



THE TOWERS

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

November 2023

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

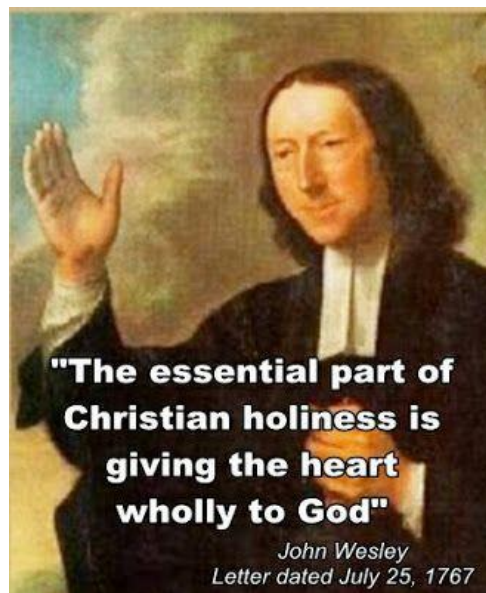
I have recently returned from the convening annual conference of the Allegheny West Conference of the Global Methodist Church. It was an exciting time of fellowship, worship, teaching, and vision casting. As we prayed, sang and gathered, looking forward in the hopes of a blessed future, we also looked back. One of the hallmarks of the Global Methodist movement is an attempt to retrieve some of the distinctive elements and gifts of the original Methodist movement, as well as the larger Church across time and space.

The leader of the first Methodists, John Wesley, described the mission of Methodism as: *"To reform the nation, and in particular the Church, to spread scriptural holiness over the land."* Along the lines of holiness, Wesley and the Methodist taught a notion of Christian perfection or perfect love. They taught that this "is love excluding sin, love filling the heart, taking up the whole capacity of the soul." In other words, the Methodists believed that God really could, as the Scripture above says, "sanctify you through and through" and make you a holy person. God really can sanctify a person to such an extent that the only motivation within that person's heart is love of God and neighbor – perfect love.

Some, or many, may find this belief too optimistic, too far-fetched. It doesn't take sin seriously enough and those Methodists must have been mistaken, thinking we humans are better than we *really* are. However, Methodists, like the many centuries of Christians before them, do take sin seriously and do understand that the brokenness and fallenness of humanity.

The optimism of perfect love comes not from what we humans are capable of, but what God is capable of. Being entirely sanctified in this way, with love filling the heart, and crowding out sin, is what God desires and wants for each of us. After all, we recognize that God's will for us is to "be conformed to the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29).

This is more than simply a peripheral, minor belief



related to Methodism. Wesley says in a letter, "This doctrine is the grand depositum which God has lodged with the people called Methodists; and for the sake of propagating this chiefly He appeared to have raised us up." In other words, *the* purpose of God raising up this movement was to spread the message of Christian perfection – that ordinary people like you and me could be so sanctified and filled with the love of God that we would be true imitators of Christ.

Holiness is one of the distinguishing marks of Methodist Christianity and is one of the attractive elements it proclaims: God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit invite us into the life of God, to receive salvation and forgiveness of sins, *and* to be transformed into someone whose thoughts, words, and actions reflect the love of Jesus Christ for all of humanity and creation. This message of complete life change was and *is* truly good news. Ordinary men and women, like you and me, who know our sin and brokenness, can "walk in the light as He is in the light" (1 John 1:7).

As mentioned earlier, some may believe this is naïve optimism. I would ask, however, what is the worst thing that could happen, if you made this your prayer: *"God, so fill me with the grace of your Holy Spirit that my only motivation is love of You and my neighbors. God, help me to truly love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength; and my neighbor as myself?"* What if you prayed this prayer daily, and even believed God honored such a prayer? Let's try it and find out.

<>< In Christ,
Pastor Ty

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This letter and the attached card are sent to you as an invitation to prayerfully consider the ways God is leading you to support the mission of Jesus Christ at Hoffman Global Methodist Church in 2024.

God, in His infinite goodness and mercy, allows people like us to join Him in a saving relationship, and to join His work in redeeming and reconciling creation to Himself. As we join as His body, the Church, in the West Milton community, we have a variety of ways we can participate in that mission. The pledge card at the bottom of this brief letter is designed to help you pray and consider how you can take part in the ministries of Hoffman Global Methodist Church.

