



THE TOWERS

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

September 2024



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matthew 6:34)

One of the greatest challenges to the Christian life is being faithful with what’s right in front of us.

To be faithful with what is in front of us is to ask, “What has God given me to tend to today?” This is difficult because what we are given this day is often not what we prefer or what we would like to tend to. We would rather tend to something else. Or we would rather fantasize about the future in which we can imagine tending to the things we would enjoy tending to.

One of the dangers about focusing on the future too much is that it pulls us away from *this day*, the day the Lord has made, the day God has given us to rejoice in Him, follow Him, and be faithful to His commands. Focusing on the future disables us from being present to reality, to life as it is. But if we want to encounter God, to grow in His grace, and receive His blessing, we must encounter Him in reality, our life as it is - not as we wish it would be. The well-known Serenity Prayer is helpful in expressing how to navigate this challenge.

As we seek obedience to God *today* in all things, we are learning to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus. As we walk with Jesus step-by-step *today*, we are learning how to say, “Not my will, but Yours be done.” We are learning how to crucify the sinful desires of the flesh, that Christ’s resurrected life may transform more and more of ourselves. A 6th-7th century monk named John Climacus said, “Obedience is the tomb of the will, and the resurrection of humility.”

Another challenge to this day-by-day obedience is that it is not flashy. This is especially challenging

in our social media age, where everyone is tempted to be an “influencer,” to be someone important who does really big things for God. However, most often what the Lord calls us to do seems so ordinary. Wouldn’t it be easier to build up faith and obedience for the exciting, adventurous tasks? Perhaps those opportunities will come, but again, we ask, “What are you calling me to do *this* day, Lord?” And usually, it is something we would rather not do: like showing grace to that irritating person at work, or asking that friend how we can pray for him or her when we’re nervous that it will make things a little awkward, or being more patient and present with the people under our roof.

I invite you to pray the following prayer each morning for the next week, as we all seek to be faithful to God *this day*.

Prayer for the Beginning of the Day

O Lord, grant me to greet the coming of the day in peace, help me in all things to rely upon Your holy will. In every hour of the day reveal Your will to me. Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul and with firm conviction that Your will governs all. In all my deeds and words, guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events, let me not forget that all are sent by You. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering or embarrassing others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will, teach me to pray. And, Yourself, pray in me. Amen.

Metropolitan Philaret, Russia, 19th cent.

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

Board Meeting Highlights

Devotion

Devotion was offered by Wendy Heisey. God is greater than our circumstances. Attitude is everything! Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply. Speak kindly. The meeting was opened in prayer by Wendy Heisey.

Meeting Attendees

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

Pastor's Report

- Men's Retreat – August 23 & 24, Ludlow Falls Camp. Dr. Gregg Mays will be our speaker.
- Illumination in Greenville Saturday, September 21, 2024
- Awaken – Lay-equipping Weekend. September 6 from 6-9pm & September 7 from 8:30am-4:30pm. It will be at Cornerstone GMC, 207 S Court St. Marysville, OH 43040. Registration is \$50.
- 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 4pm.
- Charge Conference is scheduled for October 17, 2024.
- Material was shared for us preparing to Host the Spirit & Truth Weekend.

Finance Report

- Weeks of operations is 12.65
- Suggestion was made to take 10K from Designated Account and 30K from General Fund Account to invest in the Money Market Account. A motion was made by Kim D. and 2nd by David Hayes to move the 30K to the Money Market and hold the vote on moving 10K from Designated Account to Money Market Account. Motion passed, voted and approved.
- It was asked to reach out to Becky Garrett and see if the Bulldogs bags have their funding to start the school year off.

Trustees

- Hearing Aid devise for the Sanctuary would be \$5,655.
- July 31 – Sunset will clean all the carpets.
- Water Heater in kitchen is 24 yrs. old. Getting quotes to replace.
- Facility Rental Agreement – To add a clause for emergency cancellations.
- Convection oven replaced.

Staff Parish – N/A

List of Important Dates

August 18, 2024	Prayer Walk at the school
August 19, 2024	Teachers' Luncheon
August 23-24, 2024	Men's Retreat at Ludlow Falls Camp.
August 27, 2024	LifeWise begins
September 29, 2024	Concert "Proclaim His Name"

Next meeting will be held August 15, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Closed in Prayer by Pastor Ty.

