



THE TOWERS

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

October 2022



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Gratitude in Plowed Fields

2 Corinthians 9:1-8 There is no need for me to write to you about this service to the saints. 2 For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action. ... 7 Each ... should give ..., not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work

Pictured below are three structures that have served as the worship and ministry centers for Hoffman since 1835. In 1853 the middle structure went into service.. For Easter of 2020, when there was only a handful of people in the building, you may remember me mentioning that the bell in that that distinctive belfrey of the second structure continues to serve in our current bell tower of this 1907 building. The bell foundry changed hands to a family member who updated the casting identification at around 1856 or so, which helped me feel more confident about that conclusion. The picture of the current structure is one of my favorites, as one of the details of the picture is that Main St has a dirt surface. More recently I learned that as a fundraiser for our current building, the Methodist Women unloaded its bricks at the train station.

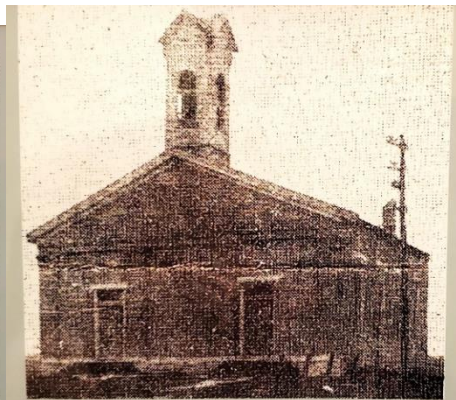
I have said before that I try to remember that all of us joined the ministry work here at Hoffman with it already in motion. We enjoy many blessings thanks to the work that was accomplished before any of us took our first breath. Another way I have put it when following a pastor is that I join work in a field that has already been cultivated by others.

This year as we come to our annual pledge invitation for next

year, I am incredibly thankful for the faithfulness of our Hoffman family in times past and present. Church finances is a topic I would rather avoid, but has been a big part of half of my life, as the church is an institution dependent upon generosity. Despite many challenges over the last couple years, the finances for 2022 are the best in years. THANK YOU. To be clear, we are not "swimming" in excess, as we are still behind our budget askings, but we are thousands ahead of last year, which has permitted our budget planning to aim modestly higher next year, putting some funds back into place that we had felt needed to be cut in recent years.

Especially for those who have taken on the challenge of stepping toward tithing, I will mention that the combination of the pledge card and offering envelopes are effective reinforcing measures to help keep intentions on track. I have no plan for a stewardship sermon on October 16, when we will pray God's blessings over the gathered cards during worship. That being said, I have been surprised at the various ways our recent Scriptures around the VILLAINS series has pointed us toward the heart of our giving, such as the account of Cain and Abel. I hope and pray you never feel under compulsion to give toward the mission of Christ as we strive to live it out here in West Milton and beyond. Without your generosity of both time and gifts, we we would accomplish very little.

Thank you for being part of the continuing mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Thank you also for your prayerful consideration of this year's pledge. While thankful for the faithfulness of the past while looking to the future, I am,
In His service and yours,



2 Corinthians 9:7 *Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Throughout the year we try to invite the Hoffman family to serve or invest into our missional work. However, once a year we invite those who consider Hoffman their home church to prayerfully consider their giving plans for the coming calendar year. All the work accomplished here is due to the generosity of your gifts of time or finance, for which we are so thankful. You make possible the fulfilling of our call To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world.

Below is our "Estimate of Giving Card," and it has multiple giving options, regarding time (week/month/year), and regarding designated giving. To help clarify, here are some Basic Definitions, as well as the corresponding words on the "Register of Attendance and Offering Board" on the north wall of the Sanctuary:

General Fund ("Budget Need"): Our operations budget. It includes utilities, supplies, staff salaries for the year, as well as our "apportionments," our portion given to the global work of the United Methodist Church through our immediate Miami Valley District and the larger West Ohio Conference. While we have reduced this amount several times in the last few years, it is expected to raise this year. When no designation is marked, gifts are added to the General Fund.

Missions: Our finances designated to help others. Church World Service (a small part of our Apportionments), District Mission Grants, Missionary Support, as well as some Local needs as we become aware of them. This fund has helped with physical needs, rent, utilities, clothing, and much more over the years without much fanfare.

