

THE TOWERS

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

August 2019

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Working on the "Toss"

Psalms 78:5-7 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

We are blessed with the privilege of sharing the teachings of God, as well as the love of God, in multiple ways to multiple children throughout the year, but the summer grants additional opportunities. The Lunch Bunch not only provides meals for any who come, but also offers a Bible story each day, as well as a rotation of activities, crafts, and music Monday through Wednesdays for 6 weeks, in addition to the Sunday School, Children's Church, Activity Bags, and Ignite Youth on Sunday evenings.

As you read this, our return to Vacation Bible School is already underway, but at "this" moment the building is still undergoing transformation into a space station to prepare for "To Mars and Beyond." It has been a few years, but I have been told the reason we had stopped VBS was due to our lack of children. In recent years, our high number of young children has put it back on our calendar.

While we can't know at this point what the future holds, we can certainly give thanks to God for our blessings of children. I have in years past mentioned that the sounds of children laughing, crying, squealing, and running are sounds every congregation wants to have heard within its walls. Hoffman's love and support of children are among the many things that align with my heartbeat.

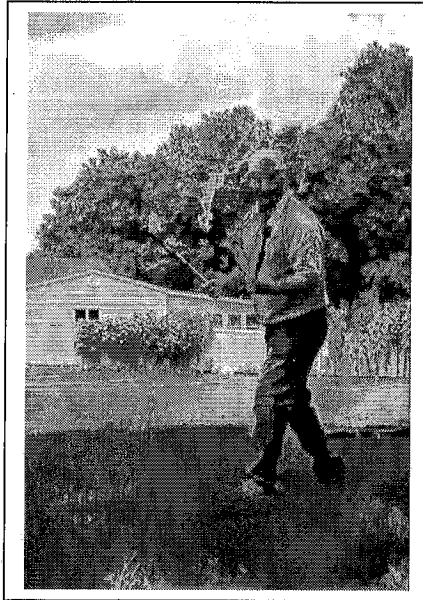
This leads me to the somewhat strange picture on this page. I believe this is the 4th year I have had the opportunity to be a part of our local library's programming to inform and support our local kids (and indirectly their families), and have some fun, too. I think you would be pleasantly surprised how

many from Hoffman have shared their talents with children at these programs. While I don't practice juggling enough for my skill to be what I would like, it seems each year I have something slightly new to share with the kids as I attempt to teach them the basics. I have had a set of juggling balls that can be safely juggled while burning, but they are laborious to light, so I recently added fire torches to my collection, but had not lit their wicks until the night before the juggling program, and thus on the day of the program, I juggled them on fire for the first time in front of 35 children...no pressure! Fortunately, all went well, and the kids have memories of the strange man

juggling fire torches (and telling them all the dangers and safety precautions involved). Among the most important things I attempt to share with kids about juggling and life is that our "toss" is very important. Just as doing the scales on the piano is not exciting, it is the key to playing music. The toss in juggling is boring and tedious, but without mastering it one will not juggle well (and certainly will stay away from fire). Similarly, the Old Testament Mosaic Law found in the first 5 books of the Bible, it is tedious, and difficult to "enjoy," but in order for one to fully appreciate the Gift of God through Jesus Christ; to appreciate that Christ is the fulfillment of the law...we owe it to ourselves to have knowledge of the law, and to teach our children it, too. Without the

law, we do not know about sin, and we cannot fathom grace. I am hopeful the weeks we are spending glancing at the law also gives us a chance to see the Good News of God through Jesus the Christ. I have found that in my efforts to avoid sin, I also improve my "toss." Another important element of juggling I try to share with children is that we have to not stop when we drop the balls, because failure is part of learning. Failure is part of life, too. That is where Grace comes in. While always working on my toss, I am,

In His Service and Yours,



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 AND THANK YOU

Emmaus Woman's Share Group

Tues., August 6th at 11 a.m. in Multi-Purpose Room

Vacation Bible School

'To Mars and Beyond'

July 28th – August 1st

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Ages: 3 years old to going into 6th grade

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.

