



# THE TOWERS

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

July 2024

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



### **"I will build my church." - Matthew 16:18**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Beginning Thursday, July 11, we will begin holding prayer meetings on Thursdays at 7a.m. I want to use the space available in this month's newsletter to urge you to come and pray. I know there is not a perfect day of the week or time of the day that will work for everyone, but if you can make it, then please do. In the weeks leading up to our first Sunday at Hoffman, I was reading through a book by Jim Cymbala's book, *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* impressed the idea of a weekly prayer meeting on my heart. My conviction is that God wants our church to be a "house of prayer," a place that hosts His presence.

If you are wondering what will occur, there are two answers: 1) we will pray; and 2) I have no idea.

First, when we say prayer meeting, we mean spending time in prayer - no other business or agenda but making space to spend time with the Lord and for Him to speak to us. That is why, secondly, I have no idea what will happen. We just do not know what God will say or do or call us to participate in. But we do know that we want God's answers and ideas rather than our own. God will bless what He initiates.

E.M. Bounds, a Methodist pastor in the late 19th, early 20th century once said this: "We are continually striving to create new methods, plans, and organizations to advance the church. We are ever working to provide and stimulate growth and efficiency for the gospel . . . The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men . . . What the church needs today is not more or better machinery, not new organizations or more novel method. She needs men whom the Holy Spirit can use - men of prayer, men mighty in prayer."

If we want God to move and be glorified through our church, it will not come from reading leadership books,

mapping out a 5-year plan with the niftiest strategies, or putting a trendy coffee bar in our narthex. Revival and renewal are not things we can manufacture. When we pray, we are surrendering, to be men and women the Holy Spirit can use. We are admitting to God that we do not have the answers to being the church He wants us to be, and we want His answers. And not only do we want His answers, but we want Him.

It is possible the first few meetings will feel a bit awkward, and that's okay. Attempting to still ourselves in God's presence can feel uncomfortable at first, especially when we are with other people. But we are all in it together, and we are praying to a God who is patient and want to spend time with us.

In Psalm 46:10, we are told, "Be still and know that I am God." On the one hand this is an instruction: Be still. On the other, it is a promise: When we still ourselves we will know the Lord. Stillness in His presence is an invitation to let Him work, to let Him be God, as we stop trying to be. Being still lets His love surround us, wrap around us, and be poured into our souls.

Let us pray for God to have His way in us, individually. Let us pray for God to have His way in our church, that His kingdom will come, and His will be done on earth as in heaven.

*God, You are always on time. You will give what we need. Your mercy endures forever. Your love never runs out. Take our hearts and inflame them with the illuminating power of Your Holy Spirit. Set us on fire with the love of Christ, that the world may see us burning bright. Amen.*

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

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Devotion

Devotion was offered by Pastor Ty & Tina Mathews. Pastor Ty wanted to share about the Spirit & Truth Conference at Stillwater Methodist Church on April 19 & 20, 2024. Pastor Ty shared his experience over the weekend. This was not just a conference it was a renewing of your spirit. They asked us "How much of Jesus do you want?"

### Meeting Attendees

Pastor Ty Williams, Les Trittschuh, Wendy Black, Jill Circle, Wendy Heisey, 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.
- Small Group Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7 p.m. Reviewing two types of small groups, (Classes & Bands) with the purpose of inviting people to give these a try. 14 attended, there was several interested in how to get involved or lead a group.
- River Baptisms – Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Emily Benkert – to share on May 26<sup>th</sup> about her experience in Cru and College Ministry.
- Men's Retreat – Is in the planning phase for summer or fall.

### Finance Report

- Weeks of operations is 9.42
- Seeing an Increase of regular giving +\$300.00 each week.
- Took funds out of the General Fund and deposited it to the Endowment Fund.

### Trustees

- HVAC is completed in the Parsonage. Additional service done on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. All work completed and paid for.
- Going to contact Wat-Kem to replace the hot water heater in the kitchen.
- Many other projects were completed in the church.

### Staff Parish

- Hoffman Ministry Safe Policy - Reviewed the Safety Application Form for Volunteers. New volunteers need to be related to the congregation for at least 6 months before they work unsupervised with children and youth.
- Motion made by Wendy H. to accept the policy for Hoffman Ministry Safe Policy and seconded by Jill C. Motion passed. Voted & approved.

### Non-Agenda Items

- A motion was made by Wendy H. and seconded by Tina M. to pursue the Spirit & Truth Conference for 2025. Motion passed. Voted and approved.
- Wendy H. would like to see the church having an outside concert again. Looking at doing this in the early Fall. Motion made by Wendy H and second by Tina M. Motion passed, voted and 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

## Serving Schedule

### July 7

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H.