The **General Fund** (“Budget Need”) is our default operations budget. It includes utilities, supplies, and staff salaries for the year. We are praying in 2024 for God to lead us to some new avenues for ministry, to reach out to our community with the saving love of Jesus Christ. Part of that prayer, then, is also for the necessary resources to carry out such ministries. If **no** designation is marked, gifts and offerings are placed in the General Fund.

Missions are finances specifically designated to help others. Our church already has a significant impact locally, in the community and in the local schools. We are also looking for ways to be part of what God is doing in other parts of the world, both nationally and internationally. Any funds designated for **Missions** contribute to these areas of ministry.

Our Trustees manage the **Maintenance** and **Capital Improvements** line items, which focus specifically on the care of Hoffman facilities. One of the realities of church ministry is that our facilities are an integral part of how we worship and serve God and His people. We have been blessed with a tremendous facility and even better people who take care of it, maintain it, and improve it when needed. On the board in the sanctuary, “Building Fund” records both the Maintenance and Capital Improvement giving from the previous week. While **Maintenance** is for the general upkeep of our facilities, **Capital Improvements** refers to larger projects that the church will take on to improve and update the facilities.

On behalf of the church board and the finance committee, I want to thank each one of you who is contributing to the work of Christ through the ministries of our church. Our Time, our Talents, and our Treasure are three wonderful ways God invites us to join what He’s doing in the world and in the lives of people. We invite you to pray, talk to God, reflect, and dream about how you can serve the community and world through the ministries of Hoffman GMC.

Please know that these cards are between you and God. Only the financial secretary will look at them, so we can gather estimated figures and plan for the upcoming year of ministry. You are not bound by anything written on this card. Let the Holy Spirit guide you as you envision what involvement in the church looks like this coming year.

*Please put your pledge card in the box provided at the front of the church by November 12, which will be **Pledge Sunday**. That Sunday we will have a time of prayer and blessing for your pledges and the work of the church.*

An Invitation to support the work of Christ at Hoffman Global 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.

THE GIFT OF TIME

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

I pledge approximately ____ hrs/wk

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Devotions were offered by Kim Dohrman.

Matt 6:14-15, Mark 11:25 From Joyce Myers on forgiveness. Forgiveness can be a personal benefit to your health & happiness. Unforgiveness blocks our way with God.

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Kim.

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

The children will start practicing on a Christmas Play during the 11:15 service.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Ty's New Members Class has had 28 attendance. Allegheny West Annual Conference is October 12-14, 2023. Our Charge Conference meeting will follow our Board Meeting on Oct. 19, 2023. Wednesdays during Advent a group study will be offered.

Finance Report

The July Finance is reported and available in print. Weeks of operation are 11.9; still in a negative for our Year-to-Date budget. The budget for 2024 was reviewed and approved.

Nominations

Two positions for 2024 will be open: Staff Parish and Treasurer; (editor's note both positions have been filled).

Trustees

The Trustees report was given by Pastor Ty for David Jay. Financial report was reviewed. A new air condition unit will be installed in the upstairs of the parsonage in the spring of 2024. Intercom systems are needed for the three exterior doors for LifeWise and one in our nursery.

Non- Agenda items

Ohio Ballot information will be in the October Towers. We will be updating our Property Deeds with our new church name. Jim Mitchell will be doing this for us.

List of important Dates

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

The mission of the Global Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Serving Schedule

Nov 5

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

Nov 12

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.
Ushers: John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** *In honor of Helen Keller
Nursery: **10:15** Elaine P. & Sarah P. / **11:15** Melodye W. & Rose K.
11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

Nov 19

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.
Ushers: John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** Dick & Mary Ann M.
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:** Beth T.

Nov 26

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.
Ushers: John & Laverne H. **Hospitality Table:** Elaine P.
Nursery: **10:15** Jennifer K. & Jill C. / **11:15** Jennifer & Anna K. and Kim D.
11:15 Greeters: Amanda B. and Marijo S. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary November 2023

1st - Jeff & Denise Ellinger (9 yrs)
6th - Amy Karch
Linda Long
George & Lauren Everage (13 yrs)
7th - Joel Benkert
8th - John Ankerman
Wendy Heisey
10th - Jim Balsbaugh
Judy Brown
13th - Lynn McFarland



14th - Christy Harris
Lori Parsons
16th - Logan Burns
17th - Lee & Becky Baker (45 yrs)
23rd - Denise Ellinger
Josie Knostman
25th - Greg Lingle
Chris Long
27th - Ron Butt
30th - LaVerne Hennemyre

