

# THE TOWERS

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

July 2019

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### *Missions to Near, Far, and Mars?*

#### Acts 1:8

**<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

Those who read their Newsletters particularly carefully may notice this is the same Scripture as last month's article. Let us be honest, I've probably used that Scripture more than a half dozen times for these articles since I've been here (but I'm not going to look, haha!).

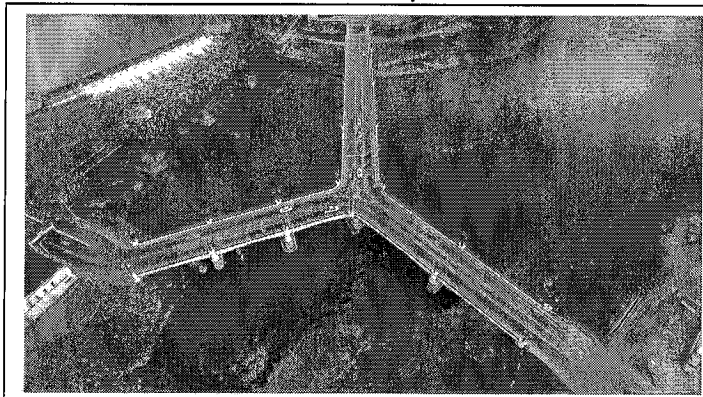
Last month I focused upon the "power" promised in this passage, but this month I would like to focus upon the "witness." This is something near and dear to Hoffman, and in fact I would say is a distinguishing characteristic of this congregation.

This summer has begun with a flurry of activity, with many things scheduled, and many things unscheduled. In the midst of the aftermath of the tornado destruction, it has been incredibly encouraging to see how our community has responded to help neighbors. I shared with the congregation recently that while I try to make every community "home" for my family and I, I do not recall being more proud to be a part of a community as I have West Milton these recent weeks. So many churches of our area have been a part of this effort, thank you for your individual efforts, as well. Even throughout the United Methodist Connection we have felt the blessings of community. We recently were blessed to house a disaster relief team from elsewhere in our United Methodist connection, as a team from Tennessee worked at homes on our local roads to join in the efforts. This was a very quiet team, and did not want any extra attention, so we did our best to ablige their request.

There will be local needs connected to the tornado for quite some time to come, and Hoffman intends to be a part of that continuing effort. Sadly, the needs of the rest of the world also are continuing, and thus our regular local missions continues,

and ministry continues to reach farther out as well. Lunch Bunch is in full swing, with faces both familiar and new gathering around the tables, and the Zanesville Mission Team is making final preparations for its journey even as I write. While the team is going to help ministries already in place, those ministries are not accustomed to short-term teams coming alongside to help with their work. This has excited those involved in the daily work there and some special projects are planned that need more hands than their own. (but no roofing, yes!)

As you are going to see in other parts of this newsletter, Hoffman will host its first Vacation Bible School in several years. I loved it when Becky told me her rationale for wanting to try VBS this year. She said, "I remember why we stopped VBS, it was because we had no kids, and that isn't the case any more." She had me on board from that statement on. Since our Hoffman family has not been accustomed to having VBS on our calendars, some folks who would love to help are otherwise scheduled, so please give



consideration to making yourself available for this awesome work, as VBS 2019 is scheduled for July 28-August 1 (Sunday through Thursday evenings). Invite the kids in your family to be a part of this VBS adventure "To Mars and Beyond."

Last month the challenge was to receive the Holy Spirit's Power, but that power has a particular purpose. It is to enable us to be Christ's witnesses in West Milton, in Zanesville and other regions, to all the earth (though I admit Mars seems a little out of range). May we all be empowered for this vital work, because the fields are still white for harvest.

I am,

In His Service and Yours,

## Administrative Board Meeting Summary May 16, 2019

Present: Robbie Scott, Katie Poling, Cindy Johnston, Carol Storer, Richard Smith, Janet Benkert, Patti Wion, David Jay, Julia Circle

Carol Storer opened the meeting with devotions on Christian Action.

Mission and Ministry: Charlene Bohlender and Stacy Warner shared about the ministry of Free the Mind, Anchor the Soul, a ministry that works to break the stigma of mental health and promote suicide prevention. The Hoffman mission team donated funds to support this mission which among other endeavors provides Mental Health First Aide classes to educators.

### Pastor's report:

Joseph: Due to schedule conflicts, Annual Conference and Father's Day, Ignite will be cancelled June 2, 9, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Becky: Planning for Lunch Bunch.

Robbie: Zanesville mission trip plans are solidifying. The new sermon series is Building Blocks of Faith. Working with ChurchTrac, Erin Studebaker and JoAnn to ensure accuracy with attendance tracking, deferring some of the follow ups to the visitation team as appropriate.

