



THE TOWERS

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

February 2024



HOFFMAN
GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

“put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:22-24)

As we have crossed the 6-month mark of our transition together, the church board and I took a look at our mission statement and “mission principles.” The statement and principles are a guide for helping us remember WHY - why do we, Hoffman Global Methodist Church, exist? We have done some reflecting and intentional retrieval of the best of our Methodist roots. It is not that we think that Methodism is the only true expression of Christianity, but we think it is a good one.

The original mission statement of the Methodist movement was: “to reform the nation, especially the church, and spread scriptural holiness over the land.” If you were to ask someone what Methodism was about, why it existed as a part of the body of Christ, the answer you would likely get is “holiness” - to see believers and communities become like Christ in their hearts and lives, and to impact the world around them for the spread of that holiness.

I do not know about you, but I immediately recognize the need for this in my own life, and for a body of believers to hold onto this as its call. I need to be made holy, made more like Christ in the affections and desires of my heart, as well as in my thoughts, words, and actions. And the world needs churches that are more than spiritual pep rallies with religious-flavored entertainment. The world needs churches that take seriously “the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14), being transformed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, one person, one family, and one community at a time.

Our current mission statement, then, is: **Hoffman Global Methodist Church exists to join God’s mission of making disciples who demonstrate holiness of heart and life.**

Notice our mission is not solely ours but is about joining the work that belongs to God, which He graciously invites us into.

What does holiness of heart and life look like? This is a question with a lot of different answers, but one helpful guidepost comes from this prophetic statement from Methodism’s original leader, John Wesley: “I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.” Wesley was convinced that unless Methodists held fast to the way of life that originally made it such a dynamic move of the Holy Spirit, they would become a lifeless organism - one that displayed the outward appearance of a church but was spiritually empty inside.

It can be helpful then, to look at these categories as key marks for holiness of heart and life:

Doctrine: hearts and lives that demonstrate knowledge of and adherence to the historic Christian faith of the Scriptures and the Creeds.

Spirit: hearts and lives that are becoming increasingly more obedient to God’s will, led by the Holy Spirit, exhibiting Christlike character and the fruit of the Spirit.

Discipline: hearts and lives that are ordered around spiritual disciplines that help us grow in the grace of God, such as: weekly worship, daily devotion - reading Scripture and prayer, accountable discipleship bands, service.

Let us pray that God would have His way in us and in our church. Let us pray that as we make ourselves available to His grace that He would shape us and sanctify us into those whose hearts and lives are holy. Let us pray that the work God does in us communicates the great hope of His love for the world.

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

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotions

Devotions were offered by Chris Long.

II Corinthians 5:18 *"Everything is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation".*

Chris asked us to reflect on the time we accepted Christ into our hearts. Chris also sees Hoffman Global Methodist denomination moving us back to the basic beliefs and teachings contained in the Holy Scriptures. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Chris.

Meeting Attendees

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

Mission and Ministry

- Game Night/Valentine's Fun Night - Feb. 17th
- Joe met with the College Students during Winter Break. The Youth Group continues to grow. Joe will also be looking for Camps over the summer and Local mission trips.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Ty talked about an Ash Wednesday Service.

- * Our Mission Statement: Hoffman Global Methodist Church exists to join God's mission of making disciples who demonstrate holiness of heart and life.
- * Pastor Ty shared Key Marks for Holiness of Heart and Life, 1. Doctrine 2. Spirit 3. Discipline
- * January 14th Joe Ellis will be sharing during both services.
- * Lent classes will begin February 21, 2024.

Finance Report

* Weeks of Operations 14.52, our year to date budget received offerings is still a negative \$8,856.74 for the year. In 2022 we had 10.64 weeks of operation.

- Year to date cash received is \$226,866
- Money Market at Huntington Bank is 5.12% until May 2024.
- CD at Abbey Credit Union is 5.15% until August 2024.

Nominations:

We are looking to fill the position of Lay Delegate.

Trustees

Project for 2024 -

Standalone air conditioning for the parsonage upstairs. We will be putting 10% down in 2023. Quote for 4 station video intercom system. Quotes for glass reinforcement film. Projector for LifeWise. (Joe is seeing if the old projector will work for LifeWise and have a new one for the sanctuary.)

New Sanctuary computer.

Garber to install 2 video recording stations, one in Pastor Ty's office and one in JoAnn's office. The cost is \$4,850.00.

