

THE TOWERS

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

June 2019

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Power for the Powerless

Acts 1:8

8 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."

Power is in my mind in different ways today. I am writing this on May 28th. Last night my family hung out in the church basement as the tornado sirens were sounding their call. Shortly after settling in, the electricity went off. If I understand correctly, nearly all of West Milton was without power until early this morning. In that darkness, I admit I am one who stays close to where I can see nature's power being unfurled. The wind that so easily bent trees here, and moved metal and mortar in other communities; the lightning that powerfully flashed almost as quickly as a strobe light at a holiday display. The thunder that shook the walls more intently than the music of the youth movie Sunday night... nature has a marvelous way of letting us know her power. Conversely, sometimes in the aftermath of various tragedies in life, including physical storms, we can feel powerless, as well.

The Red Cross temporarily set up in our activity center for the sake of helping those impacted by the storm. As a singular community, we were very blessed, even as nearby communities made national news. The Red Cross and after helping some of our neighbors with next steps, have moved on to other regions still with more pressing immediate needs.

Power exists in our minds in various frameworks. We can think of it as the power of modernization, of electrical power, of horsepower or other models of strength, of power to influence and dictate the actions of others, to name a few. So often, we as human beings will see finances as a key to unlock all the understandings of power, as sometimes it feels that the lack of financial resources has a side effect of feeling powerless.

So what kind of power was Jesus promising to his disciples? I think all reading this already know that power

from God, from "on high," is a different kind of power altogether from power as we know it on earth.

Last night, as I was hearing some of the roaring of the wind, I was remembering that when the Day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were gathered together, and they heard a sound as a mighty rushing wind....

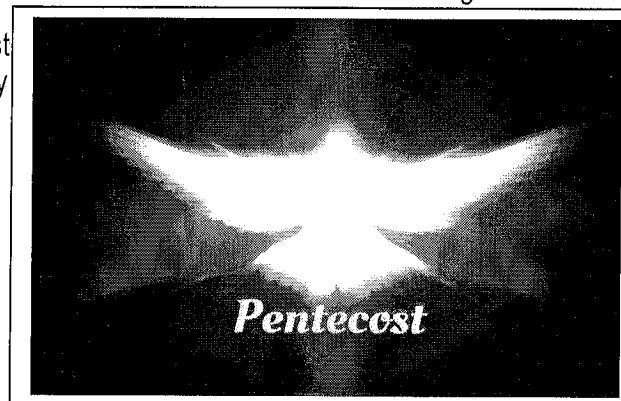
We may never have the physical prowess to impress others with our strength, but I have seen many inspire others through the strength of character, resolve, or overcoming adversity, all while giving God thanks and praise for that strength. We may never have the riches of the leaders of commerce, but we may be rich in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to minister to the needs of others at just the right time. We may not be influencers to dictate the actions of others, but we can pray and watch as God softens hearts. In the lives of the disciples, we can see throughout the book of Acts how the powerless band of fishermen, tax collectors, and the like were empowered to change the world, to build upon the foundation of Jesus Christ a Church whose power did not come from wealth or

influence, but from God through the Holy Spirit.

I think of all the various trainings I have been to about how to engage a community, and to advertise on various mediums to have others come to church, and yet the account in Acts 2:47 reminds that the Lord was adding daily (24/7?) those being saved. No advertising budget or campaign, but I guarantee there were many prayers. May it be that our prayers invite God to add to the church's number daily those saved through the power of the cross, and may the testimony of our words and deeds be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love!

I am,

In His Service and Yours,



Administrative Board Meeting Summary April 18, 2019

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

Katie Poling opened the meeting with devotions called "Just Say Yes."

Ministry Spotlight: Pam Hitchcock shared a summary of the Shirer simulcast. 89 women from 14 different churches participated. Overall it was well received with participants feeling strengthened in their relationship with Christ, desiring participation in Bible study and wanting more events like this one. The board thanked Pam for her 18 years of faithful service to HUMC. She will continue as Pastor at Potsdam UMC and leading women's Bible study.

