



THE TOWERS

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

August 2025

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Mark 2:17

Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

God is love. The greatest commandments, according to Jesus, are to love God with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, and all our strengths; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Christianity is a religion of love. The Scriptures are meant to lead us to the knowledge and practice of love. St. Augustine wrote, "Whoever, therefore, thinks that he understands the divine Scriptures or any part of them so that it does not build the double love of God and of our neighbor does not understand it at all."

God is love. God expresses and demonstrates for us what love is. Sometimes we make the mistake of taking our half-correct (and, therefore, half-wrong) conceptions of love and pasting them onto God, determining God must act in accordance with these ideas. As Christians, we let the Lord and Giver of life determine what love is and what love requires.

So how has God demonstrated His love for you? He has pursued us, been patient with us, continued to have mercy on us. Consider all that we have put our heavenly Father through as His rebellious children. Then consider how great His love is for us, still. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He has wiped our slate clean. Love looks like the Cross – sacrificial, selfless offering for the sake of others, especially others who do not deserve it.

God's love for me is an example of God's heart for broken people. You and I are broken. It is foolish to pretend otherwise, to consider ourselves whole, while we think of others as broken. No, we all need

Jesus. God loves the broken. It is the broken He came to save. Let us continue to bring our brokenness to Him. We see in the Gospels, and we know in experience, Jesus goes where the wounds are. He responds to our brokenness, not our strength.

We all need the love of God. Early on the Church took on the image of being a "hospital for sinners." We are part of the Church, and we go to church, not because we are healthy and have come to receive our trophies and badges for a job well-done. We are part of the Church, and we go to church, because we need the healing mercy of Christ.

This love we receive is the love we share through the power of the Holy Spirit. The love we share in witnessing to others does not have to be in the context of Bible trivia and having all of people's questions answered. Sharing our faith can be as simple as sharing how your life has been changed by the love of God. The late Brennan Manning said, "Evangelism is just one beggar telling another where to find bread."

Let us pray to keep our eyes on the One who is love, who has loved us, who continues to love us, no matter what. Let us pray that we will have, in the words of John Wesley: "love governing the heart and life, running through all our tempers, words and actions."

**In Christ's Love,
Pastor Ty <><**

Board Meeting Highlights

Meeting Attendees:

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

Devotion: Tina Mathews gave our devotion. Phil 4:8, she read from the book *Jesus Listens*. The Lord teaches us to rejoice always, connecting our joy to him first and foremost. I have found that giving thanks in all circumstance increases my joy immensely. Tina opened in Prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Allegheny West Annual Conference was held June 18-June 21. The theme was "Start Planting"
 - 43 Ordained, 90 responded to the call to become a church planter, over 20 responded to the call to ministry.
- Bible Study: Starts July 8 for 4-weeks. 6pm in the Sanctuary.

Youth Ministry:

- Next study is July 13, 2025.

Children's Ministry

- Vacation Bible School – June 29 – July 3.
- Sunday, July 5 – VBS Sunday
- Looking for a Youth Sunday School teacher to begin in August.
- Teachers will be needed for the children's Sunday school classes to start in September.

Finance Report:

- Weeks of operations are 15.87 ending the month of May 2025.

- Funds were pulled from the Mission Support and moved to the Church Mission in the amount of \$6075.00
- Motion made by Chris to approve finance statement, 2nd by Joyce. Voted & Approved

Trustees:

The Activity Center, Kitchen, Bathrooms, and hallways will be striped and waxed in July 17 & 18. Motion made by Denise and 2nd by Tina. This was voted and approved.

- Privacy fence being installed at the parsonage. Paid half and the balance will be paid at completion.
- Safety & Security team met on May 25, 2025.
- There is still talk about a video security system that could be monitored at the sound board. Some research is being done on this.
- Motion made by Joyce and 2nd by Chris to approve Trustees minutes. Voted & approved.

Staff Parish:

- Had there "Open Meeting" on May 25 and received some good feed-back and suggestions that are being discussed.
- Could use a few more people trained to cover the sound board during services.

List of Important Dates:

August 3	Church Picnic
August 8-10	Art Show

Next Meeting is July 17, 2025.

Serving Schedule

AUG 03

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H.

Greeters: Wendy H. and Marcia S.

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

Hospitality Table: Jerry K.

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

11:15 Greeters: 3rd - 5th Grade Class

Acolytes: Anna & Emma K.

Scripture Reader: Tim B.

AUG 10

9:00 Liturgist: Jerry D.

Greeters: Elaine P. and Kathy K.

Ushers: John & LaVerne H.

Hospitality Table: Pam H.

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

11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M.

Acolytes: Lorelei M. & Rose K.

Scripture Reader: Ben G.

AUG 17

9:00 Liturgist: Becky G.

Greeters: Elaine I.

Ushers: Stacy W. and Josh W.

Hospitality Table: Kathy Wallace

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

11:15 Greeters: Kathy W. and Stacy W.

Acolytes: Dalton M. & Lily M.

Scripture Reader: Norman H.

AUG 24

9:00 Liturgist: Monica S.

