



# THE TOWERS

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

OCTOBER 2023

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



**By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. (1 John 3:19-20)**

The word forgive means to “send away.” One of the major tenets of our Christian faith is that in Christ God forgives us. Yet, some of us are still holding onto things that God sent away a long time ago.

Shortly after my conversion to Christ I went through a period of self-loathing. I knew God forgave me, but I still carried so much shame and anger. As a freshman in high school, I remember my Spanish teacher talking about having to forgive herself and it clicked for me. I believed in forgiving others (as hard as that can be). I believed God forgave me and others. But I was struggling to forgive myself. I had never heard anyone mention that before, but it diagnosed so much of where my pain was coming from. I knew what to do, and though it was not a simple, one-time action, it made all the difference.

Someone might say, “But you don’t know what I’ve done!” But God does! And He forgives you and loves you. We all have that fear: “If someone knew *this* or *that* about me, they wouldn’t really love me.” But, friend, God does! You are fully known and fully loved by your Father in heaven. Paul tells us in Romans 5, “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Of course, we recognize that it is not good to stay stuck in our sins. It is good to know our sins, to repent from them, to turn and be healed. Yet, Satan, who disguises himself as an angel of light, can take this good motivation and lure us into the snare of self-hatred and self-condemnation. In this state we are unable to see

beyond our own noses, overshadowed by shame and disgust with ourselves. We feel trapped.

Please know that this is not the work of God, but of the evil one. In his book titled *Hearing God*, author Peter Lord says, “Any mental attack on your self-worth does not come from the Father. He will correct your behavior, but He never condemns your worth.” Certainly God wants us to repent of our sins and receive His mercy that leads us

more and more into life. Yet, He does not want us to live as depressed, defeated, dejected people, unable to move past the shame of our past sins and misdeeds. At that point we are unable to be vessels of His light and mercy to others, and we even begin to be stricter judges of ourselves even than God Almighty.

May we remember Christ is the judge, not us. While we continue to hang the guilty sentence over our own heads, we occupy a position that is not ours. Christ is the judge, not us. The comfort in this is reflected in the words from 1 John above:

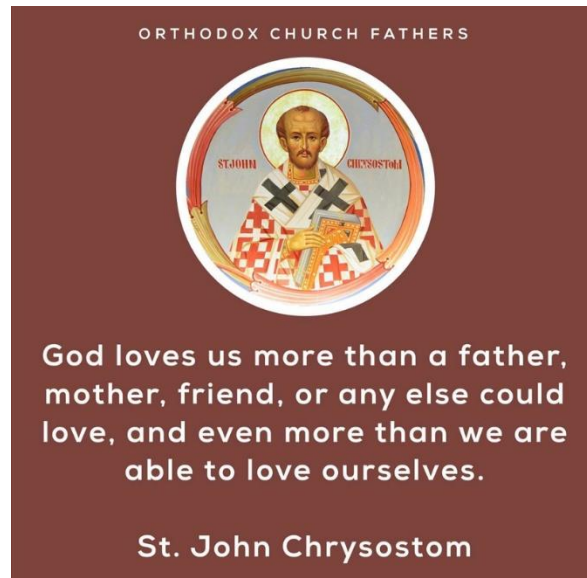
“whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.”

God desires our healing, our recovery, our thriving in His ways. After being criticized for spending time with the wrong kinds of people, Jesus remarked, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

May we be those who do not insist on our own righteousness but are those who are awestruck by the sheer love and compassion God has toward us. The One who has forgiven us, knows us, and loves us, invites us to get on the same page. If He has forgiven you, He forbids you to hang on to it. Let God be God. He’s much better at it than you or me.

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**In Christ,  
Pastor Ty**



## Board Meeting Highlights

### Devotions

Devotions were offered by Tina Mathews. Matthews 6:11, Jesus reminds his followers not to worry. He tells us not to be anxious about tomorrow's needs. Rather, Jesus stressed a daily reliance on the Father. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Tina.

### Meeting Attendees

Pastor Ty, Les Trittschuh, John Ankerman, Wendy Black, Chris Long, Wendy Heisey, Kim Dohrman, Tina Mathews, Jill Circle, Jim Mitchell

### Mission and Ministry

Still looking for nursery workers and would like another Sunday school teacher to add another class.

### Pastor's Report

Pastor Ty will be starting a new member's class. He has had a 20+ sign up to attend. There will be a Sunday school class insert in the Sunday bulletin. Continue to welcome and introduce yourself to the new people attending our services. Allegheny West Annual Conference is October 12-14, 2023.

### Finance Report

The July Finance Report was reported and available in print. Weeks of operation are 10.90.

### Nominations

No New Business

### Trustees

The Trustees' report was given by Wendy Heisey for David Jay. Financial report was reviewed. Lots of behind the scene items are being taken care of. Thank you to all the trustees. We will be having stucco repairs done in the Activity Center. The outside cross will be centered by the trustees. Some LifeWise security items need to be completed that the children are safe while they are here.

