



THE TOWERS

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

JUNE 2023

Hoffman
Methodist Church

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Thank You for 8 years of Love and Support

Deuteronomy 34:1-5 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land-- ... Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said.

We are entering a season I do not enjoy. I have known for some time that I was experiencing some last events with this congregation, but I tend to push the feelings back and away so that everything can get done. But as box stacks grow in the parsonage, and empty boxes await filling in my office, I am forced to note the calendar's reminder of the moving trucks' scheduled departure in June. Maybe it is a little too dramatic to use Moses' death as segue though, haha!

I find myself reminded of countless memories shared here in this community and congregation. Other than my home church, I have never been with one congregation for so long. My son arrived in West Milton a first grader, and will be a sophomore in high school this fall, so I guess I know my gray hairs didn't come from nowhere. One of the reasons I have embraced itineracy, the occasional change of pastors, was not for a theological reason. I believe there is only so much of "me" a church should have to endure. 😊

Hoffman has been more than gracious with my various "unique" ways of doing and seeing things while serving as your pastor. I want to thank you for allowing that space to be relatively "myself," for I am fully aware that is not possible everywhere. I am pleased we survived that together, and it is possible we did better than survive. We have managed to find ways to laugh together several times over these years, though there have been seasons the chuckles are accompanied by tears. One of my least favorite experiences is to know some people well enough that they are practically extended family, and then to share in the remembrances of



their lives. I know, it is what people in my position do, and it is an honor, but even as we celebrate the heavenly home they are stepping into, I, like you, grieve the conversations I won't have with them on this side of eternity. Moving feels a little like that, as ministry doesn't tend to allow an abundance of spare time, so trips back to previous churches do not happen very often at all, and to imagine some people not being in my life feels a bit like grief.

There are some of you I even have had the privilege of arguing with...you see, I have to really think highly of someone to risk making them angry, so if you are among that number, please know that you were among those I trust carrying the mission forward. That mission of course is not mine, but is Hoffman's that I adopted and tried my best to live into, a mission to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission in this community and world.

This account of Moses is of one who knows his time is coming to an end, and the Lord is kind enough to let him have a glimpse of where the people are going, and who is going to be leading them there. It was a gift to Moses, and it has been



a gift afforded to me, as well. While my time on earth and in ministry is not done, my time here nearly is. I leave here thankful for a school system full of caring educators, thankful for a small town to know many neighbors and town leaders by name, and thankful that the paths of the people of this congregation and of my family have crossed for this season. How has it been 8 years already? Thank you

for the multiple ways you have encouraged, prayed for, and served alongside my family and me. There won't be words to express how much that has meant.

If there is nothing else you remember from our time together, remember this. "A text without a context is a pretext for a proof-text." I'm sure there is someone wanting to see that in writing. 😊

Be Strong and Courageous, my siblings in Christ, my fellow laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

Until we meet again, I am,

In His Service,

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Devotions were offered by Wendy Heisey, she shared about speaking the word of God out loud causing the devil to flee. We have no limits being the child of God. Hebrews 4:12. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Wendy.

Meeting Attendees

Les Trittschuh, Wendy Black, Jill Circle, Kim Dohrman, Patti Wion, Janet Benkert, Chris Long, Wendy Heisey, David Jay, Tina Mathews, Pastor Robbie Scott

Mission and Ministry

The Board adopted a new logo for Hoffman Global Methodist Church.

Pastor's Report

Average notes: Overall average 9:00 am 51.25 (in person) and 14.25 (online) and 11:15 62.0 (in person) and 7.0 (online). Joe Blackburn helped us secure our new website address, it is www.hoffmangmc.org (to become active in July). Michael Wayne Smith is scheduled April 23rd for both services. Mr. Jim Sarver hosted them for their stay Saturday night. Worship Streaming - We now have an agreement with Restream.io for \$190./Yr. We have an additional laptop to exclusively handle streaming separate from the sanctuary PowerPoint computer.

Finance

The finance report for March was reviewed. Weeks of Operations is 11.3, compared 8.01 March 2022 & 6.89 in March 2021. The cost for Disaffiliation will be between \$75,000 - \$100,000

Nominations

No new business.

Trustees

Trustees report was given by David Jay. Financial report was reviewed. The Kitchen Pantry has been painted. The utility cost of ISG has increased. We will end their service in May and will be going with AEP with a 3/yr contract. River Valley Church will continue to have the LifeWise bus parked on their lot. The parsonage will have new 2nd floor windows installed and the house cleaned after the Scott's have moved.

Staff Parish Relations

The Pastor Profile has been completed and submitted. May 4, 2023 to the Global Methodist church. The board will meet with Rev. Mark Rowland, Presiding Elder to hear about potential ministerial candidates. We will be having a Send-Off carry-in luncheon for the Scott Family on May 21.

Non-agenda items

Lions Club will use the Activity Center for the Chicken Dinners on the 4th of July. Young Spirits would like to donate some Risers to the church, we can accept this gift from them.