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	09-24-23	10-01-23	10-08-23	10-15-23
General Offering	2712.00	6303.00	6302.00	4715.00
Weekly Budget Need	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00
Mission Offering	210.00	260.00	110.00	250.00
Maintenance Fund	505.00	435.00	80.00	490.28
Building Fund & Memorials	438.00	300.00	40.00	133.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	70	72	62	71
* Remote viewing	6	11	18	12
11:15 a.m. Service at church	54	55	51	36
* Remote viewing	2	17	3	8
Total Attendance	132	155	134	127

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 100,740

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

Advent Study, Future-Seekers Class

The Future-Seekers class will begin a 6-week Advent study on December 3 using the book, *Freedom is Coming: From Advent to Epiphany with the Prophet Isaiah* by Nick Baines. This book presents familiar passages from Isaiah that we often use during the Christmas season and asks us to think about them from two perspectives. Rev. Baines explains the situation of the Israelites in Isaiah's time who were living as exiles in Babylon. They were discouraged as they tried to understand why God had let this happen and were desperate for hope as they waited for God's promises to be fulfilled. How did they interpret the same words we hear, and the same words we use to celebrate Christ's birth, when they didn't know Christ? How did they manage to remain faithful to God during the 70 years of their exile? The author then asks us to learn from Isaiah and the Israelites how to hold on to our own faith and hope for the future within the challenges of 21st century life. Materials will be provided. If you have not yet attended an adult Sunday School class, this 6-week commitment (no class Dec. 24) might be a good place to start. The material will be familiar but the perspective will be new, and you will learn a lot about Isaiah and the history of the Israelites. If you have questions, please call Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831.

All Church Advent Study – Save the dates!

Wednesdays, Nov 29 thru Dec 20, 2023
at 5:30 p.m. gather in the Activity Center.

LIFEWISE
ACADEMY
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SUPPORT A LIFEWISE STUDENT

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

Name.....

Phone..... Email.....

Address.....

City..... State..... Zip.....

Home Church.....

How to Give (please select one)

- ☐ Enclose Check ☐ Scan QR Code to give online
☐ Visit lifewise.org/milton-unionoh



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, 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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5.

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, Nov. 4

Honoring all Veterans and their families

Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. in the Activity Center; the public is invited!

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.

Hoffman's Annual Craft Show

Saturday, November 18 from 9am – 3pm

Handmade items are needed, 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.

Membership Sunday is November 5

Join us as we welcome our new members into our Hoffman GMC family.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts campaign will begin November 5! See display on table in lobby for more information. Boxes are due by November 19.

Christmas Staff Gifts will be presented to the staff at the December 2 Christmas party in appreciation for all their hard work. Please be generous with your support and mark your donation "Staff Gifts" by Nov 26. Thank you for your contribution, Wendy B. & Chris L.

163rd Chicken Pot Pie Election Day Dinner November 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.

Hoffman UMC Family Christmas Party Saturday, Dec. 2

More information will be in the November bulletins

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What are three items in the Ark of the Covenant?

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."



A big thank you to everyone who came and participated in trunk or treat and our pumpkin carving party! We had so much fun!

Events Coming Up

We will be practicing every Sunday during second service for our play.

November 19: Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due
December 2: Church Christmas Party
December 9: Last Christmas Play Practice
December 10: Christmas Play 10:15AM

Traditional Service
9AM

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Sunday School Hour
10:15-11:10AM

...

Open Door Service
11:15AM

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




I can't believe it has been a month already since youth has started; God has blessed us so much in this ministry. This year we are focusing on the fact that we are already somebody to God. So that no matter where we are in life, no matter what we do, God loves us. Never forget that John 3:16 says that "For God so loved the world, that He gave is only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." God loves us, and we are already somebody to Him, Amen!

Joe Ellis

Youth Ministry Director:
Joe Ellis
Josephkellis24@gmail.com
937-405-5516

Youth Group Sunday
5-7 P.M.

THANK YOU AND A REQUEST

With "Thanks" and  to the person/persons who left a mum for me in the kitchen on Sept. 27. It graced the dessert table at Grandma's Kitchen that night and is now being enjoyed at my home. Marilyn Mitchell

I would like to thank everyone while I have been in the hospital and recuperating. I received so many cards and phone calls and people sitting with me. I appreciate it all very much.

