



# THE TOWERS

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

March 2024



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Last month we shared our church's renewed mission statement: **to join God's mission of making disciples who demonstrate holiness of heart and life.**

We also emphasized some 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*.

If you were to ask what handful of practices we would want every member of Hoffman to be engaged in, the four disciplines listed above would be the answer to that question: weekly worship, daily devotion, accountable discipleship, and service. Over the next few newsletters, then, we are going to highlight these practices, beginning with **weekly worship**. For many of us, when we think of "church", we think of Sunday morning, the people gathered together to praise God and be addressed by His word. You will notice in your bulletins on Sunday mornings the layout of our worship service:

- 1) **We Gather in God's Name;**
- 2) **We Hear God's Word;**
- 3) **We Respond to the Word;**
- 4) **We Go to Love and Serve God.**

As we gather each week with our brothers and sisters in Christ and are addressed by the Lord, we respond and are changed by His grace. We are sent from that place and go into our respective "mission fields." The sending at the end of service is not a

formality, but it is a charge, a commission to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord," as those who have encountered His sanctifying presence and will now reflect His glory.

The practice of gathering weekly to worship God communally, with the Body of Christ, provides needed correction to society's prevalent individualism and consumerism. This can manifest itself even in church when we come to a gathering simply looking at what we can "get out of it," rather than what we come to offer to God. Biblically speaking, worship is always tied to sacrifice. We come to give God our prayers, our gifts, our time, our very selves (see Romans 12:1).

Worship helps us take the focus *off* ourselves. Two women were leaving worship one morning, and the one said to her friend, "I didn't care for that last hymn." Her friend replied, "We weren't singing it to you!" Worship is God-ward, God-focused. It isn't about what pleases us, but what is pleasing to God. How helpful this perspective is, not just for an hour on Sunday morning, but as a holy reorientation for our lives, teaching us to pray, "Not my will, but Yours, Lord."

Worship is important because we become like what we worship. We imitate what we fix our eyes on. Weekly worship helps us shift our vision away from false idols like greed, status, or the approval of others, and puts our focus on the Lord. As we fix our eyes on Christ, we become conformed more and more into His likeness. We become those who demonstrate holiness of heart and life.

Friends, as we prepare ourselves to worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth week after week, may we be those who, in the words of Psalm 100:

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

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

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Devotions

Devotions were offered by Jill Circle. *The Advent Mission* daily devotion by Seedbed. Redeeming after the fall. Great scriptures to read. Freedom: John 8:36, Holy Spirit: John 14:13-16, Peace: Phil 4:6-7, Provision: Phil 4:19, Sanctification: 1 Thess 5:23-24, Contentedness: Heb 13:5, Protection: James 4:7, Wisdom: James 1:5, Acceptance: Rev 3:5. Meeting was opened with a prayer by Jill.

### Meeting Attendees

Pastor Ty, Les Trittschuh, Wendy Black, Kim Dohrman, Jill Circle, Denise Ellinger, Tina Mathews, Jim Mitchell, and Wendy Heisey

### Mission and Ministry

- \* Game Night/Valentine's Fun Night - Feb. 17.
- \* Becky needs children's Sunday School teachers.

### Pastor's Report

- \* Ash Wednesday will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14.
- \* Lent classes will begin February 21 thru March 27.
- \* Ministry Safe - GMC recommended our process for volunteers and staff who work with our children.
- \* Spirit & Truth Conference - April 19 & 20, 2024 Stillwater Church on Frederick Pike. The cost is \$49. This conference is for the gathering of believers. It's a chance to learn from leaders about ways to spark a new movement of back-to-the-basics, spirit-filled missional Christianity.

### Finance Report

- \* Weeks of Operations 16.26. Year to date cash received is \$252,654.80 for 2023.
- \* We ended 2023 only \$3,961.88 under budget.

### Nominations

We are looking to fill the position of Lay Delegate. (Note: Myra Lingle has agreed to be our Lay Delegate.)

### Trustees

Safety & Security Team - Agreed they need to have a committee. The board is letting the Trustees form a committee. A motion was made by Denise, 2nd by Kim D. voted & approved. The Electronic closet is being cleaned out. Old Items not used are being donated and trashed. Installing a shelf under the front pew for bibles and hymnals. Signed a contract with Bolyard for the HVAC system for the parsonage. We have a contract with Garber to install two control stations and four video intercom door systems.

### Non- Agenda items

New Hymnal cost is \$3,600.00. We will order 120. We will donate the Red ones to a United Methodist Church, or give them to the families that are listed inside the books if we can reach them.

### List of important Dates:

February 17 – Church Family Fun Night  
February 21 – Wednesdays Lenten Study begins  
March 16 – Special Session of Allegheny West Annual Conference  
March 31- Easter  
April 19-20 – Spirit and Truths Conference

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

## Serving Schedule

### Mar 03

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

### Mar 10

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Kathy & Jim W.  
**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.