Greeters: Carol S. and Carolyn B.

Ushers: Dan & Erin S. and David & Dawn J.

Hospitality Table: Steve & Debby S.

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

11:15 Greeters: Paul & Sally M.

Acolytes: Will H. & Matthew G.

Scripture Reader: Lily M.

AUG 31

9:00 Liturgist: Wendy H.

Greeters: Sophia and Stella B.

Ushers: Steve K. & Kay W.

Hospitality Table: Jim & Marilyn M.

Nursery: 10:15 Kathy K. & Luana D. / **11:15** Janessa M. and Kelly & Paige S.

11:15 Greeters: Patti W. and Courtney S.

Acolytes: Lydia G. & Paige S.

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 August 2025

2nd - Jim & Belinda Wright (34 yrs)
3rd - Mary Maess
7th - Sarah Harris
Fred & Cathy Brown (59 yrs)
13th - Jayce Lawhorn
15th - Tammy Lugabihl
Dustin & Chelsi Jay (10 yrs)
17th - Wayne Spitler



20th - Shirley Garreth
Scott Johnston
Richard Smith
24th - Chris Harris
27th - Lorelei MacCartney
28th - Aaron Colvin
Dick & Mary Ann Martens (65 yrs)
30th - John & Pam Hitchcock (22 yrs)
Emily Benkert
31st - Katie Poling





Weekly Giving and Attendance Statistics

Date	06-22-25	06-29-25	07-06-25	07-13-25	07-20-25
General Offering	4131.00	8982.00	8272.00	4018.00	6298.00
Weekly Budget Need	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06
Mission Offering	320.00	520.00	411.00	193.00	260.00
Maintenance Fund	66.00	324.78	1056.00	81.00	85.00
Building Fund & Memorials	104.00	85.00	377.00	101.00	118.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	81	100	86	82	79
* Remote viewing	15	11	13	11	14
11:15 a.m. Service at church	40	42	52	54	38
* Remote viewing	0	4	2	9	3
Total Attendance	136	157	153	156	134

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN August/September 2025 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 13th

Beef and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Cherry Trifle

August 27th

Chicken and Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Peas
Ice Cream Sundae

September 10th

Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Bread
Brownies

September 24th

Chicken Casserole
Slaw
Watergate Salad
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

People to remember in prayer:



Hoffman Sympathies to: the family of Brett Beard as he passed away on July 12, 2025

At Home: Wilma Hoover, Helen Keller, Cheryl Owen, Mary Maess, Shelia Shade, Theda Sliver, 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, Otterbein Senior Life, 4375 S Co. Rd. 25A, Rm 307, Tipp City OH 45371
Marilyn Stickney, Randall Residence W. Milton, 217 Doris Drive, Rm 112, West Milton OH 45383
Monica Winemiller, Vancrest of Upper Valley, 3232 N Co Rd 25A, Rm 8, Troy OH 45373

THANK YOU AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To my church family and friends, thank you for the wonderful thoughts, cards, calls, flowers, visits and prayers. What a blessing you are; may God's blessings be with you all.
Love, Shelia Shade

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift. Because of you, our Foundation is able to continue our mission to "Do Good" since 9/11; we have been helping America's heroes and vow to NEVER FORGET.

The Siler Family & Tunnels to Towers Foundation

Art Show

Opening Reception: Aug 8 - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Show Hours: Aug 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Aug 10 from 11 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.



Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, August 17
at both services.

Prayer Walk on Sunday, August 17 at 4 p.m.
meet at the school library

Teacher Luncheon on Monday, August 18
meet at school at 11 a.m. serve at noon
Contact Becky G. for more information.

FISH-Union Township is looking for a volunteer to help manage the Food Pantry. If interested, please call Ralph Warner at (937)672-7303. There is a list of manager responsibilities on the bulletin board at the west entry.

FISH- Union Township – Meijer Simply Give Program

– Double match days at Troy Meijer on August 16 and September 13. Buy a \$10 card on those two days and Troy Meijer will double match it to \$30. Or if you don't want to go to Troy Meijer, just mail a check payable to FISH – Union Township with 'Meijer Simply Give' in memo line and mail to: c/o Fred Francis, 320 Rachel Ann Blvd., West Milton, OH 45383. Your contributions will then be taken to Troy Meijer on September 13 to be double matched.

Evening Ladies Bible Study

will begin Wednesdays at 6 p.m. on September 3 and meet for 12 weeks ending November 19 in the multi-purpose room 1&2. We will be doing the Right Now Media study on 1,2,3 John by Tony Evans, who will "challenge Christians who have become comfortable and complacent in their faith." All materials are provided, but contact Pam H. (937)657-9977 or pam.hitchcock@gmail.com if you do not have a RightNow Media account and you will be sent an invitation to join.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study

September 3 to November 12

from 10 -11:30 a.m.

See next page for details!

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What does Paul call the Galatians?

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



Important Sunday school info:

For the month of August, we will be combining all the children together in the gym during the Sunday school hour. The youth will be in their regular classroom.

****We are looking for Sunday school teachers again!!**
Please consider being a teacher for a month... we would really appreciate it!