The **Maintenance** and **Capital Improvements** ("Building Fund") are managed by the Trustees. They focus on the care and improvement of Hoffman facilities. While Maintenance represents moneys to be spent on the repair and upkeep, Capital Improvements are for larger projects. Recent and ongoing projects for the trustees have included the Tower room projects, raising the ceilings to their original height (The South Tower is complete, and the North Tower is in process), the painting of the storage barn, the sealing and striping of Hoffman's parking, and other smaller projects of repair and maintenance for the physical property.

I have heard from several in the Hoffman family through the years that the pledge or the personal offering envelopes have served as useful tools to keep their commitments and aspirations to the congregation on their mind throughout the year, if you would like to have offering envelopes for monthly or weekly giving, just let us know! *Thank you for all you already do to support the work and ministry of Hoffman UMC. This written pledge will allow you to contemplate what God is calling you to share and will also help our Finance Secretary prepare envelopes for your household's 2023 giving. While you will receive quarterly updates, the gift of time will not be recorded, it is here for your contemplation of service, and you need not specifically list time gifts. If we can have completed cards by October 16th for prayer during worship, that would be great. Thank you!*

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An Invitation to support the work of Christ at Hoffman United Methodist

This card expresses the desire and plan for support in the coming year and can change at any time.

☐ **BEYOND TITHING**

My desire is to do more than God's minimum.

☐ **STEP UP TO TITHING**

I will give 1/10 of my income to God's work.

☐ **STEP UP TOWARD TITHING**

I am moving toward the goal of tithing.

MY COMMITMENT IS \$ _____ /week **OR** \$ _____ /month; **OR** a total of \$ _____ /year.

☐ This represents an increase over last year.

Please Use the following categories to Designate the distribution of your Commitment, if you desire.

General Fund \$ _____ **Missions** \$ _____ **Maintenance** \$ _____ **Capital Improvements** \$ _____

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

This may be revised or cancelled at my request at any time and is only viewed by the Finance Secretary.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD 2023

THE GIFT OF TIME

I wish to invest my time, represented by my hands, feet and prayers for the ministries of Hoffman UMC.

I pledge approximately ____ hrs/wk

Serving Schedule

Oct 2

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Nancy L.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Jeryl-Ann K.
Nursery: 10:15 Patti W. & Kathy K. /11:15 Julia C. & Wendy H.
11:15 Greeters: Ben G., Julia C., & Kathy K. **Scripture Reader:** Norman H.

Oct 9

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Joy P.
Ushers **Hospitality Table:** Steve K. & Kay W.
Nursery: 10:15 Lesli R. /11:15 Lesli R. & Lauren E.
11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

Oct 16

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.
Ushers **Hospitality Table:** Marijo S.
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.

Oct 23

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Peggy N.
Ushers **Hospitality Table:** Tom & Janet W.
Nursery: 10:15 Jennifer K. & Jill C. /11:15 Jennifer K. & Kim D.
11:15 Greeters: Paul & Sally M. and Marijo S. **Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

Oct 30

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Sophia & Stella B.
Ushers: Steve K. & Kay W. **Hospitality Table:** Tim & Janet B.
Nursery: 10:15 Kathy K. /11:15 Ben G. & Lauren E.
11:15 Greeters: Patti W. & Courtney S. **Scripture Reader:** Valerie M.

**Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary
October 2022**

1st - Greg & Lesli Raines (11 yrs)
3rd - Riko Waymire
4th - Dorothy Ginn
Tina Mathews
6th - Karen McFadden
7th - Ruthann King
Phil & Sally Blue (61 yrs)
Paul & Gwenn Crow (55 yrs)
9th - Bob Guthrie
10th - Kim Dohrman
11th - Steve Kraus & Kay Wagner (25 yrs)



13th - Joseph Knostman
Nancy Wolf
14th - Kyler Jay
16th - JR Hagemeyer
David Hayes
17th - Wendy Long
20th - Richard & Marcia Smith (33 yrs)
23rd - Robin Maeder
27th - Darlene Duchene
28th - Tim & Janet Benkert (33 yrs)
29th - Jeff Ellinger
Dick Porter
31st - Marty Black
Chelsi Jay
Jim Wright

