



THE TOWERS

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

JULY 2023

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A New Beginning

Brothers and sisters,

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I am excited to be joining you all as your pastor, and my family is grateful to start a new chapter in West Milton with Hoffman Global Methodist Church.

I am from a small town called Monroe about 25 minutes north of Cincinnati. I grew up around church, but not in church until I was about 10 years old. My own personal conversion took place in April of 2003 at Ichthus Music Festival, while there with my youth group. This was the moment whereby I handed God “the keys” of my life and I moved over to the passenger seat.

After graduating from Monroe High School in 2007, I went to Ohio State which is where I met Holly. My call to ministry occurred during my freshman year as I was being disciplined in the ministry of Cru, and it had a radical impact on what I felt God calling me to do with my life: “to help others know God better.” Through my involvement in Cru I gained experience in discipleship, leading Bible studies, and evangelism. I also found a church in college that helped me uncover the desire to serve as a pastor.

Once I began local church ministry after college, and attended United Theological Seminary, I developed a deep love of theological reading. Early in seminary, learning more about God and the history of the Church functioned as a worshipful act for me. Particularly, learning about the early Methodist movement and reading the early church fathers have fed my soul and nourished my faith in ways that are too deep for words. In 2016 I graduated from United Theological Seminary. I was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church at the 2019 West Ohio Annual Conference. I was approved as an Elder in the Global Methodist Church in early June 2023.

Holly and I have been married for almost 12 years. She is from the Troy/Casstown area, graduating from Miami East in 2007. She owns a photography business called Holly Lynn Photography and is a very gifted writer, writing for a few different publications. She teaches me things about God all the time, she can always make me laugh and she is my best friend. I am a much better person and better Christian for knowing Holly, loving Holly, and being loved by Holly.

And, of course, there’s Caroline, our daughter. She is five years old. She loves all things animal related (although she is unfortunately allergic to most dogs), princess related, singing, dancing, climbing, and is developing her own little sense of humor. A major part of our family life centers around Caroline’s health. She was born with cystic fibrosis (CF)— a genetic disease that mainly affects the lungs and digestive organs. The daily medications and routines that allow us to keep her healthy are

extensive. Every day she does about one hour of treatments and takes medication about 15 times a day. There is no cure for CF and the symptoms progress over time. We still have great hope for her future as medical advancements continue to reach us each year.

In addition to CF, in 2022 Caroline was diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum. What this means for Caroline is she is mostly non-verbal at this time and struggles to understand certain aspects of social cues and interactions. Make no mistake, Caroline is eager to make friends. “Play” is her favorite form of communication. Sometimes attending church is difficult for Caroline but we hope to involve her as much as she is able.

The first Sunday that we will worship the Lord together will be July 2. We will celebrate and receive communion together, and this will be the first Sunday for Hoffman as a Global Methodist congregation. In addition to communion, then, there will be a brief “Litany of New Beginnings”, written by a friend and colleague of mine from United Theological Seminary, to mark such an important occasion in the life of the church.

As we begin this new stage of the journey together, I want to invite you to pray this simple prayer with me as we seek to fully surrender ourselves to what God wants to do in our lives individually and as a congregation:

God,

Have your way in me.

Have your way in our church.

I have been praying for you all and this transition, as I know you are praying for my family and me. May God be glorified!

**In Christ,
Pastor Ty**



Serving Schedule

July 2

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

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

11:15 Greeters: Ben G. & Janessa M. **Scripture Reader:** Norman H.



July 9

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. & Kathy K.
Ushers **Hospitality Table:** Les & Sharon T.
Nursery: 10:15 Lauren E. & Elaine P. / **11:15** Lauren E. & Rose K.

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

July 16

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.
Ushers **Hospitality Table:** *honoring Dick Markley and in
Nursery: 10:15 Julia C. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Ben G. and Mallory & Maple D. memory of Eugenie

11:15 Greeters: Kathy W. & Ruth L. **Scripture Reader:** Tim B.

July 23

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.
Ushers **Hospitality Table:** Tim & Janet 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:** Ben G.

July 30

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Sophia & Stella B.
Ushers: Steve K. & Kay W. **Hospitality Table:** Chris & Linda L.
Nursery: 10:15 Kathy K. & Becky G. / **11:15** Ben G. & Lauren E.

11:15 Greeters: Patti W. & Courtney S. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary July 2023

1st - Joe & Leah Blackburn (17 yrs)
2nd - John Hayes
3rd - Joe Blackburn
4th - Dane Studebaker
7th - Erin Studebaker
10th - Cathy Brown
Chris Moran
Dan Studebaker
Tim Wright
11th - Mike & Jill Circle (42 yrs)
14th - Kathy Watkins
16th - Dustin Jay



17th - Chris & Val McKay (49 yrs)
18th - Pastor Ty Williams
21st - John & Carol Carter (50 yrs)
23rd - Elaine Pickering
25th - Ed Johannes
Jean Sanders
Beth & Larry Thoele (41 yrs)
26th - Amanda Burns
27th - Janet Weeks
29th - George Everage
Griffin King
30th - Tim Koeller
Eric & Johanna Morrow (17 yrs)



Dear Hoffman Family,

At the end of March an official vote of the Hoffman United Methodist membership expressed the desire to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, and further voted to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church. Since that vote, the trustees and leadership board have been fulfilling obligations and expectations to finish well in our time with the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. We have been transferring funds as well as making available reports, meeting minutes and church history for the United Methodist Archives. The West Ohio Conference has received those documents, and have scanned and returned our original membership books.

