

THE TOWERS

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

July 2018

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Clearing Paths for the LORD

Isaiah 40:3-5. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord ; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Hello Friends

I write this having just returned from the Good Works Mission Trip in Athens, Ohio.

Those who have been around church services for a while may recall this passage in the context of John the Baptist, as the one who prepared the way for Jesus. In the context of this conversation, I would like for us to consider how we join into the work of "preparing the way for the Lord" in the here and now. The landscape is quite different in Southeast Ohio than it is here in West Milton. There are many hills and valleys, and as a result, the roads, the power lines, even the gas pipelines either have to follow the curves of the land, or they have to "cut through" the land. During this week (and for one of our morning devotions) I found myself thinking about the various paths cutting through the countryside of areas such as those in Appalachia.

There were a variety of jobs our team members were involved with this week. One of my tasks was helping to clear overgrowth for the walking trails on the property, which went over creeks, and around the hills by boulders and shallow caves. I was told by the task supervisor that though the paths were worn, it would only take a few weeks for the thorns and vines to take over the path, were it not for the continual foot traffic and the maintainance with trimmers and pruners, the path would only be memory.

I found this information fascinating. I had thought about how

the various missions of the Church "prepared the way for the Lord" by sharing the Good News. I also have thought about how providing for physical needs can possibly open doors to the heart so God can speak.

I must admit in this context I hadn't thought as much about the maintenance until I spent that day chopping on a walking path. It takes so little time of neglect for the path to become blocked and tangled, and it made me think about the way of the Lord within believers. No matter how long we have been Christians, we still have a need to maintain the "way" of our spiritual journey. I'm sure I don't need to tell you how there are many distractions and "important" things in our lives can

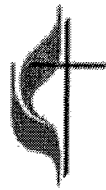
"overgrow" the path.

It is a marvelous gift of God, the relationship offered to humanity through Jesus Christ, but it is not a static relationship. The relationship is intended to be nurtured, and we are in need of continual growth and exercising of our faith. It was joyful work for the mission team to help prepare the way of the Lord for others in Athens area, just as it is here in West Milton, and around the world. As we continue to provide ways to connect people God loves to the Love of God, I pray we never forget to keep our own pathways nurtured and cared for, so they never become overgrown. One of the great promises from this Isaiah passage is that once the way has been prepared for the Lord, all people will see the glory of the Lord....together. I would love to see that someday.

While keeping the trimmers and pruners ready for my own path, I am,

In His Service and Yours,





Hoffman United Methodist Church

June 2018

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Pastor Robbie shared Leviticus 25:35-38. In his work he has discovered that poverty looks different in different parts of our country and in the world. In Leviticus we are reminded to treat foreigners and strangers like our neighbors and our neighbors like we would foreigners and strangers. The passage is full of how we should pass the grace that God gives us on to others.

Mission/Ministry Update

Tina Mathews was a delegate to annual conference which was held at Lakeside this June. The theme was "Be Not Afraid. There Is Enough". There were 2,392 clergy & laity, 411 spouses & visitors in attendance. The Methodist Men reported that they are focusing on Teaching Men 'being a great Man', and teaching men how to treat women without violence. Methodist Women reported that they are working on wage equality for women, Prison Ministries, and diversity. Over \$100,000.00 was collected to be to assist in planting new churches. Hoffman sent \$500.00. Six new churches have been planted with over 800 people attending and 15 baptisms. Based on the finance report there will be a 10% cut in the overall conference budget. The voting was on pensions, health benefit compensation, vacation policy and investment management. Finally, there was discussion of human rights for immigrants and migrants.

Guiding Principles

Leah Blackburn and her husband, Joe, compiled the results from the church survey. Around 40% of adults turned in surveys. The results will be posted in several spots. People are encouraged to talk to Pastor Robbie and/or board members to share their praises or concerns so that we can continue to work together for God's glory.

