



THE TOWERS

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

September 2025

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



**And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
(Ephesians 3:17b-19)**

Brothers and sisters,
How great is the love of God!

One aspect of God's love that sets Him apart is that His love never runs out. In Jeremiah 31:3 we read, "The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'" Everlasting. Unfailing. We may sometimes think that we have overdrawn our account of grace or that we have bumped into the limit of God's love with our sins and asking for forgiveness. Yet, keep in mind Jesus tells the disciples to forgive without counting (see Matthew 18:21-22). If people like us are expected to extend forgiveness every time someone repents (see Luke 17:3-4), how much more will God extend His mercy toward us when we repent and ask for forgiveness during our lives!

God's love also does what is needed. It is more than strong feelings toward us but is demonstrated in *actions* toward us. God creates us, sustains us with His grace, "makes his sun shine on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). Nowhere is God's love more evident than the cross of Jesus Christ. Our salvation, our place in God's family as His sons and daughters, hinges on the cross. In his book *The Meaning of Marriage*, the late Tim Keller says, "We are so evil and sinful and flawed that Jesus had to die for us.

We were so lost that nothing less than the death of the divine Son of God could save us. But we are so loved and valued that he was willing to die for us. The Lord of the universe loved us enough to do that!" St. John Chrysostom says it this way: "By the cross we know the gravity of sin and the greatness of God's love toward us."

God's love never runs out. His mercies are new every day. God's love takes action through the cross of Jesus to redeem us. And God's love makes us whole. It sanctifies and heals us. This aspect of God's grace focuses on what happens to us after we have put their faith in Jesus, becoming God's sons and daughters. In the family of God and having been born again, the Holy Spirit works in our lives to make us holy, more like Jesus. This process we call sanctification. This is often expressed through the fruit of the Spirit, listed in Galatians 5. As the process of sanctification continues and we grow in God's grace, these characteristics develop and mature in us: "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). What God is doing through sanctification is a deep, healing work in our souls. Through sin, through trauma, and through the messiness of the world, we have become very sick. We have developed sinful habits, addictions, and unhealthy ways of coping to get along in this life. God's wants to heal those areas of soul sickness and set us free from the bondage of the fear of death. He wants us to experience the freedom that He died and rose to give us. How great is the love of God!

**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: Wendy Heisey had our devotion. Mat 20: 1-16, The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. She read from a book by Erwin Lutzer. Wendy had shared that she was struggling with some things that were happening at work, after much prayer, reading Matthew 20 and this book she is currently reading, she has found peace with work. Our Service is to Christ and not our workplace. Wendy opened in Prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Church Planting: Pastor Ty met with 3 other pastors and Presiding Elder Tom Hanover to discuss a partnership exploring church planting in our geographical area.
- The Bible Study on the Holy Spirit had over 30+ attendees each week.

Youth Ministry:

- Next meeting is August 10.
- The Youth have expressed wanting to meet more often.
- Illumination Festival, Saturday September 20 at the Darke Co. Fairgrounds

Children's Ministry

- Looking for a Youth Sunday School teacher to begin in September
- There are still teacher openings for Children's Sunday school classes to start in September.

Finance Report:

- Weeks of operations are 18.22 ending the month of June 2025.
- Our yearly budget is doing so much better than projected.
- Opened and moved \$38K to a CD at Wright Patt Credit Union. 3.87% APY that matures on March 2026. (\$7500.00 of this is the Trustees)
- Motion made by David Hayes to approve finance statement, 2nd by Chris. Voted & approved.

Trustees:

- Freezer on west wall broke; fixed by Bolyard.
- Floor scrubber needs repaired, cost TBD. This was purchased in 2004.
- Discussed rental fee on the Activity Center for community outreach and to keep the price all the same. We need to check with our insurance if there is an issue with charging for these events. We then need to make JoAnn aware of the outcome and if any changes.
- See other Trustees information in the handout we received at the meeting.

Staff Parish:

- They followed up on request made at one of the meetings for more phone coverage for the office. After review, at this time no changes will be made.

List of Important Dates:

September 2 "Learning to Hear God's Voice – Study begins
October 1 & 2 Church Directory Photos
October 5 World Communion Sunday and group photo for the directory

Next meeting is August 21, 2025.