**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M.

**Nursery:** 10:15 Elaine P. & Sarah P. /11:15 Julia C., Wendy H. & Loralie M.

**11:15 Greeters:** Ben G. and Janessa M.

**Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.

**Hospitality Table:** Elaine P.

**Scripture Reader:** Norman H.



### July 14

**9:00 Liturgist:** Mike C.

**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H.

**Nursery:** 10:15 Debby & Steve S. /11:15 Kim D. & Rose K.

**11:15 Greeters:** Dick & Mary Ann M.

**Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.

**Hospitality Table:** Kim & Dejon D.

**Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

### July 21

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T.

**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H.

**Nursery:** 10:15 Julia C. & Kathy K. /11:15 Ben G. and Mallory & Maple D.

**11:15 Greeters:** Kathy W. and Ruth L.

**Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.

**Hospitality Table:** \*Honoring VBS Workers

**Scripture Reader:** Tim B.

### July 28

**9:00 Liturgist:** Monica S.

**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H.

**Nursery:** 10:15 Jennifer K. & Patti W. /11:15 Jennifer & Anna K. and Jill C.

**11:15 Greeters:** Paul & Sally Miller and Marijo S.

**Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.

**Hospitality Table:** Jerry & Libby R.

**Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

\*\*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 July 2024

1<sup>st</sup> - Joe & Leah Blackburn (18 yrs)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - John Hayes  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Joe Blackburn  
4<sup>th</sup> - Dane Studebaker  
7<sup>th</sup> - Erin Studebaker  
8<sup>th</sup> - Paul Hemminger  
10<sup>th</sup> - Johnnie Bouck  
Cathy Brown  
Chris Moran  
Dan Studebaker  
Tim Wright  
11<sup>th</sup> - Mike & Jill Circle (43 yrs)  
14<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Watkins



16<sup>th</sup> - Dustin Jay  
17<sup>th</sup> - Chris & Val McKay (50 yrs)  
18<sup>th</sup> - Julian Porto  
Pastor Ty Williams  
Paul & Kendra Hemminger (9 yrs)  
21<sup>st</sup> - John & Carol Carter (51 yrs)  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Elaine Pickering  
24<sup>th</sup> - Rex & Kathie Abke (48 yrs)  
25<sup>th</sup> - Ed Johannes  
Jean Sanders  
Beth & Larry Thoele (42 yrs)  
26<sup>th</sup> - Amanda Burns  
27<sup>th</sup> - Janet Weeks  
30<sup>th</sup> - Tim Koeller

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	5-26-24	6-2-24	6-9-24	6-16-24
General Offering	5879.00	7429.00	4985.00	5346.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	396.00	271.00	171.00	131.00
Maintenance Fund	641.00	423.00	191.00	101.00
Building Fund & Memorials	421.00	421.00	511.00	331.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	70	79	84	79
* Remote viewing	9	7	5	11
11:15 a.m. Service at church	52	51	43	46
* Remote viewing	2	3	6	3
Total Attendance	133	140	138	139

*Thank you*  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



### Stained Glass Window Restoration Project

Amount Received: \$ 102,580

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

## Women's Bible Study for Summer

The Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study will meet for six weeks beginning July 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room to see a video series from Ron Hutchcraft Ministries titled, 'Your Hope Story.' From the website:

What is a hope story? We find this in 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the HOPE that you have." Your story is perhaps the last best tool we have to share Jesus with people whose hearts are hard towards God . . . Featured in this series are over 20 "hope stories" of believers of all ages, boldly sharing their heart and insights for sharing Jesus with others.

Each video is about 20 minutes long and is followed by discussion questions and additional examples of ways to talk with and encourage others to begin a relationship with Jesus. Videos and other materials are all available online if you are not able to attend all six sessions. There is no charge for materials. Questions? Please contact Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831 or [mbmitchell50@gmail.com](mailto:mbmitchell50@gmail.com).

## People to remember in prayer:



**Hoffman Sympathies to:** the family of Jerry Pinkerton as he passed away May 24, 2024  
the family of Nick Bayless, Leah Herron Bayless' husband, as he passed away on June 5, 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:** 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

Thank you to everyone who supported our church rummage sale. We received \$742.95! The items left over after the sale were donated to several other nonprofit organizations.

A special thank you to Wayne and Susie Spitler for all their hard work in sharing their "green thumbs" with their church family! The garden at the church entrance by the hospitality table is just beautiful. Thank you for sharing your God-given talent with us!

