



# THE TOWERS

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

April 2025

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



### 1 Corinthians 15:14

**And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
I have been plodding (rather slowly) along through a novel titled *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, authored by John Irving. The story is narrated by John Wheelwright, recounting tales of growing up in New Hampshire with his friend, the peculiar Owen Meany. Every now and then, the book jumps to the present, and in one of these episodes, Wheelwright shares his thoughts about Holy Week and Easter as an adult churchgoer:

“I find that Holy Week is draining; no matter how many times I have lived through his crucifixion, my anxiety about his resurrection is undiminished - I am terrified that, this year, it won’t happen; that, that year, it didn’t. Anyone can be sentimental about the Nativity; any fool can feel like a Christian at Christmas. But Easter is the main event; if you don’t believe in the resurrection, you’re not a believer.”

The honest wrestling over the reality of resurrection (“I am terrified that, this year, it won’t happen”) gets to the heart of what we are approaching as we progress through Lent and approach the cross and the empty tomb. It matters whether resurrection is reality. Resurrection, speaking in a Christian-ly manner, is not a theory or fluffy spiritual idea or a metaphor for “rising above it.” It entails a real body, with real scars (see John 20:19-20). If it is just a figure of speech or a symbol, then death still has the final word. As the Apostle Paul tells the Corinthians, “*If our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world*” (1 Corinthians 15:19).



We are reminded that Christianity is so much more than a philosophy for getting along in the world, for moral improvement, or vague notions of happiness. It is rooted and founded on events in history, in a particular time and place. It involves people with names, eye colors, interesting habits, and families. The cross and resurrection of Jesus, if just ideas, might put us in a better mood from time to time, but in the end will be worthless. If the cross and resurrection are real and have happened, however, then death is defeated. In the words of Frederick Buechner: “Resurrection means that the worst thing is never the last thing.”

It all raises the question: if death has been defeated, what am I afraid of? What keeps me running scared and awake at night? And how might that change as I accept more and more fully that the tomb of Christ is empty?

May we say with the Apostle Paul: *Death swallowed by triumphant Life!*

*Who got the last word, oh, Death?*

*Oh, Death, who’s afraid of you now?* (1 Corinthians 15:54-55, MSG)

**In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Ty <><**

**\*Image:** Resurrection of Christ, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56588> [retrieved March 20, 2025]. Original source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:0000\\_Mosaics\\_of\\_Resurrection\\_of\\_Christ.JPG](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:0000_Mosaics_of_Resurrection_of_Christ.JPG) - Eugenio Hansen, OFS.

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Meeting Attendees:

Pastor Ty Williams, Wendy Heisey, Chris Long, Jim Mitchell, Denise Ellinger, Myra Lingle, Tina Mathews, Joyce Hoffmaster, Darin Wion, Matt Burns, David Hayes, and David Jay

### Devotion:

Denise Ellinger shared from the book Jesus Calling. Receive My Peace. The best way to receive this gift is to sit quietly in my Presence, trusting Me in every area of your life. Quietness and trust accomplish far more than you can imagine. When you trust Me in a given area, you release that problem or person into My care. John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let our hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

### Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Ty attending the Order of Holy Fire Retreat - February 24 to February 27, 2025
- Mission Team Giving Update.
- Spirit and Truth Conference – Friday, March 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service (March 5) and the Lent study to start the following Wednesday, March 12.
- Spirit and Truth Weekend at Hoffman – May 16 – May 18, 2025. This can be open to the outside.

### Youth Ministry:

- Bible study February 16 and March 9, 2025
- Confirmation classes April 6 – June 1, 2025.
- The youth was invited to the River Church for Lock-In on March 29 and to the Vandalia Rec Center the end of March.

### Finance Report:

- Weeks of operations are 15.3 ending the month of January 2025.
- Started our first month of the year being over our budget in giving.
- Motion made by David Hayes to approve finance statement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Jay. Motion passed, voted and approved.

