



THE TOWERS

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

December 2023



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

**You have given me the shield of your salvation,
and your right hand has supported me,
and your gentleness made me great. (Psalm 18:35)**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last month I was at a gathering with some friends who serve in various churches and ministries. Part of our time was spent confessing before the group, twelve people, and having the rest of the group surround and pray for the person who had just shared. After sharing myself, a friend of mine shared that the word “gentle” had come to mind. Continuing, he said, “The Lord is gentle towards you. He also wants you to be gentle with yourself.”

Just a few weeks after this prayer time I stumbled across this phrase from Psalm 18: “your gentleness made me great.” It stopped me in my tracks and took me right back to the words my friend had shared before faithful brothers and sisters prayed for me.

How does God’s gentleness make us great?

For one, it takes the pressure off. The concept of gentleness draws us to this invitation from Jesus: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

To receive God’s gentleness toward us in Christ is to not give into the lie that it is all up to us. Rather, we are told if we come to Him, He will give us rest and that as we take upon us His yoke, we will learn from Him. He will teach us. He will show us. And it’s a yoke that is easy, a burden that is light. The pressure it has it all figured out,

to make our own way, and be self-sufficient is stripped away by the gentleness of God.

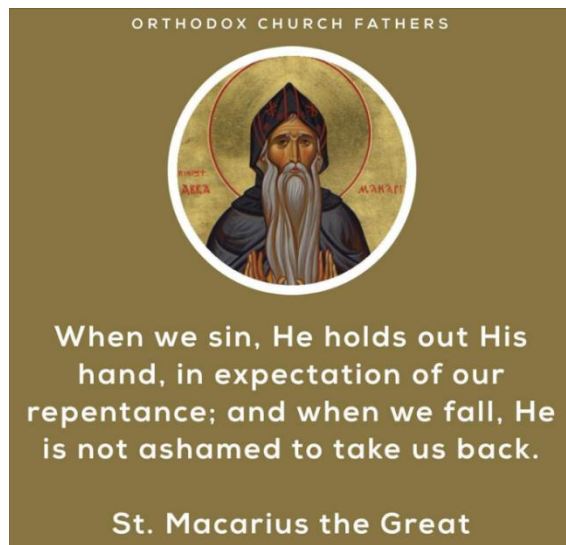
Additionally, God’s gentleness toward us gives us permission to ease up on ourselves. So many of us have a ruthless inner critic. Even while extending mercy and understanding to others, we are harsh and unforgiving with ourselves. Yet, the Lord is gentle toward us. Of course, God’s gentleness does not mean turning a blind eye toward sin and the things in our hearts that need His healing work. However, there is a difference between conviction (meant to lead us to repentance) and condemnation (which leads to shame and a defeated life). God’s gentleness releases us from the need to punish ourselves, as if we could actually pay for our

mistakes. That idea, of course, fails to consider and graciously receive the atoning work of the cross of Christ.

Finally, as we are gentle with ourselves, perhaps we seek to extend the gentleness of God to others. By the power of God’s holy love working in us, we find ourselves exhibiting patience, kindness, and mercy toward others. How great it would be if people found us as Christians as people who were filled with gentleness, patience, and kindness. And it would be even better if encounters with God’s people led persons into the kindness of God for themselves.

Let us pray that it will be so.

**In Christ,
Pastor Ty <><**



Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Devotions were offered by Jim Mitchell.

A book by Nick Baines; Isaiah 55:3. *Take responsibility and face the challenges of the day. We face choices who we serve, if we do not choose God's way, who are you choosing?*

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Jim.

Meeting Attendees

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

Mission and Ministry

The Children's Christmas program will be December 10 at 10 a.m. in place of Sunday School Classes. Collecting peanut butter & oil for Helping Hands Baskets.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Ty's new members' class is completed and new members will join the church on November 5, 2023. Getting to Know Meeting; four total have taken place with over 42 attending. The Allegheny West Annual Conference ordained 149 new pastors! We had our Charge Conference Meeting following the Church Board meeting on October 19, 2023. Thomas Hanover, Circuit Allegheny Presiding Elder attended our meeting and it was nice to have met him.

Finance Report

The September Finance is reported and available in print. Weeks of operation are 11.62, still in a negative for our Year-to-Date budget. We have some of our funds in Money Markets and will continue at Huntington Bank & Abby Credit Union.