### Staff Parish Relations

The staff introduced Joe Ellis for the youth director positions. He was interviewed, accepted the position and will start in September.

### Non- Agenda Items

We will continue to keep the red hymnals in the pews, although they have "United" on them; we do currently use them.

### List of Important Dates:

October 1 – Fall Carry-In, World Communion Sunday  
October 26 – Trunk-R-Treat  
November 7 – Election Day Dinner  
November 12 – Veteran's Day Program  
November 18 – Craft Show  
December 2 - Church Christmas Dinner

**Church Charge Conference on Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m.  
following the 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting; everyone invited to attend!**

## Serving Schedule

### Oct 1

**9:00 Liturgist:** Mike C. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Judy B.  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Darin & Patti W.

**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:** Pastor Ty

### Oct 8

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.  
**Ushers:** John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** Marijo S.  
**Nursery: 10:15** Elaine P. & Sarah P. / **11:15** Melodye W. & Rose K.

**11:15 Greeters:** Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

### Oct 15

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.  
**Ushers:** John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** \*In Honor of Ed Johannes  
**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:** Andrew C.

### Oct 22

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.  
**Ushers:** John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** Chuck 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:** Beth T.

### Oct 29

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Sophia & Stella B.  
**Ushers:** Steve K. & Kay W. **Hospitality Table:** Larry & Beth T.  
**Nursery: 10:15** Kathy K. / **11:15** Ben G.

**11:15 Greeters:** Patti W. and Courtney S. **Scripture Reader:** Norman H. or Pastor T.

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary October 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> - Riko Waymire  
4<sup>th</sup> - Dorothy Ginn  
Tina Mathews  
6<sup>th</sup> - Karen McFadden  
7<sup>th</sup> - Ruthann (King) Steck  
Phil & Sally Blue (62 yrs)  
Paul & Gwenn Crow (56 yrs)  
9<sup>th</sup> - Bob Guthrie  
10<sup>th</sup> - Kim Dohrman  
11<sup>th</sup> - Steve Kraus & Kay Wagner (26 yrs)  
13<sup>th</sup> - Joseph Knostman  
Nancy Wolf



14<sup>th</sup> - Kyler Jay  
16<sup>th</sup> - JR Hagemeyer  
David Hayes  
17<sup>th</sup> - Wendy Long  
20<sup>th</sup> - Richard & Marcia Smith (34 yrs)  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Robin Maeder  
27<sup>th</sup> - Darlene Duchene  
28<sup>th</sup> - Tim & Janet Benkert (34 yrs)  
29<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Ellinger  
Dick Porter  
31<sup>st</sup> - Marty Black  
Chelsi Jay  
Jim Wright

## Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	08-27-23	09-03-23	09-10-23	09-17-23
General Offering	4392.00	6644.00	4494.00	3419.00
Weekly Budget Need	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00
Mission Offering	155.00	165.00	205.00	65.00
Maintenance Fund	450.00	115.00	190.00	35.00
Building Fund & Memorials	70.00	270.00	110.00	215.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	81	86	85	68
* Remote viewing	3	8	10	9
11:15 a.m. Service at church	66	68	51	53
* Remote viewing	2	3	1	3
Total Attendance	152	165	147	133

*Thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



### Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 100,740

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

### Grandma's Kitchen October 2023 Menu

Serving from 5 to 6:15 p.m.

\$8 Donation per meal Kids meals \$3

Oct 11<sup>th</sup>

Baked Spaghetti  
Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Pumpkin Roll

Oct 25<sup>th</sup>

Beef & Noodles  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas  
Ice Cream Sundae

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

### **163<sup>rd</sup> Election Day dinner on Tues., Nov. 7**

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.

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ACADEMY  
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### SUPPORT A LIFEWISE STUDENT

- ☐ \$20/mo (1 Student)      ☐ \$80/mo (4 Students)  
☐ \$40/mo (2 Students)      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Church.....

**How to Give** (please select one)

- ☐ Enclose Check      ☐ Scan QR Code to give online  
☐ Visit [lifewise.org/milton-unionoh](https://lifewise.org/milton-unionoh)



## People to remember in prayer:



### **Hoffman Sympathies to:**

the family of Janice Turner, Joy Beetley's mother, as she passed away on Sept. 14, 2023  
the family of Deb McKay as she passed away on September 20, 2023

**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, Grace Brethren Village, 1010 Taywood Rd., Rm 66, 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  
Monica Winemiller, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co Rd 25A, Rm 74, Troy OH 45373

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hoffman GMC Phone Directory** will be updated in mid October, if your address or phone number has changed in the last year or you would like to be added, email JoAnn at HoffmanGMC@gmail.com or call (937)698-4401 and make sure we have your correct information. If you would like to include your email address in your listing, please let us know.