Sunday school 10:15-11:15
Children's Church for Preschoolers
Starts after we sing
Nursery is open during Sunday school and
Second Service



During our July Bible study we looked at the ways God's love is active in our lives and how we can respond through the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32).

The youth made a card and a very large paper chain with verses and words of encouragement for our former youth director Joe Ellis ahead of his big surgery.

*If you are interested in helping with the Youth please contact Pastor Ty or Holly Williams.

Next Bible Study: Sunday August 10, 6pm.

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Fall Study September 3 to November 12 from 10 -11:30 am

We often don't know why God allows storms to disturb the patterns of our lives, but we have a Savior who knows how to manage storms and can get us through them. The most vivid description of a storm in Scripture is the typhoon that shipwrecked the apostle Paul and his shipmates in the Mediterranean Sea giving them little chance for survival.

But God had His purposes and He turned the storm into a story for the ages. In ***The Mediterranean Sea Rules: Ten God-Given Strategies for Moving Forward***, Robert J. Morgan trace every detail of the voyage and shipwreck of the apostle Paul, drawing out ten lessons that will equip you to come out of stormy weather stronger than ever.

"Atmospheric disturbances come to us all. But the Lord pilots His people over rough waters, imparting the nautical skills necessary for spiritual buoyancy. He will do that for you!
Welcome aboard *The Mediterranean Sea Rules*."

1. When your plans collapse, make sure you don't.
2. Trust the slow work of God.
3. Speak your mind without losing your leverage.
4. Let Divine Grace hold you together.
5. Jettison hindering cargo.
6. Expect God to do exactly as He has said.
7. Minister in the moment.
8. Don't underestimate the one percent.
9. Shake the serpent into the fire.
10. Look around for what Christ wants you to do next.

No charge for materials. Please contact Marilyn Mitchell (937-947-1831)
or use email mbmitchell50@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to attend.

Books need to be ordered 2 weeks ahead.

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2025 FINANCE REPORT					
General Budget and Missions					
June 30, 2025					
REGULAR OFFERING		MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
1010	First Sunday		8,638.00	41,037.00	
1020	Second Sunday		5,692.00	38,018.00	
1030	Third Sunday		4,524.00	26,196.00	
1040	Fourth Sunday		4,131.00	32,323.00	
1050	Fifth Sunday		8,982.00	13,886.00	
Total Regular Offering			31,967.00	151,460.00	
1060	Misc. Income		85.00	606.50	
**Total Income			32,052.00	152,066.50	
		BUDGET FOR YEAR	PAID OUT THIS MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE PAID OUT	BALANCE OF BUDGET
CONNECTIONAL FUNDING					
1	Connectional Funding AWAC 3% -100% p	9,000.00	0.00	8,256.37	743.63
2	Connection Funding GMC 1% - 100% paid	3,000.00	0.00	2,896.97	103.03
Total Connectional		12,000.00	0.00	11,153.34	846.66
MINISTRIES					
3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	0.00	115.78	634.22
5	Worship	750.00	51.74	278.17	471.83
6	Music	750.00	0.00	112.94	637.06
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	0.00	330.50	419.50
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	18.18	256.57	493.43
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	0.00	631.68	4,368.32
12	Mission Support	13,500.00	0.00	0.00	13,500.00
Total Ministries		24,500.00	69.92	1,725.64	22,774.36
OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH					
13	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	1,169.74	-269.74
14	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	78.96	1,813.80	2,386.20
15	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	300.69	2,828.67	1,171.33
16	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	379.65	5,812.21	4,287.79
STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS					
17	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
18	Staff Salary	121,895.34	11,074.60	56,947.92	64,947.42
19	Health Ins.	30,375.16	2,482.73	14,904.18	15,470.98
2	Pension & Self Funded Portion	6,278.76	431.06	2,874.84	3,403.92
21	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	215.36	1,508.26	2,491.74
22	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
23	Pulpit Supply	500.00	0.00	200.00	300.00
24	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,966.74	503.10	2,562.86	3,403.88
25	Moving Allowance	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
26	Conference Delegate	600.00	0.00	170.00	430.00
Total Staff & Parish Relations		171,166.00	14,706.85	80,168.06	90,997.94
TRUSTEES					
27	Maintenance	2,400.00	0.00	1,689.20	710.80
28	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	30,630.00	1,384.90	15,042.06	15,587.94
29	Building Insurance	5,700.00	520.08	3,120.52	2,579.48
30	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,450.00	1,583.72	3,167.44	282.56
31	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	7,815.00	715.00	3,897.75	3,917.25
32	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	32.24	384.49	645.51
33	Capital Improvement Fund	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00
Total Trustees		56,225.00	4,235.94	27,301.46	28,923.54
**Total General Budgeted Expenses		273,991.00	19,392.36	126,160.71	147,830.29
MISSIONS					
34	Local Missions	6,500.00	763.02	7,080.68	-580.68
35	Global Missions	2,500.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	-500.00
36	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
Total Missions Expenses		9,250.00	2,763.02	10,330.68	-1,080.68

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