



# THE TOWERS

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

May 2024

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



Brothers and sisters in Christ, Two months ago we began to explore the four disciplines we are lifting up as a community that help us grow in holiness of heart and life: weekly worship, daily devotion - reading Scripture and prayer, accountable discipleship, and service. We have discussed weekly worship and personal devotion so far; this month we will look at accountable discipleship.

At its heart and from its beginning, Methodism was a movement of accountable discipleship. This took the form of “class meetings” and “band meetings.” The goal of these kinds of groups was “to watch over one another in love.” They fostered the cultivation of holiness and growth in Christlikeness.

These groups were not so much focused on Christian content and acquiring information. Rather, they focused on the transformation of each person through the power of the Holy Spirit, present and active in these small gatherings of believers. Groups like this helped their participants realize how to bear one another’s burdens, celebrate one another’s joys, pray for one another and really know each other as brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ.

Historically, to be a Methodist meant to belong to a class meeting. One’s membership in the Methodist church was linked to their participation in one of these groups. This meeting consisted of 6-12 persons, where each person shared the state of their relationship with Christ and received prayer and encouragement from the others present. As Methodism in America grew and became more “successful,” class meetings were no

longer a requirement for membership and involvement in them declined. Many would point out that the declining of the Methodist movement was linked to the decline of the class meeting.

The band meeting was optional and was reserved for 3-5 people of the same gender and marital status. The focus of this group was to confess one’s sins and receive prayer, encouragement, and correction from one’s brothers or sisters. This kind of accountability can be quite frightening at first. We wonder, “What could happen to me if I have to face my friends each week and be honest about how I am *really* doing?” A better question to ask is, “What could happen to me if that kind of accountability is *not* present in my life?” Part of the power of a band meeting is to experience what it means to be fully known and fully loved – a tangible expression of the Gospel here and now through other Christians, the Body of Christ.

Last month we spoke about personal devotion. There are things we do personally, individually, to grow in the grace of God. Then, there are things we do *socially* or communally, with other believers. All of us need both pieces - personal and social holiness. We cannot become all that God has created and redeemed us to be without the Body of Christ and our being deeply involved in it.

I want to invite you to join us on at **7pm on Monday May 13** in the sanctuary. We will talk about these groups – classes and bands - in more detail and see how we can implement them in the life of our church. Come curious and hungry for more of God’s transforming presence.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ty <><

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Devotion

Devotion was offered by Jim Mitchell. I Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. The meeting was opened in prayer by Jim.

### Meeting Attendees

Pastor Ty Williams, Les Trittschuh, Wendy Black, Wendy Heisey, Jill Circle, Kim Dohrman, Jim Mitchell, David Hayes, Denise Ellinger, Myra Lingle, Tina Mathews

### Pastor's Report

- Spirit & Truth Conference April 19<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm & April 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm. At Stillwater Church, cost is \$49.00.
- Annual Conference is May 22-May 25, 2024, Mt Vernon Nazarene University. Pastor Ty and Myra will attend.
- General Conference of the Global Methodist Church – September 2- 26, 2024 San Jose, Costa Rica.

### Finance Report

- Weeks of operations is 16.5, our Budget Goal at the end of February was in a positive figure for the year-to-date.
- May need to amend our operations.
- Look at expanding some Ministries.

### Trustees

Trustees did not meet in the month of March. No new items to present.

### Staff Parish

- Ministry Safe procedures- Wendy Black and David Hayes have a copy. And they had a meeting with Becky Garrett, and she went over a lot of information with them. They will report out on more at April's meeting.
- Ministry Safe & Sanctuary Safe – combing into one for Hoffman Church. Want to have a name for these Polices & Procedures, came up with Hoffman Safe Ministries.
- Background checks are repeated every 5 years.

### Non-Agenda Items

- Hymnals due to arrive at Jim's on March 22, 2024.
- Bulldog Bags has received a nice gift to help continue through the end of the school year. What an answer to pray!

