

THE TOWERS

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

October 2018

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

God Granting Fame

1 Chronicles 14:16-17 ¹⁶ So David did as God commanded him, and they struck down the Philistine army, all the way from Gibeon to Gezer. ¹⁷ So David's fame spread throughout every land, and the LORD made all the nations fear him.

Hello Friends,

I start this note with an air of thankfulness. The last few weeks has been a whirlwind of activity. We had a very successful prayer walk through the school, which is a double thankfulness, both for those who were part of the team and also for being in a school district that permits the Body of Christ to be proactively prayerful in the lives of our community's children and education professionals. We also had a successful Ministry Fair, and I am thankful for the holy imagination that was on display in the various booths, and for those who pondered getting involved in new ministries. That Sunday was also our Pledge Card Sunday, so my thanks go out to all who prayerfully committed to God, whether recorded on paper or not, to support the various ministries of Hoffman United Methodist. While it is difficult to do so graciously, I want to express appreciation for those who have been extra helpful financially in recent months. We try to keep our costs down as much as we can, but our income has increased ever so slightly from late summer into fall, allowing us to operate "in the black" for the first time in a while. It is difficult to feel free to dream when the responsibility of the "here and now" weighs heavy. I know many of you have known that feeling, so please know my gratitude.

We are coming into our busiest season of the year, which is amazing to write, given how swiftly the last 12 months have passed. With the possible exception of a special Sunday or two, the next series, leading us towards Advent, will be DAVID. This multidimensional character from history is not a

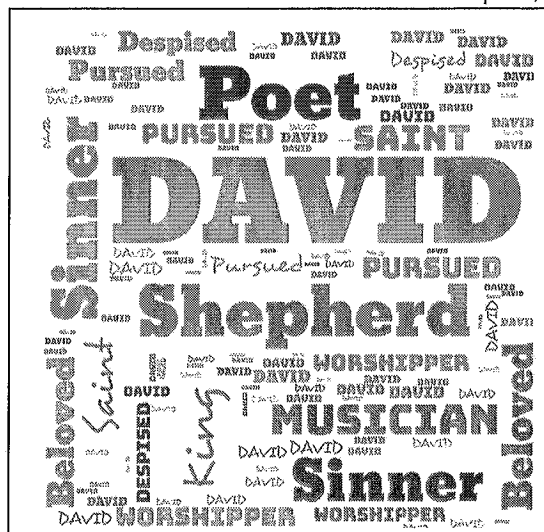
stained glass saint...in fact, though I have been in several church buildings over the years, I don't recall any images in worship of this one known as a man after God's own heart. I am speaking of course of David, who was anointed and chosen by God as a young shepherd, was thrust into the public eye with a victory over a seemingly unbeatable foe, and rose to the monarchy. From there we are told that while at the "top," he had both amazing successes and heartbreaking losses, in battles, in family, and in character. God granted David great fame, and David showed an adoration for God worth studying, and God granted David Fame, despite his shortcomings. My prayer is that we can learn both from David's victories as well as from his failures in order to bring our hearts into closer alignment with God's.

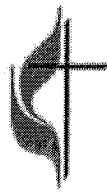
This year we are again having Trunk or Treat on the South Parking Lot on October 30. This has been a very positive event in the past, and it is a fun setting to see the costumes of

the children of our community and congregation. Especially if you are outside of town, or if your street has very little traffic, I would like to invite you to be a part of this event. Our expectation is for around 700 children or so. We have been a little sparse in vehicles the last couple years so we should have room for plenty more to join in the fun. Be thinking about a fun costume, and come prepared for an enjoyable time...and for a chill in the air. No matter how warm it is during the day, the temperatures drop significantly after sunset. Moments like these are public and fun, and may open

a door for us to be a part of serious faith moments later in our neighbors' journeys. May God richly bless Your faith journeys as the air cools and the leaves begin their seasonal vibrant display. While getting my costume ready, I am,