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	8-21-22	8-28-22	9-4-22	9-11-22	9-18-22
General Offering	3925.00	4025.00	6194.00	4482.00	2941.00
Weekly Budget Need	4793.00	4793.00	4793.00	4793.00	4793.00
Mission Offering	310.00	60.00	215.00	75.00	200.00
Maintenance Fund	180.00	420.00	485.00	25.00	75.00
Building Fund & Memorials	193.00	30.00	340.00	40.00	98.00
Stained Glass Windows	250.00	.00	100.00	200.00	.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	57	52	59	49	37
* Remote viewing	17	17	21	25	24
11:15 a.m. Service at church	75	58	39	57	64
* Remote viewing	2	7	3	6	2
Total Attendance	151	134	122	137	127

*Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT*



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 94,810

Original Project Goal: \$ 109,430 *Thank You!*

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN OCTOBER 2022 MENU

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

October 12th

Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Pumpkin Roll

October 26th

Beef and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Pie

**** Grandma's Kitchen will be closed for the winter ****

It has been our pleasure to serve you and the Lord.

Homemade Chicken Pot Pie Election Day Dinner
will be held on Tuesday, November 8 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. \$8 per meal

People to remember in prayer:



At Home: Kim Adams, Phil Blue, Valaria Harshbarger, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Theda Klepinger, Winston Klepinger, Dick & Eugenie Markley, Mary Maess, Dixie Porter, Shelia Shade, Marilyn Stickney, 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 Residence of Tipp City, 6400 S Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 109, Tipp City OH 45371
Wendy Long, Trinity Center, 789 Stonybrook, Rm 208A, Fairborn OH 45324
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 Pavilion, 3232 N Co Rd 25A Rm 74, Troy OH 45373

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins Wed., October 5, from 9-10:30 a.m. A 7-session series based on the book, **The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door**. Books are \$9. Call Marilyn at (937)947-1831 or (937)416-8077.

CROP Walk Sunday, October 16 at 2 p.m. at HUMC
Contact Beth Thoele at 937-947-1724

Honoring all Veterans and their families

Saturday, November 12 @ 10 a.m.

In the activity center; the public is invited! To have yours or your loved one's picture included in the PowerPoint, mail the picture to the church by Oct. 15 to the 'attention of Nancy Studebaker' and include branch of service and the dates served.

United Methodist Women's meeting on Thursday, October 13 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

Hoffman's Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 19 from 9am – 3pm

If anyone is interested in having a booth, please let Tina Mathews know. If you know anyone that does craft shows and would be interested in ours, please have them call Tina @ 937-545-2131. We still like having all handmade items at our show, if you are crafty and would like to make items for the Hoffman's booth, please get in touch with Susie Spitler. If you volunteered last year, we would love having you help out again this year! We are looking forward to another great Craft Show.

October is Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month

We invite you to lift up Pastor Robbie and his family, as well as our Hoffman staff: Becky, Norman, JoAnn and their families with your prayers and encouragement. Thank you, Wendy Black and Chris Long, Staff-Parish Relations Co-Chairs.

Trunk or Treat on October 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. in south parking lot. Decorate your trunk, bring lawn chairs, candy and join us as we greet and treat the kids of our town.

All Saints Day Service November 6

Please call the church office (937)698-4401 or email humchurch@gmail.com 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.

162nd Chicken Pot Pie Election Day Dinner November 8 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Homemade chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dinner roll, assorted desserts, plus a beverage \$8 donation Dine in or carry out

Charge Conference (Miami County Region) is at Ginghamburg UMC at 6:30 p.m. on November 10.

Hoffman UMC Christmas Party Sat., December 3

Save the date; it is sure to be a good time!

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Acts 16:31



PUMPKIN FAMILY NIGHT

October 22, 2022: food, crafts, pumpkin carving and games!! Sign-ups coming soon!

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 27, 2022: Come out and get some candy from us!!

Special Dates to Note:

TBA- Christmas Play or singing practice.

November 13 - Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due!!

December 3 - Church Christmas Dinner

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



BUS DRIVER NEEDED

We are looking to hire a driver for our Tuesday classes!

If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to Julia Circle at:
juliacircle@lifewiseacademy.org

Classes starting November 1, 2022

Interested in sponsoring a LifeWise student? \$20 a month is all it takes!

