



THE TOWERS

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

August 2024

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." (Luke 11:1-4)

Jesus' disciples saw Him do a lot of incredible things. Yet, here in Luke, this is the only time we have the disciples asking Jesus to show them how to do something. Let us look at how Jesus' prayer can provide a framework for ongoing prayer and communion with God.

PRAISE: "Father, hallowed be your name."

We begin prayer with praising God for who He is and what He has done. Our relationship with God in Christ does not begin with us and our decisions but with the God who has created us and sent His Son to redeem us. Praise and thanksgiving sets the perspective for the rest of our prayer and our lives.

PURPOSE: "Your kingdom come."

After beginning with praise we pray for His Kingdom to come, for more and more of earth to resemble heaven, where His will is always done. We offer our wills and desires to God for Him to shape into accordance with His will and desires. We recognize that we are part of a story much larger than ourselves and that we are not the main characters. So, when we pray "Your kingdom come," we are also praying "Help me let my kingdom go."

PROVISION: "Give us each day our daily bread."

After our alignment with His character and His ways, we ask for the things we need. This part of prayer can be broken into two: 1) personal petitions, 2) and intercessions on behalf of others and the world. The word "daily" reminds us of the wilderness journey of the Israelites after the Exodus, where they were

given enough bread for each day. Jesus also instructs us: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34).

PARDON: "Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us."

A difficult but necessary part of our discipleship is ongoing repentance of sin. We are called to honest, sober self-examination of where we have fallen short and to ask God for His mercy. We are also committing to forgiving those who have sinned against us, as God in Christ has forgiven us. Many people who feel "stuck" or struggle to grow in their faith often have forgiveness issues - unconfessed, unrepentant sin of their own; or they have withheld forgiveness from another.

PROTECTION: "And lead us not into temptation."

One thing the Scriptures teach us is that there is more to life than meets the eye. In this prayer we are reminded as Paul says: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12). We need the grace of the Holy Spirit to stay away from and resist the temptations of the devil who seeks to destroy our lives.

PRAISE: "For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

Although not included in the original text of the prayer, the Church has found it wise to end where we start: praise. We begin and end prayer acknowledging who God is and what He has done. The rest of our prayers (and life) fit within the frame of God's goodness and mercy.

Friends, let us pray as Christ teaches us.

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

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotion

Devotion was offered by Wendy Black. Gal 6:9-10, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Wendy shared that God is not absence, he is always there. Don't miss your season of Life, be at peace in all the seasons. The meeting was opened in prayer by Wendy Black.

Meeting Attendees

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

Pastor's Report

- Men's Retreat – August 23 & 24, Ludlow Falls Camp. Dr. Gregg Mays will be our speaker.
- Prayer Meeting – Start July 11th at 7am in the Sanctuary.
- Spirit and Truth Weekend – May 16-18, 2025. Motion made by Wendy Heisey to pay for the Spirit & Truth Weekend out of the Ministry Recourse Fund. Paying the deposit now and the balance due the weekend of the event. This was 2nd by Tina M. Motion passed. Voted & approved.
- Circuit Gathering – West Central Ohio Circuit this fall, Jeff Greenway wants to visit. The event is for everyone, Sunday, October 13, 2024 at Sidney Russell Road Church. Time will be 3 or 4 p.m., this is still being worked out.

Finance Report

- Weeks of operations is 10.6
- Seeing an Increase of regular giving, for the month of May (5-Sundays) our monthly giving

was +\$1,000 over budget and our year-to-date giving is showing a plus for the Year-to Date giving.

Trustees

- Going to contact Wat-Kem to replace the hot water heater in the kitchen (\$5800).
- Kitchen needs new conventional oven (\$7410)
- Looked over the Facility Agreement. Tabled this for next month, want Jim Mitchell to review.
- Motion was made by Denise E. and 2nd by Tina to replace Kitchen items. Motion passed. Voted & approved.
- Motion made by Wendy B. and 2nd by Jill C. to add Melodye Webb's cooking/preserve classes to be a part of the church function. Motion passed, Voted & approved.
- Going to get estimates for Hearing Aid device for the Sanctuary.

Staff Parish

- Hoffman Ministry Safe Policy – Wendy B. & David H. completed the Safety Application Form for Volunteers, the board reviewed and approved. Motion was made by Wendy H. and 2nd by Jill C. Motion passed. Voted & approved.

List of Important Dates

July 21-25, 2024 Vacation Bible School
August 1-4, 2024 Youth Camp
August 4, 2024 Church Picnic
August 9-10, 2024 Art Show
August 18, 2024 Prayer Walk at the school
August 19, 2024 Teacher's Luncheon
August 23-24, 2024 Men's Retreat at Ludlow Falls Camp

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

Aug 4

9:00 Liturgist: Mike C. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Debby & Steve S.
Nursery: 10:15 Elaine P. & Sarah P. /11:15 Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralie M.
11:15 Greeters: Ben G. and Janessa M. **Scripture Reader:** Andrew C.

