



THE TOWERS

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

JUNE 2024

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



1 Peter 4:10-11

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
The last few months we have been exploring the four disciplines we are lifting as a community that help us grow in holiness of heart and life: weekly worship, daily devotion - reading Scripture and prayer, accountable discipleship groups, and service. This month we will focus on our last discipline: service.

To talk about serving is to talk about how each of us is called to ministry. The New Testament teaches that we are all priests in the Kingdom of God (**1 Peter 2:9**), we are all commissioned to be witnesses (**Matthew 28:19-20**), and we are all given the power of the Holy Spirit to participate in the mission of Christ (**1 Corinthians 12:1-13**). One of the beautiful parts about this reality is how God calls each of us to serve Him in unique ways.

This can include the ways many of us volunteer for various needs at our church: Grandma's Kitchen, the nursery, teaching Sunday school, helping with the audio-visual aspects of worship, or reading Scripture. We would never want to limit serving God to just what happens at our church, though. I have witnessed churches become so fixated on developing a program for every need (and want) that they run their volunteers into the ground to keep all the services afloat. Not only can this burn out good people, but it can also take people away from their primary mission fields outside of the local church.

In addition to serving at church, there are beautiful opportunities for service in the community, where the witness of Christ's love can shine. One example is our friend Paul Hemminger who helps run a program called the Mentoring Project of Miami County, which links up interested adults with at-risk youth for a mentoring relationship. Whether your primary ministry is a program at Hoffman or is outside of the church, we are all called to find an avenue to love our neighbors.

It is okay to spend time discerning and trying out some ministries and service opportunities. For some people they have to experience a few different things before they know what is a good fit for them. Any way we can love our neighbors as Christ loves us is a blessing. *And* we want to find those things that make us come alive when we do them – that will be when we are most effective at sharing the love of God.

One way to find your “thing” is to ask what makes you angry. What is it when you look at it, you think, “Someone should do something about that!”? Maybe God is telling you the “someone” is you!

Another path of discernment could be to think about what you are passionate about, and to consider where that passion intersects with the pain and suffering of the world. Author and pastor Frederick Buechner wrote: “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.”

Of course, God can speak to us and get our attention in many other ways as we pray about this. I invite you to spend a few days praying this prayer: “Lord, how are You calling me to serve You and Your Kingdom?”

In Christ,
Pastor Ty <><

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotion

Devotion was offered by Tina Mathews. She shared from Sarah Young's devotional book Jesus Listens. Psalms 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good. I rejoice that You are the living One who sees me and participates in every aspect of my life. Sometimes Your blessings come to me in mysterious ways – through pain and trouble. I thank You for the gift of Your Peace. The meeting was opened in prayer by Tina.

Meeting Attendees

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

Pastor's Report

- The Annual Conference is May 22-May 25, 2024, Mt Vernon Nazarene University.
- Mission Team Budget Plan – Local Mission \$2000.00 year -\$500.00 Quarter, Global Mission \$1,000.00 year - \$250.00/quarter, School – Up to \$500.00 as needed. Emergencies Mission \$250.00 Individuals/\$500.00 per Family.
- Small Group Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7pm. Reviewing two types of small groups, (Classes & Bands) with the purpose of inviting people to give these a try.
- River Baptisms – Sunday, May 19th.
- Emily Benkert – to share on May 26th about her experience in Cru and College Ministry.

Finance Report

- Weeks of operations is 17.95
- Huntington MM comes due May 3, 2024. Huntington has the best rates currently. Motion made by Jim, 2nd by Denise, to renew. Motion passed, voted & approved.

- Abbey CD is due August 3, 2024.
- Motion made by Jim, 2nd by Tina to move our general funds to the Endowment Fund, bringing our weeks of operations down to 9.86. Motion passed, voted & approved.

Trustees

- HVAC is completed in the Parsonage. Additional service to clean the ducts and replace the coil and plenum on the 1st floor costing an additional \$1,959.00
- June – Carpet cleaning in the church.

