

THE TOWERS

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

August 2018

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Learning from the "Greats."

Luke 18:16-17 ¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Hello Friends,

I refer to this passage often, but like many Scriptures, in different seasons, it speaks to me in different ways. This quality is part of why we refer to the Bible as the "Living" Word, this ability to be ancient, and unchanging and yet is adaptable and appropriate for countless seasons in our lives. Take this passage, for instance. Many times it is a favorite I have used to stress the importance of ministry to and for children in the church and community. And, while that is true, it is also true that this passage is inviting followers of Christ to become "like" a little child. And while we can wax eloquently about the various qualities of children we should have, what I have not heard (or told) as often is how children teach us!!

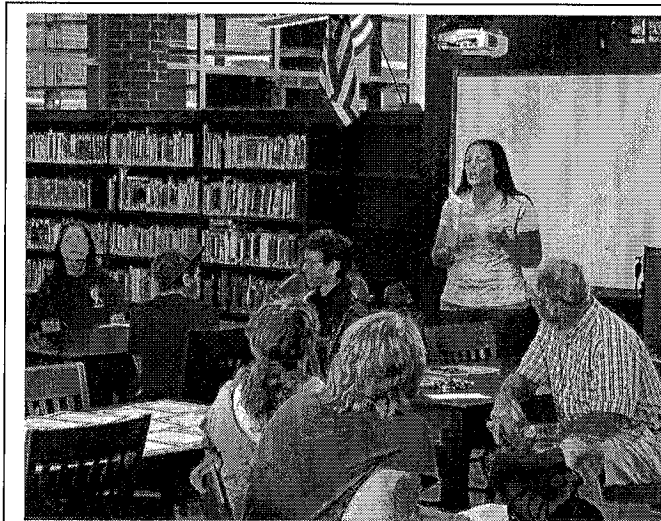
There is an awe and wonder and a joy they see in the world around us that we sometimes don't. We bigger kids could stand to have a little more awe, wonder, and joy in our lives, and the more we are around children, I think, the more we are able to experience these things. We are in the midst of, and continuing into, a marvelous season of ministry to, for, and with children (and those who teach them).

Lunch Bunch and Kids Club has been going strong, and the coming start of the school year leads to more ministry opportunities. Our Children's Ministry Director, Becky Garrett, is making preparations to add mentors for the one on one

Kids Hope program. Our number of small children has grown to a point that our fall Sunday School classroom assignments are going to have to adapt over the next few weeks. With 3 newborns having arrived, and 3 more on the way in the coming months, our nursery is pushing our potty trained young ones out, and the other age ranges are going to have to follow suit. Preparations are also being made for the School Prayer Walk, where we walk the school hallways, pray in each classroom, and the prayer teams leave a signed certificate for each of the teachers and staff members. The picture on this page is of Becky giving instructions to the prayer walkers in 2016.

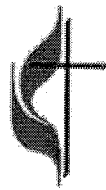
I still remember being at the Milton Union Elementary School Open House, and my son was in his new homeroom classroom. I walked him over to the teacher's desk, and

showed him where she had proudly displayed the certificate left by one of the prayer teams. It was our particular team that had left the certificate, and I saw his eyes widen when he saw where he had signed his name on the certificate, that a few days earlier we had prayed in that classroom for the students and that teacher, and now it was his homeroom. I think that is when the School Prayer Walk became one of my favorite events of the year.



So whether you are a part of Kids Hope, the prayer walk, the teachers' luncheon, are one of our teachers on Sunday Morning, or are supporting these ministries with your prayers, my hope and prayer is that we will allow ourselves to learn from these giants in God's Kingdom.

In His Service and Yours,



Hoffman United Methodist Church

July 2018

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Tina Mathews led devotion. As in Joshua 4:21, he reminded the Israelites that when asked tell how the path was dry when crossing the Jordan. Remembering to tell our faith story is something that should not be forgotten, when we live in a world that so desperately needs reminding.