Non-Agenda items

New Hymnal cost is \$3,000.00. We will order 100. We will donate the red ones to a United Methodist Church.

Grandma's Kitchen – Will select 3 members to be a part of a committee along with Marilyn, Jim and Val. They will give the board a yearly report.

List of important Dates

Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Service

Feb. 17 Game/Valentine's Fun Night

Feb. 21 Lenten Study Begins

Serving Schedule

Feb 04

9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Judy B.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Joseph & Jennifer K.

Nursery: 10:15 Debby & Steve S. / **11:15** Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralie M.

11:15 Greeters: Ben G. and Janessa M. **Scripture Reader:** Andrew C.

Feb 11

9:00 Liturgist: Les Trittschuh **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** John A.
Nursery: 10:15 Elaine P. & Sarah P. / **11:15** Melodye W., Kim D. & Rose K.

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

Feb 18

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy Heisey **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** *In Honor of Dick & Dixie Porter
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.

Feb 25

9:00 Liturgist: Mike Circle **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Richard & Marcia S.
Nursery: 10:15 Jennifer K. & Patti W. / **11:15** Jennifer & Anna K. and Jill C.

11:15 Greeters: Paul & Sally Miller. and Marijo S. **Scripture Reader:** Tim B.

**Please contact Amanda Burns @ (937)524-4290 if you are unable to be a greeter.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary February 2024

1st - Caroline Williams
Tim & Lisa Wright (41 yrs)
2nd - Bret Beard
Max Hemminger
5th - Leah Blackburn
8th - Jerry Smith
9th - Danielle Sweitzer
10th - Darin Wion
12th - Lincoln Moran
13th - Emma Sims
William & Riko Brock (3 yrs)
14th - Bret & Teesha Beard (31 yrs)
Jerry & Shirley Smith (43 yrs)
15th - Grace Knostman
16th - Steve Kraus
Nancy Studebaker



17th - Janet Balsbaugh
Rose Knostman
19th - Marcia Smith
Lester Trittschuh
20th - Ansel Circle
Terry & Wendy Long (42 yrs)
22nd - Wayne & Susie Spitler (60 yrs)
23rd - Janet Benkert
24th - Olivia Bryson
Anna Hemminger
25th - Nancy Lightcap
26th - Lydia Garrett
Jenna Moran
28th - Terry Long

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	12-24-23	12-31-23	01-07-24	01-14-24
General Offering	6676.00	3612.00	4840.00	6221.50
Weekly Budget Need	4911.00	4911.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	1215.55	240.00	55.00	645.00
Maintenance Fund	600.00	115.00	230.00	260.00
Building Fund & Memorials	448.00	95.00	60.00	243.00
Online & Physical Attendance		10 a.m.		
9 a.m. Service at church	85	114	93	61
* Remote viewing	12	9	31	17
11:15 a.m. Service at church	71	-	45	58
* Remote viewing	7	-	3	5
Total Attendance	175	123	172	141

Christmas Eve 7 p.m. 130 + 11 = 141 10 p.m. 84 + 2 = 86 total 227

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 101,340

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



SUPPORT A LIFEWISE STUDENT

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

☐ \$80/mo (4 Students)
☐ Other

Name

Phone Email

Address

City State Zip

Home Church

How to Give (please select one)

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

☐ Scan QR Code to give online



People to remember in prayer:



Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Winston Klepinger as he passed away on January 12, 2024

At Home: Phil Blue, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Nancy Lightcap, Cheryl Owen, Mary Maess, Dick Markley, Dixie Porter, Shelia Shade, Theda Sliver, Marilyn Stickney, Jim & Kathy Watkins and Nancy Wolf

At Centers: Barb Frazier, Brookdale Centennial Park, 350 Union Rd, Rm 132, Englewood OH 45322
Dorothy Ginn, Cypress Pointe, 600 W. National Rd., Rm 312, Englewood OH 45322
Valaria Harshbarger, SpringMeade, 4375 S Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 413, Tipp City OH 45371
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

THANK YOUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Members

Steve and Debby Schumann

We are so glad to have you join the Hoffman GMC family!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday February 14, at 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting, marking the beginning of the Lenten season - our journey toward the Cross and Resurrection. We will begin the Lenten season together with an Ash Wednesday service.

Family Fun Night

Saturday, February 17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

We will be having a taco bar and ice cream bar. Board games/cards games and then a nerf gun war at the end of the night.