Nominations

David Hayes will fill the Staff Parish Relation Co-Chair position and Denise Ellinger will fill the Treasurer position.

Trustees

The Trustees report was given by David Jay. Financial report was reviewed. The cross in front of the activity center has been moved and alcove re-stuccoed. The cross donated to us is hanging in the activity center. We have an agreement with Monroe Grounds Maintenance for snow removal. We are still working on security upgrades for LifeWise.

Non- Agenda items

Looking at cost for new hymnal

List of important Dates

December 2 - Church Christmas Dinner
December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

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

Serving Schedule

DEC 3

9:00 Liturgist: Mike C.

Greeters: Wendy H. and Judy B.

Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M.

Hospitality Table: Jim & Marilyn M.

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: Julia C.

DEC 10

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H.

Greeters: Elaine P. and Kathy K.

Ushers: John & Laverne H.

Hospitality Table: Dejon & Kim D.

Nursery: 10:15 Elaine P. & Sarah P. /11:15 Melodye W. & Rose K.

11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M.

Scripture Reader: Beth T.

DEC 17

9:00 Liturgist: Les T.

Greeters: Elaine I. and Cathy B.

Ushers: John & Laverne H.

Hospitality Table: *In honor of Jim & Audrey Scammahorn

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: Norman H.

DEC 24

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H.

Greeters: Carol S. and Carolyn B.

Ushers: John & Laverne H.

Hospitality Table: Coffee Only – Merry Christmas

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: Andrew C.

7 and 10 p.m. Candlelight Services

DEC 31 Combined Covenant Renewal Service

10:00 Liturgist: Les T.

Greeters: Sophia & Stella B. and Patti W. & Courtney S.

Ushers: Steve K. & Kay W.

Hospitality Table: Elaine P. & Wendy H.

Nursery: Jennifer K. & Anna K., Jill C. and Kim D.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary December 2023

5th - Marc & Robin Maeder (19 yrs)
6th - Allyson Burns
- Becky Wolf
8th - John Hennemyre
9th - Wendy Black
10th - Carol Carter
11th - Anita Ankerman
Candy Curry
13th - Lisa Wright
15th - Andy Mitchell
16th - Avery Bryson
17th - Paul Crow
18th - Matthew Garrett
19th - Bob & Joyce Herron (69 yrs)

20th - John & Anita Ankerman (43 yrs)
Valerie McKay
Cheryl Owen
21st - Dawn Jay
24th - Dick & Dixie Porter (68 yrs)
25th - Cody Dohrman
26th - Beth Thoele
Phil & Karen McFadden (53 yrs)
27th - Fred Brown
Aaron Mitchell
30th - Bob Herron
Tom Wolf
Ed & Tina Mathews (18 yrs)
31st - Gary Barga



Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	10-22-23	10-29-23	11-05-23	11-12-23
General Offering	2647.00	5597.00	7642.00	2936.00
Weekly Budget Need	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00	4911.00
Mission Offering	50.00	170.00	320.00	585.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00	215.00	295.00	95.00
Building Fund & Memorials	85.00	255.00	205.00	40.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	86	75	74	72
* Remote viewing	6	17	11	13
11:15 a.m. Service at church	46	59	74	73
* Remote viewing	11	4	6	8
Total Attendance	149	155	165	166

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 100,940

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



SUPPORT A LIFEWISE STUDENT

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

☐ \$80/mo (4 Students)
☐ Other

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- ☐ Enclose Check
☐ Visit lifewise.org/milton-unionoh

☐ Scan QR Code to give online



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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THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just saying “Thank You” isn’t enough to these workers – names that follow: Valerie McKay, Marilyn Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Dawn Jay, Elaine Pickering, Linda Long, LaVerne Hennemyre, Elaine Iddings, Susie Spitler, Kay Wagner, Mary Ann Martens and Nancy Studebaker, Co-Chairperson, who came to the church and worked three different mornings to make the homemade potpie for the November Election Day dinner. When called they didn’t make me beg and plead to get them to say “Yes” when I asked them to work on this project. I love these people. Joy Paulus, Chairperson

A special ‘thank you’ to everyone who helped in any way with the Election Day Dinner. Those who had assigned jobs, those who came to eat, those who donated pies; we appreciate everyone! The dinner was well attended and the weather was great. God bless you all!

Janet Weeks

Welcome New Members!