### Mar 17

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** \*In honor of Choirs & Praise Band  
**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.

### Mar 24

**9:00 Liturgist:** Mike C. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Tom & Sarah P.  
**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:** Beth T.

### Mar 31

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Sophia & Stella B.  
**Ushers:** Steve K. & Kay W. **Hospitality Table:** Easter Breakfast  
**Nursery: 10:15** Kathy K. & Luana D. / **11:15** Ben G. & Janessa M.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Patti W. and Courtney S. **Scripture Reader:** Norman H.  
 \*\*Please contact Amanda Burns @ (937)524-4290 if you are unable to be a greeter.

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary March 2024

1<sup>st</sup> - Jerry Pinkerton  
 Elizabeth Your  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pam Hitchcock  
 4<sup>th</sup> - Jim Mitchell  
 Cliff & Katie Poling (46yrs)  
 5<sup>th</sup> - Sophia Perkins  
 Linda Seman  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Jim Scammahorn  
 10<sup>th</sup> - Lee Baker  
 Jerry Richards  
 11<sup>th</sup> - Zeke Moran  
 Mike & Denise Sanderson (35yrs)  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Ivie Markley



13<sup>th</sup> - Jim & Kathy Watkins (53 yrs)  
 15<sup>th</sup> - Wilma Fryman  
 18<sup>th</sup> - Evan Beard  
 Larry Thoele  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Rosie Bryson  
 Matthew Burns  
 20<sup>th</sup> - Phil McFadden  
 Jim & Janet Balsbaugh (25yrs)  
 24<sup>th</sup> - Dan & Erin Studebaker (23yrs)  
 26<sup>th</sup> - Eames Circle  
 28<sup>th</sup> - Marilyn Mitchell  
 29<sup>th</sup> - Robert Cox  
 Marilyn Stickney



## Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	01-21-24	01-28-24	02-04-24	02-11-24	02-18-24
General Offering	4570.00	6990.00	7467.50	2827.00	7177.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	75.00	255.00	190.00	105.00	250.00
Maintenance Fund	80.00	475.00	425.00	70.00	175.00
Building Fund & Memorials	20.00	80.00	210.00	1342.00	168.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	76	84	74	67	64
* Remote viewing	15	13	12	16	16
11:15 a.m. Service at church	49	67	66	66	63
* Remote viewing	6	1	3	10	4
Total Attendance	146	165	155	159	147



### Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 101,540

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



### EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Sunday is the day that many in our congregation want to remember special people who have touched their lives. Easter lilies, daffodils, and tulips and geraniums of assorted colors will be ordered from Andy's Garden to share with the church in the form of sanctuary decorations. Please mark below your choices. The deadline for ordering flowers is Sunday, March 3. Your flowers may be picked up after the second service on Easter Sunday. *(Substitutions may be necessary.)*

	Quantity	Total Price
6" Lilies @ \$13	_____	\$ _____
6" Daffodils @ \$11	_____	\$ _____
6" *Tulips @ \$ 11	_____	\$ _____
6.5" *Geraniums @ \$ 19	_____	\$ _____
*assorted colors		

Due to the early order deadline by our supplier, please do not mail your order; call the church at (937)698-4401 or email: [HoffmanGMC@gmail.com](mailto:HoffmanGMC@gmail.com) by 9 a.m. on Monday, March 4. Thanks

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## *People to remember in prayer:*



**Hoffman Sympathies to:** the family of Lucie Furrow, Carol Storer's mom, as she passed away on Jan. 30, 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  
Monica Winemiller, Koester Pavilion, 3232 N Co Rd 25A, Rm 74, Troy OH 45373

## ***THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

We want to thank you for the messages left at the hospitality table for us. We enjoyed and appreciated them so very much!  
Bob & Joyce Herron

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and kind words during my mother's illness and passing into the arms of our heavenly father. Prayers and blessings, Carol Storer and family

Hoffman Church, your generous gift to our family during a very difficult time was such a blessing and warmed our hearts!! Most of all, thank you for your prayers; they were felt.  
God Bless, The Rosendranz Family

Thank you to everyone who provided the after funeral luncheon for the family of my Uncle Winston Klepinger; your expressions of sympathy and kindness were so appreciated. Also, we cannot express enough our thankfulness for all who have been praying for our daughter-in-law, Jennifer Brown and her family during her recent surgery and lifesaving procedure. We are so blessed to have the caring support of our Hoffman Church Family. Blessings to all of you! Bradley and Bonnie Brown

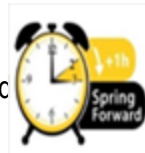
I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, gifts, and eating out during my 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. I appreciate it all very much. Big thank you! Love you all! Nancy Studebaker

### Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What is the significance of Mount Moriah?