Tina Mathews will be giving leaders of various ministry/mission teams a form to complete so that we follow our Guiding Principles, and use our gifts and talents to serve each other and the community in a the

resources, support and equipment to fulfill the purposes of your ministry as to be accountable for the activities done as part of the church body.

Finance

The Board is watching finances closely as giving is less than what has been budgeted. So far we are able to pay bills, meet payroll and pay our apportionments.

Trustees

They are getting quotes for carpet in several classrooms and hallways. When one 24-year old air conditioning unit went down, the Board voted to replace 3 aging 24-year old units with more energy efficient heating/air conditioning units. Work in the South Tower will be done to repair/replace windows, screens, wood, and paint soffits.

Pastors Report

Average attendance for April was 176 and for May was 158. The Unity service was attended by 161. Norman did a great job coordinating the music for the service. Pam has been getting Lunch Bunch ready with menus and workers. Courtney Wion will be leading Kid's Club after Lunch Bunch each day. Becky had a successful family fun night and a Kids Hope celebration. This year ended with 7 mentors. The school is requesting mentors for 10 more mentors for next year. Becky and Pam will be asking members from Potsdam and Hoffman to consider mentoring a child. Joseph has been working with Pastor Robbie on the Mission trip to Good Works. Nearly all the youth have completed the confirmation study with their mentors. Three youth were baptized at the river on June 17.

Meeting Attendees

John Ankerman, Pastor Robbie Scott, Dick Martens, Les Trittschuh, Patti Wion, Tina Matthews, Cindy Johnston, Richard Smith, Carol Storer, David Jay, Valerie McKay

Church Survey April 2018:

Thanks to those who responded to our survey to help keep us accountable towards our church Mission Statement. Thank you to Leah and Joe Blackburn for compiling the results. The results are posted at both the east and west entrances' bulletin boards **and on the back of this page**. Your comments and suggestions are deeply appreciated. We are not a perfect church. On the scale where 10 is perfect you gave us an average of 8. So we have a goal to keep on striving on our faith journey and to improve where we can. Please know that the church board members want to hear your suggestions and concerns. If you want to follow-up on your comments, please communicate with Pastor Robbie, myself or any board member. We are one in Christ. May we as a church strive to follow Jesus every day and give God the glory for all we do and say.

Thank You,
Lester Trittschuh, Lay Leader

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN JULY 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

July 4th Closed
for the Fourth

July 11th Polish Sausage
Cheesy Potatoes
Carrots
Fruit
Brownies

July 18th Beef Hot Shots
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Watergate Salad

July 25th
Creamed Chicken & Biscuits
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Ice Cream Sundae

Garage Sale left over items recipients: Miami County Habitat For Humanity Restore, Miami County Right to Life, Miami County Family Abuse Shelter, The Gleaning Place, The Friends of the Library, St. John's Lutheran Church Clothing Center for the Homeless in Downtown Dayton Ludlow Falls Christian Church Free Meal and clothing on Sat. Mornings, Well of Hope Shoes, Goodwill Store in Troy. Thanks to everyone who made this possible. We earned \$ 776.50 for our efforts.