Serving Schedule

SEP 07

9:00 Liturgist: Joyce H. **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.
Ushers: Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M. **Hospitality Table:** Dejon & Kim D.
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:** Loralie M.

SEP 14

9:00 Liturgist: Pam H. **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.
Ushers: John & LaVerne H. **Hospitality Table:** Tom & Janet W.
Nursery: 10:15 Elaine P. & Sophia B. /11:15 Kim & Cooper D. and Rose K.
11:15 Greeters: Dick & Mary Ann M. **Acolytes:** Loralie M. & Rose K. **Scripture Reader:** Beth T.

SEP 21

9:00 Liturgist: Jerry D. **Greeters:** Elaine I.
Ushers: Stacy W. and Josh W. **Hospitality Table:** Paul & Sally M.
Nursery: 10:15 Carol C. & Pam H. /11:15 Ben G. and Kathy K.
11:15 Greeters: Kathy Watkins and Stacy W. **Acolytes:** Dalton M. & Lily M. **Scripture Reader:** Norman H.

SEP 28

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

**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 2025

3rd - Bradley Brown
Mary Ann Martens
Jim & Marilyn Mitchell (53 yrs)
7th - Paul & Sally Miller (62 yrs)
8th - Joe & Katie Ellis (3 yrs)
David & Kristine Hayes (7 yrs)
10th - Monica Studebaker
David & Dawn Jay (42 yrs)
11th - Kathy Koeller
Jaydan Lawhorn
12th - Susie Spittler
13th - Rev. Tim Benkert
Norman & Joy Paulus (66 yrs)
15th - Stella Blackburn



16th - Matthew & Amanda Burns (25 yrs)
17th - Daniel Greger
18th - Belinda Wright
23rd - David Jay
Monica Winemiller
24th - Sally Blue
Kathy Hagemeyer
Janessa MacCartney
Karen Randall
Michael & Amy Barnes (20 yrs)
27th - Martin & Wendy Black (22 yrs)
28th - Rex Abke
29th - Bethany Benkert
30th - Pastor Ty & Holly Williams (14 yrs)

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	07-28-25	08-03-25	08-10-25	08-17-25
General Offering	4848.00	5757.00	6354.00	7115.00
Weekly Budget Need	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06	5269.06
Mission Offering	536.00	352.00	450.00	755.00
Maintenance Fund	171.00	789.00	290.00	246.00
Building Fund & Memorials	131.00	275.00	310.00	546.00
Online & Physical Attendance				
9 a.m. Service at church	90	86	86	85
* Remote viewing	10	11	13	13
11:15 a.m. Service at church	43	54	46	47
* Remote viewing	4	3	5	3
Total Attendance	147	154	150	148

GRANDMA'S KITCHEN September 2025 MENU

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

September 10th

Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Bread
Brownies

September 24th

Chicken Casserole
Slaw
Watergate Salad
Ice Cream Sundae

Menu items are subject to change

Calling All Elves!

Come help Santa color toys on Sunday, October 19 at 5 p.m. in the Activity Center. Let us know if you can help; soup and snacks will be provided. *Santa & Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. Jim & Belinda W.)*
 (937)750-1945 or email:
belindawright1@yahoo.com

Youth Group - Upcoming Events:

September 14 - Fields of Faith (FCA) at Vandalia Butler
 October 5 - Bonfire at Knostmans
 October 12 - Youth Group Bible Study
 Questions? Contact Pastor Ty or Holly Williams

People to remember in prayer:

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

Dear church family, thank you for all the prayers during my recent illness; I appreciate each and every one of them. Blessings, Bob Cox

World Communion Sunday on October 5, **One combined service at 10 a.m.** Congregational church photo at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9 a.m. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., more luncheon details soon, let Janet Weeks know if you are willing to oversee the luncheon (937)286-1947.

Is your newsletter arriving late in the mail? Remember you can always go to the church website at HoffmanGMC.org, just scroll down and click on the picture of the newsletter and view current and past issues. Questions? Call the church office.

CROP Walk will be done virtually this year, but pledges will be collected. Envelopes will be available on the information table in main lobby soon. Questions? Call Beth T. (937)947-1724.