### Morning Prayer

Beginning Thursday, July 11, join us in the sanctuary Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. for prayer; let us seek the Lord in prayer and see what He wants to do.

### Grandma's Kitchen July Menu

<u>July 10</u>	Baked Spaghetti	<u>July 24</u>	Polish Sausage
	Tossed Salad		Mac & Cheese
	Garlic Bread		Cole Slaw
	Brownies		Ice Cream Sundae

### 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.



Applications at HoffmanGMC.org or on table in lobby.  
Deadline to enter is July 15, 2024

### Global Methodist Women

will meet on Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m.  
in the multi-purpose room 2/3.  
Questions contact Janet Weeks.

### 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

Because of Moses' speech impediment, who went with him to speak to Pharaoh?



### 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.



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



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

**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 - 18  
6:30 – 8 p.m. each evening.\*\***



Hey all I pray you are staying cool this summer!

Pray for our youth as we will be doing our service project the week of July 8th, serving our community of West Milton. And our retreat August 1-4. Sign up will begin shortly for our retreat! Youth will also start back up June 28!

In Christ, Joe Ellis

Director of Youth Ministry Hoffman Global Methodist Church

937-405-5516

[josephkellis24@gmail.com](mailto:josephkellis24@gmail.com)



**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 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm and on Sunday from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

**F.I.S.H. – Union Township**

We will be participating in the **Meijer Simply Give Program Troy Meijer Store only!** On **Saturday, August 17 and Saturday, September 14**, they will be doing "Double Match Day." When a \$10 gift card is purchased Meijer's will double and add to the \$10 purchased and we get the total of \$30 worth of gift cards for our pantry.

If you don't want to go to the Troy Meijer's, you can write a check to: FISH- Union Township, 320 Rachael Ann Blvd. West Milton, Ohio 45383 and in the memo line put Meijer Simply Give.

**F.I.S.H. will take the money donated on Saturday, September 14 and purchase the cards.** Meijer's will double up to \$5,000. Any excess rec'd over the \$5,000 will go to our general fund.

***Thanks for all the support you have given us.***

Fred Francis (Treasurer) Cell 937-902-4368  
Ralph Warner (Pantry Manager) Cell 937-672-7303

# HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2024 FINANCE REPORT

## General Budget and Missions Budget

May 31,2024

### REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	5,684.00	30,506.00
1020	Second Sunday	6,013.00	26,541.50
1030	Third Sunday	5,282.00	26,061.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	5,879.00	24,549.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	4,266.00
	Total Regular Offering	22,858.00	111,923.50
1060	Misc. Income	10.00	593.72
	<b>**Total Income</b>	22,868.00	112,517.22

		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	0.00	7,183.57	816.43
2	Connection Funding GMC 1%	2,700.00	210.00	1,050.55	1,649.45
	Total Connectional	10,700.00	210.00	8,234.12	2,465.88

### 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	59.10	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	96.00	1,992.94	3,007.06
	Total Ministries	11,000.00	155.10	3,155.96	7,844.04

### OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

12	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	446.07	453.93
13	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	-108.44	2,911.98	1,288.02
14	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	710.69	2,538.66	1,461.34
15	Technology	1,000.00	189.00	189.00	811.00
	Total Office, Media, & Tech	10,100.00	791.25	6,085.71	4,014.29

### STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

16	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Staff Salary	119,217.78	8,937.16	49,354.38	69,863.40
18	Health Ins.	28,388.00	2,345.64	11,492.03	16,895.97
19	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	5,868.00	541.34	2,458.69	3,409.31
20	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	295.00	432.39	3,567.61
21	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
22	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	200.00	300.00
23	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,878.41	412.80	2,304.40	3,574.01
24	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
25	Lakeside Conf Deligate	550.00	0.00	170.00	380.00
	Total Staff & Parish Relations	165,952.19	13,531.94	67,411.89	98,540.30

### TRUSTEES

26	Maintenance	2,400.00	0.00	630.03	1,769.97
27	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	28,135.00	2,033.03	11,132.20	17,002.80
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	690.00	3,502.89	2,803.11
31	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	38.90	524.79	505.21
	Total Trustees	46,240.00	2,761.93	20,033.64	26,206.36

**\*\*Total General Budgeted Expenses** 243,992.19 17,450.22 104,921.32 139,070.87

### MISSIONS BUDGET

32	Local Missions	4,500.00	400.00	2,067.80	2432.20
33	Global Missions	2,500.00	248.16	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	648.16	2,565.96	4984.04

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**HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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Pastor Ty Williams