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Survey Results

Spring 2018

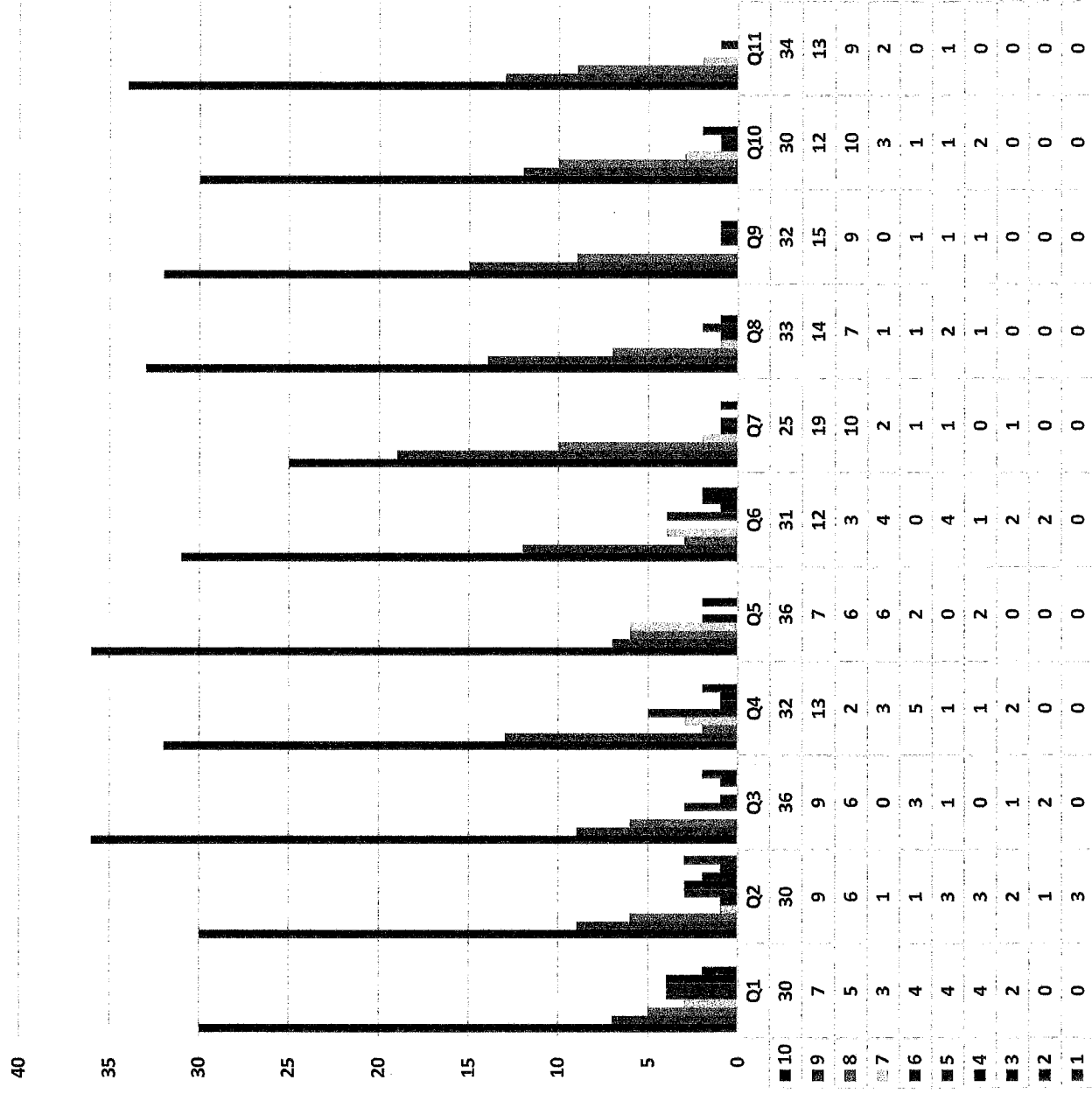
Count: 59 Responses

Overall Average: 8.85/10

Average Response per Question:

Survey #:	Totals (59):	Average:
Q1	490	8.31
Q2	480	8.14
Q3	519	8.95
Q4	519	8.80
Q5	533	9.03
Q6	504	8.54
Q7	529	8.97
Q8	539	9.14
Q9	542	9.19
Q10	528	8.95
Q11	548	9.29
Overall Avg	521.91	8.85

Individual Question Summary



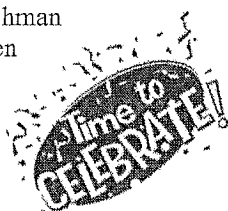
1. Overall, I am satisfied as a member/ regular attendee of HUMC.
2. HUMC worship services are an excellent way to connect with God each week.
3. HUMC cares about its members/attenders.
4. I am provided opportunities for spiritual growth and leadership.
5. I know how to connect with classes and small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