### List of Important Dates:

April 13, 2024 - TMS-Global Mission event at Tipp City Global Methodist

April 19 & 20, 2024 - Spirit and Truth Conference – Stillwater Church

May 19, 2024 - Pentecost Sunday

May 22-25 - Allegheny West Annual Conference

May 26 - Trinity Sunday

## Serving Schedule

### May 5

**9:00 Liturgist:** Mike C. **Greeters:** Wendy H.  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Jim & Belinda W.  
**Nursery: 10:15** Jennifer K. & Patti W. /**11:15** Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralie M.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Ben G. and Janessa M. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

### May 12

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Phil & Karen M.  
**Nursery: 10:15** Elaine P. & Sarah P. /**11:15** Melody W., Kim D. & Rose K.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Valerie M.

### May 19

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

### May 26

**9:00 Liturgist:** Mike C. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Chuck Begley  
**Nursery: 10:15** Debby & Steve S. /**11:15** Jennifer & Anna K. and Jill C.  
**11:15 Greeters:** Paul & Sally Miller and Marijo S. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

\*\*Please contact Amanda Burns @ (937)524-4290 if you are unable to be a greeter, if no response, please contact the church office.

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary May 2024

1<sup>st</sup> - Teesha Beard  
4<sup>th</sup> - Kim Adams  
9<sup>th</sup> - Mike Sanderson  
13<sup>th</sup> - Becky Garrett  
15<sup>th</sup> - David & Linda Thompson (24 yrs)  
16<sup>th</sup> - Joyce Herron  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Chris & Linda Long (26 yrs)  
25<sup>th</sup> - Helen Keller  
Myra Lingle  
Dick Markley

28<sup>th</sup> - Steve Schumann  
29<sup>th</sup> - Bonnie Brown  
Jill Circle  
Julia Circle  
Linda Thompson  
30<sup>th</sup> - Carol Bailey  
31<sup>st</sup> - Anna Knostman  
Cliff Poling  
Bradley & Bonnie Brown (55 yrs)



If your name is not on our birthday and anniversary list and you would like to be added, please email your dates to: [HoffmanGMC@gmail.com](mailto:HoffmanGMC@gmail.com) or call (937)698-4401.

## Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	03-24-24	03-31-24	04-07-24	04-14-24
General Offering	4482.00	4266.00	7690.00	4810.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	1092.00	1088.00	329.00	288.00
Maintenance Fund	147.00	121.00	245.00	156.00
Building Fund & Memorials	111.00	286.00	165.00	291.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	80	98	77	75
* Remote viewing	14	5	11	9
11:15 a.m. Service at church	69	105	49	59
* Remote viewing	2	2	4	2
Total Attendance	165	210	141	145



Sunrise: 36

### Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 102,140

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



### 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](https://lifewise.org/milton-unionoh)



## People to remember in prayer:



**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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Methodist Small Groups** - Join Pastor Ty Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a presentation on Methodist small groups. He will share about two different kinds of groups, their history, and their ongoing significance for Christian discipleship. If you want to know how to walk with Christ in the company of others, join us!

**Baptisms at the river!** May 19 - Pentecost Sunday: After morning services, join us at the river for baptisms. If you have questions on how to get there, let us know! If you are considering and praying about baptism, please see Pastor Ty.

### Walking Group

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.  
Join in any time, you are always welcome!  
Contact Elaine Pickering (937) 698-5192

### Church Rummage Sale

June 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

When doing your spring cleaning, remember to save sellable items for the sale. Items may be set behind the partitions on the stage.

### Grandma's Kitchen May2024 Menu

#### May 8

Meat Loaf  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas  
Cake

#### May 22

Chicken & Noodles  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Ice Cream Sundae

### Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What Old Testament prophet laid on his right side for a year?

### Miracle Offering for Annual Conference

The Allegheny West Annual Conference will receive a special offering toward meeting some immediate needs related to our Annual Conference Mission Partnership with the Kenya-Ethiopia Conference, where the average wages is \$1/day. This offering will fund things such as reliable transportation for church leaders and resources for the education of new clergy. Please indicate "Miracle Offering" on your check or offering envelope.

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

1 Timothy 4:10-11 "This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers. Teach these things and insist that everyone learns them."



Traditional Service  
9AM

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Sunday School Hour  
10:15-11:10AM

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Open Door Service  
11:15AM

### Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 21- Thursday, July 25  
Sunday, July 28 VBS Sunday!!

If you would like to help, please let Becky know.  
We need lots of volunteers to make this work!

Decorating each day July 15-20!

