



THE TOWERS

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

June 2022



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A Word about Transitions for Grads and Life

1 John 3:2 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

This year we have the largest group of graduating seniors I have ever seen from a church I have served. These young men and women are as unique and different one from the other as they could possibly be.

I will also add that this crew of seniors has as bright of a future as any you could ever imagine...but what they will be in the world, or in the kingdom of God, we do not yet know. This is a season of transition for them, a time when they step out, either to further their education and training, or into a field of occupation. I can say that the 2 years following high school included the most difficult trials of my life at that point. I experienced heartache and disappointment to such a degree I questioned whether I wanted to continue. And yet, I can safely say I would not be where I am with the family I have without that time in my life.

The passage of Scripture above, I avoid in most of my contexts. I do not object to it, in fact, it is quite lovely. It is so lovely that it is included in the "Services of Death and Resurrection" in the United Methodist Book of Worship, which means I read those words in over 90% of the funerals I officiate. Similar to how we might feel sad when we hear the 23rd Psalm or Amazing Grace due to the remembering them shared at such services for a loved one, I admit there have been so many funerals the last couple years that the words of 1 John 3:2 have started grinding across my mental palate, that the reality of grief is hitting home with yet another family, or is returning far too soon to particular families.

Part of the joy, as well as the sorrow, of this passage is this silent acknowledgment of transition. What I mean is, it tells us that we are not yet who we shall be as resurrected people, but to get from here to....there, we have to go through a transition that many of us are not looking forward to. I recall talking with a woman whose battle with cancer was going in the wrong direction, and she assured me she had no worries about being

dead. That whole "dying" part though, she wasn't looking forward to that. And so it is with transition.

Over the next few weeks there will be graduation parties all around, and will include our dear ones that we have watched grow up. At many of those parties, there will be photographs from various phases of life. I can usually tell how much input the student has in the planning and decorations at the party by what pictures are included....or by what pictures are NOT included. While there are exceptions, I find that there is an important season of transition that tends to be left out. Have you noticed this? You will see the lovely baby and toddler pictures, and maybe some pictures from kindergarten and

elementary school...and then the flux capacitor of memories jumps to the last couple years of high school, almost skipping middle school entirely. It is possible I am overstating it, but I know I myself have childhood pictures of myself, and I have high school pictures...but not junior high/middle school. No. Those were "transition years," and we who lived through those enjoy them just as "much" as sports

fans love transition years for their favorite teams, though they are usually called "rebuilding" years.

To be sure, the journey from who we are to who we shall be is often not enjoyable. It is true in the transition from child to teen, and it is true while transitioning into adulthood, and it is true stepping from this life as we know it, to a life that we can only see through a glass dimly. There are exceptions, and I am thankful for them, but I would not want any of us to be caught unaware.

There is a song coming to mind, and the first verse reads: *"Time is filled with swift transition; Naught of earth unmoved can stand; Build your hopes on things eternal; Hold to God's unchanging hand."* Our lives are constantly in transition, and nearly all of them come with their own discomfort and anxiety. God, however, is constant and unchanging through them all. While reminded to hold an unchanging hand,

I am, In His service and yours,





Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Devotions were offered by Wendy Black. She shared a devotion about spring which is upon us. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Wendy

Meeting Attendees

Katie Poling, LesTrittschuh, Wendy Black, David Jay, Julia Circle, Jill Circle, John Ankerman, Kim Dohrman, Patti Wion, Chris Long and Pastor Robbie Scott

Mission and Ministry

LifeWise Academy for Milton Union elementary school update was shared by Julia Circle. The academy asked for access to Hoffman as the location for instruction. Motion proposed and approved to use Hoffman facilities for one day access to deliver LifeWise gospel instruction to Milton Union Schools. Specific logistics and the possibility of a bus donation to the church will be forthcoming.

Pastor's Report

The average attendance in March was 135.75 (+9.5 over Feb. attendance). JoAnn has been updating the website with Towers, Grandma's Kitchen menus and keeping the other website information up-to-date for years; but she has been working recently with Pastor Robbie to learn more about website design and updating the information screen in the lobby. Norman has been an asset in the replacement projector needs. Pastor Robbie shared their work in updating this unit and installation which included David Jay and his scaffold. Norman is scheduling first service special music participants for the summer.



Membership class is being scheduled. Pastor Robbie added a Lent prayer live broadcast during Lent on Wednesdays at 3pm. He shared scriptures, prayers and reflections.

Online attendance started with 2-3 people and has grown with more viewing later. He plans to continue this after Lent. Current sermon series on anxiety, stress and trauma based on tools from a conference education seminar. Dick Marten did a wonderful job sharing during the Sunrise Service.

Trustees

A church workday was held April 9th. The stained glass name plates were installed. Projects for 2022 include: painting the kitchen, cleaning and sealing the south wall of the activity center, painting the garage, remodeling the North Tower applying, seal coat to the south parking lot, and replacing platforms for air conditioners on roof. The discussion of the church's rental agreement is ongoing.

Finance

The finance report for March was reviewed and accepted. The weeks of operations are 8.01. In comparison to last March, the church is in a much better financial state. Endowment fund was credited with the repayment from Trustees.