The West Ohio Annual Conference session on June 1st affirmed the congregation's request. Hoffman's connection with the United Methodist Church will end at midnight on June 30, 2023.

July 1, 2023 will be the first day of Hoffman Global Methodist Church, and with no other action, membership will transfer into the new denomination. As far as ministry at Hoffman, the changes should be very little, so our hope is that you will choose to stay officially in the Hoffman family.

Having said that, we are aware there are persons who want to serve, worship, and fellowship with Hoffman, but are not yet ready to have their membership transferred into the Global Methodist Church. The Global Methodist Church membership is entirely made up of those who were United Methodist before. This is not a joining with a denominational history or theology that is different from what you have been living into thus far. That being said, here are a couple options for those who don't yet want their membership to automatically transfer into the Global Methodist Church

1. Temporarily transfer your membership.

a. While one can transfer membership to another congregation of the UMC, this is not a good option for those who want to stay in fellowship and ministry with Hoffman, as it is not fair to the other congregation you transfer to. Therefore, a better option is b.

b. transfer membership to the West Ohio Conference. The link below will allow you to keep your membership in the United Methodist Church, and give time to process, pray, and discern your future steps, hopefully to rejoin Hoffman officially (which would just be a letter or phone call to the church office). Here is the full link:

<https://www.westohioumc.org/stayum>

2. Remove your membership. This is the least desirable option, but one available to you, is to put in writing a letter to the office that you wish to remove your membership at this time. Like a transfer, this also can be undone later by a letter.

It has taken some time to clarify and confirm that this is correct. Again, all those who are fine with their membership transferring into the new Hoffman Global Methodist Church do not need to do anything. (Additionally, the transfer or removal options still remain available later in case there is a change of heart. Your membership is never trapped, you have all the control in this that you like, either now or in the future, that has not changed)

We want to thank the congregation members who helped guide the process with their survey results; with their attendance at information meetings, with casting their votes, and for the prayer and support during a very challenging time. We also want to express special appreciation to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make these events possible; especially those who agreed to take on what we know were large tasks. Thank you all so much.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you as the Church Leadership Board.
May God richly bless Hoffman as we take this step of faith.

In Christ's Love,
Your Hoffman Church Leadership Board

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	05-21-23	05-28-23	06-04-23	06-11-23	06-18-23
General Offering	4267.00	5060.00	5313.00	6751.50	2709.00
Weekly Budget Need	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00
Mission Offering	175.00	370.00	75.00	710.00	180.00
Maintenance Fund	145.00	125.00	245.00	724.00	55.00
Building Fund & Memorials	198.00	75.00	395.00	125.00	103.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	63	65	63	74	52
* Remote viewing	11	8	8	6	3
11:15 a.m. Service at church	80	56	48	50	56
* Remote viewing	4	4	4	4	10
Total Attendance	158	133	123	134	121

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 99,640

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

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN July 2023 MENU

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

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

Hoffman Church Family, Thank you all for the prayers, concerns and cards during my recent hospitalization. It's a blessing to belong to such a wonderful church family, Love & Blessings, Judy Brown

Thanks to all those who participated and served at the Mother/Daughter Luncheon; special thanks to Becky Garrett. It brought back so many memories of past banquets at Hoffman. Judy Brown and Family

Thank you to everyone who supported our church garage (rummage) sale. We received \$787.50!

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!

Methodist Women's Meeting

Thursday, July 27 at 7 p.m.
in the Multi-Purpose Room 2/3.



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.

Applications @ HoffmanUMC.org or on information table outside the church office. Deadline is July 11

Annual Hoffman UMC Picnic

Sunday, August 6 from 2:30 p.m. to ?

At the home of Marty and Wendy Black at 5839 S Jay Road, West Milton. We will swim, beginning at 2:30 p.m., so dress accordingly. Dinner will be ready at 5:30p.m. This will be a carry-in dinner with meat, condiments, table service, and drinks provided. Please bring a covered dish to share and a folding chair . . which you don't have to share. . .questions please call Mike C. at (937) 623-5731.

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

Who was the dreamer in Genesis?

The Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study will resume July 12.

The morning Bible study is usually canceled for the summer, but we decided that the many issues needing prayer were reason enough to continue through the summer. We will be meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room from 10-11:30 for an informal prayer/discussion session, but will not be doing a book study as we usually do so there will be no pre-class preparation. There will, however, be handouts! Please join us if and when you can. Questions - Marilyn at 937-947-1831.

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HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Time: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
(937) 698-4401 Website: HoffmanUMC.org
Pastor Tyler Williams

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