During a time like this we learn how much our church family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for the monetary gift. It was very thoughtful of you. Family of Angela Keller-Wahl

Thank you to our church family and Pastor Robbie for all your concern, prayers, and cards during my recent health issue. You are all very much appreciated. Sincerely John Hennemyre

Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers during my recent knee replacement surgery.
Sincerely, Libby Richards

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

Interested in going on or volunteering at an Emmaus Walk?

Contact the church office or for more info: daytonemmaus.org.

2020 Walks:

Men's #68 Jan 16 – 19th Normandy UMC

Women's #107 Feb 20 – 23rd Normandy UMC

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 18th at both services

Prayer Walk at Milton-Union schools

August 18th at 4pm

meet in the library at the school

M-U Teacher Luncheon on August 19th at noon

more information will be shared soon so be on the lookout for clipboards for volunteers and food to donate
Contact Becky Garrett

Theda's Thoughts

Submitted by Theda Klepinger

GOD'S LOVE In this fashion conscious world we live in, God's Love never goes out of style. We can always wear it with a smile! See the Love Chapter...I Corinthians 13. Verse 8
...Love never fails.

Serving Schedule

Aug 04th – Altar flowers are available

9:00 Liturgist: Valerie McKay

Greeters: Wendy Heisey and Nancy Lightcap

Ushers: Lee & Becky Baker and Wayne & Susie Spittler

Hospitality: Jim & Marilyn M. and 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: Andrew C.

Sound: Eric M.

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

Media: Norman H.

Aug 11th – Altar flowers are available

9:00 Liturgist: Tim Benkert

Greeters: Bill & Judy Brown

Ushers: Les & Sharon Trittschuh and Phil & Karen McFadden

Hospitality: Chris & Linda Long

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.

Aug 18th – Altar flowers are available

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey

Greeters: Richard Smith and Elaine Iddings

Ushers: Richard Smith, Jim Scammahorn & Dave Thompson

Hospitality: Tom & Janet Weeks

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

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

Scripture Reader: Ben G.

Sound: Norman H.

Ushers: Dejon D.

Media:

Aug 25th – Altar flowers are in celebration of Katie Poling's birthday on August 31st

9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh

Greeters: Carol Storer and Peggy Nihizer

Ushers: Cliff Poling & Joe Blackburn

Hospitality: Tim & Janet Benkert.

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

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

Scripture Reader: Matt B.

Sound: Norman H.

Usher: Lisa W.

Media: Valerie M.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary August 2019

2nd – Jim & Belinda Wright (28 yrs)

3rd - Karra Beard

Mary Maess

5th- David Bryson

7th - Sarah Harris

Fred & Cathy Brown (53 yrs)

9th - Phil Blue

11th - Bev Brubaker

12th - Jerid Raines

13th - Jayce Lawhorn

15th - Tammy Lugabihl

Pyper Sharkins

Dustin & Chelsi Jay (4 yrs)



17th – Wayne Spittler

18th - Nadine Thompson

19th – John Jackson

20th – Shirley Garreth

Scott Johnston

Richard Smith

21st - Pastor Robbie Scott

24th - Dean Bryson

Chris Harris

Kyoko Howard

27th - Janet Willis

28th - Dick & Mary Ann Martens (59 yrs)

30th - John & Pam Hitchcock (16 yrs)

Emily Benkert

31st - Katie Poling

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SERVING MOST WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING AT 5:00 to 6:15 P.M.

PUBLIC INVITED CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE \$7 DONATION PER MEAL Kids Meal \$3

August 7th

Beef and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
California Salad
Chocolate Delight

August 14th

Spiral sliced ham
Cheesy potatoes
Slaw
Peach Shortcake

August 21st

Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Applesauce
Spice cake

August 28th

Chicken and noodles
Mashed potatoes
Carrots
Hot Apples
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

**** Grandma's Kitchen will be closed on September 4th for Labor Day ****



Chancel Choir

It is that time of year again. The kids head back to school and the choir heads back to rehearsal. We will have our first choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00PM, SHARP. Everyone is invited to come join this celebration of praises to God. We will be in the choir loft on Sunday, September 8th. Come join the fun as we lift our voices to praise God. If you have any questions, please see or call Norman Hiester at 698-3280.