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

First and foremost we have dates for our retreat this summer with which we will be partnering with Troy First Methodist Church. These dates will be:

August 1-4th  
Price is \$175 per child (we will be doing fundraising!)  
Sign Ups will be posting soon.



All room and board will be provided and they will be staying overnight. This will be a great chance for our youth to grow and learn more about their faith with Christ.

Mid July (dates tbd) we will be spending a total of three days during a week cleaning up West Milton as part of a service project week, I always tell the youth, you cannot serve others without serving yourselves! These days will be 3 hours of work (1.5 hours with a break in between), then a fun game afterwards of water gun fights and the like each day.

Also, this fall we also will be starting a confirmation class! Please contact me if your youth is interested in starting these classes. These will be a great way for your youth to start taking responsibility for their own faith in the church!

Lastly for youth, next year's theme will be "dare you to live". This year we focused on realizing that we have an identity in Christ, next year we will pushing the idea of living out that identity in the world! In Christ, Joe Ellis, Director of Youth Ministry Hoffman  
GMC 937-405-5516 [josephkellis24@gmail.com](mailto:josephkellis24@gmail.com)



## HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2024 FINANCE REPORT

### General Budget and Missions Budget

March 31, 2024

REGULAR OFFERING			MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE	
1010	First Sunday		4,961.00	17,132.00	
1020	Second Sunday		6,720.00	15,718.50	
1030	Third Sunday		5,496.00	17,243.00	
1040	Fourth Sunday		4,482.00	15,094.00	
1050	Fifth Sunday		4,266.00	4,266.00	
Total Regular Offering			25,925.00	69,453.50	
1060	Misc. Income		150.00	583.72	
<b>**Total Income</b>			26,075.00	70,037.22	
		BUDGET	PAID OUT	YEAR-TO-DATE	BALANCE OF
		FOR YEAR	THIS MONTH	PAID OUT	BUDGET
<b>CONNECTIONAL FUNDING</b>					
1	Connectional Funding AWAC 3%	8,000.00	2,403.57	7,183.57	816.43
2	Connection Funding GMC 1%	2,700.00	210.00	630.55	2,069.45
Total Connectional		10,700.00	2,613.57	7,814.12	2,885.88
<b>MINISTRIES</b>					
3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	0.00	120.72	629.28
5	Worship	750.00	41.81	8.86	741.14
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	139.28	326.00	424.00
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	0.00	39.74	710.26
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	636.56	1,189.04	3,810.96
Total Ministries		11,000.00	817.65	1,684.36	9,315.64
<b>OFFICE, MEDIA, &amp; TECH</b>					
12	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	66.00	834.00
13	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	61.34	2,229.50	1,970.50
14	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	197.42	1,717.28	2,282.72
15	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	258.76	4,012.78	6,087.22
<b>STAFF &amp; PARISH RELATIONS</b>					
16	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Staff Salary	119,217.78	9,137.16	29,245.77	89,972.01
18	Health Ins.	28,388.00	2,280.55	6,906.74	21,481.26
19	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	5,868.00	541.34	1,479.44	4,388.56
20	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	98.00	137.39	3,862.61
21	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
22	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	100.00	400.00
23	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,878.41	412.78	1,357.58	4,520.83
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	12,469.83	39,226.92	126,725.27
<b>TRUSTEES</b>					
26	Maintenance	2,400.00	198.04	284.12	2,115.88
27	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	28,135.00	2,024.29	7,086.85	21,048.15
28	Building Insurance	5,079.00	0.00	1,347.50	3,731.50
29	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,290.00	0.00	1,548.73	1,741.27
30	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	6,306.00	828.90	2,407.89	3,898.11
31	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	0.00	250.74	779.26
Total Trustees		46,240.00	3,051.23	12,925.83	33,314.17
<b>**Total General Budgeted Expenses</b>		243,992.19	19,211.04	65,664.01	178,328.18
<b>MISSIONS BUDGET</b>					
32	Local Missions	4,500.00	200.00	667.80	3832.20
33	Global Missions	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2500.00
34	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
35	Annual Mission Project	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Total Missions Expenses		7,550.00	200.00	917.80	6632.20

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 Website: [HoffmanGMC.org](http://HoffmanGMC.org)  
 Pastor Ty Williams