### Trustees:

- January 2025 maintenance project is replacing flooring in the parsonage. This will be in the kitchen, eating area and family room. Motion made for the cost of the flooring by Joyce and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt. Motion passed, voted and approved.
- Motion was made by Denise to revise the Facility Use Agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tina. Motion passed, voted and approved
- Internet Service to be looked for better live streaming. Contacts to Spectrum and Metronet to be completed. Will advise at our March meeting.
- Motion made to approved the Trustees minutes by Chris Long and 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Hayes. Motion passed, voted and approved.

### Staff Parish:

Annual Clergy Assessment completed. The form was shared with the Board.

### List of Important Dates:

March 12	Lent Study Begins
March 21-22	Spirit & Truth Conference
April 20	Easter Sunday
May 16-18	Spirit & Truth Weekend
June 18-21	Allegheny West Annual Conference

Next meeting will be held March 20, 2025.

## Serving Schedule

### April 6

**9:00 Liturgist:** Becky G. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Melody W.

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

**11:15 Greeters:** 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class **Acolytes:** Anna & Emma K. **Scripture Reader:** Julia C.

### April 13

**9:00 Liturgist:** Wendy H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Tom & Sarah P.

**Nursery: 10:15** Elaine P. & Sarah P. / **11:15** Kim & Cooper D. and Rose K.

**11:15 Greeters:** Dick & Mary Ann M. **Acolytes:** Lorelei M. & Rose K. **Scripture Reader:** Ben G.

### April 20

**9:00 Liturgist:** Les T. **Greeters:** Elaine I.  
**Ushers:** Stacy W. and Josh W. **Hospitality Table:** Various members of the church

**Nursery: 10:15** Carol C. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Ben G.

**11:15 Greeters:** Kathy W. and Stacy W. **Acolytes:** Dalton M. & Lily M. **Scripture Reader:** Lorelei M.

### April 27

**9:00 Liturgist:** Monica S. **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.  
**Ushers:** Dan & Erin S. and David & Dawn J. **Hospitality Table:** Elaine I.

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

**11:15 Greeters:** Paul & Sally M. and Marijo S. **Acolytes:** Will H. & Matthew G. **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 April 2025

4<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Trittschuh  
Phyllis Woodward  
Jerry & Libby Richards (44 yrs)  
5<sup>th</sup> - Ian Bryson  
8<sup>th</sup> - Sophia Blackburn  
Debby Schumann  
9<sup>th</sup> - Becky Baker  
13<sup>th</sup> - Rachel Ellen Young  
15<sup>th</sup> - Tom Kinsey  
16<sup>th</sup> - Libby Richards  
17<sup>th</sup> - Darin & Patti Wion (32 yrs)  
19<sup>th</sup> - Kristine Hayes  
Dixie Porter



21<sup>st</sup> - Marilyn Yount  
22<sup>nd</sup> - Barb Frazier  
Jennifer Knostman  
Tom Weeks  
24<sup>th</sup> - Cooper Dohrman  
25<sup>th</sup> - Katie Ellis  
26<sup>th</sup> - Marijo Schlecht  
Jeremy & Wendy Heisey (25 yrs)  
Lester & Sharon Trittschuh (56 yrs)  
28<sup>th</sup> - Kathie Abke  
Michael Barnes

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	02-23-25	03-02-25	03-09-25	03-16-25
General Fund	9688.00	6303.00	6749.00	5030.00
Weekly Budget Need	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06
Mission Offering	460.00	313.00	328.00	335.00
Maintenance Fund	550.00	195.00	365.00	210.00
Building Fund & Memorials	143.00	115.00	187.00	125.00
Ash Wed 63				
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	68	71	61	58
* Remote viewing	21	13	14	14
11:15 a.m. Service at church	40	50	54	58
* Remote viewing	6	3	4	3
Total Attendance	135	137	133	133

## GRANDMA'S KITCHEN April & May 2025 MENUS

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

201 S. MAIN STREET, WEST MILTON 698-4401

SERVING MOST WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING AT 5:00 to 6:15 P.M.

