

G Blessing in the Cloud

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hello Friends

For those of you who know me best, you may be a little surprised to know that I am slow to adopt new technology. I am intrigued by it, and will research it, but I would not call myself an "early adopter." In fact, when I returned to college in 1998, one could have heard me complaining about how I was being "forced" to get a computer, and how unfair I thought that was. In the congregations I have served since, I have had a

reputation as being a "techy," but that is really only true in church circles, as the rest of the world is years ahead of me. One of the reasons I facilitate updates within the facilities I've been blessed to serve is because I think it is a difficult witness to be decades behind the rest of the culture. I'm certain there are conflicting opinions about that, but in the end I simply want us able to use every tool we can to make disciples of Jesus, including our building and all that is in it.

In my personal and professional life, I have for a couple years dabbled in backing up some information online, I have more recently started producing more documents, spreadsheets, and sermon presentations on the internet, saving them "in the cloud." I remember a time when most of the conversations involving a cloud would be about what shape one appeared to have in the sky (sometimes my family still does that on a car trip!). To go from that to doing some of my creative work "in the cloud" is quite a change!

Scripture has references to Cloud terminology, but with a completely different context. A pillar of Cloud guided God's

people in the wilderness, and a Cloud represented God's presence at the Tent of Meeting, as well as in the temple, at Jesus' baptism, and on the mount when Jesus was transfigured before the disciples.

The New Testament doesn't cover this as a topic much other

than the Gospels and in Revelation, but here in Hebrews, there is a challenge. A challenge to not give up. A challenge to put aside sin. A challenge rooted in remembering those who didn't have their prayers answered the way they wanted; in remembering those who died without being spared by God during times of persecution; in remembering those who were faithful while not having the same blessings as the first readers of the letter to the Hebrews. Sometimes it is good for

"The Legacy," by Ron DiCianni

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us to be reminded we are still surrounded by an are still surrounded by those who died spared by God persecution; in those who were having the same first readers of the Hebrews. Some

us to be reminded we are still surrounded by that cloud of witnesses. We have always been working in the "cloud."

The picture on this page is an image called "The Legacy," by Ron DiCianni. My parents gave me a copy as a seminary graduation gift. It is one of the last gifts my mom picked out for me, so it is of course precious. The stained glass image represented in the background matches the one in the church I was serving at that time. The picture itself communicates this "Cloud" we work in, a Cloud of, and even with, the witness of others joined in God's wondrous work.

We will set aside time on November 4 to remember the saints who have traveled on ahead of us, and it is my hope that their witness can inspire us to be more than we think we can be, and can remind us that if they could finish the race well, then we can too.

While working in the Cloud, I am, In His Service and Yours,





Hoffman United Methodist Church

October 2018

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotion

Dick Martens led with devotion from the Book of Job. It reminds us to trust in the Lord's love, and thank him for all you see, and not forget to thank him for all you don't see.

Mission/Ministry Update

Les Trittschuh presented on the Crop Walk. He is the local Coordinator and Treasurer. This mission was started in West Milton in 1978. This year there were 33 walkers. There have been \$815 donated thus far. Remember this charity when you are giving. It is a responsible mission to give to. Les appreciates all the support. There were 20 Hoffman walkers and 7 walkers from the MVCTC, Milton-Union FFA Chapter.

Meeting Attendees

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

Trustees Report

There was a work day on October 13th. The threshold on the basement door was replaced as well as some painting done. The carpet is planned to be replaced starting November 6th. The boiler in the basement has had 2 pumps go out. The pumps are having to be rebuilt because they don't make this particular pump any longer.

Guiding Principles

In regards to the church survey. There may be needs out there that we would like to be able to respond to. If you do have something you would like addressed, please don't hesitate to let any of our board members know. For the ministry fair, boards were made for the various ministries around the church. Stop by the welcome center periodically to see what's on display!

Pastors Report

September average attendance was 155.

Becky is preparing an outreach card for families to invite other families to Family Fun Day, being held November 10th. Please let her know if you would like to add anyone to that list.

Joseph finished the last round of Confirmations last Sunday. Becky, Pastor Robbie and Joseph are working on Beggars Night Outreach.

