carol Carter  
**Nursery:** 10:15 Jill C. & Patti W. / 11:15 Emily K. & Jennifer K.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Kathy W. and Amanda B. **Scripture Reader:** Matt B. **Sound:** Norman H.  
**Ushers:** Dejon D. & Greg B. **Media:**
- Jun 24<sup>th</sup>** — Altar flowers are open  
**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy Heisey **Greeters:** Carol Bailey & Carol Storer  
**Ushers:** Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn **Hospitality:** Tom & Janet Weeks  
**Nursery:** 10:15 Eric & Johanna M. / 11:15 Megan B. & Ben G.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Sally & Paul M. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C. **Sound:** Norman H.  
**Usher:** Lisa W. **Media:** Valerie M.



### Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary June 2018

4<sup>th</sup> - Amy Barnes  
 Dick Martens  
 Tiana McKay  
 5<sup>th</sup> - Lynn & Marilyn Yount 58 yrs  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Carolyn Barga  
 Gary & Carolyn Barga 26 yrs  
 Tim & Kathy Koeller 48 yrs  
 7<sup>th</sup> - Wilma Hoover  
 8<sup>th</sup> - Dejon Dohrman  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Carol Storer  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Sally Miller  
 Andrew & Julia Circle 7 yrs  
 13<sup>th</sup> - Kathryn (Keller) Boggs  
 Dave Thompson  
 Dick & Eugenie Markley 65 yrs

14<sup>th</sup> - Joy Paulus  
 Dejon & Kim Dohrman 21 yrs  
 15<sup>th</sup> - Marcia Cox  
 Caitlyn Jones  
 Brady Jones  
 Allison Jones  
 16<sup>th</sup> - Scott & Cindy Johnston 18 yrs  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Mike Circle  
 Norman Hiester

20<sup>th</sup> - Heather Jones  
 Nancy Mills  
 Shelia Shade  
 Ben & Becky Garrett 9 yrs  
 Tom & Janet Weeks 48 yrs  
 21<sup>st</sup> - Jim & Nancy Kinnison 59 yrs  
 Shane & Amy Todd 21 yrs  
 22<sup>nd</sup> - Dean & Megan Bryson 5 yrs  
 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sydney Dohrman  
 Joe & Jennifer Knostman 11 yrs  
 25<sup>th</sup> - Lynn Yount  
 26<sup>th</sup> - Kiefer Jones  
 27<sup>th</sup> - John & LaVerne Hennemyre 54 yrs  
 28<sup>th</sup> - Robert & Marcia Cox 43 yrs  
 29<sup>th</sup> - Devin Mitchell  
 Norman Paulus



# Hoffman United Methodist Church

Jun 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<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>Memorial Day</div>		<div>5pm - NO Grandma's</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>Mail Towers</div> <div>6:30pm - 4-H - B</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<div>Annual Conference</div>						
<div>Communion</div> <div>9am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div> <div>6:30pm - Ignite</div>	<div>7pm - Visitation</div>	<div>11am - Women's</div> <div>7pm - Trustee Mtg. -</div>	<div>5pm - Grandma's</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>12:30pm - W Design</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<div>9am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div> <div>6:30pm - Ignite</div>			<div>5pm - Grandma's</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div> <div>7pm - Set Up Garage</div>	<div>8:30am - Garage</div> <div>6:30pm - Board Mtg</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>		<div>3pm - International</div>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<div>Mission Trip</div>						
<div>Father's Day</div> <div>9am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - S School</div> <div>11:15am - Worship</div> <div>2pm - Good Works</div>			<div>5pm - Grandma's</div> <div>7pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>Towers' Deadline</div> <div>7:30pm - Praise</div>	<div>Private Party A.C.</div>	<div>12N Good Works</div>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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***People to remember in prayer:***

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

***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

Katie Weeks, Hellegatsestrant 12, 4727 ST Moerstraten, The Netherlands

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



***ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANK YOU***

**\*Union Township FISH/ Meijer Simply Give campaign.** Those hungry in our community need your help! Just make your check payable to Hoffman UMC and mark your donation "Simply Give" donations can also be made anytime at the Troy Meijer Store thru June 17<sup>th</sup> Thanks!

**Emmaus Woman's Share Group**

Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Congratulations Graduates!**

Courtney Wion  
Sydney Dohrman  
Logan Burns  
Mary Johannes Jennings

**Church Garage Sale**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

You can drop off your unwanted, sellable items behind the partitions on the stage in the activity center. Larger or garage items can be dropped off on June 13<sup>th</sup> around 7 p.m.

**Happy Father's Day**

to all our Dads on June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
May God bless you with an extra special day!

**Hoffman at the Dayton Dragons**

July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.  
(see Les Trittschuh for tickets.)

