



# THE TOWERS

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

November 2024

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



### Hebrews 12:1-3

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith...**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, November 1 is All Saints' Day. In following our usual custom, All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated the first Sunday in November, on the 3rd. The word "saint" has a few uses in Christianity. Saint can be used to refer to a person who lived an exemplary Christian life, someone worthy of imitation, who was an exceptional vessel of God's grace. The Christian life is a life of conforming to the image of Christ, to live our lives as if Christ were living them. In God's wisdom, He also gives us worthy examples to follow. God is incarnational, and it helps to see the Christian life, the Christ-shaped life, lived in circumstances and situations that we can apply to ourselves. This is one of the reasons why, historically in the Church, someone would adopt a saint's name when becoming baptized and part of the Church.

In another sense, "saints" is used to refer to all believers, such as the way the Apostle Paul addresses the church in Ephesus (Ephesians 1:1-2). This indicates the high calling for each Christian. We are all called to be holy as God is holy. We are all called to deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow Jesus. We are all given the sacred privilege of image-ing God through the grace of the Holy Spirit. All of you are saints - people being made holy by God's grace, to commune with God and reflect Him to the world around you.

Finally, "Saints" is also a term to describe what we proclaim in the Apostles' Creed: the communion of saints. This is the community of individuals who are no longer part of Christ's Church on earth, yet are very much part of Christ's Church, but now with Him in glory.

This communion of saints is typically what we most emphasize All Saints' Sunday. We pay our respect and give thanks to our heavenly Father for those who have passed on in the last year from the "Church Militant" (on earth) to the "Church Triumphant" (in heaven). One thing we recognize when we celebrate and give thanks for those who have "graduated to glory," is that whether we are part of the Church on earth or Church of glory, we are one body in Christ, one Church. As Charles Wesley writes in his hymn, *O Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above*, "Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one."

We are one with the great figures of the past such as Abraham, Moses, Miriam, Deborah, Joshua, Ruth, David, Nehemiah. We are one with the Apostles and the martyrs. We are not just talking about people who have died and that we are trying really hard to remember. Rather, we are talking about those who are very much alive in the presence of God, for as Jesus would remind us, "He is not God of the dead, but of the living."

**Almighty God, You have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord. Grant us grace so to follow Your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which You have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In Christ,  
Pastor Ty <><

## Board Meeting Highlights

### Devotion

Devotion was offered by Tina Mathews & Wendy Heisey. Ephesians 3:14-20, V14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. We shared about our experience at the Awaken Conference in Marysville, Ohio Sept. 6 & 7. The meeting was opened in prayer by Tina.

### Meeting Attendees

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

### Pastor's Report

- Circuit Gathering – Jeff Greenway speaks to West Central Ohio, Sunday afternoon, October 13.
- Youth Ministry: Meeting once a month at church for a bible study, snack, fellowship, Dates are Sept. 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.
- Charge Conference: October 17, 2024 following the Board Meeting. Tom Hanover, the President Elder of the West Central Ohio Circuit.
- Thursday Prayer Meetings: 8-10 people attending.
- Pledge Sunday: November 10, 2024. Letter & Invitation will go out in October Towers.

### Mission and Ministry

**Ministry: Family Night** will be Saturday, Oct. 26 – Pumpkin Carving. **Youth Ministry** - First Bible Study, 6 Youth in attendance. Reflected on Jesus asking us “What do you want Me to do for you?” (Based on Mark 10:46-52, Next Bible Study is Sunday, Oct. 13.

### Local Missions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Isaiah's Place -\$500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter : Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County - \$1,000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Bulldog Bags - \$1,000

- Supporting Emily Benkert with Cru \$900 for 2024 (\$150/Month)

### Global Missions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Malawi Health Mission \$250
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Voice of the Martyrs - \$500
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Preborn! - \$500
- In March 2024: Local Family - \$500  
In May 2024: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation \$200

### **Finance Report**

- Weeks of operations is 12.90
- 2025 Proposed General Budget presented.
- Our general budget will be increases by 3% for 2025.
- Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2025 budget. Motion to accept by Wendy Heisey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Hayes. Voted & Approved.

### **Trustees**

- Hearing Aid Loop – Did receive 7 surveys.
- Bricks were replaced at the corner of the church from the car accident. Railing at the steps will be replaced.

### Nominations:

- Open positions are Vice Chair, Lay member at Large, Lay Leader, Trustee Rep, SPR Co-Chair. Will have positions filled by our Charge Conference.

### **List of Important Dates**

October 17 – Church Conference  
October 26- Family Fun Night  
October 31 – Halloween – Trunk-r-treat  
November 3 – All Saints Sunday  
November 5- Election Dinner  
November 10 – Pledge Sunday  
November 23 – Craft Show

## Serving Schedule

### Nov 03

**9:00 Liturgist:** Monica S.                      **Greeters:** Wendy H. and Marcia S.  
**Ushers:** Wayne & Susie S. and Phil & Karen M.                      **Hospitality Table:** Paul & Kendra H.