### **Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10**

Remember to spring your clocks  
ahead one hour before going to bed  
on Saturday, March 9.



### ***It's not too late to join us!***

#### **All Church Lenten Study**

Wednesdays 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, when you read this I will be finishing my radiation. My chemo was completed in October and radiation didn't get started till January. I want to thank each of you for all the prayers, thoughts, cards and food during my 2023 fight with breast cancer. It meant more to me and my family than you will ever know; now to get my strength back and start enjoying this year. Blessings to each of you, Tina Mathews

Thank you for providing Dad's funeral meal for our family and friends. We appreciate your kindness and allowing us time to celebrate the life of our beloved dad. Thank you for all the visits to Dad over the years and your visitation ministry which meant a lot to him. Thank you for being there for all of us during our time of need.

Kristine Snider & the Winston Klepinger Family



## Grandma's Kitchen Opens April 10

Please join us for our first Grandma's Kitchen meal of 2024 on Wednesday, April 10. We will serve meals every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from April through October. Doors open at 5:00 for dine-in and we will serve until 6:15; carry-outs are available during the same hours. Our cost this year will be \$8 per meal, which includes beverage and dessert; children's meals are \$4. Proceeds will be used toward support of Grandma's Kitchen and donations to local, national and international food programs.

We could use a few more volunteers if you are available for Tuesday morning or for Wednesday morning, afternoon or evening. Most shifts are approximately 2-3 hours and involve food prep, packing for carry-out, clean-up, delivery routes, baking (usually Monday) and serving in the dining room during mealtimes. Subs are also needed if you can help on an as-needed basis. Please contact Marilyn Mitchell if you are interested, 937-947-1831 or mbmithcell50@gmail.com.

We look forward to serving you again. Please invite friends, family and neighbors to join you around our tables for a hot meal, friendly service and a pleasant atmosphere. Menus will be in the April Towers.



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

What an amazing night we had for our family night! A huge thank you to everyone who came, helped and supported our evening.

Put on your calendar- VBS July 21-25

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

# HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2024 FINANCE REPORT

## General Budget and Missions Budget

January 31, 2024

### REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	4,840.00	4,840.00
1020	Second Sunday	6,171.50	6,171.50
1030	Third Sunday	4,570.00	4,570.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	6,990.00	6,990.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	0.00
	Total Regular Offering	22,571.50	22,571.50
1060	Misc. Income	50.00	50.00
	<b>**Total Income</b>	22,621.50	22,621.50

		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
<b>CONNECTIONAL FUNDING</b>					
1	Connectional Funding AWAC 3%	8,000.00	2,390.00	2,390.00	5,610.00
2	Connection Funding GMC 1%	2,700.00	210.55	210.55	2,489.45
	Total Connectional	10,700.00	2,600.55	2,600.55	8,099.45

### MINISTRIES

3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
5	Worship	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
6	Music	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
7	Assimilation	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
8	Vacation Bible School	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	750.00	160.64	160.64	589.36
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	26.36	26.36	723.64
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	392.48	392.48	4,607.52
	Total Ministries	11,000.00	579.48	579.48	10,420.52

### OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

12	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	66.00	66.00	834.00
13	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	281.39	281.39	3,918.61
14	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	1,085.11	1,085.11	2,914.89
15	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total Office, Media, & Tech	10,100.00	1,432.50	1,432.50	8,667.50

### STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

16	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Staff Salary	119,217.78	11,171.45	11,171.45	108,046.33
18	Health Ins.	28,388.00	2,280.55	2,280.55	26,107.45
19	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	5,868.00	396.76	396.76	5,471.24
20	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	39.39	39.39	3,960.61
21	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
22	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
23	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,878.41	516.00	516.00	5,362.41
24	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
25	Lakeside Conf Deligate	550.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
	Total Staff & Parish Relations	165,952.19	14,404.15	14,404.15	151,548.04

### TRUSTEES

26	Maintenance	2,400.00	46.50	46.50	2,353.50
27	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	28,135.00	2,405.83	2,405.83	25,729.17
28	Building Insurance	5,079.00	1,347.50	1,347.50	3,731.50
29	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,290.00	0.00	0.00	3,290.00
30	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	6,306.00	0.00	0.00	6,306.00
31	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	250.74	250.74	779.26
	Total Trustees	46,240.00	4,050.57	4,050.57	42,189.43

**\*\*Total General Budgeted Expenses** 243,992.19 23,067.25 23,067.25 220,924.94

### MISSIONS BUDGET

32	Local Missions	4,500.00	115.10	115.10	4384.90
33	Global Missions	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2500.00
34	MU Council of Churches	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
35	Annual Mission Project	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
	Total Missions Expenses	7,550.00	365.10	365.10	7184.90

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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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