***Honoring All Veterans and their families** Saturday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Activity Center; the public is invited! *To have yours or your loved one's picture included in the PowerPoint, mail or drop off the picture to the church by October 12 to the 'attention of Nancy Studebaker' and include branch of service and the dates served. All pictures submitted in previous years will be included in the program.*

Chancel & Bell Choirs - It is time for choir season to begin again. We will have our first Chancel choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. We will be in the choir loft on Sunday, Sept. 7. Bell choir - our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come join this celebration of praises to God. Questions? please see or call Norman H. at (937) 689-4064.

New Church Pictorial Directory coming soon!

Photographs will be taken on Wednesday, October 1 and Thursday, October 2 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Online scheduling at www.ucdir.com (Church Code: OH2888 Password: photos) For more information call Wendy H. at (937)307-4335.

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.

Greeting Cards Needed – If you have greeting cards that you no longer want, please consider donating them to the Visitation Team Card Ministry. Anyone interested in joining the Card Ministry, please contact Elaine Pickering at (937)698-5192.

FISH- Union Township – Meijer Simply Give Program –

Double match days at Troy Meijer on September 13. Buy a \$10 card on that day 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 be taken to Troy Meijer on Sept. 13 to be double matched.

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.

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What names did Solomon give the pillars of his temple?

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



Important Sunday school info.

Starting this month we are back in our classrooms! Our PreK-2nd graders will be downstairs, our 3rd-5th graders will be in room 5 and our youth will be back their classroom.

We do need more teachers! Please let Becky know if you are willing to help with teaching.

Sunday school
10:15-11:15

Children's Church for
Preschoolers

*Starts after we
sing*

Nursery is open
during Sunday school
and Second Service

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

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: \$ _____

HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2025 FINANCE REPORT

General Budget and Missions

July 31, 2025

REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	8,272.00	49,309.00
1020	Second Sunday	4,018.00	42,036.00
1030	Third Sunday	6,298.00	32,494.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	4,848.00	37,171.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	0.00	13,886.00
	Total Regular Offering	23,436.00	174,896.00
1060	Misc. Income	0.00	606.50
	**Total Income	23,436.00	175,502.50

		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	182.65	460.82	289.18
6	Music	750.00	100.00	212.94	537.06
7	Assimilation	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
8	Vacation Bible School	750.00	188.63	188.63	561.37
9	Children's Ministry & Holiday Parties	750.00	0.00	330.50	419.50
10	Youth Ministry	750.00	0.00	256.57	493.43
11	Ministry Resource Fund	5,000.00	32.50	664.18	4,335.82
12	Mission Support	13,500.00	6,750.00	6,750.00	6,750.00
	Total Ministries	24,500.00	7,253.78	8,979.42	15,520.58

OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

13	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	1,169.74	-269.74
14	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	141.20	1,955.00	2,245.00
15	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	150.69	2,979.36	1,020.64
16	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total Office, Media, & Tech	10,100.00	291.89	6,104.10	3,995.90

STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

17	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
18	Staff Salary	121,895.34	8,699.68	65,647.60	56,247.74
19	Health Ins.	30,375.16	2,484.68	17,388.86	12,986.30
2	Pension & Self Funded Portion	6,278.76	503.18	3,378.02	2,900.74
21	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	0.00	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	532.15	3,095.01	2,871.73
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	12,219.69	92,387.75	78,778.25

TRUSTEES

27	Maintenance	2,400.00	0.00	1,689.20	710.80
28	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	30,630.00	1,668.91	16,710.97	13,919.03
29	Building Insurance	5,700.00	520.08	3,640.60	2,059.40
30	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,450.00	0.00	3,167.44	282.56
31	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	7,815.00	625.00	4,522.75	3,292.25
32	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	71.12	455.61	574.39
33	Capital Improvement Fund	5,200.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00
	Total Trustees	56,225.00	5,485.11	32,786.57	23,438.43

****Total General Budgeted Expenses** 273,991.00 25,250.47 151,411.18 122,579.82

MISSIONS

34	Local Missions	6,500.00	165.63	7,246.31	-746.31
35	Global Missions	2,500.00	0.00	3,000.00	-500.00
36	MU Council of Churches	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
	Total Missions Expenses	9,250.00	165.63	10,496.31	-1,246.31

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Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Phone: (937) 698-4401 Email: HoffmanGMC@gmail.com
Website: HoffmanGMC.org
Pastor Ty Williams