

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Hello Friends

I am astounded at the pace of the calendar over the last several months. It feels like I blinked and months passed by. I wonder if you have felt that as well. This month's newsletter may also remind of that feeling. In 2016 and 2017, we invited the congregation members to prayerfully consider their

pledges for the coming year during the traditional season of harvest celebration, in November. We also had our first Ministry Fair over the same weekend in 2016, as I had a desire to give equal or greater emphasis to our hands, feet, and time as we do our finances.

This year our plan is similar, in that we are having the Ministry Fair the same Sunday as we receive the annual

Pledge Cards, but the timing is a couple months earlier. There are a few reasons for this change. One reason is because there is a new special event in November in the Activity Center for the Sunday of Veteran's Day weekend, and another reason is to allow our Church Board to review our budget in response to the intentions of the congregation. Our plan is to again lower the budget for this coming year. This is in response to the giving history the last couple years. I do want to stress here that lowering the budget does not mean we were spending wastefully before. The cuts we have made have forced us to reduce some ministry plans, or to try to use alternative finances when possible. This summer the staff raised the church thermostats to 77 degrees through the week to try save on utility costs.

As far as my own experience of giving, I believe I was 19 when when I first began tithing to my home church. One of

the important Scripture passages that guided me was **Malachi 3:10** "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Throughout my life, my bills have always been paid, my needs have been met, and I have seen blessings making certain I've never regretted this decision. That being said, I looked up this Scripture <u>after</u> I was invited to give. In my case it wasn't the pastor who invited me to start tithing, but my parents. I have since realized I grew up in an incredibly unique situation, and most people don't have such a blessing.

September 16

Ministry Fair
Pledge Cards

Join us in worship as we pray over our intentions in ministry.

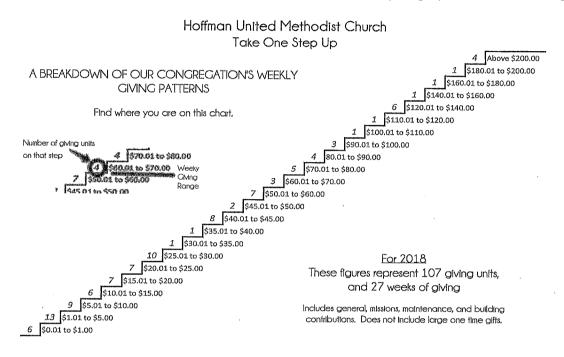
And so, I want to invite you not only to lend your hands, feet, and prayers to the ministry of Hoffman United Methodist, but I also invite you to reflect upon your financial situation, and see if God is calling you to take a step up in your financial investment in our combined ministries. I particularly wish to invite every household to fill out a pledge card, whether you are led to

increase your giving or not. It will give us an opportunity to pray over all our financial intentions, and ask God to bless our stewardship and ministry work through those finances. You are always free to direct where your finances are being used, but be aware that all our ministries have our General Fund, or Budget, as our financial foundation, and without it being supported, other ministries suffer, though indirectly. Hoffman has a unique place in this community, and we want to be able to bless as many as we can through our school and community relationships. Please keep the plans and work of Hoffman UMC in your prayers, that our work will help fulfill God's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Thank you for all we do together.

In His Service and Yours,

PLEDGE and MINISTRY FAIR SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 16!

A few weeks ago I was asked by one fairly new to our congregation how all "THIS" happens? They meant the building, the staff, the lights, everything. This person was certain there were funds that came from the higher organization to help with our operating costs. They could not believe that everything operates on what is collected in the Sunday Offering plates. On top of that, we also pay a fair share to our overseers at the District and Conference Levels, who in turn give a fair share to the global work of the United Methodist Church. The chart below helps explain how Hoffman's ministries are supported. Wherever your household falls on this chart, THANK YOU for your prayerful and faithful support.



Below is the **2019 Pledge Card**. While finances "keep the lights on," the hands and feet of all those who call Hoffman home are what really make ministry happen. On September 16, even as the Ministry Fair informs of various ways we can provide time and talent to support the work at Hoffman, we will also be receiving the Pledge Cards, and praying over them, that we will be empowered and blessed to serve God's Kingdom through all our gifts. If you cannot be in attendance, please feel free to mail in your Pledge Card ("Attn: Finance Secretary") so we can add it to all that we pray over. THANK YOU for your consideration.