Aug 11

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Jeryl-Ann K.
Nursery: 10:15 Debby & Steve S. /11:15 Kim D. & Rose K.
11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M. **Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

Aug 18

9:00 Liturgist: Mike C. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** **In honor of multi-media volunteers
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.

Aug 25

9:00 Liturgist: Monica S. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Jim & Marilyn M.
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:** Norman H.

**Please contact the church office (937)698-4401 if you are unable to be a greeter or have switched Sundays. Thanks!

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary August 2024

2nd - Jim & Belinda Wright (33 yrs)
3rd - Karra Beard
Mary Maess
5th - David Bryson
7th - Sarah Harris
Fred & Cathy Brown (58 yrs)
9th - Phil Blue
11th - Bev Brubaker
13th - Jayce Lawhorn
15th - Tammy Lugabihl
Dustin & Chelsi Jay (9 yrs)



17th - Lauren Karch
Wayne Spitler
20th - Shirley Garreth
Scott Johnston
Richard Smith
21st - Pastor Robbie Scott
22nd - Lilly Pritchard
24th - Dean Bryson
Chris Harris
27th - Janet Willis
28th - Aaron Colvin
Dick & Mary Ann Martens (64 yrs)
30th - John & Pam Hitchcock (21 yrs)
Emily Benkert
31st - Katie Poling

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 or call (937)698-4401.

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	06-23-24	06-30-24	07-07-24	07-14-24
General Offering	4199.00	4748.00	7886.14	5048.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	271.00	251.00	287.00	138.00
Maintenance Fund	121.00	671.00	377.00	71.00
Building Fund & Memorials	144.00	156.00	382.00	61.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	85	74	80	85
* Remote viewing	10	7	13	7
11:15 a.m. Service at church	30	45	49	61
* Remote viewing	1	3	4	3
Total Attendance	126	129	146	156

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 102,780

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

New Sunday Morning Bible Study: The First Real Christian

The Future-Seekers class will be starting a short, 7-week study this fall using the book, **The First Real Christian**, by J. D. Walt, a study based on the book of James. The book consists of 30 daily readings each followed by commentary, questions and a prayer. There isn't much to read each day, but, I promise, there will be a lot to think about. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome; we meet in the main part of the basement at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday.

What is a 'Real Christian'? J. D. Walt describes James, the brother of Jesus, as "the first real Christian. He stepped forward, put his money where his mouth was, and called the followers of Jesus to stop 'phoning it in.' He lets us know in no uncertain terms that faith without works is dead. James is more Bear Bryant and less Mr. Rogers; more Dr. Laura and less Oprah."

Who was the first real Christian in your life? What difference can one person make? What is the difference between the power of prayer and the power of the people praying? These questions and many more will be part of the study. We hope you will decide to invest 7 weeks to get to know—and begin to live—the message of James.

People to remember in prayer:



Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Nancy Lightcap, as she passed away on June 24, 2024
the family of Wanda Sester, Lisa Wright's mother, as she passed away on July 9, 2024

At Home: Phil Blue, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, 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

To the wonderful people of Hoffman GMC, I just want to say THANK YOU for the phone calls and cards with Jerry's passing. A bigger 'Thank You' for all the prayers: God is good all the time! God bless each and every one of you. Love, Peggy Nihizer

Thank you to all who sent cards, notes, and good wishes for my birthday! The loving thoughts and calls were appreciated. Blessings, Shelia Shade

Annual Hoffman GMC Picnic Sunday, August 4 from 2:30 p.m. to ?



At the home of Marty and Wendy Black at 5839 S Jay Road, West Milton. We will swim, beginning at 2:30 p.m., so dress accordingly. Dinner will be ready at 5:30p.m. This will be a carry-in dinner with meat, condiments, table service, and drinks provided. Please bring a covered dish to share and a folding chair . . . which you don't have to share. . . questions please call Mike at (937) 623-5731.

Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 18
Prayer Walk on Sunday, August 18 at 4 p.m.
meet at the school library

Teacher Luncheon on Monday, August 19
Contact Becky G. for more information.

A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH VBS!



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.



Men's Retreat

Men of Hoffman! Join us for a men's retreat at Ludlow Falls Camp, beginning the evening of Friday, August 23 and concluding in the afternoon of Saturday, August 24. More details to come! Talk to Joe Ellis, Matt Burns, Chris Long, or Ben Garrett if you have questions.

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month
Who is known as the "weeping" prophet?