Mission/Ministry Update

Kay Wagner and Beth Thoele presented on the Visitation Team. It was established in February 2006. At their highest there were 19 teams of 2 and their lowest 12, with 1 permanent sub. Chris Long and Kay Wagner have been members all 12 years. These days, hospital stays are short, and recovery times at home are quick, so the teams find themselves sending notes of encouragement and prayers more than visits. Thru the years 115 different people have been visited. They help those homebound with many different things, spanning from getting groceries to helping dispense medicine. The people who are being visited enjoy the contact and feel that connection with the church. They enjoy lunches and the goodies being brought. The visitation team is blessed as much as the teams bless those being visited. The teams take bulletins as well as the Daily Bread, this also helps with keeping them informed of the goings on at Hoffman Church. Look for the table at the ministry fair this fall to learn more about becoming a part of this fantastic ministry.

Meeting Attendees

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

Financial Report

Richard Smith Finance Chairman, reported to the Administrative Board at its July meeting that he has observed that funding is down \$7,000 from this time last

year. This may be due in part to vacations. Please remember to make up for the missed Sunday offerings when possible.

Staff/Parish Relations

Carol Storer reported that they have been preparing for staff evaluations. Also in preparation is the Safe Sanctuary yearly policy form overview.

Trustees Report

The air conditioning has been replaced. There have been window repairs, carpet bids as well as painting in various places throughout the church. As always the trustees are hard at work to keep us safe, comfortable and compliant.

Pastors Report

June average attendance was 156.

Pam noted that since inception there have been 66 of the three different brochures about domestic violence taken. Total meals served for the 1st four weeks of Lunch Bunch are 361 at Hoffman and 194 at Good Shepherd.

Volunteer hours at Hoffman have been 158. Money for the remaining 2 weeks is \$1,040.20. Carry home bags with food for the time between the end of Lunch Bunch and the start of school are usually costing between \$800 and \$1,000, so there may have to be an adjustment of only giving one week of carry home bags instead of 2 weeks.

Becky is making preparations for a very large promotion class. It will involve the start of a new Sunday School class, which means the recruitment of new teachers. See Becky if there is interest in teaching our young ones.

Joseph has completed Confirmation Classes. Very big win for him. He worked tirelessly on the 4th of July float. Youth numbers are down this summer, not uncommon. Please pray for Joe and the youth as they prepare for another busy fall.

Serving Schedule

Aug 5th –Altar flowers are open

9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay

Greeters: Nadine Thompson & Nancy Lightcap

Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spitler

Hospitality: Tim & Janet Benkert

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

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.

Aug 12th – Altar flowers are open

9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle

Greeters: Bill & Judy Brown

Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Nancy S. and 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., and Sally & Paul Miller

Media: Norman H.

Aug 19th – Altar flowers are open

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey

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: Ben G.

Sound: Norman H.

Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B.

Media:

Aug 26th – Altar flowers are open

9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh

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: Matt B.

Sound: Norman H.

Usher: Lisa W.

Media: Valerie M.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary August 2018

2nd – Jim & Belinda Wright (27 yrs)

3rd - Karra Beard

Mary Maess

5th- David Bryson

7th - Sarah Harris

Fred & Cathy Brown (52 yrs)

9th - Phil Blue

11th - Bev Brubaker

12th - Jerid Raines

13th - Jayce Lawhorn

15th - Tammy Lugabihl

Pyper Sharkins

Dustin & Chelsi Jay (3 yrs)

17th – Wayne Spitler

18th - Nadine Thompson

19th – John Jackson

20th – Shirley Garreth

Scott Johnston

Richard Smith

21st - Krystle Gunder

Pastor Robbie Scott

24th - Dean Bryson

Chris Harris

Kyoko Howard

27th - Janet Willis

28th - Dick & Mary Ann Martens (58 yrs)

30th - John & Pam Hitchcock (15 yrs)