TAKE ONE STEP UP...FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His church, I plan to TAKE ONE STEP UP in my giving STEP UP BEYOND TITHING THE GIFT OF TIME My desire is to do more than God's minimum. I desire to pledge my time, represented by my STEP UP TO TITHING hands, feet and prayers for the ministries of I will give 1/10 of my income to God's work. Hoffman UMC. STEP UP TOWARD TITHING I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal. I commit approximately hours/week MY COMMITMENT IS \$ per week. This represents an increase over last year. General Fund Capital Improvements/Maintenance Name Date Address State City Zip

This commitment may be revised or rescinded at my request.



Hoffman United Methodist Church

August 2018

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Carol Storer provided devotion this month. From Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God", I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." God used his voice to create the world. God used his voice to speak to many throughout the Bible. Do we listen or are we too busy to listen? God is capable of speaking to us at any time. Are we always ready to listen?

Mission/Ministry Update

Courtney Wion spoke about Kids Club Summer 2018. The theme was God's Backyard Bible Camp. It was held June 25 - July 25. The theme this year was serving. Week 1: Serve Family (Exodus 2: 1-10) Miriam and Moses – chore cards were made to be used at home Week 2: Serve Friends (Mark 2: 1-12) Paralyzed Man, it was taught ways to help friends, help others.

Week 3: Serve Neighbors (Luke 10: 25-37) The Good Samaritan, the kids talked about ways they could help their neighbors.

Week 4: Serve Community (Luke 19: 1-10), the kids were taught things they could do in their community Week 5: Serve Jesus (Acts 3: 1-19) Peter and John, the kids learned that by doing, we all are serving Jesus. The group went on several field trips. Those consisted of trips to Englewood splash pad, The Blacks' pool, Tipp City pool and as always the fan favorite, Boonshoft Museum.

The budget went a long way this year. Courtney created all the lessons herself. This way she was able to gear the lessons toward the kids. Space was perfect as were the snacks. Whenever snacks are needed it is always provided. Travel was always taken care of as well. We are blessed by our wonderful congregation. Next year if you are interested Courtney would love to have your help.

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

Staff/Parish Relations

Carol Storer reported staff evaluations are due. Don't forget those who are the staples of the church. Their good work doesn't go unnoticed. It's time we let them know! October is Staff Appreciation. Remember to send a note of thanks.

Trustees Report

The accordion door was put up in the basement. This should help with some outside noise. Thank you trustees!

Pastors Report

July average attendance was 175.

Becky is preparing for promotion Sunday, which effectively will be August 26th. There is re-arranging happening due to the large number of very young children. There are some slight changes of rooms and the middle and high school classes will be combined. Only affecting one middle school student who attends regularly. The Prayer Walk at the school, as well as the Teacher's Luncheon is coming together. It is one of the best supported missions at the church.

This school year brings yet another great opportunity for Joseph, he will have every 7th grader for Social Studies. Meaning more opportunities for IGNITE youth to grow. He has had a few summer activities outside the church with the youth, during a season when most groups are shut down. He also designed the banner for the parade float.

Norman has one again successfully scheduled talented special music options for the summer months. Thank you Norman!

Images from: HUMC Website

People to remember in prayer:

Hoffman Sympathies:

to the family of Shirley Bryson, as she passed away on July 29, 2018 to the family of Martha Weaver, Belinda Wright's mother, as she passed away on August 22, 2018

At Home: Wendy Black, Phil Blue, Nan Guthrie, Valaria Harshbarger, Eldon Hoke, Wendy Long, Dick & Eugenie Markley, Miriam Miller, Joetta Perry, Shirley Richhart, and Monica Winemiller

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped with the teacher luncheon; all the teachers appreciated it very much. Thanks also to everyone who participated in the prayer walk.

A big thankyou to Wendy Heisey for taking care of the flower beds around the church. We appreciate your hard work.

Emmaus Woman's Share Group Tuesday, September 4th at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room

Pot Pie Making Thursdays: September 6th & 20th 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, September 16th Pledge Sunday & the Ministry Fair

Theda's Thoughts

SEASONINGS: Each day is a gift from God....inside each gift are 24 little gifts called hours. Some days or gifts may be troubling, needing some soothing with heartfelt prayers to calm them. Most days, sprinkling each hour with a generous amount of zest, the gift of today begins to sparkle and shine. Should some days seem rather dull or boring, for some excitement, try giving a cat a bath! For each gift, give thanks.

Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Serving Schedule

Sep 2nd —Altar flowers are in honor of Labor Day from Cliff & Katie Poling

9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay Greeters: Nadine Thompson & Nancy Lightcap

Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spitler Hospitality: Phil & Karen McFadden

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

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

Scripture Reader: Julia C. Sound: Eric M.
th Leazer Media: Norman H.