Pam has trained 5 new greeters. They have been given nametags, job descriptions, became familiar with the Welcome Center and made sure they had access to the RightNow Media training videos. Small groups are in gear for fall. 3 Women's Study Groups, one Men's Study and a Women's Emmaus Share Group continue to meet. These are in addition to the five adult Sunday classes/groups that meet. If you are interested in joining in any one of the mentioned groups, contact Pam and she will be happy to help you.

October / November Upcoming Events

Oct 1-31 – Staff Appreciation

Oct 26 - Legal Forum - ONU

October 30 – Trunk or Treat

November 3 – Foodsteps 5k, benefiting Bulldog Bags

November 4 – All Saints Service

November 6 – Election Day Dinner

November 10 – Family Fun Day

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 15 – Charge Conference

November 17 – Craft Show

November 18 – Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due

December 1 – Church Christmas Party

December 9 – Pasta Luncheon Auction

December 16 – Children's Christmas Program

Feb 23 – 26 – General Conference

Images from: HUMC Website

Serving Schedule

Nov 4th -Altar flowers are in memory of Donna Franklin, Dick & Dixie Porter's daughter

9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKav Greeters: Wendy Heisey, Taylor Beaschler, & Nancy Lightcap

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

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

11:15 Greeters: Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy Koeller Scripture Reader: Andrew C. Ushers: Les & Sharon T., Ruthann King, and Ruth Leazer

Sound: Eric M. Media: Norman H

Nov 11th Altar flowers in memory of Tim Lugabihl from Tammy

9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle Greeters: Bill & Judy Brown

Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden Hospitality: Nancy & Kathy

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

Sound: Jill C.

Media: Norman H

Nov 18th - Altar flowers are in memory of Wanda E. Thornton, Wendy Heisey's grandmother

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisev Greeters: Nancy Studebaker & Richard Smith

Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** Kay & Steve

Nursery: 10:15 Jill C. & Patti W. /11:15 Emily K. & Jennifer K.

11:15 Greeters: Kathy W. and Amanda B.

Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B.

Usher: Lisa W.

Scripture Reader: Amy T.

Sound: Norman H.

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Nov 25th - Altar flowers are in memory of Janet Weeks' parents, Lake & Dorothy Willis

9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh Greeters: Carol Bailey & Carol Storer

Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn Hospitality: Jim & Marilyn and Valerie

Nursery: 10:15 Eric & Johanna M. /11:15 Megan B. & Ben G.

11:15 Greeters: Sally & Paul M. and Marijo Schlecht Scripture Reader: Matt B.

Sound: Norman H.

Media: Valerie M.



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary November 2018

Jeff & Denise Ellinger (3 yrs) 1st -

3rd -John & Ruth Hayes (62 yrs)

Stephanie Bryson 6th -Amy Karch Linda Long George & Lauren Everage (8 yr

Joel Benkert 7th -

8th -John Ankerman

10th - Judy Brown Nancy McAnespie

13th - Brandon Grant

14th - Christy Harris Lori Parsons

16th - Logan Burns

17th – Lee & Becky Baker (40 yrs)

19th - Mark Hause

22nd - Anne Kinsey

23rd - Denise Ellinger

25th - Chris Long

27th - Ron Butt

Shari Williams

28th - Brian Ressler

30th - LaVerne Hennemyre

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GRANDMA'S KITCHEN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 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

Nov 6th
Election Day
Dinner

Nov. 7th & 21st Grandma's Kitchen CLOSED Nov 14th Meat Loaf
Cheesy Pot

Cheesy Potatoes
California Blend
Applesauce
Spice Cake

Nov 28th
Beef and noodles
Mashed Potatoes

Mashed Potatoes Slaw

Ice cream sundae

December 5th

Baked spaghetti
Garlic bread
Tossed salad
Chocolate delight

December 12th

Chicken and noodles Mashed potatoes Green beans Cook's choice

** Grandma's Kitchen will be closed for the winter **

It has been our pleasure to serve you and the Lord.

We pray you have a safe winter. See you in the spring!





SHARE A POINSETTIA

It is time to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season. They will be displayed on Christmas Eve and can be picked up after the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service. If you wish to share with us, please fill out the form and return it with the money, in the offering plate by Sunday, December 2nd. Our supplier is Stockslager's and the cost is \$7.25 each. Checks will be payable to Hoffman U. M. Church. Please mark envelope 'poinsettia'.