Emily Benkert

31st - Katie Poling



Hoffman United Methodist Church

Aug 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9 am - Worship 10:15 am - S School 11:15 am - Worship 2 pm - Ignite Youth	30 11 am - Lunch Bunch	31 11 am - Lunch Bunch	1 11 am - Lunch Bunch 5 pm - Grandma's 7 pm - Private Mtg. -	2 Art Show Setup A.C. 12:30 pm - W Design 7:30 pm - Praise	3 6:30 pm - Opening	4 10 am - Art Show A.
5 Communion 9 am - Worship 10:15 am - S School 11 am - Art Show A. 11:15 am - Worship 2:30 pm - Church 6:30 pm - Ignite	6 7 pm - Visitation	7 9 am - Dental Clinic- 11 am - Women's	8 5 pm - Grandma's 7 pm - Private Mtg. -	9 7:30 pm - Praise	10 12 pm - Private Party	11
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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 P O Box 341, Mexico IN 46958
Jean Truitt, Wedgewood Estates of Mansfield, 6005 Trimble Rd, Rm 101, Mansfield OH 44906
Katie Weeks, Hellegatsestrant 12, 4727 ST Moerstraten, The Netherlands (extra postage required)

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



GRANDMA'S KITCHEN AUGUST 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

August 1st

Barbecue Chicken
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Cherry Trifle

August 8th

Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Chocolate Delight

August 15th

Turkey and Dressing Supreme
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Peach Shortcake

August 22nd

Beef and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Slaw
Angel Food Cake

August 29th

Chicken Casserole
California Salad
Hot Apples
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change. ** Grandma's Kitchen will be closed on September 5th for Labor Day **

Chancel Choir It is that time of year again. The kids head back to school and the choir heads back to rehearsal. We will have our first choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00PM, SHARP. Everyone is invited to come join this celebration of praises to God. We will be in the choir loft on Sunday, September 9th. Come join the fun as we lift our voices to praise God. If you have any questions, please see or call Norman Hiester at 698-3280.

Bell Choir There will also be a bell choir this year so I am looking for people willing to ring a couple bells every week. Don't use the excuse that "I can't ring bells" because we will teach you. Don't use the excuse that "I can't read music" because all you need to know is the difference between the color pink and color blue and you will be able to read our bell music. There is a lot of fun and good fellowship at these rehearsals so come join us. Our first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30. Anyone interested please give Norman Hiester a call at 698-3280.

AUGUST "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

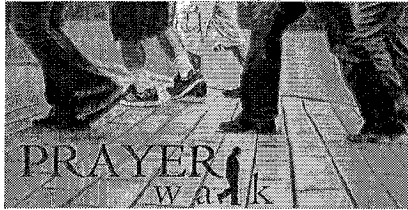
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Lunch Bunch Updates

As of July 19th, for the first four weeks and with two weeks of hot meals to go, we have served 361 meals at Hoffman and 194 meals at Good Shepherd. Thanks to all those who have been serving! Our volunteers have put in 158 hours at Hoffman so far this year.



2018 Annual School Prayer Walk

Sunday, August 19th at 4PM

Walk and pray around the school to pray for a safe and productive school year for students, faculty and administration. Prayer guides are available. Teachers appreciate knowing that someone has prayed for them and for their students. If you are unable to walk, there is an option to sit in the Resource Center (library) and pray. Questions? Contact Becky 698-6511.

Upcoming Hoffman Events

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.

Church Picnic: Sunday, August 5th at Wendy and Marty Blacks 5839 Jay Rd. 2:30 to swim and fellowship, 5:30 to eat. Bring side dishes and chairs!

Theda's Thoughts

Submitted by Theda Klepinger

Blessings...A friend once told me when she awakened each day she prayed, "Lord, make me a blessing to someone today"...and God always answered her prayer! What a wonderful way to start each day. Shall we make my friend's prayer our prayer? I can hear many yeses already!



The Ministry Fair is Coming in September!

Where is God calling you to serve?

Registration Forms due by September 2nd!

The Ministry Fair is Sunday, September 16, 2018. This is an opportunity to let others know why you love being a part of your ministry/mission/small group or Sunday school classes.