Pastor's report:

Pam: Transitional pieces to retirement in place for Lunch Bunch, Pizza with the Pastor, Attendance recording and Usher/Greeter training

Joseph: Ongoing youth program with 12-20 participants. Recent event included Dayton Dragons party deck with 28 students attending. Joseph is exploring options for transportation for future youth events.

Becky: Planning for family fun day activities May 4th

Robbie: With Pam's retirement the church members need to be prepared to leave phone messages at the church office more frequently. Pam's information and files of past ministry have been cataloged and organized for future access. Church members are reminded to coordinate use of church facilities and equipment with JoAnn (scheduling rooms, chairs, etc). Bake sale for mission trip netted \$369.00.

Book Study: Board members discussed "Think Stages not Programs" from the book, The Seven Practices of Effective Ministry which the board is studying.

Finance: Richard reported YTD (3/31/19) offering received \$61,209; offering budgeted \$62,049.91.

Nominations: Board openings for secretary and at large member need to be filled

Trustees: David reported work around the church including new vanity in bathroom, sensor light installed in pantry, landscape around activity center door using bricks from the old school, and new wireless microphone in activity center.

Serving Schedule

Jun 02nd – Altar flowers are available

9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay

Greeters: Wendy Heisey

Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spitler

Hospitality: Jim & Marilyn M. & Valerie M.

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

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

Scripture Reader: Valerie M.

Sound: Eric M.

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

Media: Norman H.

Jun 09th – Altar flowers are in celebration of Richard & Eugenie Markley's 66th anniversary

9:00 Liturgist: Tim Benkert

Greeters: Bill & Judy Brown

Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden

Hospitality: Chris & Linda L.

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: Norman H.

Sound: Jill C.

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

Media: Norman H.

Jun 16th – Altar flowers are in appreciation of another successful church garage sale for the benefit of various missions. Thanks to all who helped and donated items.

9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh

Greeters: Richard Smith and Elaine Iddings

Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson

Hospitality: Tom & Janet W.

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

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

Scripture Reader: Amy T.

Sound: Norman H.

Ushers: Dejon D. & Greg B.

Media:

Jun 23rd – Altar flowers are in celebration of Joseph & Jennifer Knostman's 12th anniversary from Larry & Beth

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey

Greeters: Carol Storer and Peggy Nihizer

Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn

Hospitality: Tim & Janet B.

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

11:15 Greeters: Sally & Paul M. and Marijo Schlecht

Scripture Reader: Julia C.

Sound: Norman H.

Usher: Lisa W.

Media: Valerie M.

Jun 30th – Altar flowers are available

9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle

Greeters: Sophia & Stella Blackburn

Ushers: Steve K. & Kay W.

Hospitality: Joe & Leah B.

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

11:15 Greeters: Patti & Courtney W.

Scripture Reader: Beth T.

Sound:

Usher: Nancy A. & Patti W.

Media: Valerie M

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary June 2019

4th - Amy Barnes
Landon Bryson
Dick Martens
Tiana McKay

5th - Lynn & Marilyn Yount 59 yrs

6th - Carolyn Barga
Gary & Carolyn Barga 27 yrs
Tim & Kathy Koeller 49 yrs

7th - Wilma Hoover

8th - Dejon Dohrman

11th - Carol Storer

12th - Sally Miller
Andrew & Julia Circle 8 yrs

13th - Kathryn (Keller) Boggs

Dave Thompson

Dick & Eugenie Markley 66 yrs

14th - Joy Paulus
Dejon & Kim Dohrman 22 yrs

15th - Marcia Cox
Caitlyn Jones
Brady Jones
Allison Jones

16th - Scott & Cindy Johnston 19 yrs

17th - Mike Circle
Norman Hiester

20th - Heather Jones
Nancy Mills
Shelia Shade
Ben & Becky Garrett 10 yrs
Tom & Janet Weeks 49 yrs

21st - Jim & Nancy Kinnison 60 yrs
Shane & Amy Todd 22 yrs

22nd - Dean & Megan Bryson 6 yrs

23rd - Sydney Dohrman
Joe & Jennifer Knostman 12 yrs

25th - Lynn Yount

26th - Kiefer Jones

27th - John & LaVerne Hennemyre 55 yrs

28th - Robert & Marcia Cox 44 yrs

29th - Devin Mitchell
Norman Paulus



GRANDMA'S KITCHEN JUNE 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

June 5th Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Jello with Fruit

June 12th Ham Loaf
Parsley Potatoes
Broccoli
Cheesecake

June 19th Beef and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Cherry Trifle