May 14 Mother's Day
June 8 Church Garage Sale
June 13 Janie Markley Memorial Service
June 18 Tom Weeks - Pulpit Fill
June 25 Tim Benkert - Pulpit Fill
July 16- 20 Vacation Bible School

Addendum

The board established an interview team to interview candidates for our next pastor

Serving Schedule

June 4

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Nancy L.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Wayne & Susie S.

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

11:15 Greeters: Ben G. and Janessa M. **Scripture Reader:** Valerie M.

June 11

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.
Ushers **Hospitality Table:** *honoring Mary Maess

Nursery: 10:15 Lauren E. & Elaine P. / **11:15** Lauren E. & Rose K.

11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

June 18

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

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

11:15 Greeters: Kathy W. and Ruth L. **Scripture Reader:** Jim & Belinda W.

June 25

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.
Ushers **Hospitality Table:** Gary & Carolyn B.

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

11:15 Greeters: Paul & Sally M. and Marijo S. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary June 2023

4th - Amy Barnes
Landon Bryson
Dick Martens
Tiana McKay
Chris & Jenna Moran 12 yrs
5th - Lynn & Marilyn Yount 63 yrs
6th - Carolyn Barga
Gary & Carolyn Barga 31 yrs
Tim & Kathy Koeller 53 yrs
7th - Wilma Hoover
8th - Dejon Dohrman
11th - Carol Storer

12th - Sally Miller
Andrew & Julia Circle 12 yrs
13th - Kathryn (Keller) Boggs
Dave Thompson
14th - Joy Paulus
Dejon & Kim Dohrman 26 yrs
15th - Marcia Cox
Bob & Debby Guthrie 49 yrs
17th - Mike Circle
Norman Hiester

20th - Nancy Mills
Shelia Shade
Ben & Becky Garrett 14 yrs
Tom & Janet Weeks 53 yrs
22nd - Dean & Megan Bryson 10 yrs
23rd - Sydney Dohrman
Joseph & Jennifer Knostman 16 yrs
25th - Lynn Yount
27th - David & Rosie Bryson 3 yrs
John & LaVerne Hennemyre 59 yrs
28th - Robert & Marcia Cox 48 yrs
29th - Devin Mitchell
Norman Paulus

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	04-23-23	04-30-23	05-07-23	05-14-23
General Offering	2739.00	2859.00	6643.00	2304.00
Weekly Budget Need	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00
Mission Offering	165.00	210.00	165.00	110.00
Maintenance Fund	95.00	715.00	340.00	90.00
Building Fund & Memorials	90.00	305.00	265.00	55.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	45	48	57	53
* Remote viewing	17	14	13	15
11:15 a.m. Service at church	52	65	63	51
* Remote viewing	5	4	4	2
Total Attendance	119	131	137	121

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 99,205

Total Project Goal: \$ 109,430 Thank You!

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN June & July 2023 MENUS

HOFFMAN METHODIST CHURCH

201 S. MAIN STREET, WEST MILTON (937) 698-4401

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

PUBLIC INVITED CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE \$8 DONATION PER MEAL Kids Meal \$3

June 14th Chicken Casserole
Broccoli
Applesauce
Cake

June 28th Spiral-sliced Ham
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Ice Cream Sundae

July 12th Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Brownies

July 26th Swiss Baked Chicken
Parsley Potatoes
California Salad
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

People to remember in prayer:



At Home: Kim Adams, Phil Blue, Valaria Harshbarger, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Winston Klepinger, Cheryl Owen, Mary Maess, Dick Markley, Dixie Porter, Shelia Shade, Theda Sliver, 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

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THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for honoring me with the two cards full of special words of encouragement; I am humbled to be honored and thought of by all of you. May God's blessings be with you.

Shelia Shade.

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

Who led the Israelites after the death of Moses?



Art Show

Opening Reception: Aug 4 - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Show Hours: Aug 5 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug 6 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Church Garage Sale

June 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 1 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. We will be gradually setting up throughout the week; if interested in helping set donated items out on tables June 5 thru 7, please contact church office; if you have an hour or two to spare. We will still need lots of helpers to complete the Wednesday evening setup.

*I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me.*
—Phillippians 4:13





1 Timothy 4:10-11 "This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers. Teach these things and insist that everyone learns them."

To Mars and Beyond VBS

Sunday, July 16- Thursday, July 20
Sunday, July 23 VBS Sunday!!

If you would like to help, please let Becky know.
We need lots of volunteers to make this work!