Serving Schedule

SEP 01

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

SEP 08

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

SEP 15

9:00 Liturgist: Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I. and Cathy B.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** **Honoring Nursery Workers
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:** Tim B.

SEP 22

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Larry & Beth T.
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:** Ben G.

SEP 29

9:00 Liturgist: Monica S. **Greeters:** Sophia & Stella B.
Ushers: Steve K. & Kay W. **Hospitality Table:** Luana D.
Nursery: **10:15** Jennifer K. & Patti W. / **11:15** Jennifer & Anna K. and Jill C.
11:15 Greeters: Patti W. and Courtney 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 September 2024

3rd - Bradley Brown
Mary Ann Martens
Jim & Marilyn Mitchell (52 yrs)
5th - Rex Abke
7th - Paul & Sally Miller (61 yrs)
8th - Joe & Katie Ellis (2 yrs)
David & Kristine Hayes (6 yrs)
10th - Monica Studebaker
David & Dawn Jay (41 yrs)
11th - Kathy Koeller
Jaydan Lawhorn
12th - Susie Spitler
13th - Rev. Tim Benkert
Norman & Joy Paulus (65 yrs)



14th - Megan Bryson
15th - Stella Blackburn
16th - Matthew & Amanda Burns (24 yrs)
18th - Belinda Wright
23rd - David Jay
Monica Winemiller
24th - Sally Blue
Kathy Hagemeyer
Karen Randall
Michael & Amy Barnes (19 yrs)
Greg & Bev Brubaker (57 yrs)
27th - Martin & Wendy Black (21 yrs)
29th - Bethany Benkert
30th - Pastor Ty & Holly Williams (13 yrs)

Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	07-21-24	07-28-24	08-04-24	08-11-24	08-18-24
General Offering	10181.00	4213.00	6171.00	6158.00	4909.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	303.00	166.00	240.00	425.00	174.00
Maintenance Fund	458.00	6511.00	255.00	235.00	110.00
Building Fund & Memorials	194.00	76.00	305.00	198.00	60.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	100	89	89	90	98
* Remote viewing	10	13	18	13	14
11:15 a.m. Service at church	64	84	72	40	65
* Remote viewing	3	1	2	3	3
Total Attendance	177	187	181	146	180

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Bulldog Bags

Mission: To provide food for students who need nourishment throughout the weekend.

Reason: We know that some student's nutritious meals only come from being at school. We want to help supplement items so that children are not hungry when they arrive at school each Monday.

Goal: To be able to find the funds and volunteers to include all students K-5th grade who need food for the weekends. This amounts to about \$46,000.00.

How it works: Once a week, on Thursday, a group of volunteers get together at the school, with the help of high school students, we package bags of food. It takes about two hours and then the food gets passed out on Fridays to go home with the students who have been approved to take home a Bulldog Bag. The bags typically include 12 items, such as cereal, Nutri-Grain bars, crackers, applesauce, fruit cup, snack items, etc.

How you can help: We are asking all congregations, groups and individuals to consider a commitment to sponsoring students for next year. You can sponsor one or more children, per month or per year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Becky Garrett (937-698-6511) or email her at ragarrett15@gmail.com. Checks/cash can be sent to Bulldog Bags, P.O. Box 93 West Milton, OH 45383. Please mark on the check- Bulldog Bags. Thank you for your help!

Sponsorships:

Sponsor 1 child- 1 month- \$20.00	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 1 child- 2 months- \$40.00	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 1 child- 5 months- \$100.00	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 1 child- 1 year- \$180.00	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 30 children- 1 month- \$600	Total: \$ _____
Sponsor 30 children- 1 year- \$5400	Total: \$ _____

People to remember in prayer:



Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Ron Butt, as he passed away on August 19, 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

Hoffman Family, I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits. I am very blessed to be part of such a supportive church. I couldn't have made it without God's help and all of you.

Love and Blessings, Judy Brown

Dear Church Family, Thank you all for the cards and prayers for my previous surgeries. It means so much having you for my church family.

God Bless You! Love, Janet Balsbaugh

Dear Hoffman Church Family, Thank you for all your cards, texts, messages, prayers and calls during my mother's death.