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

**11:15 Greeters:** Classroom 4                      **Acolytes:** Anna & Emma K.                      **Scripture Reader:** Tim B.

### Nov 10

**9:00 Liturgist:** Jerry D.                      **Greeters:** Elaine P. and Kathy K.  
**Ushers:** John & LaVerne H.                      **Hospitality Table:** Tim & Janet B.  
**Nursery: 10:15** Elaine P. & Sarah P. / **11:15** Kim & Cooper D. & Rose K.

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

### Nov 17

**9:00 Liturgist:** Becky G.                      **Greeters:** Elaine I.  
**Ushers:** Stacy W. and Josh W.                      **Hospitality Table:** \*\*Honoring LifeWise Volunteers  
**Nursery: 10:15** Carol C. & Kathy K. / **11:15** Ben G. and Mallory & Maple D.

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

### Nov 24

**9:00 Liturgist:** Monica S.                      **Greeters:** Carol S. and Carolyn B.  
**Ushers:** Dan & Erin S. and David J.                      **Hospitality Table:** Darin & Patti W.  
**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:** Ben G.

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary November 2024

1<sup>st</sup> - Jeff & Denise Ellinger (10 yrs)  
6<sup>th</sup> - Amy Karch  
Linda Long  
7<sup>th</sup> - Joel Benkert  
8<sup>th</sup> - John Ankerman  
Wendy Heisey  
10<sup>th</sup> - Jim Balsbaugh  
Judy Brown  
12<sup>th</sup> - Kendra Hemminger  
13<sup>th</sup> - Lynn McFarland



14<sup>th</sup> - Christy Harris  
16<sup>th</sup> - Logan Burns  
17<sup>th</sup> - Lee & Becky Baker (46 yrs)  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Denise Ellinger  
Josie Knostman  
25<sup>th</sup> - Greg Lingle  
Chris Long  
27<sup>th</sup> - Ron Butt  
30<sup>th</sup> - LaVerne Hennemyre

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	09-22-24	09-29-22	10-06-24	10-13-24	10-20-24
General Offering	6819.00	2929.84	6521.00	5654.00	6195.00
Weekly Budget Need	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00	4692.00
Mission Offering	444.00	98.00	865.00	410.00	216.00
Maintenance Fund	665.00	75.00	430.00	145.00	435.00
Building Fund & Memorials	308.00	30.00	225.00	40.00	160.00
Online & Physical Attendance					
9 a.m. Service at church	94	75	122	91	76
* Remote viewing	12	17	12	11	13
11:15 a.m. Service at church	50	51	one	61	63
* Remote viewing	7	2	service	5	0
Total Attendance	163	145	134	168	152



### Youth Group

Next youth bible study is Sunday, November 10 at 6 p.m.

Bring a Bible and a friend.

### SHARE A POINSETTIA



It is time to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas Eve services. They will be displayed on Christmas Eve and can be picked up after the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service. If you wish to share with us, please fill out the form and return it with your payment by **Sunday, December 1**. Our supplier is Andy's Garden and the cost is \$9 each. Make checks payable to Hoffman GMC.

(Please Print Names Carefully)

How Many

Total Price

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

White \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

Marble \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Pink \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(We may have to substitute color choice.)

*People to remember in prayer:*



**Hoffman Sympathies to:**

**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***

Dear Hoffman Family, Anita and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support over the past four months. Thanks for the visits, the cards, the meals and the encouraging words. It made a most difficult time a lot more bearable. We keep all of you in our prayers as well. It's wonderful to be part of a church that's so caring and spiritual. Sincerely, John Ankerman

**Congratulations a new baby!**

Easton Daniel Sims born on October 19,  
8 lbs. 11oz. and 22½" long.

Proud parents Courtney & Elijah Sims  
Big sister Emma and Grandparents Patti & Darin Wion

**Daylight Savings Time Ends November 3.**

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour  
before going to bed on Saturday, Nov. 2

(\$15 donations per pie needed to cover cost of buying pies.)

**164th Election Day dinner on Tues., Nov. 5**  
from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Homemade chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green  
beans, slaw, dinner roll, assorted desserts, plus a  
beverage. \$8 donation. Dine in or carry out.

**Pledge Sunday is November 10**

Estimate of Giving cards are available on table in sanctuary.

**Hoffman's Annual Craft Show**

**Saturday, November 23 from 9am – 3pm**

Handmade items are needed, if you are crafty and  
would like to make items for the Hoffman's booth,  
please get in touch with Susie Spittler. If you volunteered  
last year, we would love having you help out again this  
year! We are looking forward to another great Craft  
Show.

**Christmas Staff Gifts** will be presented to the staff at  
the December 7 Christmas party in appreciation for all  
their hard work. Please be generous with your support  
and mark your donation "Staff Gifts" by Nov 24. Thank  
you for your contribution, Wendy B. & David H.