In His Service and Yours,





Hoffman United Methodist Church

September 2018

Board Meeting Highlights

Mission/Ministry Update

Pam Hitchcock presented the report for Lunch Bunch 2017- August 2018. There were 974 hot meals served during the six week period at Hoffman and an eight week period at Good Shepherd Lutheran. Those meals helped feed teens, young children, parents, grandparents, and the lower income senior citizens. Menu items were baked potato bar, pizza casserole, sloppy joes, grilled cheese/"Bulldog" sandwich, salads, fresh vegetables and the big hit for everyone veggies and ranch dressing! Fruit, homemade cookies, ice cream and Jello pudding for dessert. There were 40 carry home bags and 17 boxes of food sent home and given to the children at both satellites. We were fortunate to have such a great shopper this year. Her shopping skills saved us a lot of money! Thank you Katie Fox. Bulldog bags were also a help with the cost, due to expiration dates on the items. The children made crafts, had non-denominational Bible story time, and music time. Wendy Heisey read to the children at Good Shepherd each week. For the fourth year in a row, we partnered with Miami County Dental Clinic, to serve those in need of check-ups, cleanings, and if needed filling sealants. 496.25 volunteer hours were logged this summer between adults and teens. Thanks to Miami County Foundation, Union Township Alma Knife Fund, Nashville UCC Mite Fellowship, Potsdam UMC, Hoffman UMC, West Milton Lions, Milton-Union Community Chest, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for another successful year! O'Reilly Auto Parts donated \$200. We off to a good start in 2019!

Meeting Attendees

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

Trustees Report

Trustees have met and are discussing carpet bids. The bids were lower than expected, so the decision was made to replace all classroom carpeting. We are still battling an intermittent leak in Pastor Robbie's office. Keep in

mind a workday for October 13 to do several projects at the church and parsonage.

Guiding Principles

Update on the church survey. We feel that at least 60% of the comments/questions have been addressed. If there is anything that someone doesn't feel is resolved, please get in touch with one of the board members.

Mission Goals are complete. Thank you to those ministries who responded. Making sure everyone feels they have the equipment, both physically and spiritually, is most important.

Pastors Report

August average attendance was 162. Last year was 161. Pam is making preparations for the next pizza with the pastor.

Becky has a family event scheduled for November 10th. The Sunday school redistribution seems to be going well. Ignite Youth attendance is still slightly down, averaging around 15 a Sunday.

Norman has resumed choir and bell choir practice. Numbers are down in the choir for various reasons.

October / November Upcoming Events

Oct 1-31 – Staff Appreciation

October 14 – Crop Walk

October 30 – Trunk or Treat

November 3 – Foodsteps 5k, benefiting Bulldog Bags

November 4 – All Saints Service

November 6 – Election Day Dinner

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 15 – Charge Conference

November 17 – Craft Show

November 18 – Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due

Serving Schedule

- Oct 7th** – Altar flowers are in celebration of Jeremy Heisey's birthday, from his wife, Wendy
9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay **Greeters:** Wendy Heisey, Taylor Beaschler, & Nancy Lightcap
Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spittler **Hospitality:** Tim & Janet B.
Nursery: 10:15 Jill C. & Teesha B. / 11:15 Kim D. & Wendy H.
- 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.
- Oct 14th** – Altar flowers are open
9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle **Greeters:** Bill & Judy Brown
Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Nancy S. & Kathy K.
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:** Amy T. **Sound:** Jill C.
Ushers: Julia C., Ben G., and Sally & Paul Miller **Media:** Norman H.
- Oct 21st** – Altar flowers are open
9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Nancy Studebaker & Richard Smith
Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** Kay W. & Steve K.
Nursery: 10:15 Jill C. & Patti W. / 11:15 Emily K. & Jennifer K.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Kathy W. and Amanda B. **Scripture Reader:** Valerie M. **Sound:** Norman H.
Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B. **Media:**
- Oct 28th** – Altar flowers are in memory of Ted Lightcap, from Nancy
9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey **Greeters:** Carol Bailey & Carol Storer
Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn **Hospitality:** Tom & Janet W.
Nursery: 10:15 Eric & Johanna M. / 11:15 Megan B. & Ben G.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Sally & Paul M. and Marijo Schlecht **Scripture Reader:** Dean B. **Sound:** Norman H.
Usher: Lisa W. **Media:** Valerie M.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary October 2018

- 1st - Greg & Lesli Raines (7 yrs)
- 3rd - Riko Waymire
- 4th - Dorothy Ginn
Tina Mathews
- 5th - Bill Brown
- 6th - Karen McFadden
- 7th - Ruthann Evans
Phil & Sally Blue (57 yrs)
Paul & Gwenn Crow (51 yrs)
- 9th - Mike & Candy Curry (42 yrs)
- 10th - Kim Dohrman
- 11th - Steve Kraus & Kay Wagner (21 yrs)
- 12th - Ruth Hayes