Serving Schedule

- Jul 1st** — Altar flowers are in celebration of John & LaVerne Hennemeyre's 54th anniversary
9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle **Greeters:** Nadine Thompson & Nancy Lightcap
Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spittler **Hospitality:** Phil & Karen McFadden
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., Ruthann Evans, and Ruth Leazer **Media:** Norman H.
- Jul 8th** — Altar flowers are in celebration of Will & Megan Kichman's birthdays from John & Anita
9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay **Greeters:** Bill & Judy Brown
Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Jim & Marilyn M. & Valerie M.
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., and Sally & Paul Miller **Media:** Norman H.
- Jul 15th** — Altar flowers are in memory of Alma Butt's birthday
9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Nancy Studebaker & Richard Smith
Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** Kay Wagner & Steve Kraus
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:**
- Jul 22nd** — Altar flowers are in celebration of John & Carol Carter's 45th anniversary
9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey **Greeters:** Carol Bailey & Carol Storer
Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn **Hospitality:** Chris & Linda Long
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.
Usher: Lisa W. **Media:** Valerie M.
- Jul 29th** — Altar flowers are open
9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle **Greeters:** ???
Ushers: Steve Kraus & Kay Wagner **Hospitality:** Joe & Leah Blackburn
Nursery: 10:15 Julia C. & Becky G. /11:15 Ben G. & Johanna M.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Patti & Courtney W. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G. **Sound:** Norman H.
Usher: Nancy A. & Patti W. **Media:**

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary July 2018

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| 1 st - Joe & Leah Blackburn (12 yrs)
2 nd - John Hayes
3 rd - Joe Blackburn
Terry & Cheryl Swartz (48 yrs)
4 th - Dustin McCuiston
Dane Studebaker
7 th - Erin Studebaker
Shawn Williams
8 th - Megan Kichman
9 th - Nancy Allen | 10 th - Cathy Brown
Dan Studebaker
Tim Wright
11 th - Mike & Jill Circle (37 yrs)
14 th - Kathy Watkins
16 th - Dustin Jay
17 th - Jerry Howard
20 th - Beth Kraft
Chris & Val McKay (44 yrs)
21 st - John & Carol Carter (45 yrs)
Nancy Kinnison
22 nd - Winston & Theda Klepinger (12 yrs)
23 rd - Elaine Pickering | 24 th - Adrienne Beaty
Joetta Perry
25 th - Ed Johannes
Jean Sanders
26 th - Amanda Burns
27 th - Janet Weeks
28 th - Kennedy Hayes
John McCreery
29 th - George Everage
Jerry & Kyoko Howard (49yrs)
Kristian & Heather Jones (23yrs)
30 th - Tim Koeller
Eric & Johanna Morrow (13 yrs) |
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Hoffman United Methodist Church