June 26th Barbecue Pork Steaks
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Fruit
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

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



THANK YOU

During a time like this we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for the wonderful meal that was prepared for my family and me.
Sincerely, Fred Koeller & family

Thank you for the cards and prayers during this current situation with my hip and the upcoming doctor appointments and tests.
Sincerely, Dave Thompson

Thank you to Erin Studebaker for doing such a wonderful job with the attendance records. We appreciate you!

Thank you for your prayers, cards and concern during my recent surgery and recuperation.
With love and appreciation,
Peggy Nihizer

A huge thank you to all who helped with the International Food Tasting! Especially, Susie Spitler, publicity, Nancy and Dan Studebaker, Germany, Sonia Haines, Honduras, Kay Wagner and Karen McFadden Italy, Mary Ann and Dick Martens, Mexico, Kathy and Tim Koeller, New Zealand, Robbie and Bridget Scott, Vietnam, and Laverne Hennemyre, drinks. It takes many hands to have a successful event. All are greatly appreciated. We received \$278.00 in donations.
Thank you all, Katie Poling, Portugal

People to remember in prayer:



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

Church Garage Sale

June 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Remember to save your unwanted sellable items for the sale. Items can be put on the stage behind the partitions.

Emmaus Woman's Share Group

Tues., June 4th at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room

Please remember to pray for our 11 member
Zanesville Mission Trip Team
June 16 thru June 22nd.

Happy Father's Day

to all our Dads on June 16th
May God bless you with an extra special day!

Congratulations Graduate

Megan Trittschuh - Milton Union High School and MVCTC

Hoffman at the Dayton Dragons

July 13th @ 7 p.m.
(see Les Trittschuh 478-8093 for \$12 tickets)

Theda's Thoughts

Submitted by Theda Klepinger

Music plays a vital role in our worship services. It helps lift our hearts to God. Sometimes we become aware of a song in our hearts...a song of praise to God. What a wonderful gift...we can truly "make music in our hearts to the Lord".

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord. Eph 5:19

Please take note!

July Towers' deadline is Monday, June 17th.

Interested in going on or volunteering at an Emmaus Walk? The next Men's Walk #67 is June 20-23, 2019 and the next Women's Walk #106 is July 18-21, 2019 both at Sulfer Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights. Contact the church office or for more general info: daytonemmaus.org.

Joyce Meyer audio books on CDs

If you enjoy Joyce Meyer's ministry, checkout the large collection of books in the church library (north tower room/prayer room) that were recently donated

Prayer Aid Flashcards

are available for checkout to aid with focused prayer time. Cards are located in the North Tower prayer room/ church library.

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 4th from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

In the Spotlight Summer 2019 Activities

Lunch Bunch - free summer lunch program

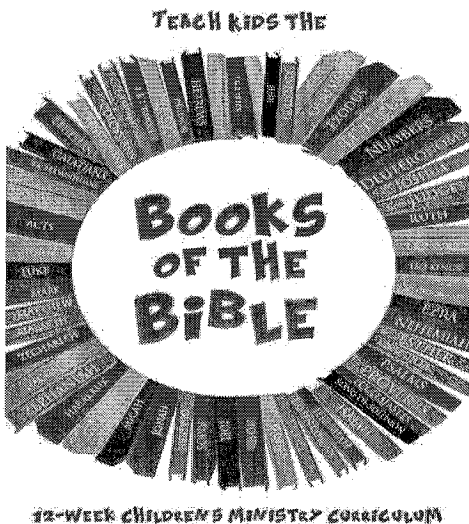
June 10-July 24 MTW 11:15-1:00

Monday- Bible Story and Game Day

Tuesday- Bible Story and Craft Day

Wednesday- Bible Story and Music Day

*There is a donations list on the welcome table in the lobby, there are still some open slots. If you are able to help at any time throughout the summer, please let Becky know. You can volunteer to help prepare food, sit with the kids during lunch, or fill in for someone who needs a substitute.