(Please Print Names Carefully)	How Many	Total Price	
In memory of	White	x \$7.25 =	
In honor of	Red	x \$7.25 =	
Given By	Marble	x \$7.25 =	
Your Phone No			

People to remember in prayer:

At Home: Wendy Black, Phil Blue, Nan Guthrie, Valaria Harshbarger, Charlotte Hepfer, Eldon Hoke, Cindy Johnston, Helen Keller, Kathy Kinsey, Wendy Long, Mary Maess.

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, 1746 E Silver Star Road #525, Ocoee FL 34761

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANK YOU

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3rd.

Emmaus Woman's Share Group Tues., Nov 6th at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room

159th Chicken Pot Pie Election Day Dinner Nov 6^h from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Homemade chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dinner roll, assorted desserts, plus a beverage. \$7.50 donation. Dine in or carry out

Early December Towers' deadline of November 15th mailing date remains at November 29th

Veteran's Day Program on Sun., Nov 11th at 10:15 a.m. in the Activity Center. Join us as we honor our Hoffman Veterans.

Church Charge Conference will be held November 15th at 7:30 p.m. after the Church Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts deadline is November 18th. See information on table in lobby.

Hoffman's Annual Craft Show

November 17th from 9a.m. to 3p.m. Our booth needs lots of crafts and homemade goodies. Thank you to everyone who helped make pot pie or donated ingredients. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Christmas Staff Gifts will be presented to the staff at the December 1st Christmas party in appreciation for all their hard work. Please be generous with your support and place your contribution in an envelope marked "Staff Gifts" by Nov. 25th and put in the offering plate. Thank you for your contribution. Cindy J. & Carol S., SPRC

Annual Christmas Party December 1st Save the Date!

Please join us on December 1st for our Annual Christmas Party! We will meet at 6:00 for hor d'oeuvres and conversation in the activity center. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with entertainment following at 7:15. This year's entertainment promises to be quite a treat. The Crossroads Sunday School Class will be providing chicken for dinner. Please plan to bring a dish to share. If your last name starts with is A-H, please bring a salad. Those with the last name that starts with I-Q should bring side dish to share. Finally, those with the last name R-Z should bring a dessert to share. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you.

Pasta Luncheon, Dessert and Gift Auction Sunday, December 9th at 12:30 in the Activity Center Freewill donation – all proceeds will go to 'Helping Hands" Christmas Food & Toys Baskets.

NOVEMBER "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

Small Groups Continue to Meet

- Women's Weds. 9 AM group with Nancy K. is studying the Book of James.
- Women's Weds. 6:30 PM group with Pam H. is studying about Gideon in the Book of Judges.
- Young Women's 6:30PM Tuesday Group is studying "Unglued".
- Men's Group on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM are studying "Gods at War" from Kyle Idleman
- Women's Emmaus Share group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 11AM.
- If you would like to join a group, call me at the contact info above for more information.

Trunk or Treat Tuesday Oct.30 from 6-8 PM

Set up your vehicles starting at 5PM in the South parking lot. For those who would like to participate or donate candy, remember we give out 700-800 treats! Donations of candy can be left on the table outside of Pastor Robbie's office.

Greater Dayton Emmaus Upcoming Walks

Flyers on the info table outside of the church office or contact me for more information or registration forms. Scheduled upcoming weekends:

Men's Walk #66

Women's Walk #105

January 17 - 20, 2019

February 21-24, 2019

Both at Normandy UMC in Centerville

Community Work Day

Community Work Day on Sunday, November 4th starting at 2 p.m. If there is anyone in need of weeding, raking, cleaning gutters, etc. please contact Becky Garrett 524-7220

From the Board: Do You Have a Need?

As a Board we have been working on getting the responses to the church survey addressed. There was a comment on the need for helping hands around the house. If you are in need of anything to be done, please contact the church office. They will get you in touch with someone.