Start your reoccurring donation here! (Scan Below)



HOFFMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2022 FINANCE REPORT

General Budget and Missions Budget

August 31, 2022

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	7,047.00	44,684.75
1020	Second Sunday	3,275.51	37,653.76
1030	Third Sunday	3,925.00	40,389.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	4,025.00	27,422.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	13,560.00
	Total Regular Offering	18,272.51	163,709.51
1060	Misc. Income	0.00	1,058.90
	**Total Income	18,272.51	164,768.41

		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
1	Conference Apportionments	18,234.00	1,519.50	12,156.00	6,078.00
2	District Adm. Apportionments	1,986.00	165.50	1,324.00	662.00
	Total Local Apportionments	20,220.00	1,685.00	13,480.00	6,740.00

3	Hospitality	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
4	Outreach	250.00	159.50	250.00	0.00
5	Worship	750.00	185.40	253.20	496.80
6	Music	750.00	182.93	332.87	417.13
7	Media Subscriptions	3,030.00	200.36	2,734.32	295.68
8	Assimilation	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
9	Kids Hope/Children's Ministry	300.00	43.36	43.36	256.64
10	Youth Ministry	500.00	55.92	55.92	444.08
	Total Council of Ministries	5,830.00	827.47	3,669.67	2,160.33

OFFICE SUPPLY & FINANCE

11	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	15.00	428.87	471.13
12	Office Supplies & Postage	4,000.00	320.17	2,087.20	1,912.80
	Total Administrative & Other Minist	4,900.00	335.17	2,516.07	2,383.93

13	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
14	Staff Salary	120,076.04	10,594.50	78,783.51	41,292.53
15	Health Ins. & Pension	39,531.72	3,189.33	26,338.14	13,193.58
16	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	0.00	1,481.16	2,518.84
17	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
18	Pulpit Supply	500.00	200.00	300.00	200.00
19	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,834.27	444.51	3,646.64	2,187.63
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	14,728.34	111,849.45	60,192.58

22	Maintenance	1,500.00	0.00	1,787.62	-287.62
23	Utilities	31,092.00	1,577.62	15,372.81	15,719.19
24	Building Insurance	4,868.00	0.00	3,667.50	1,200.50
25	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	2,980.00	0.00	2,952.86	27.14
26	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	4,800.00	270.00	3,587.00	1,213.00
27	Supplies	1,000.00	11.75	291.81	708.19
	Total Trustees	46,240.00	1,859.37	27,659.60	18,580.40

	**Total General Budgeted Expenses	249,232.03	19,435.35	159,174.79	90,057.24
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MISSIONS BUDGET

28	Conference - World Services	5,000.00	416.67	3,333.32	1,666.68
29	District Mission Apportionments	1,986.00	165.50	1,324.00	662.00
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	5,507.32	2,876.18



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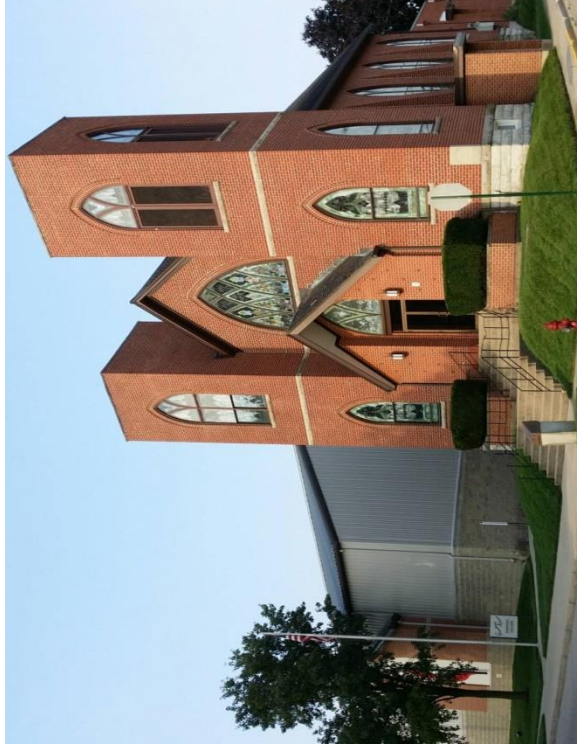
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Worship Time: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
(937) 698-4401 Website: HoffmanUMC.org
Pastor Robbie Scott