It also lets others know how they can explore the various ministries of the church. Promote your mission or ministry or group 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! There will be rectangular tables around the perimeter of the Activity Center and round tables in the middle of the room. We will order display boards, but you have to let us know if you need one or more so we know how many to purchase.

Registration forms are on the information table by the office and place them in my mailbox—we have six weeks until the Fair, so it is not too early to plan. If you would like your previous poster boards, see me or call 698-6511.



Pastor Gene Phelps, a friend of Pastor Robbie's and the pastor at Piqua Grace UMC, will be preaching a Revival on August 12th at 5 PM at Lewisburg UMC 3147 US Route 40 Lewisburg 45338.

Emmaus Woman's Share Group

Gathering on Tuesday, Aug 7th at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room (Rooms 2/3)

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! We had a blast learning about God and His love for each of us.

August 5: Church picnic, please come and enjoy the pool and some great food!! 2:30pm for swimming, eat at 5:30pm

August 12: Meeting after church for all current and potential Sunday School teachers and nursery workers. We will provide lunch for the workers and family members who need stay.

August 14: Kids Hope training for current and potential mentors/prayer partners at 7pm.

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

10:15-11:15

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Children's Church Hour

11:15-12:20

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Nursery open

10:15-12:20

Children's Minister: Becky Garrett
rebeccagarrett@hoffmanumc.org
937-524-7220

August 5th Church Picnic

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August 12th Bonfire and Cookout at the Knostman's

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August 19th Graduation Sunday

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Youth Director: Joseph Knostman
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937-573-7212

Summer is Flying!

A special thank you to any and all who support Ignite with time, resources, or prayer. This ministry could not be what it is without YOU! Thank you!



July was a busy month for Ignite. The youth played a huge part in decorating the Hoffman 4th of July float. Hopefully you were able to join or see the float they created. The pool party and cookout was sunny and successful! Lord willing and the "creek don't rise," we will have set sail on the Stillwater the last weekend of July.

All youth and their families are welcomed and encouraged to join us at the church picnic at the Black's residence on Jay Road on August 5th 2:30 (eat at 5:30). Bring a one-piece swimsuit. If the family comes, please bring a side dish to share. Ignite will have a bonfire and cookout at the Knostman's August 12th, 6:30-10. August 19th, we will be graduating the 8th graders into the high school Sunday School class.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUES SUPPORT!

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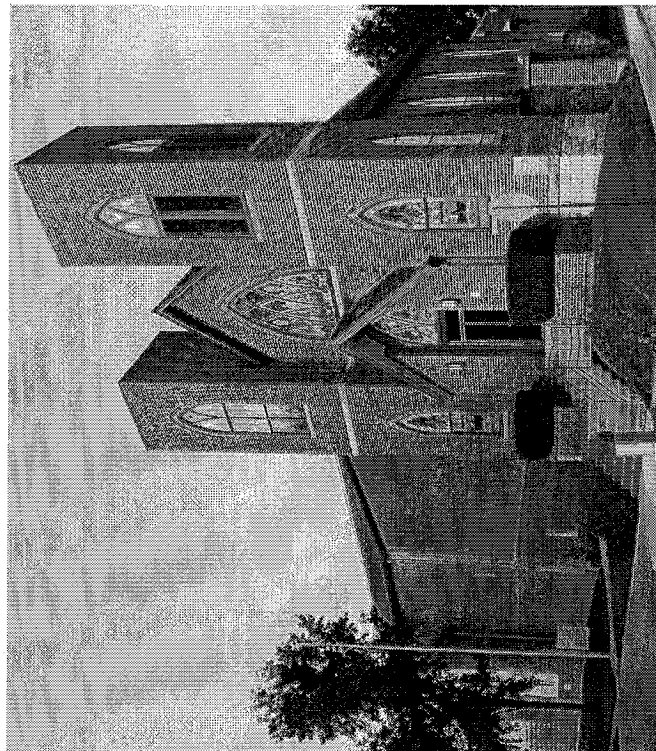
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HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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