Nancy Studebaker

Thank you from Grandma's Kitchen to the volunteers and diners who helped support Grandma's Kitchen this year. There are 39 names on the volunteer list and we have also had pleasure of working with 9 teens who joined us for part of this year. With one meal still to go, we have served 2931 meals, with approximately one-third of those delivered free to families in our community. Your support has also made possible a donation to Bulldog Bags. This would not be possible without our volunteers or our diners. Thank you so much joining us as we complete our 24th year.

Member Jeryl-Ann Kassa is looking to relocate back to West Milton or surrounding area. If you know of anyone who has a one or two bedroom apartment for rent and will allow a small dog, please contact Jeryl-Ann at (937) 241-4225.



SHARE A POINSETTIA

It is time to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas Eve services. They will be displayed on Christmas Eve and can be picked up after the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service. If you wish to share with us, please fill out the form and return it with your payment by **Sunday, December 3**. Our supplier is Andy's Garden and the cost is \$8.50 each. Make checks payable to Hoffman GMC.

(Please Print Names Carefully)

How Many

Total Price

In memory of _____

White _____ x \$8.50 = _____

In honor of _____

Red _____ x \$8.50 = _____

Given By _____

Marble _____ x \$8.50 = _____

Your Phone No. _____

Pink _____ x \$8.50 = _____

(We may have to substitute color choice.)

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2023 FINANCE REPORT					
General Budget and Missions Budget					
September 30, 2023					
REGULAR OFFERING		MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
1010	First Sunday		6,644.00	50,538.00	
1020	Second Sunday		4,314.00	43,122.00	
1030	Third Sunday		3,419.00	41,682.63	
1040	Fourth Sunday		2,712.00	30,599.00	
1050	Fifth Sunday		0.00	11,889.00	
Total Regular Offering			17,089.00	177,830.63	
1060	Misc. Income		180.00	1,249.34	
**Total Income			17,269.00	179,079.97	
		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
APPORTIONMENTS					
1	Conference Apportionments/GMC 3%	18,287.00	0.00	12,707.97	5,579.03
2	District Adm. Apportionments/GMC 1%	1,994.50	208.48	1,622.42	372.08
Total Apportionments		20,281.50	208.48	14,330.39	5,951.11
MINISTRIES					
3	Hospitality	200.00	103.62	128.82	71.18
4	Outreach	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
5	Worship	750.00	65.76	449.21	300.79
6	Music	750.00	416.56	516.56	233.44
7	Assimilation	50.00	41.94	41.94	8.06
8	Vacation Bible School	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	500.00	99.86	488.20	11.80
10	Youth Ministry	100.00	50.59	50.59	49.41
Total Ministries		3,100.00	778.33	2,425.32	674.68
OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH					
11	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	18.00	766.63	133.37
12	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,000.00	497.78	3,181.65	818.35
13	Media Subscriptions	3,500.00	104.52	3,117.33	382.67
14	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	37.11	962.89
Total Office, Media, & Tech		9,400.00	620.30	7,102.72	2,297.28
STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS					
15	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	54.95	195.05
16	Staff Salary	122,288.11	8,853.24	84,331.64	37,956.47
17	Health Ins.	31,680.00	3,826.27	21,853.95	9,826.05
18	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	11,053.51	491.65	7,001.79	4,051.72
19	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	142.00	2,186.17	1,813.83
20	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
21	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	300.00	200.00
22	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,724.34	395.74	3,777.92	1,946.42
23	Moving Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Lakeside Conf Delegate	550.00	0.00	52.92	497.08
Total Staff & Parish Relations		176,345.96	13,708.90	119,559.34	56,786.62
TRUSTEES					
25	Maintenance	2,400.00	143.66	614.75	1,785.25
26	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	29,482.00	1,518.14	17,957.22	11,524.78
27	Building Insurance	4,868.00	1,124.35	4,694.40	173.60
28	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	2,980.00	0.00	3,200.90	-220.90
29	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	5,510.00	315.00	3,335.00	2,175.00
30	Supplies	1,000.00	0.00	618.46	381.54
Total Trustees		46,240.00	3,101.15	30,420.73	15,819.27
**Total General Budgeted Expenses		255,367.46	18,417.16	173,838.50	81,528.96
MISSIONS BUDGET					
31	Conference Apportionments - World Service	5,000.00	0.00	2,499.98	2500.02
32	District Mission Apportionments	1,994.50	0.00	996.98	997.52
33	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
34	Annual Mission Project	600.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
35	Advanced Specials	547.50	0.00	0.00	547.50
Total Budgeted Missions Expenses		8,392.00	0.00	4,046.96	4345.04

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