Jul 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <div>Communion</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15 am - S School</div> <div>11:15 am - Worship</div> <div>6:30 pm - Ignite</div>	<div>2</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div>	<div>3</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>11 am - Women's</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Independence Day</div> <div>11 am - Kid's Club in</div> <div>5 pm - NO Grandma's</div> <div>7 pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>5</div> <div>12:30 pm - W Design</div> <div>7:30 pm - Praise</div>	<div>6</div> <div>8:30 am - Dental</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15 am - S School</div> <div>11:15 am - Worship</div> <div>6:30 pm - Ignite</div>	<div>9</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div> <div>7 pm - Visitation</div>	<div>10</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9 am - Dental Clinic-</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div> <div>5 pm - Grandma's</div> <div>7 pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>12</div> <div>7:30 pm - Praise</div>	<div>13</div> <div>9 am - Dental Clinic-</div> <div>7 pm - Dragon's</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15 am - S School</div> <div>11:15 am - Worship</div> <div>2 pm - Ignite Youth</div>	<div>16</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div>	<div>17</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div>	<div>18</div> <div>9 am - Dental Clinic-</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div> <div>5 pm - Grandma's</div> <div>7 pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Towers' Deadline</div> <div>6:30 pm - Board Mtg</div> <div>7:30 pm - Praise</div>	<div>20</div> <div>9 am - Dental Clinic-</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15 am - S School</div> <div>11:15 am - Worship</div> <div>6:30 pm - Ignite</div>	<div>23</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9 am - Dental Clinic-</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div>	<div>25</div> <div>9 am - Dental Clinic-</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>12:30 pm - Kid's Club</div> <div>5 pm - Grandma's</div> <div>7 pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Mail Towers</div> <div>6:30 pm - 4-H - B</div> <div>7:30 pm - Praise</div>	<div>27</div> <div>9 am - Dental Clinic-</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div>9 am - Worship</div> <div>10:15 am - S School</div> <div>11:15 am - Worship</div> <div>2 pm - Ignite Youth</div>	<div>30</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div>	<div>31</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div>	<div>1</div> <div>11 am - Lunch Bunch</div> <div>5 pm - Grandma's</div> <div>7 pm - Private Mtg. -</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Art Show Setup A.C.</div> <div>12:30 pm - W Design</div> <div>7:30 pm - Praise</div>	<div>3</div> <div>6:30 pm - Opening</div> <div>10 am - Art Show A.</div>	<div>4</div>

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

Congratulations a Baby Boy!

Owen Tyler Morrow born on May 24, 2018
Weighing 9 lbs., 14 ozs. and was 21" long.
Parents: Johanna & Eric Morrow Big brother: Alex

Congratulations a Baby Boy!

Landon Timothy Bryson born on June 4, 2018
Weighing 8 lbs., .02 oz. and was 21" long
Parents: Megan & Dean Bryson Big brother: Ian

Union Township FISH Simply Give Program wants to thank the congregation and Grandma's Kitchen for their generous donations totaling \$1,370. Meijer double match the donation for a grand total of \$4,110.

Emmaus Woman's Share Group

Tuesday, July 3rd at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Rm

Hoffman at the Dayton Dragons

Saturday, July 14th @ 7 p.m. Sec 116
(call Les Trittschuh for tickets 478-8093)

Thank you to all who helped with the International Food Tasting. It was well attended and fun. Thanks to those who graciously donated their time to cook the food and serve the food. And also thanks to those who helped along the way with setting up tables, clean up, publicity and planning. It takes many hands and all were appreciated. We received donations in the amount of \$276.00 which goes to the Methodist Women's mission fund. Blessings to all, Katie Poling

We want to thank our church family for the food, cards and prayers during my recovery from surgery in May. Your kindnesses are deeply appreciated.
Nancy Kinnison

Art Show

Opening Reception: Aug 3rd - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Show Hours: Aug 4th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Aug 5th from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Applications @ HoffmanUMC.org.

JULY "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



Lunch Bunch Updates

- Praise God He has provided enough workers! Thanks to those who stepped up to help!
- We also have enough baked goods—thank you to all who signed up.
- *NEED: We still could use some non-perishables—see the sign-up sheet on the Information Table outside of the office. **Thanks to those who are donating, it really helps to keep our costs down!***
- Call Pam 698-6511 for any questions.



The Ministry Fair is Coming in September!

Where is God calling you to serve?

We will be having another Ministry Fair this year! It will be on Sunday, September 16, 2018.

This is an opportunity to let others know why you love being a part of your ministry/mission group where you are serving. Promote your ministry by being part of this extravaganza! You can use various means of communication to attract people to your ministry/mission area—poster boards- sound-video- and yes, even edible goodies have been known to work!

We will have rectangular tables around the perimeter of the Activity Center and round tables in the middle of the room (depending upon the space you think your ministry area might need). Registration forms are on the information table by the office and place them in my mailbox (it is not too early to plan). If you would like your previous poster boards, see me or call 698-6511.