****Decorating each day July 10-14 @ 6:30PM****

Traditional Service
9AM

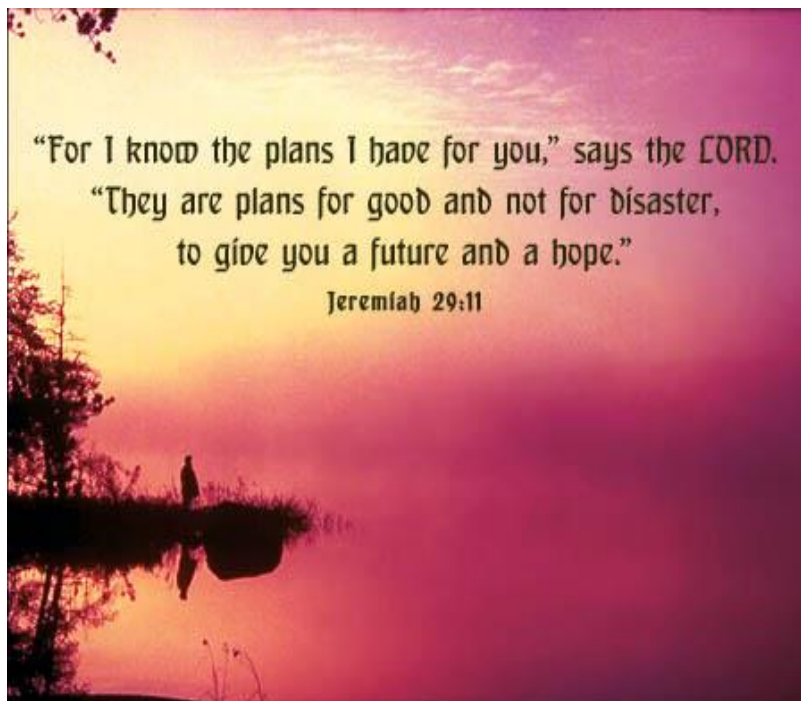
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Sunday School Hour
10:15-11:10AM

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Open Door Service
11:15AM

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



HOFFMAN METHODIST CHURCH 2023 FINANCE REPORT					
General Budget and Missions Budget					
April 30, 2023					
REGULAR OFFERING		MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
1010	First Sunday		4,254.00	20,469.00	
1020	Second Sunday		3,361.00	22,199.00	
1030	Third Sunday		5,529.00	19,596.00	
1040	Fourth Sunday		2,739.00	11,655.00	
1050	Fifth Sunday		2,859.00	8,000.00	
Total Regular Offering			18,742.00	81,919.00	
1060	Misc. Income		0.00	480.50	
**Total Income			18,742.00	82,399.50	
		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
APPORTIONMENTS					
1	Conference Apportionments	18,287.00	1,523.83	6,095.36	12,191.64
2	District Adm. Apportionments	1,994.50	166.17	664.64	1,329.86
Total Apportionments		20,281.50	1,690.00	6,760.00	13,521.50
MINISTRIES					
3	Hospitality	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
4	Outreach	250.00	87.36	87.36	162.64
5	Worship	750.00	233.82	180.14	569.86
6	Music	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
7	Assimilation	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
8	Vacation Bible School	500.00	0.00	340.49	159.51
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	500.00	224.94	340.49	159.51
10	Youth Ministry	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Total Ministries		3,100.00	546.12	607.99	2,151.52
OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH					
11	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	443.82	456.18
12	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,000.00	48.51	1,309.60	2,690.40
13	Media Subscriptions	3,500.00	104.52	1,654.74	1,845.26
14	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		9,400.00	153.03	3,408.16	5,991.84
STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS					
15	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
16	Staff Salary	122,288.11	8,729.84	37,301.82	84,986.29
17	Health Ins. & Pastor PIP Payment	31,680.00	2,647.52	10,402.47	21,277.53
18	Pension	11,053.51	925.54	3,675.74	7,377.77
19	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	0.00	366.31	3,633.69
20	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
21	Pulpit Supply	500.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
22	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,724.34	421.20	1,666.50	4,057.84
23	Moving Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Lakeside Conf Deligate	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
Total Staff & Parish Relations		176,345.96	12,824.10	53,512.84	122,833.12
TRUSTEES					
25	Maintenance	2,400.00	482.35	360.54	2,039.46
26	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	29,482.00	2,059.14	8,881.14	20,600.86
27	Building Insurance	4,868.00	1,028.20	2,445.70	2,422.30
28	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	2,980.00	0.00	1,600.45	1,379.55
29	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	5,510.00	405.00	1,340.00	4,170.00
30	Supplies	1,000.00	30.54	267.53	732.47
Total Trustees		46,240.00	4,005.23	14,895.36	31,344.64
**Total General Budgeted Expenses		255,367.46	19,218.48	79,184.35	175,842.62
MISSIONS BUDGET					
31	Conference Apportionments - World Service	5,000.00	416.67	1,666.64	3333.36
32	District Mission Apportionments	1,994.50	166.17	664.64	1329.86
33	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
34	Annual Mission Project	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
35	Advanced Specials	547.50	0.00	0.00	547.50
Total Budgeted Missions Expenses		8,392.00	582.84	2,581.28	5810.72

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

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor Robbie Scott