Rex & Kathie Abke
Jeff Ellinger
Joe & Katie Ellis
John & LaVerne Hennemyre
Elaine Iddings
Beth Thoele
Kathy Wallace
Elizabeth Your

Elaine’s Trivia Question of Month

What are three items in Ark of Covenant?

Holiday Service Times Christmas Eve

9 and 11:15 a.m. Worship Services
Candlelight Services at 7 and 10 p.m.



New Year’s Eve

One Combined Covenant Renewal Services at 10 a.m.

Luke 2:10 “And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.”



Events coming up:

*Saturday, December 2: Church Christmas Party, please sign up on the link that was sent through email. Start time 5:30PM.

*Friday, December 8: Last Christmas Play Practice (5:30PM and we will provide dinner).

*December 10: Christmas Play 10:15AM during Sunday School.

*December 24: Christmas Eve Service

Merry Christmas!

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

As we go through this time of year, with Christmas and Thanksgiving; I am specifically thankful for our youth. They have done several service projects and focused on serving others. All though this year we have focused on the fact that they are already someone special to God, no matter where they are from, or what they have done, the hope is they recognize that we are all special to God, and we are thankful for that most of all.

We survived youth movie night where we watched three movies, ate until we were all too full, and spent a good time in fellowship. Movie night had an attendance high of twenty students; it has been a blessing to see our ministry continue to grow. We also have our first ever annual Youth Christmas party coming up and laser tag trip to end the year.

Aside from the Laser tag, youth group will not meet during winter break. We will start again January 7th.

Youth Christmas Party: December 17th

Laser Tag: TBD (Christmas Break)

Youth Resumes: January 7th



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

Youth Group Sunday
5-7 P.M.

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2023 FINANCE REPORT

General Budget and Missions Budget

October 31, 2023

REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	6,303.00	56,841.00
1020	Second Sunday	6,302.00	49,424.00
1030	Third Sunday	4,715.00	46,397.63
1040	Fourth Sunday	2,647.00	33,246.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	5,597.00	17,486.00
	Total Regular Offering	25,564.00	203,394.63
1060	Misc. Income	0.00	1,249.34
	**Total Income	25,564.00	204,643.97

		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	1,830.90	163.60
	Total Apportionments	20,281.50	208.48	14,538.87	5,742.63

MINISTRIES

3	Hospitality	200.00	0.00	128.82	71.18
4	Outreach	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
5	Worship	750.00	0.00	449.21	300.79
6	Music	750.00	100.00	616.56	133.44
7	Assimilation	50.00	0.00	41.94	8.06
8	Vacation Bible School	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	500.00	0.00	488.20	11.80
10	Youth Ministry	100.00	0.00	50.59	49.41
	Total Ministries	3,100.00	100.00	2,525.32	574.68

OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

11	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	58.74	825.37	74.63
12	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,000.00	263.81	3,445.46	554.54
13	Media Subscriptions	3,500.00	383.52	3,500.85	-0.85
14	Technology	1,000.00	46.45	83.56	916.44
	Total Office, Media, & Tech	9,400.00	752.52	7,855.24	1,544.76

STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

15	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	54.95	195.05
16	Staff Salary	122,288.11	11,585.85	95,917.49	26,370.62
17	Health Ins.	31,680.00	2,099.98	23,953.93	7,726.07
18	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	11,053.51	358.46	7,360.25	3,693.26
19	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	1,241.43	3,427.60	572.40
20	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
21	Pulpit Supply	500.00	100.00	400.00	100.00
22	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,724.34	649.38	4,427.30	1,297.04
23	Moving Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Lakeside Conf Deligate	550.00	0.00	52.92	497.08
	Total Staff & Parish Relations	176,345.96	16,035.10	135,594.44	40,751.52

TRUSTEES

25	Maintenance	2,400.00	-406.07	208.68	2,191.32
26	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	29,482.00	1,387.16	19,344.38	10,137.62
27	Building Insurance	4,868.00	0.00	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	360.00	3,695.00	1,815.00
30	Supplies	1,000.00	31.44	649.90	350.10
	Total Trustees	46,240.00	1,372.53	31,793.26	14,446.74

****Total General Budgeted Expenses** 255,367.46 18,468.63 192,307.13 63,060.33

MISSIONS BUDGET

31	Conference Apportionments - World Service	5,000.00	0.00	2,499.98	2500.02
32	District Mission Apportionments	1,994.50	200.00	1,196.98	797.52
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	200.00	4,246.96	4145.04

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