Norman: Concluding the choir season and planning for summer special music for first service.

Book Study: Board members discussed "Narrow the Focus" from the book, The Seven Practices of Effective Ministry which the board is studying.

Finance: Richard reported YTD (4/30/19) offering received \$82,104.

Guiding Principles: Board voted to adopt revisions to guiding principles (updating officers and ends of serving terms).

Nominations: Welcome to Julia Circle filling the at-large open position. Board opening for secretary needs to be filled.

Staff Parish: Planning for staff evaluation.

Trustees: David reported on bids for replacing the barn roof. Board accepted the bid at \$5,400.00. Bids for tower roof replacement reviewed for rubber versus steel. Board approved spending up to \$24,500 for replacing tower roofs. Trustee workday June 8<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no June Meeting.

***People to remember in prayer:***



***Hoffman Sympathies to:***

the family of Bertha Valentine, Marcia Smith's aunt, as she passed away on June 12, 2019

***At Home:*** Phil Blue, Nan Guthrie, Valaria Harshbarger, Charlotte Hepfer, Cindy Johnston, Helen Keller, Kathy Kinsey, Terry & Wendy Long, Mary Maess, Dick & Eugenie Markley, Miriam Miller, Joetta Perry, Shirley Richhart, Dave Thompson, and Monica Winemiller

***At Centers:*** Eldon Hoke, StoreyPoint Troy, 1840 Towne Park Dr. Apt 19, Troy OH 45373  
John Jackson, 46 Lavender Pl, Tipp City OH 45371  
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***

**Emmaus Woman's Share Group**

Tues., July 2nd at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room

**Hoffman at the Dayton Dragons**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m.**

(see Les Trittschuh 478-8093 for \$12 tickets)

**Vacation Bible School**

**'To Mars and Beyond'**

**July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00 – 8:30 pm**

**Ages: 3 years old to going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**We will need lots of volunteers!**

**Please let Becky Garrett 698-6511**

**know if you are willing to help.**

**Art Show**

**Opening Reception: Aug 2nd - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Show Hours: Aug 3rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Aug 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Applications @ HoffmanUMC.org. or on information table  
outside the church office. Deadline is July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

I want to sincerely thank our church family for all of the supportive cards, prayers and hugs you have shared with me. They strengthen me tremendously. In God's Love,

Cindy Garrett-Johnston

**Interested in going on or volunteering at an Emmaus Walk?** The next Women's Walk #106 is July 18-21, 2019 at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights. Contact the church office or for more general info: [daytonemmaus.org](http://daytonemmaus.org).

**2020 Walks:** Men's #68 Jan 16 – 19th Normandy UMC

Women's #107 Feb 20 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Normandy UMC

**Annual Hoffman UMC Picnic – Sunday, August 4th from 2:30p.m. to ?** at the home of Marty and Wendy Black at 5839 S Jay Road, W. Milton. Swimming begins at 2:30 -- Dinner at 5:30. Please bring a covered dish to share and a folding chair. Meat, condiments, table service and drinks provided. Questions - call Mike C. 623-5731

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers during the recent tornado. Thank you to all who came and helped clean up my yard. The support from this church and this community is awesome. Thanks so much, Carol Storer

**Vacation Bible School meeting for all volunteers on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**

***Theda's Thoughts***

Submitted by Theda Klepinger

**FAITH...FREEDOM...FAMILIES**

God, our Heavenly Father gave our founding fathers the faith to pursue and establish freedom for their families in this great land. As we celebrate another Independence Day, may we give God all the glory and praise. Hymn...Faith of Our Fathers.

## Serving Schedule

- Jul 07<sup>th</sup>** – Altar flowers are in celebration of Megan & Will Kishman's birthdays from John & Anita Ankerman  
**9:00 Liturgist:** Valerie McKay **Greeters:** Wendy Heisey and Nancy Lightcap  
**Ushers:** Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spittler **Hospitality:** John & Carol C.  
**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 King, and Ruth Leazer **Media:** Norman H.
- Jul 14<sup>th</sup>** – Altar flowers are in celebration of Nancy Allen's birthday on July 9<sup>th</sup> from her family  
**9:00 Liturgist:** Tim Benkert **Greeters:** Bill & Judy Brown  
**Ushers:** Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden **Hospitality:** Phil & Karen 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:** Beth T. **Sound:** Jill C.  
**Ushers:** Julia C., Ben G., and Sally & Paul M. **Media:** Norman H.
- Jul 21<sup>st</sup>** – Altar flowers are in celebration of: Larry & Beth Thoele's 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
 John & Carol Carter's 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
**9:00 Liturgist:** Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Richard Smith and Elaine Iddings  
**Ushers:** Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson **Hospitality:** Nancy S. & Kathy K.  
**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. **Media:**
- Jul 28<sup>th</sup>** – Altar flowers are in celebration of Janet Week's birthday from Tom  
**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy Heisey **Greeters:** Carol Storer and Peggy Nihizer  
**Ushers:** Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn **Hospitality:** Kay W. & Steve K.  
**Nursery:** 10:15 Eric & Johanna M. /11:15 Megan T. & Ben G.
- 11:15 Greeters:** Sally & Paul M. and Marijo Schlecht **Scripture Reader:** Amy T. **Sound:** Norman H.  
**Usher:** Lisa W. **Media:** Valerie M.