Nominations

No report

Staff Parish Relations

The Youth Director Job Description update was approved.

Serving Schedule

Jun 05th

9:00 Liturgist: Les T.

Greeters: Wendy H. and Nancy L.

Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M.

Hospitality Table: Kim D.

Nursery: 10:15 Patti W. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Julia C. & Wendy H.

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

Scripture Reader: Valerie M.

Jun 12th

9:00 Liturgist: Mike C.

Greeters: Elaine P. and Joy P.

Ushers:

Hospitality Table: Wayne & Susie S.

Nursery: 10:15 Lesli R. & Kat G. / **11:15** Lesli R. & Lauren E.

11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M.

Scripture Reader: Beth T.

Jun 19th

9:00 Liturgist: Les T.

Greeters: Elaine I. and Cathy B.

Ushers:

Hospitality Table: Jim & Belinda W.

Nursery: 10:15 Julia C. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Ben G. & Mallory D.

11:15 Greeters: Kathy W. and Ruth L.

Scripture Reader: Andrew C.

Jun 26th

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H.

Greeters: Carol S. and Peggy N.

Ushers:

Hospitality Table: Jennifer K.

Nursery: 10:15 Jennifer K. & Jill C. /**11:15** Jennifer K. & Kim D.

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

Scripture Reader: Julia C.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

June 2022

4th - Amy Barnes
Landon Bryson
Dick Martens
Tiana McKay
Chris & Jenna Moran 11 yrs

5th - Lynn & Marilyn Yount 62 yrs

6th - Carolyn Barga
Gary & Carolyn Barga 30 yrs
Tim & Kathy Koeller 52 yrs

7th - Wilma Hoover

8th - Dejon Dohrman

11th - Carol Storer

12th - Sally Miller
Andrew & Julia Circle 11 yrs

13th - Kathryn (Keller) Boggs
Dave Thompson
Dick & Eugenie Markley 69 yrs

14th - Joy Paulus
Dejon & Kim Dohrman 25 yrs

15th - Marcia Cox
Bob & Debby Guthrie 48 yrs

17th - Mike Circle
Norman Hiester

20th - Nancy Mills
Shelia Shade
Ben & Becky Garrett 13 yrs
Tom & Janet Weeks 52 yrs
22nd - Dean & Megan Bryson 9 yrs
23rd - Sydney Dohrman
Joseph & Jennifer Knostman 15 yrs
25th - Lynn Yount
27th - David & Rosie Bryson 2 yrs
John & LaVerne Hennemyre 58 yrs
28th - Robert & Marcia Cox 47 yrs
29th - Devin Mitchell
Norman Paulus

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	04-24-22	05-01-22	05-08-22	05-15-22
General Offering	4445.00	6209.00	3189.00	6479.00
Weekly Budget Need	4793.00	4793.00	4793.00	4793.00
Mission Offering	190.00	330.00	165.00	140.00
Maintenance Fund	535.00	335.00	115.00	25.00
Building Fund & Memorials	105.00	380.00	145.00	507.00
Stained Glass Windows	60.00	140.00	10.00	1150.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	43	59	60	53
* Remote viewing	25	51	13	15
11:15 a.m. Service at church	53	65	66	67
* Remote viewing	2	3	5	2
Total Attendance	123	147	144	137

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

* 'remote viewing' is only recorded for those signing in during the live broadcast, and does not include those who watch from the links after the live broadcast is over. This estimate does not include all who are watching.

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN June & July 2022 MENUS

HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

201 S. MAIN STREET, WEST MILTON 698-4401 Website: HoffmanUMC.org

SERVING the 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING AT 5:00 to 6:15 P.M.

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

June 8th Chicken Casserole
Broccoli
Applesauce
Jello Cake

June 22nd Spiral-sliced Ham
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Ice Cream Sundae

July 13th Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Brownies

July 27th Barbecue Polish Sausage
Macaroni and Cheese
California Salad
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

People to remember in prayer:



Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Nan Guthrie, Bob's mother, as she passed away on April 30, 2022

At Home: Phil Blue, Valaria Harshbarger, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Theda Klepinger, Winston Klepinger, Dick & Eugenie Markley, Mary Maess, Dixie Porter, Jim & Kathy Watkins, and Nancy Wolf

At Centers: Dorothy Ginn, Cypress Pointe, 600 W. National Rd. Rm 312, Englewood OH 45322
Sherynne King, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co. Rd 25A, Rm 29A, Troy OH 45373
Freda Koeller, Randall House, 6400 S Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 109, Tipp City OH 45371
Wendy Long, Trinity Center, 789 Stonybrook, Rm 208A, Fairborn OH 45324
Joetta Perry, Storypoint Troy, 1840 Towne Park Drive, Rm 17, Troy OH 45373
Jennie McNeal, SpringMeade, 4375 S CO RD 25A, Rm 307, Tipp City OH 45371
Janice Turner, Randall Residence of Troy, 2900 Corporate Dr., Rm 105, Troy OH 45373
Monica Winemiller, Koester Pavillion, 3232 N Co Rd 25A Rm 74, Troy OH 45373

THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and cards throughout my surgery and recovery. It was greatly appreciated! Sincerely,
Dan Studebaker

Art Show

Opening Reception: Aug 5th 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Show Hours: Aug 6th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Aug 7th 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Applications @ HoffmanUMC.org or on information table outside the church office.
Deadline is July 12th

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study: May through Summer Plans

The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study finished The Strength You Need by Robert J. Morgan the last week of April but will continue to meet for the summer from 9-10am in the Multi-Purpose room. We will not be doing a book study but will, instead, meet informally to examine the authors, sources and messages of many of our favorite hymns as well as spend time with prayer concerns. We will find audio versions of the hymns you choose to study and will enjoy a variety of artists and choirs; singing along is optional! Please join us as you can for 'music with a message' and enjoy with us the wonderful classic hymns of the church. If you have questions, please call Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831.

Emmaus 2022

Interested in going on or volunteering at an Emmaus Walk?

2022 Walks at Sulphur Grove UMC:

Women's Walk #108 July 14-17th

For more information contact Pastor Robbie or visit daytonemmaus.org



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 93,265
Total Project Goal : \$ 109,430
Thank You!

Church Rummage Sale June 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Remember to save your unwanted sellable items for the sale.

Items can be put in the activity center on the stage behind the partitions anytime or drop off your items on Wednesday, June 15th between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. We will be gradually setting up throughout the week; if interested in helping set donated items out on tables June 13th thru 16th, please contact Mike C. (937) 623.5731; if you have an hour or two to spare. We will still need lots of helpers to complete the Wednesday evening setup.

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved."

Acts 16:31



Please write this date down
2022 VBS Rocky Railway
June 26 - June 30, 2022
6 to 8:30 p.m.

**If you would like to volunteer,
please see Becky!!

We will be decorating the week of June
20-25th; if you would like to help us,
please let Becky know.

Traditional Service
9AM

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Sunday School Hour
10:15-11:10AM

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Open Door Service
11:15AM

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



Nothing
is impossible.
The word itself
says *I'm possible.*

Audrey Hepburn

HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2022 FINANCE REPORT					
General Budget and Missions Budget					
April 30, 2022					
			MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE	
1010	First Sunday		4,934.00	20,888.75	
1020	Second Sunday		5,169.00	22,452.25	
1030	Third Sunday		4,521.00	17,881.00	
1040	Fourth Sunday		4,445.00	13,187.00	
1050	Fifth Sunday		0.00	5,712.00	
Total Regular Offering			19,069.00	80,121.00	
1060	Misc. Income		50.00	525.90	
**Total Income			19,119.00	80,646.90	
		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
1	Conference Apportionments	18,234.00	1,519.50	6,078.00	12,156.00
2	District Adm. Apportionments	1,986.00	165.50	662.00	1,324.00
Total Local Apportionments		20,220.00	1,685.00	6,740.00	13,480.00
3	Hospitality	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
4	Outreach	250.00	0.00	13.00	237.00
5	Worship	750.00	191.83	16.83	733.17
6	Music	750.00	0.00	49.94	700.06
7	Media Subscriptions	3,030.00	94.44	1,650.64	1,379.36
8	Assimilation	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
9	Kids Hope	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
10	Youth Ministry	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total Council of Ministries		5,830.00	286.27	1,730.41	4,099.59
OFFICE SUPPLY & FINANCE					
11	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	285.09	344.83	555.17
12	Office Supplies & Postage	4,000.00	202.35	702.89	3,297.11
Total Administrative & Other Minist		4,900.00	487.44	1,047.72	3,852.28
13	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
14	Staff Salary	120,076.04	9,375.08	39,194.09	80,881.95
15	Health Ins. & Pension	39,531.72	3,354.03	13,251.42	26,280.30
16	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	85.00	716.59	3,283.41
17	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
18	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	100.00	400.00
19	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,834.27	469.61	1,856.51	3,977.76
20	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
21	Lakeside Conf Delegate	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
Total Staff & Parish Relations		172,042.03	13,283.72	56,118.61	115,923.42
22	Maintenance	1,500.00	446.92	818.37	681.63
23	Utilities	31,092.00	1,883.89	8,551.29	22,540.71
24	Building Insurance	4,868.00	1,222.50	3,667.50	1,200.50
25	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	2,980.00	0.00	1,476.43	1,503.57
26	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	4,800.00	315.00	1,772.00	3,028.00
27	Supplies	1,000.00	141.32	217.35	782.65
Total Trustees		46,240.00	4,009.63	16,502.94	29,737.06
**Total General Budgeted Expenses		249,232.03	19,752.06	82,139.68	167,092.35
MISSIONS BUDGET					
28	Conference - World Services	5,000.00	416.67	1,666.64	3,333.36
29	District Mission Apportionments	1,986.00	165.50	662.00	1,324.00
30	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
31	Annual Mission Project	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
32	Advanced Specials	547.50	0.00	0.00	547.50
Total Budgeted Missions Expense		8,383.50	582.17	3,178.64	5,204.86

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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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