Bell Choir

It is also time for bell choir so I am looking for people willing to ring a couple bells every week. There is a lot of fun and good fellowship at these rehearsals so come join us. Our first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30. Anyone interested please give Norman Hiester a call at 698-3280.

Attention all Women!

The Wednesday evening bible study will resume on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m.
Please call Pam (937) 657-9977 or pam.hitchcock@gmail.com if interested.



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

Mark 10:16

WOW, another year of Lunch Bunch is done! Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and prayed for us this year. We had a lot of fun!

Our next big event is VBS!! We hope to see all of our children there and if you have time to come help, please do!! We always need more volunteers!

Dates to share:

July 28th thru August 1st - VBS 6:30-8:30pm

August 18th - Blessings of the Backpacks during both services and Prayer Walk at 4pm at MU Schools

August 31st - Kids Hope Training 10am in basement

Sunday School Hour

10:15-11:10

Summer Children's
Church Hour

11:15-12:15

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

Church Picnic

August 4th

2:30-7:30

Black's Residence

Pool/Movie Party

August 11th

6:30-11:00

Benkert's Residence

Ignite

Grades 6-12

Sundays

6:30-8:30 pm

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

Hello church family. I hope you have had the chance to enjoy the summer a little. Ignite's first ever camping trip was a BLAST! My family took ten youth to John Bryan State Park and Young's Jersey Dairy in July. We enjoyed quality time together hiking, roasting hotdogs and marshmallows, eating ice cream, and my favorite; talking and singing around the camp fire. There must be something about a campfire that evokes good conversation. We are in our 4th week of the DNA of Joy study, and I feel very passionate that the youth are soaking parts of it in. The main theme is that there is a difference between happiness and joy. Happiness is based on circumstances and joy is produced within us by truths found in the Bible.

During the DNA of Joy study, we started using a Bible App to keep in touch throughout the week. We use the app to read a common daily devotion and comment to each other.

All youth and families are invited to the Church Picnic August 4th from 2:30-7:30. 2:30 swimming and 5:30 dinner. Bring a covered dish. August 11th the youth will have a pool party at the Benkert's. Weather pending, we will have an outdoor movie next to the pool!



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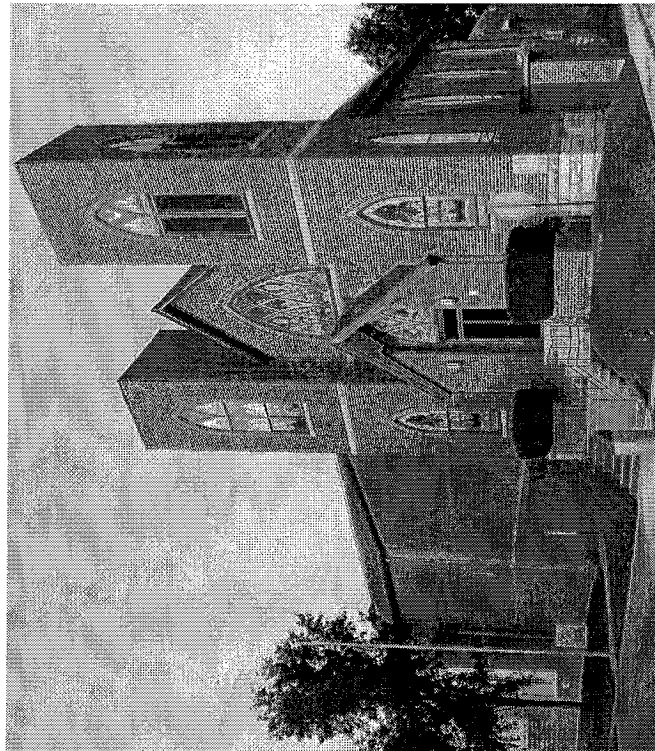
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HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor Robbie Scott