Staff Parish

- Safe Sanctuary Policy- Renaming to Ministry Safe and revising the policy for next meeting.
- Will check with Becky & Joe if one of the two adults should be a member of the church that are overseeing children's activities.
- Ministry Safe – We are at a level 5 – In good standing. Our background checks are done with the Motor vehicles, County level, Federal and State search.

Non-Agenda Items

- New Hymnals are in the Pews. Old hymnals can be given away, offering to the church congregation first.

List of Important Dates:

May 19, 2024 - Pentecost Sunday
May 22-25 - Allegheny West Annual Conference
May 26 - Trinity Sunday
June 21-25 – Vacation Bible School
August 18 – Prayer walk at the School
August 19 – Teacher's Luncheon

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

June 2

9:00 Liturgist: Mike C. **Greeters:** Wendy H.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Chris & Linda L.

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

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



June 9

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Wayne & Susie S.
Nursery: 10:15 Elaine P. & Sarah P. / **11:15** Kim D. & Rose K.

11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

June 16

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** **In honor of Pastor Ty & Family
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.

June 23

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

11:15 Greeters: Paul & Sally M. and Marijo S. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

June 30

9:00 Liturgist: Mike C. **Greeters:** Sophia & Stella B.
Ushers: Steve K. & Kay W. **Hospitality Table:** Steve K. & Kay W.
Nursery: 10:15 / 11:15

11:15 Greeters: Patti W. and Courtney S. **Scripture Reader:** Tim B.

** If you are unable to be a greeter please contact the church office (937)698-4401.

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary June 2024

3rd - Luca Porto
 4th - Amy Barnes
 Landon Bryson
 Dick Martens
 Chris & Jenna Moran (13 yrs)
 5th - Lynn & Marilyn Yount (64 yrs)
 6th - Carolyn Barga
 Gary & Carolyn Barga (32 yrs)
 Tim & Kathy Koeller (54 yrs)
 7th - Wilma Hoover
 8th - Dejon Dohrman
 11th - Carol Storer

12th - Sally Miller
 Andrew & Julia Circle (13 yrs)
 13th - Dave Thompson
 14th - Joy Paulus
 Holly Williams
 Dejon & Kim Dohrman (27 yrs)
 15th - Marcia Cox
 Bob & Debby Guthrie (50 yrs)
 17th - Mike Circle
 Norman Hiester

20th - Nancy Mills
 Shelia Shade
 Ben & Becky Garrett (15 yrs)
 Tom & Janet Weeks (54 yrs)
 22nd - Dean & Megan Bryson (11 yrs)
 23rd - Sydney Dohrman
 Joseph & Jennifer Knostman (17 yrs)
 Tom & Sarah Porto (17 yrs)
 25th - Lynn Yount
 27th - David & Rosie Bryson (4 yrs)
 John & LaVerne Hennemyre (60 yrs)
 28th - Robert & Marcia Cox (49 yrs)
 29th - Devin Mitchell
 Norman Paulus



Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	04-21-24	04-28-24	05-05-24	05-12-24	05-19-24
General Offering	3536.00	3576.00	5684.00	6013.00	5282.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	281.00	575.00	161.00	565.00	396.00
Maintenance Fund	226.00	685.00	356.00	75.00	96.00
Building Fund & Memorials	194.00	615.00	176.00	108.00	126.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	66	78	71	77	64
* Remote viewing	15	9	8	11	9
11:15 a.m. Service at church	43	48	44	59	77
* Remote viewing	3	2	6	3	0
Total Attendance	127	137	129	150	150

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 102,140

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



GRANDMA'S KITCHEN June & July 2024 MENUS

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

201 S. MAIN STREET, WEST MILTON 698-4401

SERVING the 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING AT 5:00 to 6:15 P.M.

PUBLIC INVITED CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE \$8 DONATION PER MEAL Kids Meal \$4

June 12th

**Chicken Casserole
Peas
Applesauce
Cake**

June 26th

**Spiral-sliced Ham
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Ice Cream Sundae**

July 10th

**Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Brownies**

July 24th

**Polish Sausage
Mac and Cheese
Cole Slaw
Ice Cream Sundae**

Menu items are subject to change

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: Johnnie Bouck, Brookhaven Assisted Living, 1 Country Ln, Rm 112, Brookville OH 45309
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 8, Troy OH 45373

THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Remember to donate your sellable items for the sale. Items may be set behind the partitions on the stage. If you have some time to spare and can help organize items on the tables June 3 thru June 5, we could use your help any morning.