Check for the email Becky sent out on January 8 to sign up or email Becky at ragarrett15@gmail.com and she will sign you up.

Please feel free to invite your family or neighbors to sign up!

All Church Six Week Lenten Study

Wednesdays, February 21 through March 27

We will start each night with a light meal from 5:30 to 6 p.m. then have the Lenten study afterwards from 6 to 7 p.m. for men, women, youth and children.

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the prayers, cards, and calls during our recent illness. Thanks for the prayers for my daughter's family also. Prayer works! God Bless each and every one of you! Love, Janet & Jim Balsbaugh

Hoffman Church Family, Thank you very much for the prayers, cards, and calls while healing from my broken arm. I apologize for being so late writing this note, but I'm not very good writing with my left hand. God bless all of you.

Judy Brown

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What does perfect love cast out?

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"For we walk by faith, not by sight."
1 Corinthians 5:7

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Game Night! Board games, walking tacos and of course a
NERF GUN WAR!!

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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

New Adult Sunday School Bible Study: 1 Peter

The Future-Seekers adult Sunday school class (downstairs in the open room) will be starting a new Bible study on February 3. We will study the book of 1 Peter, written by one of the most candid and outspoken of the twelve disciples: the one who was brave enough to try to walk across the water to Jesus, the one who denied knowing Jesus—three times—after saying he would never deny him, the one to whom Jesus gave the name Peter, which means 'the Rock' and re-established their relationship after the Resurrection by asking—three times—the question, 'Do you love me?' It was Peter who was preaching at Pentecost when 3000 were baptized. He was with Jesus during the three years of Jesus' ministry, asked questions no one else would ask, was 'impulsive, rash and inconsistent,' and made mistakes he regretted. According to David Pawson, 'Many believers identify with Peter, because he is so like them.'

How did Peter's time with Jesus affect his own ministry? How different is his viewpoint from Paul's? As he worked to establish the early church, was he still brash and bold and error-prone? What was his message to the churches that were under Roman persecution? These are some of the questions we hope to answer as we study the book, **Be Hopeful**, by Warren Wiersbe. The class is open to anyone who would like to join us. Materials will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831 or mbmitchell50@gmail.com

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2023 FINANCE REPORT

General Budget and Missions Budget

December 31, 2023

REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	4,664.50	69,147.50
1020	Second Sunday	4,753.00	57,113.00
1030	Third Sunday	4,833.00	57,697.63
1040	Fourth Sunday	6,676.00	46,349.31
1050	Fifth Sunday	3,612.00	21,098.00
	Total Regular Offering	24,538.50	251,405.44
1060	Misc. Income	0.02	1,249.36
	**Total Income	24,538.52	252,654.80

		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	2,247.86	-253.36
	Total Apportionments	20,281.50	208.48	14,955.83	5,325.67

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	67.00	499.29	250.71
6	Music	750.00	106.94	723.50	26.50
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	173.94	2,682.34	417.66

OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

11	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	825.37	74.63
12	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,000.00	303.63	4,300.60	-300.60
13	Media Subscriptions	3,500.00	104.52	3,709.89	-209.89
14	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	871.06	128.94
	Total Office, Media, & Tech	9,400.00	408.15	9,706.92	-306.92

STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

15	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	54.95	195.05
16	Staff Salary	122,288.11	9,284.04	114,285.57	8,002.54
17	Health Ins.	31,680.00	2,261.84	28,315.75	3,364.25
18	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	11,053.51	520.78	8,401.81	2,651.70
19	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	286.89	3,754.06	245.94
20	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
21	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
22	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,724.34	431.37	5,272.05	452.29
23	Moving Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Lakeside Conf Deligate	550.00	0.00	452.87	97.13
	Total Staff & Parish Relations	176,345.96	12,784.92	161,037.06	15,308.90

TRUSTEES

25	Maintenance	2,400.00	0.00	775.64	1,624.36
26	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	29,482.00	2,047.80	23,036.85	6,445.15
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	30.00	3,815.00	1,695.00
30	Supplies	1,000.00	24.25	699.26	300.74
	Total Trustees	46,240.00	2,102.05	36,222.05	10,017.95

****Total General Budgeted Expenses** 255,367.46 15,677.54 224,604.20 30,763.26

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	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	0.00	4,246.96	4145.04

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Worship Time: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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Pastor Ty Williams