Miami County Dental Clinic At Hoffman In July!

The Traveling Smiles clinic will be set up in Room 6 during selected dates in July. Free dental check-ups, cleaning and fillings for children up to 18. Sign up sheets and permission forms are outside of the office.

Small Group Updates

Prayer and Share Group

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

Men's Group Breakfast

Saturday July 21st at 8AM at the Pearson House. All men are welcome.

Small Group Summer Breaks

The following groups are on summer break:

- Women's Tuesday Evening Group
- Men's Tuesday Evening Group
- Wednesday Women's Morning Group
- Wednesday Women's Evening Group
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UVMC Hospital Looking for Volunteers

From a message left at the church: If you are interested in being a hospital volunteer, call 440-4994.

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

Domestic Violence

Are you or someone you know a victim of domestic violence? There is help available. For immediate assistance, call 339-6761. More information is available in our restrooms at Hoffman.

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

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to drive for our Kids Club field trips! Please keep us in your prayers as we teach our kids about God's love and how to serve. Watch for us in the 4th of July parade!!

Superhero Children's Church is going well! So far, we have learned that we are superheroes because we obey God, trust God and forgive people!!

Date; to remember:

August 5: Church picnic, please come and enjoy the pool and some great food!!

August 19: Blessings of the Backpacks during both services, Graduation Sunday for our Sunday School Classes and the Prayer Walk at the school.

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

Youth Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:10

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July 1st

Float Decorating

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July 15th

Pool Party

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July 29th

Canoe Stillwater

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

Fun in the Sun with Ignite

Roman 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In June, three youth were baptized in the river and more to be confirmed July 1st during the Open Door Service!

There is a lot going on in July that you do not want to miss!

July 1st Ignite we will be decorating the 4th of July float at Hoffman. Then on July 4th, please join us as we walk in the parade with Kid's Club and the Praise Band.

July 15th Ignite will be meeting at 2pm at the Benkert's house for a pool party and cookout, rather than meeting at our regular time. Bring a swimsuit; bring a friend, for an afternoon in the pool!

July 29th Ignite will navigate the Stillwater with Barefoot Canoes. We will have lunch in the park at 1pm and then set sail. Cost for youth will be \$10. If youth want to take a kayak, cost will be \$15.



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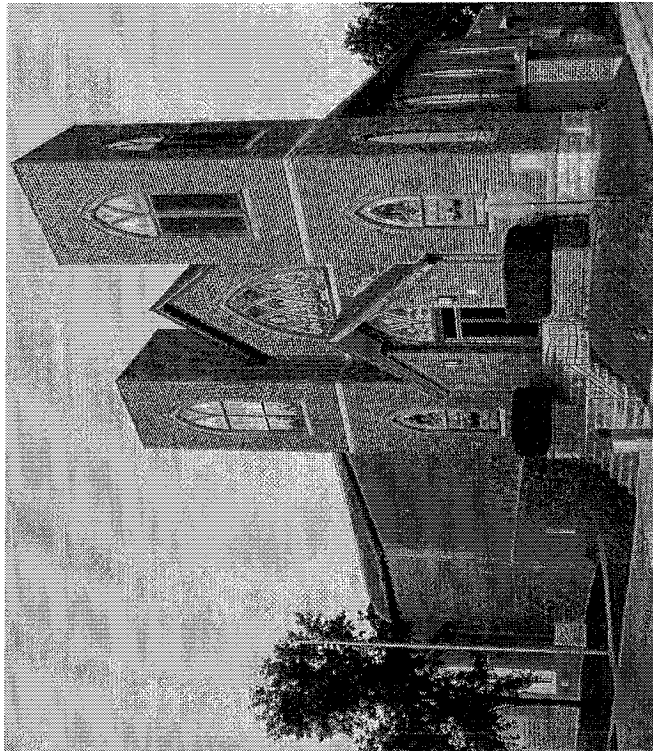
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July
2018

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