Dear Hoffman Church Family, We send our gratitude your way for all of your many prayers for our family after our accident in November and for healing prayers for Emma's back recover. Our God is BIG and He is awesome! We praise Him continually. Thank you for sharing your mission funds to help with our medical bills. Thanks for thinking of us and for blessing us. With the love of Jesus!
Jessica Deeter and family

Hoffman Church Family,
Your overwhelming support of Caroline through donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation have meant so much to us. Thank you to each and every one of you who generously gave of your time and/or financially to help find a cure for CF. Within our church community over \$1500 was donated! As a team, our total for the walk for Caroline's Crew reached \$8,000! This year over 40 people walked with us in support of Caroline. It was a complete joy to see a few new faces at the walk this year from our Hoffman Family. Thank you for being a part of finding a cure for Caroline and others living with Cystic Fibrosis.
In Christ's Love, Ty, Holly, and Caroline <><

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

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What animal talked in the Book of Numbers?

Art Show



Opening Reception: Aug 9 - 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Show Hours: Aug 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Aug 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

After June 4, the application can be found at HoffmanGMC.org or on information table in lobby.

**Happy
Father's
Day**

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



July 21-25 VBS
"Knights of North Castle"
Putting on the full Armor of God!!

If you can volunteer to help, please let Becky know.
We will need lots of people to walk the kids around
each night! Grades 7-12 can help also!

****We will need people to decorate- July 15-18th
6:30-8PM each evening.****

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



This year has gone by so quickly, and it has been a blessing to see our youth grow! We have a couple of dates to look out for this summer.

Ignite end of year (school year) party will be on May 26; we will take off and not meet again until June 16th.

This summer we also will be going to Wilderness Ridge Youth Camp August 1-4th. If your youth would like to sign up, please contact Joe Ellis at josephkellis24@gmail.com for more information. Our last day we are having registration open is July 8th. Cost of attendance is \$175.00

Please stay tuned as we will also be doing three days of service projects in West Milton this summer in July over three days. Please pray for our youth as they clean up our community!

In Christ,

Joe Ellis

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

Hoffman Visitation Team – Needs and Wants

The Visitation Team is in need of two more visitors; another team of two would reduce the number of visits each team would be responsible for. We also are in need of a secretary to type our monthly report. This would involve a small commitment of time the last week of the month. Contact Kay Wagner (937) 405-7866.

Hoffman Visitation Team Ministry

Our Mission Statement:

**“God does not comfort us to be comfortable,
but to comfort others.” - Billy Graham**

The Bible is our guiding document and it teaches us in 2 Corinthians 1: 3-5 NIV:

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we receive from God. ⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

The Hoffman Visitation Team ministry was formed in 2006. We visit homebound persons or those who are in retirement or assisted living communities, rehab centers or those who need nursing assistance for short-term illnesses to long-term placements.

We serve mostly in teams of two visitors and each team usually visits three to four persons per month. We currently have seven teams and we are making twenty-six visits per month (some by phone and most face-to-face). We call many others and send cards to 30-50 people each month who prefer a card over a visit; people who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary; people who are ill or hospitalized; or people who have moved a distance away. Visits are from half an hour to an hour and a half and are arranged at the convenience of the person visited and the visitor.

The most important mission of the team is to keep our people connected to their faith, the church, its members and our activities; and to let them know that they are not forgotten. We also offer them communion and pray with them. The only credential required of a visitor is to have a heart that you want to share with a person who enjoys having a visitor; and the visitor should be a good listener for those who want to share their stories with someone who cares.

Anyone who would be interested in becoming a visitor or anyone who would like to be visited, or knows of a person who would benefit from a visit, should contact Kay Wagner, chair (937) 405-7866.



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