Ushers: Les & Sharon T., Ruthann Evans, and Ruth Leazer

Sep 9th — Altar flowers are in memory of Art Curry from Tina Mathews

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey Greeters: Bill & Judy Brown

Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden Hospitality: Jim & Marilyn M. and 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: Valerie M.

Sound: Jill C.

Ushers: Julia C., Ben G., and Sally & Paul Miller

Media: Norman H.

Sep 16th — Altar flowers are in celebration of Paul & Sally Miller's 44th anniversary

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: Norman H.

Sound: Norman H.

Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B. Media:

Sep 23rd — Altar flowers are open

9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle 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: Andrew C.

cripture Reader: Andrew C. **Sound:** Norman H.

Usher: Lisa W. Media: Valerie M.

Sep 30th – Altar flowers are open

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey Greeters: Sophie & Stella Blackburn

Ushers: Steve Kraus & Kay Wagner Hospitality: Joe & Leah Blackburn

Nursery: 10:15 Julia C. & Lesli R. /11:15 Courtney W. & Johanna M.

11:15 Greeters: Patti & Courtney W. Usher: Nancy A. & Patti W.

Scripture Reader: Ben G.

Sound: Norman H.

Media:

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary September 2018



3rd - Bradley Brown
Mary Ann Martens

Jim & Marilyn Mitchell (46 yrs) 4th - Katie Weeks

7th - Paul & Sally Miller (55 yrs) 10th - Monica Studebaker

David & Dawn Jay (35 yrs)

11th - Kathy Koeller Jaydan Lawhorn Levi Todd 12th - Susie Spitler

13th - Rev. Tim Benkert

Norman & Joy Paulus (59 yrs)

14th - Megan Bryson15th - Stella Blackburn

16th - Matthew & Amanda Burns (18 yrs)

18th - Belinda Wright 23rd - David Jay

Monica Winemiller

 $24^{th}\,$ - Sally Blue

Karen Randall

Michael & Amy Barnes (13 yrs) Greg & Bev Brubaker (51 yrs)

25th - Lindsay Todd

27th - Martin & Wendy Black (15 yrs)

28th - Charlotte Hepfer 29th - Bethany Benkert

Hoffman United Methodist Church

Sep 2018 (Eastern Time - New York)

	6:30pm-Ignite //pm-	-Worship	10:15am - S School 7pm - Visitation 6:30p	9am - Worship 6pm - Girl Scouts - B 11am -	30		6:30pm - Ignite	11:15am - Worship	6:30pm - MUCC Mtg	9am - Worship 6pm - Girl Scouts - B 6:30p	23	11:15am - Worship	10:15am - S School	9am - Worship	8:30am - Ministry 6:30p	Pledge Sunday 6pm - Girl Scouts - B 6:30p	166		6:30pm - Ignite	11:15am - Worship	10:15am - S School 7pm - Visitation	9am - Worship 6pm - Girl Scouts - B 6:30p	9 10 10	6:30pm - Ignite	11:15am - Worship	10:15am - S School	9am - Worship 7pm -	Communion Labor Day 11am	3	6:30pm - Ignite	11:15am - Worship	10:15am - S School		9am - Worship
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GRANDMA'S KITCHEN SEPTEMBER 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

September 5th

Closed for Labor Day

September 12th Beef Hot Shots

Mashed Potatoes

Corn

Fruit Jello

Cookie

September 19th

Barbecue Chicken Potato Salad Baked Beans Pie

September 26th

Lasagna Tossed Salad Garlic Bread

Ice Cream Sundae

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

November 11, 2018

We would like to pay tribute to all of our Active Duty Service Men and Women along with our Veterans, both living and deceased, who are or have been a part of Hoffman Church. Please fill out the following information, along with a photo if possible, and put it in an envelope and place it in the basket outside the church office marked VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE. Or you can send the information, via email, to Debbie Hiester at dshiester@aol.com.

If you submitted info and a photo for our last Memorial Day tribute in 2016, you do not need to submit this information again unless it needs to be undated

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ALTERNATIVE SERVICE **UPDATED INFO**

Please make sure that the photo you submit has your name on the back so that is can be returned to you, or you can send a JPEG photo via email along with your information to Debbie Hiester at dshiester@aol.com. If you have any questions please call Debbie at 698-3280.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THIS INFO AND PHOTO IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

SEPTEMBER "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



The Ministry Fair is Sunday, September 16th! Set up is Saturday, Sept. 15th 10AM-Noon

Registration Forms due by September 2nd!