Blessings, Lisa Wright

Hoffman GMC Phone Directory will be updated in mid-October, if you want to be included and you are new to Hoffman or your address or phone number has changed in the last year, email JoAnn at HoffmanGMC@gmail.com or call (937)698-4401 and make sure we have your information.

Hi all! A few Cru updates! Our Welcome Week happened this past month! We would love prayer that we as staff could connect with new students during this time, specifically those we met during our big Bar-B-Cru event. We also ask that the digital survey keeps reaching and engaging more students, giving us useful feedback. Please pray for steadfastness and excitement to continue for our student leaders. Lastly, pray that the new students who will join us could continue to feel welcome, find their place, and grow in their faith and community!

Emily Benkert

Chancel Choir

It is time for choir season to begin again. We will have our first choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come join this celebration of praises to God. We will be in the choir loft on Sunday, Sept. 8. Come join the fun as we lift our voices to praise God. If you have any questions, please see or call Norman H. at (937) 698-3280 or (937) 689-4064.

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

Who wrote the part of the Bible known as "The Torah"?

Grandma's Kitchen September Menu

Sept 11 Meatloaf	Sept 25 Chicken Casserole
Mashed Potatoes	Slaw
Peas	Fruit
Watergate Salad	Ice Cream Sundae

Bell Choir

It is also time for bell choir so I am looking for people willing to ring a couple bells every week. There is a lot of fun and good fellowship at these rehearsals so come join us. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.. Anyone interested please give Norman H. a call at (937) 698-3280 or (937) 689-4064.

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



**Thank you so much for your donations,
prayers and volunteering. We had a great start
to the school year.**

If you are currently a prayer partner, please
let Becky know if you would like to
continue or stop for the school year, 2024-
2025. Thank you for keeping all our
students and teachers in your prayers.

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

Youth Ministry Youth of Hoffman!

Join Pastor Ty and Holly on Second
Sundays of the month for a time of
fellowship and Bible Study

We will meet 6-7:30pm at the church.
September 8, October 13, November 10,
December 8.

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, September 21!
Youth will go to Illumination Festival in
Greenville (<https://illuminationfestival.org/>)

For questions, please contact Pastor Ty
(hoffmangmcpastor@gmail.com)



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



Proclaim His Name Outdoor Concert

September 29, 2024

5:00-8:00

Hoffman Global Methodist Church

- 5:00 Announcements and prayer by Pastor Ty
- 5:15 Boanerges (Sons of Thunder)- Hoffman Global Methodist Church Praise Band plays one song
First Door Prize Given: Police hat signed by Chief Doyle Wright
- 5:30 New Mountain Heritage Band
- 6:30 Announcements/LifeWise Information
Second Door Prize Given: Students throw LifeWise t-shirts into audience
- 6:45 Audience participation sing along with Pastor Ty and Amanda Alexander
Third Door Prize Given: *Then Sings My Soul: Vol. 1* by Robert J. Morgan
- 7:00 Amanda Alexander solo
Boanerges (Sons of Thunder) - Hoffman Global Methodist Church Praise Band
Last Door Prize Given: Autographed mandolin
- 8:00 Thank you and prayer by Pastor Ty

My **vision** for this outdoor concert was to hear gospel singing throughout the streets of West Milton. Wouldn't it be so awesome to have a free concert giving God's word in a wonderful, fun setting and making it accessible for all to hear?

- Everyone brings their own chairs.
- Concessions available for purchase: proceeds go to LifeWise of West Milton.
 - Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, bagged chips, popcorn, snow cones, drinks
- Door prizes: everyone gets a ticket and must be present to win.
 - Police hat signed by Chief Doyle Wright
 - LifeWise t-shirts
 - A copy of *Then Sings My Soul: Vol. 1* by Robert J. Morgan with a note by Pastor Ty.
 - A mandolin autographed by all of the musicians.
- Concessions located outside
- Restrooms located in the activity center of the church.
- Bands set up behind the church in the parking lot facing the bus parking lot. Audience sits in the grass facing the back of the church.
- S. Jefferson St. and 2nd street will be blocked off.
- Parking will be available in the south parking lot and the school bus parking lot.