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary July 2019

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> - Joe & Leah Blackburn (13 yrs)<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> - John Hayes<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> - Joe Blackburn<br>Terry & Cheryl Swartz (49 yrs)<br>4 <sup>th</sup> - Dustin McCuiston<br>Dane Studebaker<br>7 <sup>th</sup> - Erin Studebaker<br>Shawn Williams<br>8 <sup>th</sup> - Megan Kishman<br>9 <sup>th</sup> - Nancy Allen | 10 <sup>th</sup> - Cathy Brown<br>Dan Studebaker<br>Tim Wright<br>11 <sup>th</sup> - Mike & Jill Circle (38 yrs)<br>14 <sup>th</sup> - Kathy Watkins<br>16 <sup>th</sup> - Dustin Jay<br>17 <sup>th</sup> - Jerry Howard<br>20 <sup>th</sup> - Beth Kraft<br>Chris & Val McKay (45 yrs)<br>21 <sup>st</sup> - John & Carol Carter (46 yrs)<br>Nancy Kinnison<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> - Winston & Theda Klepinger (12 yrs)<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> - Elaine Pickering | 24 <sup>th</sup> - Adrienne Beaty<br>Joetta Perry<br>25 <sup>th</sup> - Ed Johannes<br>Jean Sanders<br>26 <sup>th</sup> - Amanda Burns<br>27 <sup>th</sup> - Janet Weeks<br>28 <sup>th</sup> - John McCreery<br>29 <sup>th</sup> - George Everage<br>Jerry & Kyoko Howard (50yrs)<br>Kristian & Heather Jones (23yrs)<br>30 <sup>th</sup> - Tim Koeller<br>Eric & Johanna Morrow (13 yrs) |
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# GRANDMA'S KITCHEN JULY 2019 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 3rd

Closed for  
the Fourth

July 10<sup>th</sup>

Beef Hot Shots  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Watergate Salad

July 17th

Polish Sausage  
Cheesy Potatoes  
California Blend  
Brownies

July 24th

Creamed Chicken & Biscuits  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli  
Cream Puffs

July 31<sup>th</sup>

Baked Spaghetti  
Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Cake and Ice Cream

(Celebrating our 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary!)

Menu items are subject to change

**\*\* Grandma's Kitchen will be closed on July 3rd \*\***



## Hoffman United Methodist Women - Reorganizational Meeting Highlights

Our first meeting was held on April 30, 2019, we had 19 Ladies attending.

Kay Wager is President. We have an opening for a Vice-President and Secretary. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, any ladies in the church are welcome to attend. We will have Quarterly Meetings. Dawn Jay – Treasurer gave us an update on the events that are sponsored by the Methodist Ladies.

We will continue looking for ladies to volunteer for the Election Day Dinner (see Laverne Hennemyre) and the Craft Show (see Jean Sander, Susie Spitler or Kay Wagner).

We reviewed the Survey Results and will be working on Ladies activities, time for fellowship, spiritual growth, Mini-Trips of Interest, Speakers and Mother-Daughter/Granddaughter Luncheon and Carry-Ins. If any of these events interest you, we would love to see you at our next meeting to assist in the planning. Plans are under way for the Veterans Celebration being held November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for area stores and vendors to donate Door Prizes. See Nancy Studebaker if you have any questions.

Again, our next meeting is July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, Look forward to seeing you there!

# SPARK!

children's ministry

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

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for Lunch Bunch. Feel free to join us for lunch on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays through July 24. Lunch begins at 11:30 and we are done at 1:00.

We still need a few volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Our next meeting will be **July 16 at 7pm in the basement.** Please let Becky know if you would be able to help.