- 13th - Joe Knostman
Nancy Wolf
- 14th - Kyler Jay
- 16th - David Hayes
- 17th - Wendy Long
- 19th - Ben & Nancy Herron (23 yrs)
- 20th - Richard & Marcia Smith (29 yrs)
- 23rd - Robin Maeder
- 27th - Darlene Duchene
- 28th - Tim & Janet Benkert (29 yrs)
- 29th - Dick Porter
- 31st - Marty Black
Chelsi Jay
Jim Wright

To view the church calendar please visit our website at www.hoffmanUMC.org

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN OCTOBER 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

October 3rd

Beef and noodles
Mashed potatoes
Carrots
Watergate Salad

October 10th

Swiss chicken bake
Mashed potatoes
California blend
Cherry Trifle

October 17th

Spiral sliced ham
Baked potato bar
Broccoli
Brownies

October 24th

Turkey hot shots
Mashed potatoes
Green beans
Pumpkin roll

October 31st

Polish sausage
Macaroni and cheese
Peas
Ice cream sundae

Menu items are subject to change

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 updated.

NAME: _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

DATE OF SERVICE: _____

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY: ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN DECEASED VETERAN
ALTERNATIVE SERVICE UPDATED INFO

Please make sure that the photo you submit has your name on the back so that it 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

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

Thanks for your prayers, cards, and sympathy in the death of my mother, Martha Weaver. Also thanks to the Visitation Committee for visits to mom and to the ladies who helped with the meal after the funeral. Belinda & Jim Wright

October is Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month, so we invite you to lift up Pastor Robbie and his family, as well as our Hoffman Staff and their families with your prayers and any signs of appreciation you deem appropriate. Their love of Christ, service to Hoffman, and spirit of cooperation and teamwork are wonderful gifts to the church and community. Please keep Pam, Norman, JoAnn, Becky, Joseph, and of course Robbie in your prayers throughout the year but particularly have them in mind in October. Thank You, Cindy J. and Carol S., Staff-Parish Relations Co-Chairs.

Trunk or Treat in South Parking Lot
October 30th 6 to 8 p.m.

Hoffman's Annual Craft Show

November 17th from 9a.m. to 3p.m.

Our booth needs lots of crafts and homemade goodies. Start thinking about what you will make to help fill our tables.

Emmaus Woman's Share Group
Tues., Oct. 2nd at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room

CROP Walk Sunday, October 14th at 2 p.m. at HUMC

FoodSteps 5K- November 3, 2018
at 9am at Lowry Track Complex

Participating in this event will help raise money for Bulldog Bags. If you would like to register to walk or run please go to www.CantStopRunningCo.com/Local-Races and sign up. If you sign up by Oct, 15th, you can get a t-shirt and the price is \$25. After October 15th, the price rises to \$30 and you won't be guaranteed a shirt. Questions see Becky Garrett.

All Saints Service is Nov. 4th Please call the church office 698-4401 with the name and date of death of your loved ones who have passed away this past year and we will include their names during our services.

Hoffman UMC Christmas Party will be held on Sat., Dec., 1st. Updates soon. It is sure to be a good time!

Theda's Thoughts

Think positive thoughts to start your day. They can make all the difference. Keep looking to the Lord and find encouragement in the possibilities this day holds. Keep in touch with people...find joy in everyone that comes your way. As the day winds down "cozy in" to contemplate the wonders God provided today. Give thanks and plan for a happy tomorrow. You can do it! Proverbs 17:22 "A cheerful heart is good medicine" HAVE A HAPPY DAY...

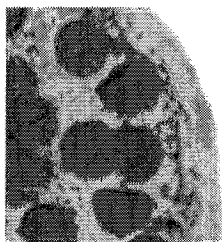
OCTOBER "BODY" HEALTH

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



pizza
pastor

Pizza with The Pastor is Sunday, October 14

@12:30 in the basement. For those who are relatively new or curious about Hoffman, join Pastor Robbie, his family and others after second service for a free lunch, as you become better acquainted with Hoffman UMC, its mission, ministries, and its pastor!

There's still time to sign up at the Welcome Center (at the back of the Sanctuary). Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Oct. 7th. For questions contact me via the info in the header.