**October is Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month.** We invite you to lift up Pastor Ty, Becky, Norman, Joe, and JoAnn along with their families with your prayers and words of encouragement.

### **Sign Up for Home Visits with Ty and Joe** (Sign-up sheets are on the lobby table)

#### Dates, times and locations:

**Thurs., Oct. 5 – 6:30-8pm** - Steve Kraus & Kay Wagner – 905 Copperfield Ln – Tipp  
**Thurs., Oct. 17– 6:30-8pm** - John & LaVerne Hennemyre – 563 St. Rt. 48 Ludlow Falls  
**Thurs., Nov. 2 – 6:30-8pm** - Mike & Jill Circle – 136 N Main WM

**Trunk or Treat** on October 26 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.

### **All Saints Day Service November 5**

Please call the church office (937)698-4401 or email HoffmanGMC@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.

Pot Pie Making Oct 5, 12, & 19 see Joy Paulus for more information.

**Global Methodist Women's Meeting** – Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. in the Activity Center. All Hoffman women are invited. Special guest speaker: Ashley McCarroll. Ashley and her husband, Ryan, are both M-U graduates. They have two daughters, Paisley and Lola. The girls show poultry and sheep at the Ohio State and Miami County Fairs. Ashley home schools the girls. She was very active in growing a Mom to Mom group at Ginghamburg Methodist. They are all now active in the First United Methodist Church in Troy. Ashley leads a program on Sunday evenings, once a month September through June called Faith Talks at First UMC.

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month  
Where was Jesus arrested?

**Fall Walking Group** Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. Contact Elaine Pickering (937) 698-5192

**Honoring All Veterans and their families on Sunday, November 12** in the Activity Center; the public is invited! *To have yours or your loved one's picture included in the PowerPoint, mail or drop off the picture to the church by October 15 to the 'attention of Nancy Studebaker' and include branch of service and the dates served. All pictures submitted in previous years will be included in the program.*

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."



### Upcoming Events

**October 1, 2023:** World Communion Sunday  
(church-wide lunch at 12:30PM)

**October 26, 2023:** West Milton trick or treat night- if you would like to bring your car and give out candy, please let us know so that we make enough room.

**October 28, 2023:** Pumpkin carving, dinner, scavenger hunt. 5-8PM, see church email for more details and to register.

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



This year has already been a blessing; it has been so amazing to see God work with our youth. We are thankful to all of you who signed up to provide meals for use this year, it will definitely be appreciated.

Right now, we are working on getting a service project started in which we go around the area and help clean up people's yards. (Think light yard work and raking leaves.) We would be asking for donations for this work, and the proceeds would pay for future youth activities. Please contact Joe Ellis if you would be interested in being a part of this.

Youth Ministry Director:  
Joe Ellis  
[Josephkellis24@gmail.com](mailto:Josephkellis24@gmail.com)  
937-405-5516

Youth Group Sunday  
5-7 P.M.

## Ohio Ballot Issues, November 7, 2023

There are two statewide issues on the Ohio ballot this November.

**Issue 1:** This issue is titled, **A Self-Executing Amendment Relating to Abortion and Other Reproductive Decisions**. If approved, this issue would amend the Ohio Constitution to provide that each individual has the right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions. There are 6 statements in this initiative that you will need to consider before you vote.

**Issue 2:** This issue is titled, **To Commercialize, Regulate, Legalize, and Tax the Adult Use of Cannabis**. If approved, it would amend the Ohio Constitution to legalize marijuana for recreational and personal use and establish regulatory conditions for the sale, production and use of marijuana. There are 14 statements in this initiative that you will need to consider before you vote.

**Ballot Language:** It is important that you read the **Ballot Language** for each issue **before** Nov. 7 as many details are included in each issue that will help you make your decision. A **sample ballot**, which includes both Issues—plus additional local issues—is available at **VoteOhio.gov**. Scroll down to the 'Voting Information' column then click on 'View Your Sample Ballot.' Printed samples of State Issues 1 and 2 are available at church in the lobby area.

**Ohio Voter Registrations for November 7 are due October 10**  
**Voting Begins October 11**

**If you have not registered to vote**, you need to do so before October 10. Registration may be done online at **VoteOhio.gov** or by mail using the printed voter registration form which is available online, in the church lobby, or at your county Board of Elections.

**If you have had an address change or a name change** since the last election, you will need to update your information using **VoteOhio.gov** or the printed voter registration form. These changes need to be completed before October 10.

**If you aren't sure if you are already registered or where to vote**, please visit **VoteOhio.gov** and select "Check my Voter Registration" to determine your registration status and location. This site will answer any other questions you may have about voting. You may also contact your county Board of Elections for help.

Miami County Board of Elections  
215 W. Main St.  
Troy, OH 45373 937-440-3900

Montgomery County Board of Elections  
451 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Dayton, OH 45422 937-225-5656

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