PUBLIC INVITED CARRY-OUTS AVAILABLE \$8 DONATION PER MEAL Kids Meal \$3

**April 23rd**    **Beef & Noodles**  
**Mashed Potatoes**  
**Corn**  
**Ice Cream Sundae**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>**    **J's Swiss Chicken**  
**Parsley Potatoes**  
**Peas**  
**Cream Puffs**

**Welcome Back! We look forward to serving you again!**  
**Please note that due to the Easter and Memorial Day holidays**  
**we will be open only once in April and once in May. Thanks!**

**Menu items are subject to change.**

## *People to remember in prayer:*

**At Home:** Phil Blue, Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Cheryl Owen, Mary Maess, Dixie & Dick Porter, Shelia Shade, Theda Sliver, Marilyn Stickney, and Jim & Kathy Watkins

**At Centers:** Johnnie Bouck, Brookhaven Assisted Living, 1 Country Ln, Rm 112, Brookville OH 45309  
Barb Frazier, Aventura at Oakwood Village, 1500 Villa Rd., Springfield OH 45503  
Dorothy Ginn, Cypress Pointe, 600 W. National Rd., Rm 312, 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***

**Celebration of Life Service for Sherynne King**  
April 5 at 3 p.m. at Hoffman GMC

**Wednesdays in Lent**  
Join us for a Bible study and a meal on  
Wednesdays, April 2, 9, & 16  
meal at 5:30 p.m. and study begins at 6 p.m.

**Community Good Friday Service**  
April 18, 2025 at 7 p.m.  
at Highland Church of the Brethren



### **Easter Celebration April 20**

Sunrise Service at 7 a.m.

Enhanced Hospitality Table in Activity Center at 8 a.m.

Worship Times: 9 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - Check with your class

### **Global Methodist Women's Meeting** **April 24 at 7 p.m. in the basement**

Women of the church please join us as we explore how Mary's story teaches us to trust God in the unexpected. Through testimonies of other women, including stories of resilience and faith, we'll reflect on how God sees our strength even when the world does not. Come be encouraged to say yes to God's plan, even when it looks different than we imagined. Holly Williams will be our speaker for the evening.

### **Church Rummage Sale**

June 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. When doing your spring cleaning, remember to save sellable items for the sale.

I want to thank the church family for their prayers and get well cards, and especially my wife and daughter, but mostly the Lord who took care of me during my recovery. You all were amazing and a God send to me.

Thank you, John Henneymy

Hoffman GMC, Thank you so much for your generous donation to Faith Responders to help those impacted by disasters. We greatly appreciate your support and consideration! Blessings, Faith Responders  
(The Mission Fund sent a donation in January 2025)

### **Grandma's Kitchen**

Don't forget that Grandma's Kitchen opens on Wednesday, April 23. We will be serving meals in the Activity Center the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month through October from 5:00 to 6:15pm. Carry-outs are available; call ahead (937-698-4401) or just stop by. Meals are \$8 for adults and \$4 for a child's reduced portion meal. All are welcome. You do not need to attend Hoffman to come and enjoy a meal with us or to volunteer. Feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to join us for a hot meal, friendly service and a pleasant atmosphere. Proceeds from Grandma's Kitchen go to local, national and international food ministries.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Marilyn Mitchell, 937-947-1831 or email mbmitchell50@gmail.com. We could still use a few more volunteers and subs.

### Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

Who threw salt in the spring to heal the land?





## THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The prayer chain is now being led by Dawn J.; if you have a prayer request, please call (937)681-3252.

Thank you Nancy S. for your years of dedication to this ministry; we appreciate you both.

**Youth Bible Study** - Sunday, April 13 at 6 p.m. in the basement.

Dear Church Family, Thank you everyone for all of the birthday wishes and cards; also for the prayers for my health and healing. God bless you all,  
Janet Balsbaugh

On behalf of Hope Rising Pregnancy Center, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your financial support. Your ongoing support is a beautiful example of the love you show to those in need and we are so thankful for the difference you're making in the lives of the families we serve. Aaron, Director of Development

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

### Help Needed!!

I am looking for one nursery worker; you would work once a month on the third Sunday during second service. We are also looking for one or two subs.

I am also looking for three more Sunday school teachers; you would work one month on and three months off. Please consider helping us and being a consistently good role model for our children. Please let Becky know ASAP!! Thank you!!

If you can help with VBS this year, please let me know! June 29 through July 3.