## JUNE "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!

June 25- August 1st

- **Kitchen Monday Coordinator**—menus provided!
  - *If we don't have a volunteer we may have to just do two days per week instead of three.*
- **Monday Kitchen Workers**—preparers and servers
- **Monday Craft Person**—Bible -related crafts
- **Adult Asst. Coordinator**
- **One Child Check-in Monitor** (45 mins)
- **Call Pam 698-6511--if interested or for info**

### 5/2 Lunch Bunch Donations Charts

In the next couple of weeks we will be passing around donation charts of non-perishable foods to offset some of our costs. Thank you for your generosity !



### Team June 17<sup>th</sup> and Returns June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Please keep them in your prayers! They will be serving the impoverished people of Southeast Ohio.

Members of the team are:

Tim, Janet and Joel Benkert

Beth and Larry Thoele

Suzette and Lindsey Vastano

Pastor Robbie, Bridget, Hannah and Levi Scott

Les and Sharon Trittschuh

Joseph, Jennifer Knostman and their three girls

Youth (without family): Caden Moran, Micah Tracy,

Daniel Goudy

### Good Works Team Thanks You!

The Team would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the past few fundraisers!

Final Monetary Figures:

Fundraisers earned them \$2147.08 of the total \$4480 needed. The team will be paying the rest from their own funds and are very thankful for your generosity!

### Small Group Updates

#### 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!

#### Small Group Summer Breaks

The following groups will be on summer break:

- Women's Tuesday Evening Group
- Wednesday Women's Morning Group
- Wednesday Women's Evening Group
- *The Men's Tuesday evening group will not meet regularly during the summer, but will have a breakfast meeting at the Pearson House on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 8AM.*

#### 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**





"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

Thank you to everyone who came to our family night and a huge thank you to everyone who donated items for the family night! We appreciate it and we had a blast!

## Coming up in June—KID'S CLUB 2018

We are excited to announcement that our theme will be "God's Backyard Bible Camp." Kid's Club is open to children grades 1-5<sup>th</sup>. We will be asking for some donations and drivers as we get closer to our start date. Kid's Club will be held each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting on June 25 and we will end on July 25. If you have any questions or would like to help, please let Becky Garrett know or Courtney Wion know!

### Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:10

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### 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

June 17

(Father's Day)

### Mission Trip

June 17-23

### Ignite

Grades 6-12

Sundays

6:30-8:30 pm

Youth Director: Joseph Knostman  
[JosephKnostman@hoffmanumc.org](mailto:JosephKnostman@hoffmanumc.org)  
937-573-7212

## SUMMER VACATION!

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16



The big event happening in June is the summer mission trip! June 17-23 several youth will be venturing to Athens, OH with other church members to serve those in need. Please keep us in your prayers during this time; for safe travels, no injuries, and a life-changing experience for all those involved.

There will be NO Ignite June 17<sup>th</sup>, in honor of Father's Day. Youth, do something special to celebrate your dads!

Confirmation is wrapping up soon. Thank you for all of your prayers and support. A very special thank you to all of the mentors that took time every week to help guide our youth through this process. You are amazing and so appreciated! Stay tuned for details on a confirmation Sunday to acknowledge and celebrate the decisions of our youth.

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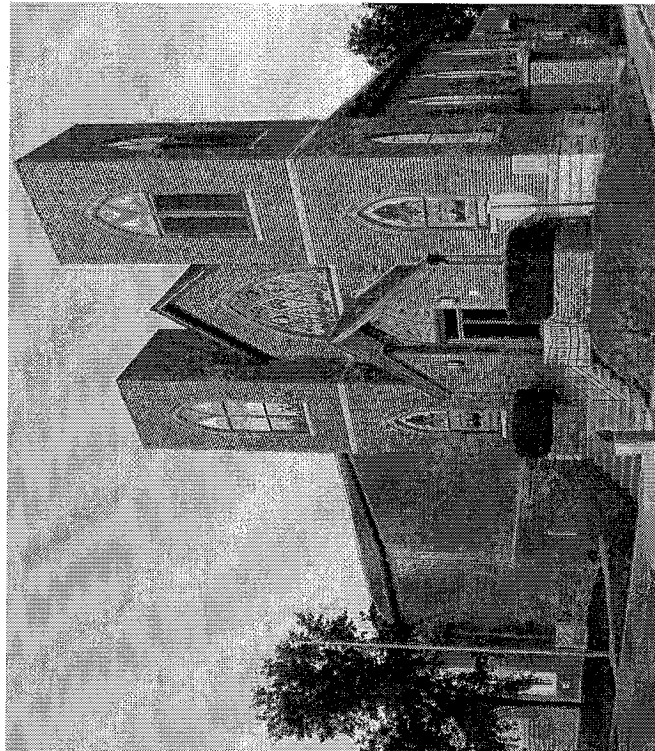
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June  
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**HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

(937) 698-4401 Website: [HoffmanUMC.org](http://HoffmanUMC.org)

Pastor Robbie Scott