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. If you need a tri-fold presentation board, there are some in my office. If you would like your previous poster boards, see me or call 698-6511.

Fill-out a registration form which you will find on the information table by the office and place them in my mailbox.

Where is God calling you to serve? Check out the opportunities at the Ministry Fair during Sunday school or after each worship service, on Sept. 16th!

Study Groups Starting in September!

- Women's Weds. 9 AM group with Nancy K. will start September 12th and will be studying the Book of James.
- Women's Weds. 6:30 PM group with Pam H. will start on Sept. 12th and are studying about Gideon in the Book of Judges.
- Tuesday Young Women's Group will start on Sept. 18th and meet from 6:30-8PM
- Men's Tuesday Group--TBA

NOTE: Looking for a women's group leader for a possible Saturday morning group. Contact me at the info above.



² 2018 5/2 Lunch Bunch By the Numbers

Hoffman and Good Shepherd:

Hot Meals-974 meals

Carry Home Bags: 40 individual bags were prepared with pastas, pudding, fruit, and toaster pastries, In addition to those, 17 family units received peanut butter, jelly, bread, cereal, boxes of fruit snacks and peanut butter crackers.

At HUMC:

Children-- 33 different children were served Adults--12 different adults were served (parents/Seniors) Volunteer Hours-- 288

Volunteer Servants—20 adults and 4 teens Non-perishable food/paper donations—168 items Homemade Goodies—15 pans of brownies and 30 doz. cookies!

It normally takes about \$800-1000 for the carry home bags, but our shopper Katie Fox scouted sales all summer and with the Bulldog Bag surplus (which would have expired soon), what looked like a very tight budget at the end, became a more than enough provision.

Thanks to one and all, and especially to God for always providing enough! Every year, it's another miracle about the 5/2 (fishes and the loaves). ③

Lunch Bunch appreciates the monies received from grants and donations from the following: The Miami County Foundation; The West Milton Community Chest; The West Milton Llons, The Union Township Mary Alma Knife Fund; Hoffman UMC; The Nashville UCC Mite Fellowship; Potsdam UMC; and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. And for next year, we have received already a \$200 gift from O'Reilly's Auto Parts!



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Coming October 14 @12:30

For those who are relatively new or curious about Hoffman, join Pastor Robbie and others after second service for a free lunch, as you become better acquainted with Hoffman UMC, its mission, ministries, and its pastor!



'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

WOW!! What a busy August!! Please continue to pray for all our children as school has started~

This past Sunday was our first Sunday School time with our new K-1 classroom, a huge thank you to Lauren Everage for taking that class!!

Our nursery and Sunday school workers meeting went well- if you were unable to attend, please see Becky for some information and to sign Safe Sanctuaries paperwork.

Our Kids Hope meeting went well- we will have around 12 mentors starting off the year in September with their students!! We can always add more mentors, so please see Becky if you would like to be a mentor.

Christmas Play practice during second service will be starting soon for all K-5th graders... more information will be coming soon!

Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:15

Preschool Children's Church Hour 11:15:12:20

> Nursery open 10:15-12:20

Children's Director: Becky Garrett
RebeccaGarrett@hoffmanumc.org
937-524-7220

Movie Night September 2

8-10 pm

Young's Dairy Corn Maze September 30

2 pm- ?

lgnite Grades 6-12

Sundays

5:30-8:30 pm

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

September!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters"

Colossians 3:23



School is officially in session! Hope it has been a great start to the new year. There are several big events in September. This Sunday, September 2, we will be having an outdoor movie night. We will set up the projector and provide the popcorn, you bring a chair and some friends! Time will be changed to 8-10 pm, because of Labor Day and no school Mon!

September 16, at 10;15 am, during Sunday school hour, there will be a Ministry Fair at church. I encourage you to come and check it out and find somewhere to volunteer and serve!

Sunday, September 30 Ignite will be travelling to Young's Jersey Dairy for a corn maze and ice cream! We will meet at the church at 2 pm.

If you are involved in a fall activity, please get me your schedule. We would love to come support you and cheer you on!

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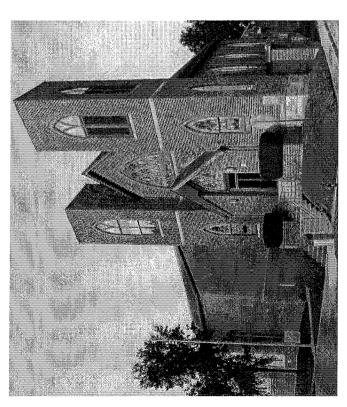
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Pastor Robbie Scott