#### Dates to share:

July 4<sup>th</sup> - walking in the parade  
July 16<sup>th</sup> - VBS meeting 7pm  
July 26<sup>th</sup> - Bulldog Bags Dragons Game  
July 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup> - VBS 6:00-8:30pm

#### Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:10

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#### Summer Children's Church Hour

11:15-12:15

Children's Director: Becky Garrett  
ragarrett15@gmail.com  
937-524-7220

#### Camping Trip

John Bryan

July 12-13

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#### Campfire at Garrett's

July 21<sup>st</sup>

5:30-8:30

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#### VBS

July 28<sup>th</sup>-Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

6:00-8:30

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

#### Galatians 5:13

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

After Ignite took the first two weeks off in June, we are back up and running. By the time you read this, Ignite will have celebrated Father's Day with an outdoor movie night and spent June 21<sup>st</sup> helping with tornado relief clean-up. Six of our youth will have also spent the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Zanesville on a mission trip.

Enough about the past, let's talk about the rest of July! Ignite is going to take their first-ever camping trip on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be traveling to John Bryan state park Friday afternoon and heading back home Saturday evening. The following weekend, Ignite will be held at the Garrett's household; dinner, slip 'n slide, and campfire!

Ignite is looking for youth to volunteer as Vacation Bible School helpers! Let me know if you are interested.



## THE HISTORY OF GRANDMA'S KITCHEN

In 2000, Don and Nancy Allen brought forth the idea of building an activity center on to our church to be a place for programs for our congregation and also for outreach to the community. This vision was underway, getting support and pledges, when Nancy Studebaker volunteered to cook a meal every Wednesday to raise money for the new activity center. Nancy had a lot of help from a relatively small group of volunteers that fixed that first meal for 65 people, in May, 2001.

In 2003, the dinners moved to the activity center and Nancy Studebaker retired as head cook; and Don and Nancy Allen took over serving until December of 2010. Then Phil Blue became the coordinator and Wilma Fryman became the head chef. Due to health reasons, they retired in September and December of 2014. Jim and Marilyn Mitchell and Val McKay took over and have continued to the present.

It was to become an outreach to the community: providing an inexpensive dinner to the people of the community; to make people aware of Hoffman; and to provide a structure for volunteers to positively impact the people of the community. It has continued to be a roaring success, having continued for eighteen years and serving almost 200,000 meals with about 1/2 of the meals are now carried out or delivered to people who need this service. We have served as many as 360 meals in an evening. Today we average about 220 meals every Wednesday with a very diverse menu of different meals. It takes about 35 volunteers each week to put together each meal. They help to plan, shop, cook, prepare, package, serve, wash dishes, deliver, clean up, etc.; some who do not even attend Hoffman. Free meals are provided to those in need; with a suggested donation is only \$7 per meal. The leftover food gets taken to the Troy Family Abuse Shelter and the proceeds are donated to various food related missions.

**God Has Truly Blessed This Amazing Ministry!**



**Thanks for supporting our church garage sale!**

The Future Seekers Class made \$752 from the sales. Other ministries and missions will benefit from this event. The Miami County Family Abuse Center, The Miami County Right To Life, Goodwill, The Gleaning Place, West Milton Library, Well of Hope, St. John's Lutheran Church Homeless Center and Habitat For Humanity ReStore all benefitted from this event. Your donation of items and time assisting at this event is deeply appreciated! Blessings! Les



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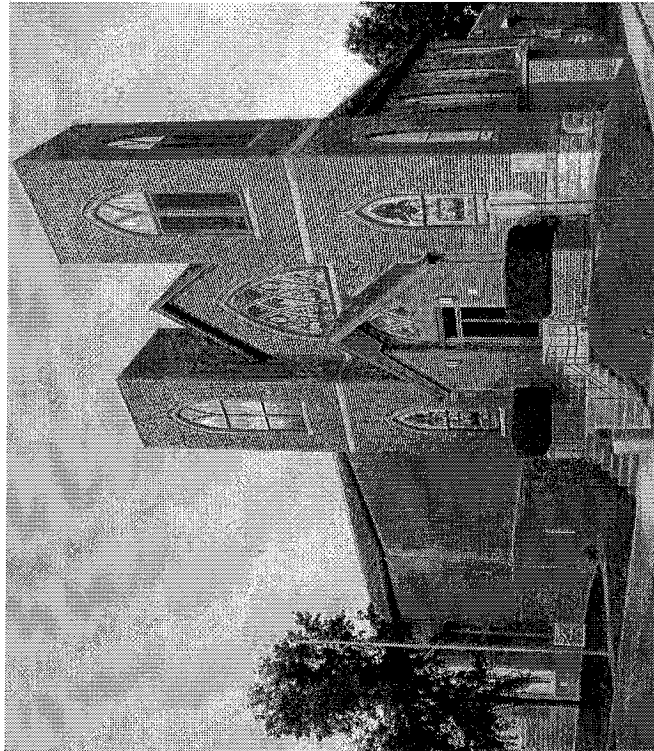
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July  
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**HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

(937) 698-4401 Website: HoffmanUMC.org

Pastor Robbie Scott