Second Service Children's Church

All Children PreK-5 grade are invited to come with us during second service starting on JUNE 2nd.

We will be learning about the Books of the Bible.

Becky is looking for a few adults who could be substitute co-teachers.

Vacation Bible School

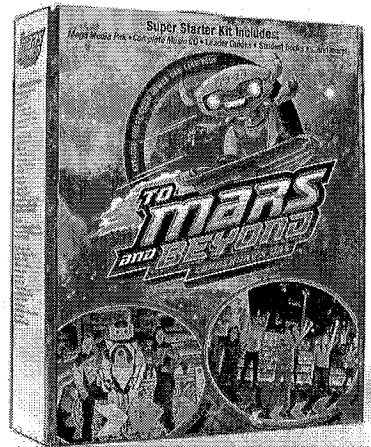
Sunday, July 28th- Thursday, August 1st

6:30-8:30 pm each night

We will need lots of volunteers.

Volunteer meeting will be on Monday, June 3rd at 7pm.

Please let Becky know if you are willing to help.





"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 has been helping with Sunday school classes and with the nursery.

This summer should be very exciting- we have our Second Service Children's Church working through the Books of the Bible. For Lunch Bunch we will have a theme of Bible Heroes and we will be having a week-long Vacation Bible School that is titled "To Mars and Beyond!"

All non-perishable food donations for Lunch Bunch are due June 3rd. Please see the clipboard at the welcome table in the lobby if you need a reminder or would like to donate.

Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:10

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Preschool Children's Church Hour

11:15-12:15

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

NO Ignite
June 2nd

June 9th

Father's Day Movie Night

June 16th @ 8pm

Camping Trip

John Bryan

July 12-13

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

This past weekend, Ignite finished the "Why Jesus" series with 36 youth attending the movie night. During the series we tackled difficult questions about Jesus. We covered prophecies, miracles, I AM statements, and how He is the only way to heaven. The closing night, we had Kona Ice, popcorn, and nachos while we enjoyed "The Greatest Showman" projected to an 18 foot screen! Ignite will be taking a short two week break for June 2nd and 9th before we start our summer events.



Ignite will resume next for Father's Day Movie Night. Anyone from the congregation is welcome to join us for "Indiana Jones, The Last Crusade" at 8pm on June 16th. Any fathers are encouraged to come.

Five youth are going on the mission trip to Zainesville! Ignite has covered \$50 of each of their \$150 trip fees.

First ever Ignite camping trip is scheduled for July 12th @ John Bryan. Save the date, more details to come.

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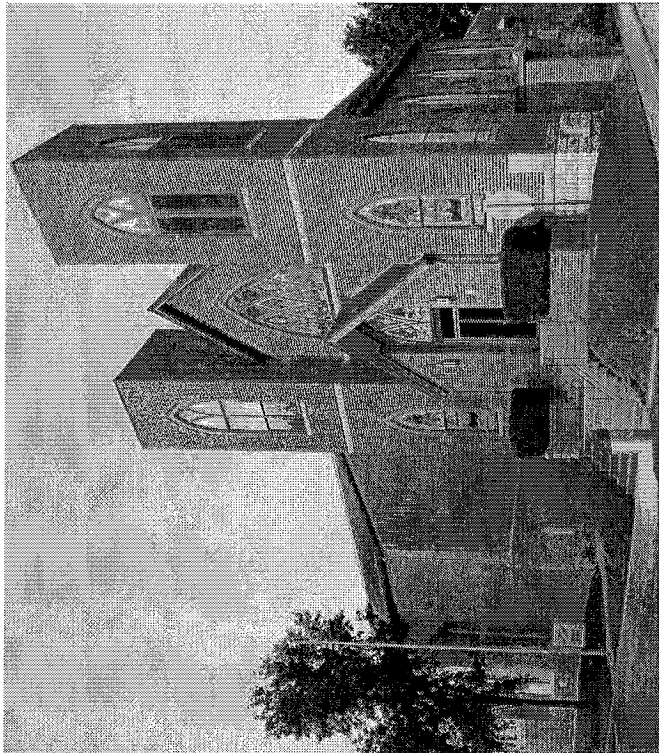
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