Greater Dayton Emmaus Upcoming Walks

This is a weekend experience that will inspire, challenge and equip you for Christian service in your homes, church and community. Brochures on the Information table outside of the office. Scheduled upcoming weekends:

Men's Walk #66

January 17 - 20, 2019

Normandy UMC

Women's Walk #105

February 21-24, 2019

Normandy UMC

A PERSONAL THANKS... I want to give a BIG thank you to all who were praying for our 10 y.o. granddaughter Mady, who was impaled in her abdomen by a sharp braiding comb on Sept 17th. She was home less than 24 hours after being Careflighted to a children's trauma center. Praise God, no major organs nor the abdominal wall were penetrated by the 5 inches of metal! It was a miracle and an answer to many prayers offered on her behalf. Blessings to you who took time to lift her up! Pam and John H.



Men's Study Group Starting in October!

The Men's Group will begin meeting on **Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30P** in the basement for study and fellowship. They will be setting up tables for Grandma's Kitchen in the Activity Center on Tues. Oct. 2nd at 6:30P. All men of all ages are welcome to join the group!

Women's Groups Have Begun—Join Us!

- 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".

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

SERVICE Outside the Walls

The Volunteer Cuddler Program is being introduced at UVMC in Troy. Below is information from the DailyAdvocate.com: The cuddler program is "for babies born to mothers who took opioids during pregnancy. With the cuddler program, 'We bring in volunteers to cuddle and hold the baby so that they can hear your heart beat and feel that love and warmth it is not getting laying in that crib hooked to an IV'...The UVMC cuddler program is coordinated through the Volunteer Services Department. Those interested in volunteering go through that program's background checks and orientation, Gulker said.

For further information on cuddler program volunteering, call 937-440-4995 or email "kmchristensen@premierhealth.com."

"And He took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them." Mark 10:16

SPARK!
children's ministry

The Children's Christmas play practice has started for grades K-5th grade. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to participate, please have them come. Practice is each Sunday during second service. The children will start in the sanctuary for music and then go downstairs after announcements.

Our next Family Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 10. TBA- theme and time

Kids Hope is starting back up... we have 12 mentors and 12 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

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Preschool 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

Pumpkin Carving

October 28

5:30 pm-8:30

@ Knostman's house

Ignite

Grades 6-12

Sundays

6:30-8:30 pm

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

October!

"The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures
forever."

Isaiah 40:8

ignite
student ministry

September was a fun month, with both an outdoor movie night and a trip to Young's Dairy for the corn maze and ice cream.

Now, October is the season of fall leaves, crisp air, and pumpkins! Come join us at our house, Sunday October 28 for pumpkin carving, chili, apple cider, and a bonfire. Bring a friend! *Notice the earlier start time.

October 31 is Halloween, and we would love to have your help passing out candy bars to the community in the church parking lot for our annual Trunk or Treat.

***** We want to extend a special thank you to everyone in our church community that supports our youth program. Through snacks, prayers, monetary gifts, time, etc., we are truly blessed to have you all in our lives, so THANK YOU!

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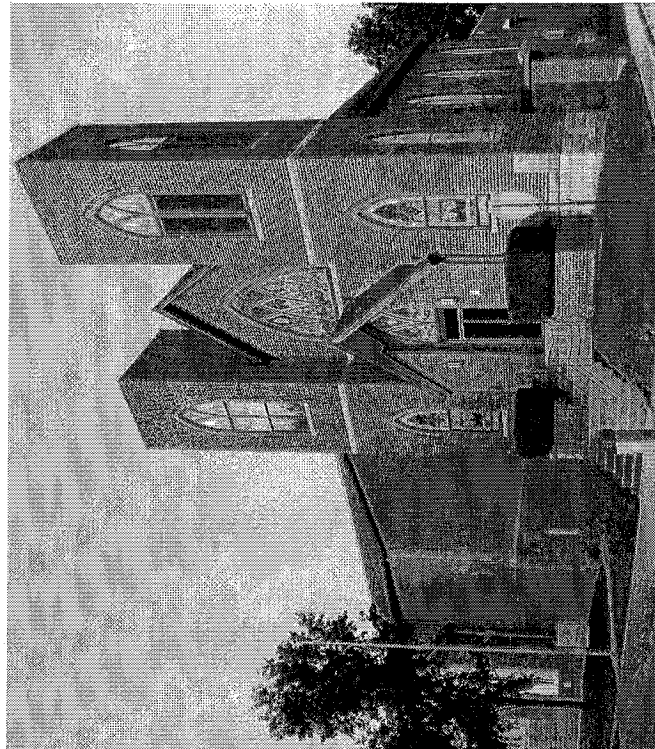
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Worship Time: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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