IF IT RAINS, THE EVENT IS CANCELLED

The trustees are contemplating the installation of a "hearing loop" system to directly transmit the sanctuary speaker sound system signal to congregant's and visitor's hearing aids or ear buds. Please answer the following questions so that we have an idea as to the usefulness of this system:

1. Do you have difficulty hearing the church service? _____
2. Would you use ear buds that amplify the sound system? _____
3. Do you use hearing aids? _____
4. Do your hearing aids have T-coils that can receive the sound system transmission?

Additional questionnaires are located by each bulletin box and at the information table.
Responses can be placed in the basket on the information table.

Future-Seekers Sunday School Class: New Study for September/October

A reminder that *The First Real Christian*, by J. D. Walt, a 7-week study of the book of James, will begin Sunday, September 8 in the basement during Sunday School. The book consists of 30 daily readings, five each week, which include a scripture passage, commentary by the author, several questions and a prayer. J. D. Walt describes James as a 'reverse snooze bar; as we drift into sleep, his words offer a wake-up call.' The book of James will ask us to become 'real Christians' who do the Word of God.

All are welcome to join. There will be no charge for materials. If you cannot attend but would like a copy of the book, please let me know. Questions? Please contact Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831 or mbmitchell50@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study on the Book of Colossians

The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin *The Domino Effect* on Wednesday, September 25 in the Multi-Purpose room at 10:00 am. This study will examine Paul's book of Colossians. When Jesus called disciples to follow Him, their lives *tipped* into other lives, like dominos affecting the dominos nearest them: from the Upper Room with 120 people, to 3000 people at Pentecost, to 2 billion Christians around the world today. What if we could become a kind of domino effect in our own church and then our own town and then even farther? We are asked to consider our place in the 'line of dominos' and our responsibility in carrying the message of Jesus on to other people and places.

Please join us as we begin our study on Sept. 25. There is no charge for materials but books will need to be ordered. Please contact Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831 or mbmitchell50@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to order a book.

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2024 FINANCE REPORT

General Budget and Missions Budget

July 31, 2024

REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	7,836.14	45,771.14
1020	Second Sunday	5,048.00	36,499.50
1030	Third Sunday	9,921.00	41,278.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	4,213.00	32,961.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	9,014.00
Total Regular Offering		27,018.14	165,523.64
1060	Misc. Income	310.00	1,103.72
**Total Income		27,328.14	166,627.36

		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	1,470.55	1,229.45
Total Connectional		10,700.00	210.00	8,654.12	2,045.88

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	191.04	191.04	558.96
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	32.00	2,988.94	2,011.06
Total Ministries		11,000.00	223.04	4,343.00	6,657.00

OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

12	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	68.80	514.87	385.13
13	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	68.00	3,079.98	1,120.02
14	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	210.53	3,049.88	950.12
15	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	189.00	811.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	347.33	6,833.73	3,266.27

STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

16	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Staff Salary	119,217.78	10,869.57	69,361.11	49,856.67
18	Health Ins.	28,388.00	2,423.49	17,242.25	11,145.75
19	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	5,868.00	-721.65	2,278.38	3,589.62
20	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	10.00	442.39	3,557.61
21	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
22	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	300.00	200.00
23	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,878.41	544.90	3,411.40	2,467.01
24	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
25	Conference Delegate	550.00	0.00	170.00	380.00
Total Staff & Parish Relations		165,952.19	13,126.31	94,205.53	71,746.66

TRUSTEES

26	Maintenance	2,400.00	348.37	978.40	1,421.60
27	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	28,135.00	1,659.30	14,156.97	13,978.03
28	Building Insurance	5,079.00	446.85	3,141.85	1,937.15
29	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,290.00	1,548.73	3,097.46	192.54
30	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	6,306.00	360.00	4,132.89	2,173.11
31	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	0.00	524.79	505.21
Total Trustees		46,240.00	4,363.25	26,032.36	20,207.64

****Total General Budgeted Expenses** 243,992.19 18,269.93 140,068.74 103,923.45

MISSIONS BUDGET

32	Local Missions	4,500.00	226.24	2,445.08	2054.92
33	Global Missions	2,500.00	500.00	748.16	1751.84
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	726.24	3,443.24	4106.76

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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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