



# THE TOWERS

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

**AUGUST 2023**

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

## About Time

Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

How do you tell time?

We have our calendars, our favorite sports seasons, and community events that mark significant moments. Historically, the Church has had a particular way of passing and marking time through its own calendar. Sometimes this is referred to as the Church Calendar, the Church Year, or also by the related topic of the Lectionary, which is the table or schedule of Biblical passages assigned to be read each day.

The Church Year is organized around the two principal Christian feasts: Christmas and Easter, celebrating the two major moments of Christ's life - His birth, the Incarnation; and His redeeming death and resurrection.

The Church Year actually begins on the first Sunday of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christ's Nativity/Birth. After Christmas are the "Twelve Days of Christmas," culminating with the Epiphany on January 6. Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi to Jesus, the first revelation of Jesus as the Christ to Gentiles. Several weeks follow the Epiphany based on the theme of revelation, Christ's glory and power being revealed through miracles and healing.

The season of Epiphany concludes when we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 40-day journey of fasting, soul-searching prayer, and penitence as we prepare for Christ's death and resurrection. The season's length of 40 days is meant to mirror the 40 days Jesus spent being tested in the wilderness.

The highlight of the Christian Year culminates with Good Friday and Easter, the celebration of Christ's salvific death and resurrection. What follows is six weeks of Easter, reflecting Jesus' appearing to the disciples over a period of 40 days before His Ascension.

After the Ascension, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, followed by a long stretch referred to as

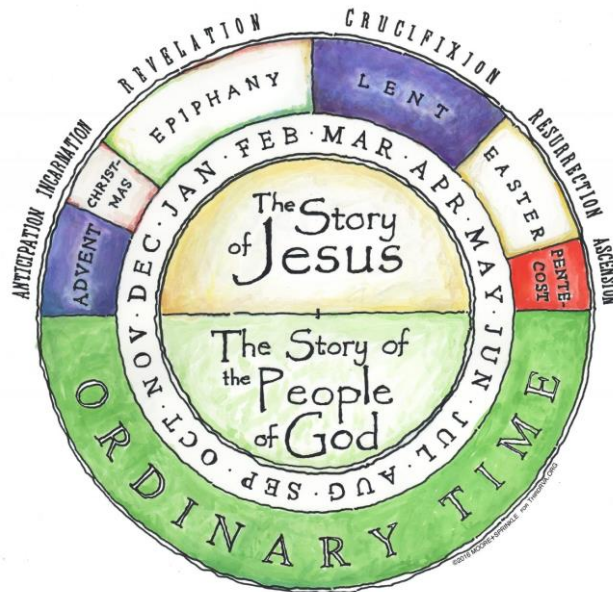
"Ordinary Time." We are currently in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which will not end until we begin a new liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent (December 3, 2023). This is reflective of the reality that most of our Christian life is lived in "ordinary" moments, following Christ in the light and strength of God's Spirit.

God's will for us as Christians is that we would be "conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom 8:29). God wants us to be more and more like Jesus, and we seek to

surrender more and more areas of our lives to God's will being done, our being conformed to the Image of Christ. Doing this even in the way we tell time, immersing ourselves in the story of Jesus year after year after year, then, can only aid the process of becoming more Christ-like as individuals and as a community.

I invite you, then, the next time you come to worship and hear the words, "Welcome to Hoffman Global Methodist Church. Today is the \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday after Pentecost," to recognize and appreciate the great Story we are living in: being conformed to Christ, by the great love of the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit.



**In Christ,  
Pastor Ty**

## Serving Schedule

### Aug 6

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Judy B.  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Chuck B.  
**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:** Andrew C.

### Aug 13

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.  
**Ushers:** John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** Tom & Janet W.  
**Nursery:** **10:15** Lauren E. & Elaine P. / **11:15** Lauren E. & Rose K.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

### Aug 20

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.  
**Usher:** John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** \*\*honoring Jean Sanders  
**Nursery:** **10:15** Julia C. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Ben G. and Mallory & Maple D.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Kathy W. and Ruth L. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

### Aug 27

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.  
**Ushers:** John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** Richard & Marcia S.  
**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:** Norman H.