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

### Welcome New Members!

Luana Delehanty  
A. Kent Klepinger  
Cherie Seigfried  
Phyllis & Vance Woodward  
Rachel Ellen Young

We are so happy to have you officially join our Hoffman GMC church family!

### Spirit & Truth Weekend at Hoffman GMC Friday, May 16 to Sunday, May 18, 2025

A retreat for our congregation designed to help ignite a new hunger for God and to offer practical training to take new steps into our discipleship to Jesus.

#### To Register: Cost \$20 per person

Email Pastor Ty at  
HoffmanGMCpastor@gmail.com to  
confirm you will be attending. Write a  
check out to Hoffman GMC for \$20 with  
"Spirit and Truth" in the memo line.

#### Friday evening, May 16, 2025:

6:30-8pm Worship/Training: "Cultivating a  
Hunger for God"

#### Saturday, May 17, 2025:

9:00-9:30am Morning Prayer/Worship  
9:30-12pm Training: "Living a Spirit-Filled Life"  
12:00-1:00pm Lunch (more details soon)  
1:00-2:00pm Training: "Getting Intentional About  
Sharing Your Faith"  
2:00-3:00pm Prayer Outreach  
3:00-3:30pm Debrief and Testimonies  
6:30-8:00pm Closing Worship

**Sunday, May 18, 2025:** Join us for special  
worship services at 9 and 11:15 a.m.

# HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2025 FINANCE REPORT

## General Budget and Missions

February 28, 2025

### REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	5,500.00	11,301.00
1020	Second Sunday	6,494.00	13,440.00
1030	Third Sunday	1,602.00	5,648.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	9,688.00	16,129.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	0.00
Total Regular Offering		23,284.00	46,518.00
1060	Misc. Income	136.50	221.50
<b>**Total Income</b>		23,420.50	46,739.50

		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
<b>CONNECTIONAL FUNDING</b>					
1	Connectional Funding AWAC 3%	9,000.00	3,500.00	7,000.00	2,000.00
2	Connection Funding GMC 1%	3,000.00	865.00	1,830.00	1,170.00
Total Connectional		12,000.00	4,365.00	8,830.00	3,170.00

### MINISTRIES

3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
5	Worship	750.00	68.22	94.71	655.29
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	120.00	120.00	630.00
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	0.00	153.83	4,846.17
12	Mission Support	13,500.00	0.00	0.00	13,500.00
Total Ministries		24,500.00	188.22	368.54	24,131.46

### OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

13	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	85.41	814.59
14	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	552.57	774.78	3,425.22
15	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	434.69	1,456.82	2,543.18
16	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	987.26	2,317.01	7,782.99

### STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

17	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
18	Staff Salary	121,895.34	8,699.68	17,399.36	104,495.98
19	Health Ins.	30,375.16	2,484.68	4,969.36	25,405.80
2	Pension & Self Funded Portion	6,278.76	503.18	1,006.36	5,272.40
21	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	25.38	71.23	3,928.77
22	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
23	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
24	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,966.74	410.47	791.62	5,175.12
25	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
26	Conference Delegate	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Total Staff & Parish Relations		171,166.00	12,123.39	24,237.93	146,928.07

### TRUSTEES

27	Maintenance	2,400.00	562.58	618.20	1,781.80
28	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	30,630.00	3,042.61	5,749.39	24,880.61
29	Building Insurance	5,700.00	520.08	1,040.20	4,659.80
30	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,450.00	1,583.72	1,583.72	1,866.28
31	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	7,815.00	0.00	1,462.60	6,352.40
32	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	70.09	168.82	861.18
33	Capital Improvement Fund	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00
Total Trustees		56,225.00	5,779.08	10,622.93	45,602.07

**\*\*Total General Budgeted Expenses** 273,991.00 23,442.95 46,376.41 227,614.59

### MISSIONS

34	Local Missions	6,500.00	1,000.00	1,707.70	4,792.30
35	Global Missions	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
36	MU Council of Churches	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Total Missions Expenses		9,250.00	1,250.00	1,957.70	7,292.30

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Website: HoffmanGMC.org  
Pastor Ty Williams