Ways You Can Be a Blessing This Month

- Get your children or grandchildren together and go Shoebox Shopping for Operation Christmas Child. Explain why you are doing this and for whom. Not only will you be contributing to this worthwhile ministry, you will be passing on the legacy of giving and generosity to your family. "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." Dt.4:9
- Before Thanksgiving Dinner, put together a
 basket of index cards or blank pieces of paper and
 markers. As each family member arrives for
 dinner, have them write down the things they are
 thankful for this year.
 "give thanks in all circumstances: for this is God's
 - "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Th. 5:18
- Invite a widow and/or orphan to share
 Thanksgiving or other meal with you and your family.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27



Community Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 21st at 7PM At The Potsdam Church of the Brethren "And He took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed



Family Fun Day is Saturday, November 10 from 11:30-2pm. We will have a carry-in lunch and some activities for the families to participate in afterwards. Look for a sign-up sheet to sign up your family.

Christmas Play practice is continuing to happen downstairs during second service. If your child or grandchildren would like to participate they still can! Even our preschoolers will be singing a song this year!!

Kids Hope is has started... we have 10 mentors and 10 prayer partners. Please keep them all in prayer as they mentor and pray for students in Milton-Union.

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 ragarrett15@gmail.com 937-524-7220

Community Work

Day

November 4

2-7 pm.

Family Fun Day

November 10

11:30 am - 2 pm

Carry-in

Families Welcomed

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

November 11

6:30 -- 8:30 pm

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

November

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



With the holidays quickly approaching, there is a lot happening in November! Sunday, November 4 from 2:00-7:00, Ignite will be doing a work day around the community (raking leaves, etc.) instead of regular Ignite. We will end at the Garrett's house for snack and devotions. If it rains, we will reschedule, and just hold regular Ignite on the 4th.

Saturday, November 10 is Family Fun Day at the church. We will have a carry-in lunch and fun activities from 11:30-2:00, so bring your families!

Sunday, November 11 during regular Ignite time we will be doing Operation Christmas Child. We will team up, go shopping at Dollar General, and pack/wrap our shoeboxes to send to children around the world. A great way to give back and get into the holiday spirit. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget, when there are no special events, regular Ignite Sunday nights from 6:30-8:30 for students grades 6-12!

A Love Letter From Jesus

How are you? I just had to send you this letter to tell you how much I love you and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would walk and talk with Me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day, and a cool breeze to rest you. Then I waited, but you never came. 0 yes, it hurt Me, but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you. asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and your face. Again, I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk, I wanted to hear your voice.

You awakened late this morning and rushed off for the day. My tears were in the rain. Today you looked so sad, so alone. It makes My heart ache because I understand. Many of My friends let Me down and hurt Me time and again, but I love you. I try to tell you in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves and trees, and breathe it in the color of the flowers. I shout it to you in the mountain streams, and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air. My love for you is deeper than the oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need you could ever have.

We will spend eternity together in heaven. I know how hard it is on earth. I really know, because I was there, and I want to help you. My Father wants to help you too ... He's that way, you know ... Just call Me, ask Me, talk to Me. It is your decision ... I have chosen you, and because of this I will wait ... Because I love you.

Your Friend, JESUS

THEDA'S THOUGHTS... SUBMITTED BY THEDA KLEPINGER

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a little girl who lived with her loving family. One day they were visiting relatives who lived in a nearby city. During the evening meal, when all were gathered around the table, the little girl noticed a dish of sweet potatoes out of her reach. She politely asked, with eager anticipation, for someone to pass the dish to her. When the little girl received the dish, to her dismay, it did not contain sweet potatoes, but buttered carrots! Using good manners, she managed to eat a few of the nutritious veggies. This event reminds me of the old adage: "Things are not always what they seem to be". As we sift through life's experiences, we begin to see things more clearly until we see the real thing. Philippians 1:9-11.....that you may be able to discern what is best.....

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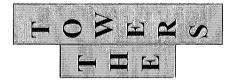
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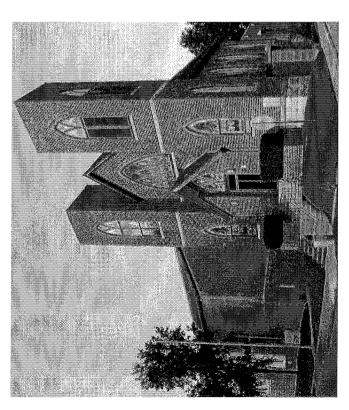
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