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary August 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> - Jim & Belinda Wright (32 yrs)  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Karra Beard  
Mary Maess  
5<sup>th</sup> - David Bryson  
7<sup>th</sup> - Sarah Harris  
Fred & Cathy Brown (57 yrs)  
9<sup>th</sup> - Phil Blue  
11<sup>th</sup> - Bev Brubaker  
13<sup>th</sup> - Jayce Lawhorn  
15<sup>th</sup> - Tammy Lugabihl  
Dustin & Chelsi Jay (8 yrs)



17<sup>th</sup> - Lauren Karch  
Wayne Spitler  
20<sup>th</sup> - Shirley Garreth  
Scott Johnston  
Richard Smith  
21<sup>st</sup> - Pastor Robbie Scott  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Lilly Pritchard  
24<sup>th</sup> - Dean Bryson  
Chris Harris  
27<sup>th</sup> - Janet Willis  
28<sup>th</sup> - Dick & Mary Ann Martens (63 yrs)  
30<sup>th</sup> - John & Pam Hitchcock (20 yrs)  
Emily Benkert  
31<sup>st</sup> - Katie Poling

## Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	06-25-23	07-02-23	07-09-23	07-16-23
General Offering	3689.00	5964.00	3504.00	7605.63
Weekly Budget Need	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00
Mission Offering	45.00	280.00	720.00	260.00
Maintenance Fund	400.00	445.00	240.00	140.00
Building Fund & Memorials	550.00	475.00	195.00	353.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	59	76	81	78
* Remote viewing	7	15	No FB link	10
11:15 a.m. Service at church	45	76	60	65
* Remote viewing	9	5	No FB link	7
Total Attendance	120	172	141	160

*Thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



### Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 100,240

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

## GRANDMA'S KITCHEN August/September 2023 MENUS

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

201 S. MAIN STREET, WEST MILTON 698-4401

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

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

### August 9<sup>th</sup>

Chicken and Noodles  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas  
Cream Puffs

### August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Beef Hot Shots  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Ice Cream Sundae

### September 13<sup>th</sup>

Spiral Sliced Ham  
Mac and Cheese  
Baked Beans  
Watergate Salad

### September 27<sup>th</sup>

Chicken Casserole  
Green Beans with Ham  
Applesauce  
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

***People to remember in prayer:***



**At Home:** 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, Cypress Point, 600 W. National Rd. Rm 118, Englewood OH 45322  
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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## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***



### **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.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** on August 20

**Prayer Walk** on Sunday, August 20 at 4 p.m.  
meet at the school library

**Teacher Luncheon** on Monday, August 21  
Contact Becky G. for more information.

Nancy Studebaker's new address:  
3 Laura Circle  
Laura, OH 45337

Her only phone number (937)825-2282  
(for regular and prayer chain calls)



### **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 at (937) 623-5731.

### **Elaine's Trivia Question of Month**

How many days did Jesus fast in the desert?

**Pastor Ty's email:** HoffmanGMCpastor@gmail.com

**New church email:** HoffmanGMC@gmail.com

**New church website:** HoffmanGMC.org



Ephesians 3:20

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us."



A huge shout out and thank you to everyone who helped decorate for VBS, volunteer at VBS, gave donations and prayed for us this week!!!

We had such an amazing time.

**Blessings of the Backpacks** on August 20- (for anyone who goes to school, college, teachers, etc.)

**Prayer Walk at MU School** on August 20 at 4p.m. (meet at the school library and we will pray throughout the building)

**Teacher Luncheon** on August 21 at 11a.m.

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

FOR GOD  
has not given us  
a Spirit of fear  
but of  
POWER  
LOVE  
& self-discipline.  
2 Timothy 1:7

Peace I leave with you; my  
peace I give you. I do not give  
to you as the world gives. Do  
not let your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid.

John 14:27





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Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.  
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Website: HoffmanGMC.org  
Pastor Ty Williams

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