**Hoffman GMC Family Christmas Party**  
**Saturday, Dec. 7**

More information will be in the November bulletins

**Walking Group** Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from  
10 to 11a.m. Contact Elaine Pickering (937) 698-5192

Elaine's Trivia Question of Month

What commandment comes with a promise?

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and words of  
encouragement and hugs for staff appreciation month.  
You're the best! JoAnn

**Honoring All Veterans and their families on  
Saturday, November 9 at 10 a.m.  
in the activity center**

The annual Veterans Day program honoring all veterans (not just Union Township) and their families. The retired banners will be on display and will be presented to their families following the program.

A special video will be shared to go along with the stories submitted for each veteran featured. An interesting program is planned featuring Ken Serey, author of "What's The Story?- Your Ohio Neighbors Share Their War Memories: From Pearl Harbor to V-J Day".

There will be a light lunch served following the program. For further information call Nancy at 937-825-2282.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** will be collected on November 24. Please fill a box either in person or online. There is more information about filling the boxes and a stack of boxes to use in the lobby. If you fill a box online please let Becky know so that we can count it as a part of our church giving. On November 24, please bring your filled boxes to the sanctuary to be blessed.

**Advent Study**

Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18

5:30 p.m. meal in the activity center

6:00 -7:00 p.m. study

All the adults together in the A.C. for the study; the kids/youth in the basement.



Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and text messages. I enjoy it all. Many thanks and God bless to all,  
Nancy Studebaker.

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." Matthew 6:14



We had a great pumpkin carving night and trunk or treat; a huge thank you to everyone who came and helped with both.

Christmas play practice - every Sunday during second service. We will be performing during the Sunday school hour on **December 15.**

**Please write this on your calendar:  
VBS 2025  
June 29 - 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

## HOFFMAN GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 2024 FINANCE REPORT

### General Budget and Missions

September 30, 2024

#### REGULAR OFFERING

		MONTH	YEAR-TO-DATE
1010	First Sunday	6,274.00	58,216.14
1020	Second Sunday	4,999.00	47,646.50
1030	Third Sunday	3,532.00	49,719.00
1040	Fourth Sunday	6,819.00	44,562.00
1050	Fifth Sunday	2,929.84	11,943.84
Total Regular Offering		24,553.84	212,087.48
1060	Misc. Income	0.00	1,103.72
<b>**Total Income</b>		24,553.84	213,191.20

		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	840.00	2,520.55	179.45
Total Connectional		10,700.00	840.00	9,704.12	995.88

#### MINISTRIES

3	Hospitality	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
4	Outreach	750.00	88.46	209.18	540.82
5	Worship	750.00	43.27	413.01	336.99
6	Music	750.00	0.00	497.28	252.72
7	Assimilation	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
8	Vacation Bible School	750.00	476.26	643.50	106.50
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	0.00	2,988.94	2,011.06
Total Ministries		11,000.00	607.99	5,505.03	5,494.97

#### OFFICE, MEDIA, & TECH

12	Finance & Stewardship	900.00	0.00	532.87	367.13
13	Office Supplies & Postage & Copier	4,200.00	213.94	3,493.92	706.08
14	Media Subscriptions	4,000.00	399.69	3,667.25	332.75
15	Technology	1,000.00	0.00	189.00	811.00
Total Office, Media, & Tech		10,100.00	613.63	7,883.04	2,216.96

#### STAFF & PARISH RELATIONS

16	Pastor Parish	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Staff Salary	119,217.78	10,416.75	88,311.26	30,906.52
18	Health Ins.	28,388.00	2,423.49	22,091.18	6,296.82
19	Pension & Self Funded H.S.A.	5,868.00	1,053.21	4,339.59	1,528.41
20	Acct. Reimbursement-Pastor	4,000.00	5.00	1,091.46	2,908.54
21	Hoffman Family Benevolence	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
22	Pulpit Supply	500.00	100.00	400.00	100.00
23	Employer Payroll Taxes	5,878.41	458.28	4,265.62	1,612.79
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	14,456.73	121,669.11	44,283.08

#### TRUSTEES

26	Maintenance	2,400.00	175.00	1,707.72	692.28
27	Utilities, Monitoring, and Service Contracts	28,135.00	1,737.47	17,642.17	10,492.83
28	Building Insurance	5,079.00	446.83	4,035.51	1,043.49
29	Real Estate Taxes Parsonage	3,290.00	0.00	3,097.46	192.54
30	Snow Plowing & Yard Work	6,306.00	0.00	4,642.89	1,663.11
31	Janitorial Supplies	1,030.00	0.00	649.59	380.41
Total Trustees		46,240.00	2,359.30	31,775.34	14,464.66
<b>**Total General Budgeted Expenses</b>		243,992.19	18,877.65	176,536.64	67,455.55

#### MISSIONS

32	Local Missions	4,500.00	478.87	4,066.28	433.72
33	Global Missions	2,500.00	0.00	748.16	1,751.84
34	MJ 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	478.87	5,064.44	2,485.56

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Worship Time: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

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