At this year's Fine Art Show, we are adding a new attraction. Haley Dunn, a young artist, who will be displaying her art for the first time, has agreed to offer her talents to the public. She will sketch your image, or those of a family member, for a donation. You can make your donation, she will take your picture (or bring a picture of you or your loved one). Then while you browse the art work on display, she will sketch the image(s) and you return to her table to collect your sketch(es). Each sketch takes about ten minutes. She will be available on Saturday, August 10, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. and on Sunday, August 11, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN August/September 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

August 14th *Benefit Dinner*
See back for more info

Chicken and noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Cake and Ice Cream

August 28th

Beef Hot Shots
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Ice Cream Sundae

September 11th

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Watergate Salad

September 25th

Chicken Casserole
Slaw
Fruit
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

Grandma's Kitchen Benefit Dinner, August 14

Join us at Grandma's Kitchen on August 14 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for a dinner benefitting Caroline Williams. Caroline is a six-year-old starting kindergarten at Milton-Union this fall. In addition to having a genetic disease called Cystic Fibrosis, Caroline is also autistic. Autism has significantly limited Caroline's ability to speak. Despite being in speech therapy since age two, Caroline still has never been able to have a spoken conversation with her parents.

All proceeds from the meal and any additional donations from our guests will go towards helping fund an AAC speech device for Caroline. An 'augmentative and alternative communication' (AAC) device is a tablet with speech-generating software. This device will allow Caroline to select images to form sentences and statements that the device will speak out loud for her.

The AAC would allow Caroline to communicate with others, reduce safety concerns and allow her to reach her fullest potential in the classroom. We hope the funds raised will help Caroline start Kindergarten at Milton Union with her own AAC speech device this fall.

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2024 FINANCE REPORT

General Budget and Missions Budget

June 30,2024

REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	7,429.00	37,935.00
1020	Second Sunday	4,910.00	31,451.50
1030	Third Sunday	5,296.00	31,357.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	4,199.00	28,748.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	4,748.00	9,014.00
Total Regular Offering		26,582.00	138,505.50
1060	Misc. Income	200.00	793.72
**Total Income		26,782.00	139,299.22

		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
CONNECTIONAL FUNDING					
1	Connectional Funding AWAC 3%	8,000.00	0.00	7,183.57	816.43
2	Connection Funding GMC 1%	2,700.00	210.00	1,260.55	1,439.45
Total Connectional		10,700.00	210.00	8,444.12	2,255.88

MINISTRIES

3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	0.00	120.72	629.28
5	Worship	750.00	0.00	121.94	628.06
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	167.24	582.76
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	750.00	0.00	606.75	143.25
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	0.00	146.37	603.63
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	964.00	2,956.94	2,043.06
Total Ministries		11,000.00	964.00	4,119.96	6,880.04

OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

12	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	446.07	453.93
13	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	100.00	3,011.98	1,188.02
14	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	300.69	2,839.35	1,160.65
15	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	189.00	811.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	400.69	6,486.40	3,613.60

STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

16	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Staff Salary	119,217.78	9,137.16	58,491.54	60,726.24
18	Health Ins.	28,388.00	3,326.73	14,818.76	13,569.24
19	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	5,868.00	541.34	3,000.03	2,867.97
20	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	0.00	432.39	3,567.61
21	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
22	Pulpit Supply	500.00	100.00	300.00	200.00
23	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,878.41	562.10	2,866.50	3,011.91
24	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
25	Lakeside Conf Deligate	550.00	0.00	170.00	380.00
Total Staff & Parish Relations		165,952.19	13,667.33	81,079.22	84,872.97

TRUSTEES

26	Maintenance	2,400.00	0.00	630.03	1,769.97
27	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	28,135.00	1,365.47	12,497.67	15,637.33
28	Building Insurance	5,079.00	0.00	2,695.00	2,384.00
29	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,290.00	0.00	1,548.73	1,741.27
30	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	6,306.00	270.00	3,772.89	2,533.11
31	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	0.00	524.79	505.21
Total Trustees		46,240.00	1,635.47	21,669.11	24,570.89

**Total General Budgeted Expenses		243,992.19	16,877.49	121,798.81	122,193.38
-----------------------------------	--	------------	-----------	------------	------------

MISSIONS BUDGET

32	Local Missions	4,500.00	151.04	2,218.84	2281.16
33	Global Missions	2,500.00	0.00	248.16	2251.84
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	151.04	2,717.00	4833.00

X

Non-Profit
Organization
U. S. Postage Paid
Tipp City, OH
Permit No. 26

August
2024

TOWERS
THE


Place Label Here

L



Return Service Requested

X



HOFFMAN
GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
201 S Main Street
West Milton OH 45383

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Time: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

Phone: (937) 698-4401 Email: HoffmanGMC@gmail.com
Website: HoffmanGMC.org
Pastor Ty Williams